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Large Crowd Of Youngsters Meet Santa At Local Airport Monday

It seemed like old times again Monday morning when youngsters from all over this trade area met ole Santa at the airport at 10:15, and Santa was almost swamped by the youngsters in their eagerness to tell the fine old fellow what they wanted most, and to receive the bag of candy and nuts that he had brought in.

Over five hundred bags were distributed among the youngsters and many of them contained extra slips that were good for an individual gift at most of the local business firms.

After the bags were handed out, Santa taxied his plane to town where he visited among the stores until time for the free picture show to start and then the plane was taxied out on the highway west of town and took to the air again.

Mr. Bell, manager of the Mulkey Theatre, reported that over 500 youngsters were on hand for the free movie, in fact there was a long line waiting, long before the show opened up. It was a grand day for the youngsters and it certainly was a pleasure seeing them enjoy themselves so much.

The Santa day celebration was made possible through the cooperation of local merchants, airport operators and the Clarendon Lions Club, and we feel sure that everyone who had even a small part in the preparation and otherwise were overjoyed in making this a most enjoyable day for the youngsters.

Christmas Buying Hits Highest Peak In Several Years

This is the first year in many that practically every wanted item has been available to the public in general and buying as a whole has hit the peak since pre-war Christmases.

Previously hard to get dry goods items and household appliances appear to be far in the lead. People have waited some five years for shirts, hose and many such items to become more plentiful as well as waiting for those labor saving conveniences such as washing machines, irons, radios, etc.

During the past few years most people have been staying with the practical side of gift buying but seem to have turned loose some this year, buying the more luxurious items.

There seems to be a fair supply of money with which to buy most anything needed. New autos are still hard to obtain, therefore most people are putting their money into new home furnishings, remodeling and fixing up their homes.

Those who keep an ear to the ground to sense any undertone of "retrenchment buying", declare that there is no indication whatever of a panic, little cause to worry over a slack period, and that the prospect for continued expansion could not be better.

Truly, this is a wonderful Christmas period for the good citizens of old Donley County and surrounding areas.

Christmas Dance Tonight (Tues.) At Jr. High Gym

The College sophomore class is sponsoring a public dance tonight (Tuesday, Dec. 23rd) at the Jr. High gymnasium. This is the only pre-Christmas dance scheduled and a large crowd is expected for the big event.

The Rhythm Kings have been engaged to furnish the music and according to those in charge, they can play the type of music you enjoy most.

The admission charge for the dance is \$1 per person and a big added feature of the evening will be the awarding of the Stromberg-Carlson radio to some lucky person.

These young folks are inviting the public to come out and have a good time before Christmas with them, so don't forget the date (TONIGHT, Dec. 23rd)—Place: Junior High gymnasium. Time: 9 p. m. til - - ?

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DONLEY COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT HOLD REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Supervisors of the Donley County Soil Conservation District met last week for their regular monthly meeting at which time they approved farmer district cooperative agreements on the following farms: O. M. Perkins, Hedley; Herlie Moreman, Hedley; R. M. Chunn, Clarendon; Gordon Bain, Clarendon; Sawyer Estate, Clarendon; D. K. Lindley, Chamberlain Community; Allan Baker, Goldston Community, and Richard Cannon, Martin Community.

This makes a total of seventy-three agreements approved since the opening of the Soil Conservation Office last April. A total of 119 farmers and ranchers have made application to the district for assistance but only the above number have been planned to date.

Farmers and ranchers wishing assistance from the District in making their plans for conservation work on their farms should make application at the local office of the Soil Conservation Service located in the Goldston Building.

Assistance being made available by the District to the farmers on whose farms have been planned is as follows: laying out terrace lines, staking dams, staking diversions, drainage ditches, laying out irrigation systems, furnishing grass seeding drill and assistance in grass seeding methods, furnishing tractor and mowing machine for mowing pastures, assistance in pasture management and improvement, assistance in selecting adapted crops, and assistance in other conservation jobs.

The Board of Supervisors consists of the following: J. R. Porter, Chairman, C. E. Bairfield, Secretary, W. P. Doherty, J. A. Tollett, and T. C. D'Spain.

The present staff of the Soil Conservation Services is as follows: Carman G. Rhode, Work Unit Conservationist; Malcolm Miller, Agricultural Engineer; Richard Finch, Engineering Aid; Gilbert Mann, Jr., Rodman, and Jackie Phelps, Secretary.



I believe that I have already wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I probably shouldn't have tried to meet this early edition of the papers, but the Editors say that it will be hard to fill the paper ahead of time, so we will go ahead and help them. Thanks to so many of you for asking us to keep our "Column" in every week; maybe we can, maybe not; anyway, you made us feel so much better. Thanks a million.

With each bunch of Christmas cards we feel a little more like we should at this time of year, and there is something extra special when someone that you have known for a long time, sends you a card for the first time. You can't help wondering why they thought about you at Christmas time this year. Anyway, more power to the "Best Wishes" cards, and more strength to the Postman. I suddenly wondered why we didn't all send him one.

The following Poem is one I started several days ago, and I just never could get the last two or four lines. Maybe some of you could help me out. The idea was that I had no money left in my pocket to jingle and my Bank Account was all gone so, taking for granted that something was supposed to jingle at Christmas time, it would just have to be the Bells. Anyway, I will give a prize to the one that will send in the best two or four line ending to the following:

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells
 You are all that's left to Jingle.
 So Jingle Long
 And Jingle Strong
 And with our Spirits Mingle.

One of my friends reminded me of the old custom that is still practiced by a lot of people, that of eating black-eyed peas and hog jowl on New Years day. Mama had to tell me how to spell Jowl; I would have put in an "e". I wonder how this one ever got started. Anyway, it is a good dish on any day and if there is a possibility that it will bring Good Luck, I sure want it this year, especially just before Jan. 15. Oh me.

LEADER TWO DAYS EARLY

Through the cooperation of our fine friends, neighbors and everyone involved, the Leader force was able to bring to you this issue of the Leader two days early on Tuesday instead of Thursday and at a very appropriate time for Christmas. It is principally a greeting edition with ads from local business firms and others wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We, the Leader force, want to express our appreciation for the cooperation we have received and wish you all a very enjoyable Holiday season.

Your next issue of the Leader will be published on Jan. 1, 1948.



ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fail him, and that before long the genial Saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.



STAR OF THE EAST

Star of the East, that long ago
 Brought wise men on their way
 Where, angels singing to and fro,
 The Child of Bethlehem lay—
 Above the Syrian hill afar
 Thou shinest out tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear,
 But for the tender grace
 That with thy glory comes to cheer
 Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
 For by that charity we see
 Where there is hope for all—and me.

Star of the East, show us the way
 In wisdom undefiled
 To seek that manger out and lay
 Our gifts before the Child—
 To bring our hearts and offer them
 Unto our King in Bethlehem!

Eugene Field

CHORAL CLUB SINGING ENJOYED MONDAY NITE

The Senior High School Choral Club, comprised of approximately 150 students and directed by Rev. W. W. Fry, brought the Christmas spirit a little nearer Monday night as they sang numerous Christmas Carols about town and at the Mulkey Theatre following the first showing of the feature picture.

This group is to be commended for their fine program displaying the Yuletide spirit and everyone enjoyed their singing very much.

WINTER ARRIVED DAY LATE THIS YEAR

Winter was ushered in officially Monday morning at 10:45, Dec. 22nd. This was a day later than usual.

Here in Clarendon Winter started about the same time that Santa brought his plane to town and the wind whipped in from the north, blowing a nice dust cloud down main street. The breeze had very little chill to it and the day was quite warm in view of the usual weather that is associated with the word winter.

Stanley Carlile Dies Suddenly At His Home This Morning (Tuesday)

VISIT FORMER TEACHER IN CLARENDON

After a separation of more than thirty-one years, Postmaster J. C. Estlack was greatly surprised and much pleased a few days ago to have a former pupil call on him at his office. The pupil is Mrs. T. D. Key, who was accompanied by her husband, Frankly, the teacher did not recognize either of them, having to ask them to state their names. Time works a lot of changes in folks, he said.

They have retired from active life and reside in McLean for the present, though each of them evinced a desire to reside in this section.

Stanley Carlile, age 52 years, passed away suddenly this morning (Tuesday) at his home here about 5 a. m. His death was believed due to a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Carlile had been a resident of Donley County for the past 29 years and at the time of his death was Water Works Maintenance Foreman for the City of Clarendon, and has been an employee for the City for a long number of years.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, W. S. Carlile and J. P. Carlile; three daughters, Mrs. Dale Hill of Clarendon and Mrs. Hershel Heath of Amarillo, Mrs. H. Conner of San Diego, Calif. Also three brothers, Joe and Hubbard of Amarillo and L. R. Carlile of Arlington. Four sisters, Mrs. U. T. Fowler of Clarendon, Mrs. Roy Gollighugh and Mrs. W. P. Gollighugh of Amarillo and Mrs. R. H. Bryan of Phoenix, Arizona.

Funeral arrangements are pending arrival of relatives. Funeral arrangements will be under the direction of the Womack Funeral Home.

High School Jrs. Sponsoring Dance Friday Night

The High School Junior class is sponsoring a dance Friday night December 26th at the Junior High Gymnasium. The dance will be a timely affair since a large number of people will be visiting homefolks during the Christmas holidays and the entire public is cordially invited to attend.

Hot and sweet music will be furnished by the Rhythm Kings of Wellington, Texas and you are sure to enjoy their music from start to finish.

The class will have the hall all decorated for the occasion to make it a gala after Christmas affair and everyone who enjoys dancing is encouraged to make their plans to attend. The charge is \$1.50 per couple. The starting time will be 8 p. m. The date is Friday, December 26th.

Time To Plan Home Orchards

Now is the time to make plans for that home orchard because the planting time is here for fruit trees. Many farmers have asked county agent H. M. Breedlove to order trees for them in large numbers so that they can be bought at a cheaper price. Co-operative buying will save much money for the farmers.

Breedlove is now ready to make the first order and any persons wishing fruit trees should contact him at once and get in on the first shipment because later on orders might be slower in coming from the nursery.

People owning orchards should remember that now is the time for pruning orchards and shaping up the trees and taking out the dead limbs. Breedlove advises that pruning an orchard is the life of an orchard and gives less places for borers to start in trees.

It is also time to treat trees for borers by using ethylene dichloride emulsion. The chemical can be bought at the local drug stores and should be applied to the trees at the rate of 1/2 pint per tree. Pour the emulsion around the trunk of the tree at the ground and let it soak in. Then sprinkle dirt over the wet ground after it has completely gone into the ground. This is a very effective control on borers in fruit trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Anderson and family are spending a 2-weeks Xmas Holidays in Calif.

DEDICATION SERVICE HELD HONORING MEMORY OF MRS. LENA O. HAYTER

Last Sunday morning, preceding the regular church hour at the First Christian Church, a dedication service was held honoring the memory of Mrs. Lena O. Hayter.

Some months ago the Bogen sound system was installed in the church, and it has been calling the faithful to church each and every Sunday morning since that time. During the past few weeks Christmas carols and hymns have been played each day.

Mr. W. T. Hayter presented a small plaque during the dedication service that is to be placed on the mechanism proper, that reads "In Memory of Mrs. Lena O. Hayter."

Mr. Roy Clampitt, as chairman of the board, accepted the gift in behalf of the church.

PFC. MEARL E. HATFIELD GRADUATED THIS WEEK

KEESLER FIELD, Miss., Dec. 18.—Pfc. Mearl E. Hatfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Hatfield, Clarendon, Texas, this week was graduated from one of the world's greatest educational programs—one of the Air Training Command's airplane mechanics training courses at Keesler Field.

The training he received in the mechanics school covered basic airplane and engine mechanic operation. The technical course extended over a period of approximately 16 weeks and included instruction in aircraft electrical systems, engine operation, fuel and oil systems, propellers, structures, instruments and basic inspection. This qualified him for additional specialized training in the maintenance of heavy bombers, cargo planes, jet and rotor aircraft.

COMMUNITY SINGING AT GOLDSTON SUNDAY

The Leader has been asked to announce that there will be a community singing at the Goldston school building Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28th. They also announced that there would be a singing each fourth Sunday of each month in the future. Everyone is invited to attend.

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SLEEP IS A NECESSITY OF LIFE AND HEALTH

AUSTIN—Sleep is a necessity of life and health, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, and habitual loss of sleep will tend to retard the body's re-

covery from the fatigue of the day's activities.

"We may be able to go without sleep for a night or two, but too little sleep for a prolonged length of time will undermine the health of a rugged person and sleep that

is lost cannot be made up," Dr. Cox said. "When good health can be protected to such a large extent merely by sleeping, and thus allowing overtaxed bodies and minds to secure the proper rest, it is hard to understand why so many persons are heedless of this important health measure."

Some individuals require more sleep than others. How well we sleep is as important as how long we sleep. A "good night's rest" means a sufficient number of hours spent in sleep to enable the individual to feel well, do efficient work, and to keep in a cheerful humor the next day.

"A comfortable bed, and fresh air in our sleeping quarters," Dr. Cox said, "will help us to sleep soundly at night, especially after some outdoor exercise such as a brisk walk. Don't mull over your problems and ideas after you have gone to bed. Make your plans early in the evening for a good night's rest by slowing down from the physical and mental work of your daily life, and dismissing your problems from your mind. When you arise each morning, rested and with a feeling of general well-being, you will be amply repaid for your thought in planning a 'good night's sleep.'"

A GRIM REMINDER OF STARK REALITY

AUSTIN—One way to assure a safer holiday motor trip, says State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer, is to drive by any garage or wrecking yard to view the remains of the latest automobile brought in from a highway collision.

The stark mental picture of its unfortunate occupants as it crash-

ed headlong into an approaching truck; the horror of those few seconds while the ill fated vehicle bounced end over end and down the embankment; these and similar impressions can serve to emphasize the importance of careful driving.

"As seasonal traffic volume spurts upward, it is more important than ever that the highway signs and markings be carefully observed," Greer emphasizes.

"This applies especially to the 'No Passing Zones' which are plainly marked by a double stripe laid down on the pavement," he adds.

The no-passing zones were marked after engineers figured out with slide rules and instruments exactly where they should begin and end. They allow a bare minimum of time to get over the hill or around the curve before an approaching car can make yours another basis for an insurance claim.

"Besides being dangerous," Greer points out, "it's now against the law to attempt passing another vehicle where the double traffic stripe means 'Don't try to pass him here.'"

Other road hazards are marked with signs. The yellow octagonal "stop" sign at road intersections may save many a painful day in the hospital if observed with the meticulous care with which it was placed.

Yellow "Caution" and "Slow" signs warn of approaching hazards. If overlooked or disregarded, a driver may face an emergency he cannot handle without mishap.

"Observe the highway signs and markings," urges the veteran road builder again and again.

"It's the best way I know to assure accident-free travel."

Donley County Leader, \$2.50 year

DANCE EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT to the music of THE TEXAS SWINGSTERS at LAKE McLELLAN

Relief At Last For Your Cough

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION For Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

Weekly SURPLUS NEWS WAA

Three days, January 7, 8 and 9, have been set by War Assets Administration for a public clearance sale at the Dal 6 warehouse in the North American plant at Grand Prairie. War surplus originally costing \$300,000 and including lots of aircraft parts, aluminum, bicycles, cable, chemicals, clothing, heaters, lumber, furniture, paint and other miscellaneous items will be marketed through informal bidding. Bid opening for the clearance is scheduled for 1 p. m., January 9.

Component tank parts, consisting of floors and rings, all unused, are offered by War Assets Administration on competitive sealed bids until January 5 through the Customer Service Center of WAA at Grand Prairie. The materials are located at the Red River Arsenal at Texarkana and the bidding is open both to priority claimants and commercial channels.

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CUTTING OUT STEWS!

Stews are about to appear less frequently on Army menus. Food Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, has a new meatcutting class learning, among other things, how to cut up beef carcasses in such a way that not over 15 per cent will necessarily end up as stew or hamburger.

Cost of training these specialists is justified by the fact that approximately 40 to 50 per cent of the cost of feeding a soldier is spent for meat fish and poultry items in his diet.

OLD FATHER 1947 SOUNDS OFF WITH SOUND ADVICE

Old Father 1947 was being evicted. He snapped shut his suitcase, straightened up and smoothed his

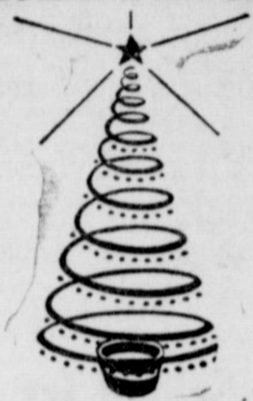
beared as the bells and whistles began to clamor outside.

"So you want my advice, do you, son?" he said to the new tenant, a little fellow named Baby 1948. "Not much I can tell you—kinda flopped on the big problems myself. But folks might be a little better off if you passed along this tip from the National Safety Council: Don't drive if you drink! Happy New Year, bud!"

On winter highways—take care! The Texas Safety Association advises: Slow down in bad weather or when highways aren't clear. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance—it takes three to eleven times as far to stop on wet or icy pavements. Slow down well in advance of curves, intersections and hills.

Season's GREETINGS

Good cheer
Good luck
and may
happy days
be yours



GEORGE A. RYAN

Phone 92

CHRISTMAS

THE PLEASURE IS OURS

As another Yuletide Season is ushered in, we enjoy looking backward over our experiences of the past year. We recall many, many instances of your confidence and good will, and we find these thoughts make us extremely proud and happy.

It is in appreciation of these kindnesses that we take advantage of the Christmas Season, to tell you we have not forgotten. Your confidence in us will be our incentive to greater efforts, that we may continue to come up to your expectations.

Best wishes to you, your family, your friends—our friends.

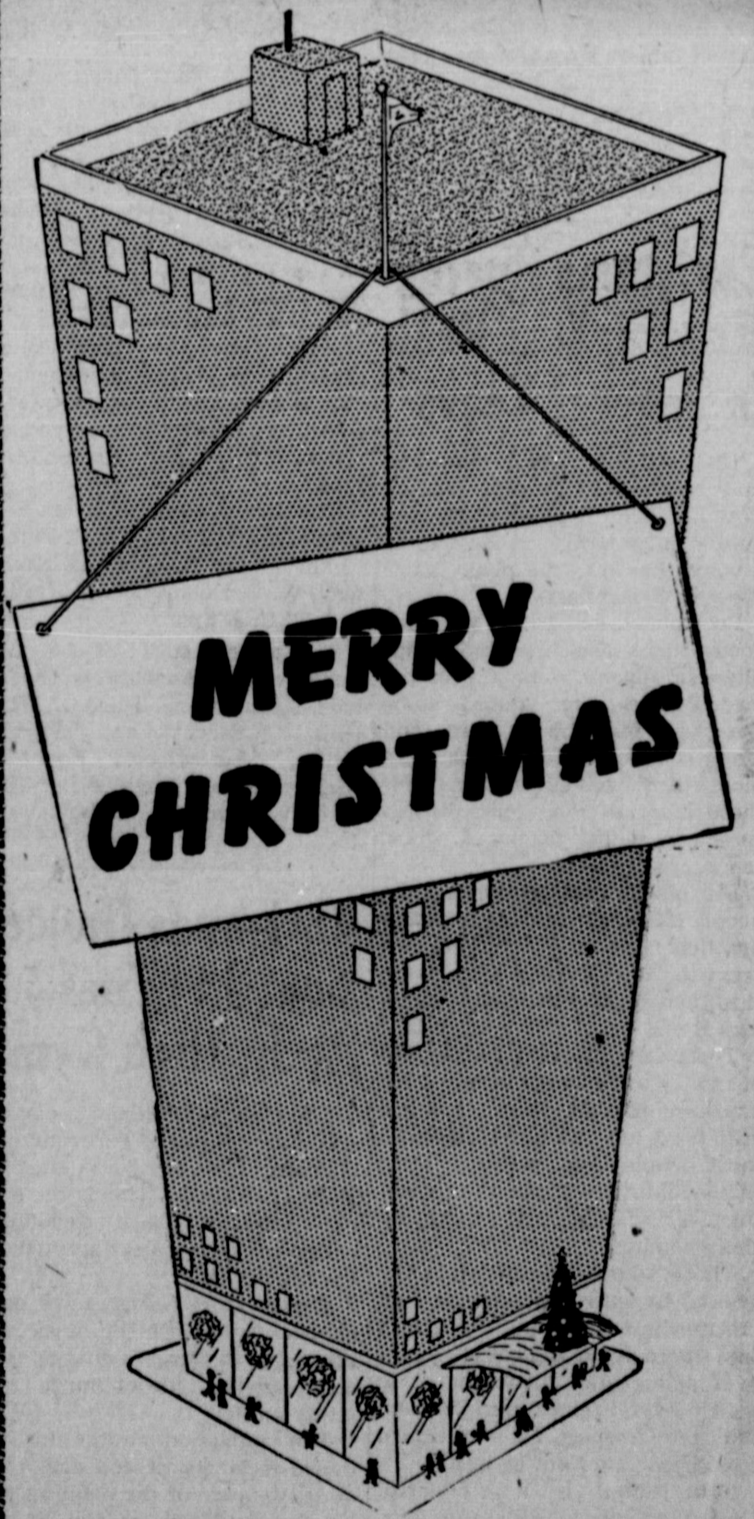
GREETINGS

HOLLAND BROS.

Phillips 66 Products

SA SINCERE GREETING
It is with all sincerity that we send you this Christmas remembrance with the hope that the Christmas Season will be full of happiness, rich in the joys of the friendships of those about you. Greetings to you, one and all.

PARSONS BROS.
THE MASTER CLEANERS



Donley Hotel & Coffee Shop

FLETCHER CUNRY, Owner

THE TEMPLE OF TRUTH
By the Apostle

SNOOP AND PEAK.

Some folks have said there is no harm in a white lie. That lets a lot of us get by during Christmas times. Snooping and peaking into and around things is what it takes to satisfy a wish, or curiosity at least. Telling a white lie about not having peaked, is said to be harmless at this time of the year. Too many are guilty, and it is the majority that makes a simple crime a custom to be endured.

NUTS AND THE NUTTY.

And that is just what happened with my very good friend, Mr. Frank Hurn of near Henrietta.

Frank has an extended acreage on Long creek on which pecan trees have been top worked. Sunday a sack of his delicious pecans arrived. Thanks a million, Frank, thanks a million.

EXTREMES.

When it comes to Christmas cards, the old man generally regards the mailing as a nuisance, while his women folks get a big kick out of it. Thousands of the cards have been mailed here the past week. The fad is notion-wide according to reports.

DAD BE CAREFUL.

Every boy or girl means as much to his or her parents as your child means to you. Most every car driver means to be careful an especially at this time of the year. Just see your child in every other child that crosses

the street, or is playing in the street, and you will do the right thing.

WORTH THE PRICE.

Dad criticised the sermon. Mother thought the organist made a lot of mistakes. Sister didn't like the choir's singing. But they all shut up when little Billy chipped in with the remark: "Dad, what kind of a show could you expect for the nickel that you dropped into the plate!"

WILL ROGERS SAID:

"It's alright to fix the world, but you better get your own smoke house full of meat first."

Seriously, folks, here's wishing you the grandest Christmas of all time.

involves time and effort of VA employees who could be doing other necessary work.

VA urges every person who contacts VA by letter, or in person, to always use a claim or insurance number. If these numbers are not known, sufficient identification such as service serial number, date of birth, full name and address, service rank and organization, and date of discharge should be included.

Veterans acquiring dependents after entering training under the GI Bill as single men should notify the Veterans Administration immediately so that an adjustment may be made in their subsistence allowances.

VA increases payments on the date that it is notified and not retroactive to the date the veteran actually acquired a dependent.

About 369,000 veterans requested changes in their National Service Life Insurance contracts during the third quarter of 1947 ending September 30, VA reported this week.

Applications for converting term National Service Life Insurance to any of the half-dozen available permanent forms numbered 162,000 for the quarter, compared with an all-time high of 240,000 applications for the quarter ending June 30.

There will be no reduction in subsistence payments for student veterans who are out of school during the Christmas-New Year holiday recess, VA reports.

Student veterans will continue to receive the full subsistence allowance to which they are entitled. The time they are on holiday vacation will be deducted from

their period of eligibility.

By October 1, compensation and pensions were being paid to 809 veterans of the Indian Wars, 84 Civil War veterans, 437,768 World War I veterans, 42,854 former members of the regular establishment, and 1,715,946 veterans of World War II, VA said.

Plumbers Must Have License By January 5, 1948

AUSTIN—Texas plumbers who do not secure state license before January 5, 1948, will be violating the new Texas License Law. They will not only be subject to the penalties of the Act, but will also be required to take an examination, C. E. Belk, Administrator of the Texas Plumbing Board warned here today.

The law, as passed by the last legislature, provides for no extension beyond this date nor does it provide for any exceptions. He said applications postmarked on or before January 5, will make it unnecessary for qualified plumbers to take an examination, but after that date all new license would require an examination. State License now being issued are valid until February 1, 1949, and may be renewed without examination, Belk said.

A majority of Texas cities have already amended their plumbing ordinances to conform to the State Law, he continued, and it is expected that all corporate cities affected will complete conformance procedures by not later than January 5th.

"It is not our desire to require any plumber to take the examination if he is already qualified," Belk said, "but the deadline is set by the Law. However, the Board has been conducting examinations since November 25, and any person wishing to take the examination should make application immediately. Examination machinery is established and individuals will be scheduled promptly upon application and fee. Application blanks have been furnished to mayors in all Texas cities and additional copies can be secured by writing to the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, 306 West 15th, Austin, Texas."

Belk appealed to Plumbing In-

spectors throughout the state to see that every plumber operating within their jurisdiction is advised of the deadline. "The responsibility for advising your plumbers of the deadline and other provisions of the law will prevent needless confusion and misunderstanding," he said, "and may save embarrassment when a plumber in your city comes in after January 5, without a license."

Deaths from burns reach a peak in December, National Safety Council figures show. The principal reasons are defective heating appliances (or improper use of them) and defective chimneys. In December of 1945, 1,350 persons died from burns. During the summer the toll is about 500 a month.



TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

E. Z. LAUNDRY
YOU SOIL 'EM — OUR WASHERS CLEAN 'EM
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Veterans News

The Veterans Administration receives hundreds of letters, applications and other documents daily without sufficient identification.

The failure of veterans, schools, training establishments and others to include the claim number, insurance number or other identification makes it difficult for VA to give prompt attention to the claim involved.

All VA records are maintained on a claim number or insurance number basis. Before action may be taken, an individual search must be made to obtain the numbers or other identification. This



AND BEST WISHES TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

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"FARM & HOME SUPPLIES"

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!

Farmers Exchange
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Sincerely

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

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

HAPPY New Year

We Will Be Closed THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Clarendon Motor Co.
YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER
Phone 400 Clarendon, Texas

Society.

Mrs. J. C. Estlack, Society Editor
Phone 455

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met in the home of Mrs. Park Chamberlain for the Joy Gift program.

After a short business session, presided over by Mrs. Ed Dishman VicePres., Miss Mable Mongole presented the Joy Gift cause to the members.

Mrs. Curtis Mears gave a beautiful program, "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," with musical accompaniment by Mrs. Millard Word at the piano. While Mrs. Mears spoke, Mrs. Carroll Knorpp quietly erected a beautiful manger scene.

After the group sang the Christmas carols, the Joy Gift offering was taken.

Ten baskets for the shut-ins were filled with candies and fruit with the gifts brought by the members.

After the meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction, the hostess served beautiful refreshment plates to Mesdames R. A. Chamberlain, A. L. Chase, Ed Dishman, Carrol Knorpp, Floyd Lumpkin, Curtis Mears, J. Gordon Stewart, Willis Smith, Millard Word, Guy Wright, Emmett Hollingsworth, Paul Wright Lee Bell and Miss Mable Mongole.

ASHTOLA NEEDLE CLUB

The Ashtola Needle Club met in the club room at 2 o'clock, Dec. 18 with Vena Hudson, Lenora Holland and Marcella Lovell as hostesses. Officers were elected for next year and drawing for hostess dates for the next 6 months, also polyanthuses were revealed in Christmas packages and names for new polyanthuses were drawn.

We had a beautiful Christmas tree from which members received nice gifts from their polyanthuses and friends.

Refreshments of fruit cake, candy, coffee and hot chocolate were served by the hostesses to one guest, Mrs. Hattie Holmes, Berkeley, Calif.; members, Mesdames Lizzie Graham, Viola Graham, Dora Brandon, Mary Belle DeBord, Jo Harp, Hazel Brandon, Nona Hinders, Vena Hudson, Marcella Lovell, Laura Mahaffey, Johnnie Poovey, Sue Rhodes, Eleanor Holland and Ima Wallace.

Club members, friends and neighbors of Mrs. Jo Harp were urged to attend an all day quilting in her home January 8th, and to bring a covered dish.

—Club Reporter.

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

The Yuletide season was made more enjoyable last Saturday evening when Mrs. Mrs. C. W. Lane entertained with a formal dinner party at her home honoring her son, Tommy Gene.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the entertaining rooms, also as favors and table decorations.

A five-course dinner was served at 8 p. m. at small tables.

A variety of games and singing of Christmas carols furnished the entertainment of the evening.

Those present were George Thompson and Jackie Estlack, Tommy Lane and Loretta Moonney, Allen Homer Estlack and Joyce Crutchfield, Wesley Stewart and Barbara Mayo, Ray Henry and Janet Mooney, Richard Kelly of Amarillo and Glendi Mooney, Earl Smith of Boys Ranch and Barbara Estlack, Wilson Lane and Patricia Estlack.

Mrs. Alfred Estlack and Mrs. Dorothy Kelly of Amarillo, assisted Mrs. Lane in serving.

Miss Fannie McGowan who teaches school at Prescott, Arizona is visiting relatives here through the Xmas Holidays.

MARTIN QUILTING CLUB

This club met with Fannie Wilson on the 18th of Dec. with a beautiful Christmas tree. Those present to enjoy the occasion were Sally Christie, Nola Hill, Willie Marshall, Lois Sibley, Ola Williams, Vera Terry, Margaret Waldrop, Blanch Higgins, Lela Bulman, Ella Mae Hodnett, Gracie Crofford, Lizzie Morrow, Vivian Morrow, Lois Stevenson, Willie Roberts, Bessie Helton, Bonnie Crofford and the hostess. Many lovely gifts were received. New officers were elected. Margaret Waldrop was elected president; Fannie Wilson, Vice Pres.; Bessie Helton, Sec.-Treas. The first quilting in 1948 will be with Lizzie Morrow on Jan. 8th. We also had 3 new members, Ola Bradshaw, Billie Ruth Barbee, Helen Joe Land. Refreshments of fruit, candy were enjoyed by all.

1926 BOOK CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The beautiful living room at Mrs. Rolle Brumley's home was ablaze with Christmas lights and lovely with unusual decorations of silvered magnolia leaves, berries, and other Christmas greens, on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, when Mrs. Brumley and Mrs. Bromley entertained the 1926 Book Club.

A large tree of native cedar was attractively decorated and was the main point of interest.

Mrs. Allensworth told a Christmas story, "The Bird's Christmas Carol," in most interesting way. A gift exchange took place and the hostesses served lovely refreshments to the following members and guests: Mesdames Allensworth, Ballew, Bairfield, Bennett, Clifford, Cox, Gillham, Goodner, Hoggatt, Johnson, Landers, C. Lowry, Dee Lowry, Phelan, Porter, Shelton, Thornberry, Toland, White, Antrobus, Bryan, Bones, Ray, Smith, Blair, Brooks, Goldston and Miss Lucile Polk.

THE MIDWAY CLUB

The Midway Club had a Xmas party the past Thursday in the home of Mrs. Clyde Butler. The rooms were made Christmasy with holiday decorations. Contests were enjoyed. Mrs. John Goldston and Mrs. Harley Longan

were winners in the first and Mrs. Warren Hardin the second. Lovely prizes were awarded the winners. Polly Anna Xmas gifts were exchanged from the beautiful Xmas tree.

Guest was Mrs. Terrys mother; members were Mesdames Hazel Jewell Harden, Ellen Moreland, Lucille Luttrell, Norma Chamberlain, Mary Lee Longan, Emma Thomas, Pearle Terry, Goldie Mooring, Roxie Williams, Eady Williams, Nora Goldston, Allie Quattlebaum and Eula Butler, hostess.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS

The choir presented a cantata at the regular church hour Sunday evening under the able direction of Rev. R. C. Bolton. Mrs. Bolton played the piano accompaniment. Rev. Bolton gave a violin solo during the first number of the cantata. The steps leading to the rostrum, choir loft and baptistry were artistically decorated with pine branches. Floor candelabrum flanked both the pulpit and the rostrum, and the candles gave a soft diffusion of light throughout the program.

The program included: Reading—"Why the Chimes Rang"—Mrs. Jolly Johnson. Cantata by the choir. "Chimes of The Holy Night" by Fred B. Holton

No. 1—Christmas Bell are Ringing (choir)

No. 2—How beautiful upon the Mountains: alto solo part by Mrs.

Clampitt.

No. 3—But Thou, Bethlehem (Womens Two-part Chorus, Choir and Soprano Obligato Solo by Miss Pat Pittman)

No. 4—Earth's Weary Waiting Done (Soprano and Alto Duet, and Choir: Mrs. Jennie Lee Andis and Miss Jane Johnson)

No. 5—In the Watches of the Night (Soprano Solo): Mrs. Roy Clampitt

No. 6—Good Tidings (Women's Chorus)

No. 7—Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem (Men's Chorus)

No. 8—Jesus, Our Lord (Soprano Solo, and Women's Chorus) Mrs. Basil Hurst

No. 9—Break Forth into Joy (Choir)

No. 10—The Star in the Eastern Sky (Soprano Obligato & Choir) Mrs. Basil Hurst

No. 11—The Lord is Born Today (final chorus)

The men's chorus was assisted by Mr. R. E. Drennan and Mr. Bill Todd.

Mrs. Frank Hardin spent part of the past week with relatives at Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Keller and son Danny arrived Monday from San Diego to spend Xmas with her mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Cleo Woods and sons Cleo Jr. and Garry left Sat. morning

for Dallas to join Cleo who has been in Dallas the past two weeks, having taken ill after arriving there. They will spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardin visited with Mrs. John Goldston Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Cleo Wood and son Garry attended the school Xmas party Friday afternoon.

Judge and Mrs. Williams visited at Pampa this past week.

Mrs. Williams was a guest at

the meeting of a club of which she was a former member when she lived in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Longan and Mrs. Charles Longan shopped in Amarillo one day this past week.

Mrs. Edith Longan returned home from Plainview Saturday. Mrs. A. B. Stephens accompanied her home.

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Success is measured not entirely in a material sort of way, but rather by friendships maintained, new acquaintances made, and service rendered. We like to feel that we have contributed our share, and that our success, whatever it may be, and however it may be measured, is but a reflection of the success of our friends.

May the coming months bring you Prosperity and Happiness.

Here's a Christmas PLEDGE TO THOSE WHOM WE SERVE

AS THE SHADOWS OF THE OLD YEAR LENGTHEN TOWARD THE TWILIGHT AND AS WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE PROBLEMS OF THE NEW YEAR. IT GIVES US REASON TO PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OR TWO TO CONSIDER THE PLEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN OURS. WE SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MANY GENUINE FRIENDSHIPS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS FINE COMMUNITY. FRIENDSHIPS WE VALUE ABOVE ALL THINGS MATERIAL: ASSOCIATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN CEMENTED

BY THE LOYAL THOUGHTFULNESS OF THOSE WHOM WE SERVE WE ARE INDEED GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO US. AND WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU. WE DO NOT HESITATE TO RENEW OUR PLEDGE OF SERVICE AND CO-OPERATION IN WHATEVER CAPACITY WE MAY BE CALLED UPON. A JOYOUS AMERICAN CHRISTMAS IS EXTENDED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS AREA.

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\$10.45 Wagon—now	\$9.45
\$7.45 Wagon—now	\$6.45
\$5.95 Card Table—now	\$4.50
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NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Donley County State Bank of Clarendon, Texas, will be held in the office of the bank at 10 a. m. Monday, January 12, 1948. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and attending to such other business properly coming before said meeting.
F. E. Chamberlain, Exec. V-Pres.

LELIA LAKE

Mrs. H. R. King

Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Hill and family left Thursday to spend Christmas in Santa Maria and other points in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fox and family left Friday to visit relatives in Buffalo Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fetters and family of Dumas left Thursday after a short visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Leathers and Johnny left last Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams of Modesto, Calif.

Mrs. Bobby Bannister and son of Amarillo left Thursday for their home after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Usrey.

Rita Zoe Davis of Odessa arrived Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Springer were called to New Mexico Friday by the death of a relative.

L. D. Aten left Saturday for a short visit with relatives in Amarillo.

Miss Bobbie Nell Seago spent last weekend with relatives in Amarillo.

Marilyn Butler and Shirley Aten appeared on a piano and voice recital given in Amarillo Friday evening. Those to attend from here were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Butler and John Bob, Mrs. W. L. Butler, Mrs. Quinn Aten, Venita Phillips, Noma Lee Lewis, and Bobbie Seago.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Christal and daughters left Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives in East Texas.

Mrs. Jimmy Pattillo and son of Abilene arrived Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reynolds. Mr. Pattillo will join them later in the week.

The Roberts families had a Christmas dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Butler. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Roberts, Mr. and Mrs.

Richard Roberts and children, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Roberts and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lee Butler, Mrs. Carrie Bal- lew, all of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Womaek, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Womack of Memphis, Mrs. Mildred Parker and Mr. Buster Caldwell of Clarendon, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roberts, Mrs. W. L. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Butler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Heckle Stark had as their house guest last week, her mother, Mrs. Maggie Patten and sister, Mrs. Roy Brownlee from Bellflower, Calif. Mrs. Brownlee returned home last Friday. Her mother remained for a few weeks visit.

WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU MANY TIMES

We are grateful for each opportunity to serve you and feel privileged indeed every time you call on us. May you have the joy of a happy Christmas and may you be blessed will all good things.



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War Dead Repatriation Program Runs Smoothly Due Mainly To Efforts of Veterans' Service Officers

SAN ANTONIO—That the war dead repatriation program is progressing so smoothly in the area served by the Distribution Center at Fort Sam Houston is due very largely to the efforts of veterans' service officers of various categories, Lt. Col. S. H. Partridge, Chief of the American Graves Registration Division here declar-

ed today. "In spite of the great amount of work they already had in administering often tangled and complicated veterans affairs, service officers voluntarily assumed responsibility for assisting the families of Texas soldiers, sailors and marines who lost their lives during the past war," Partridge said. They generously added the war dead repatriation program to their already over-crowded calendars. "Service officers have given

their time to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the workings of the program and with the often vexing and intricate problems of family relationships. They have been unstinting of both their time and their effort to aid both the bereaved families and this Distribution Center. They have assisted the next of kin in filling out questionnaires, procured legal instruments, located missing persons and in countless ways have made themselves invaluable in this delicate program.

"One fact alone amply testifies to the wonderful work of service officers in this part of Texas: Nationally, incorrectly filled-out questionnaires has been a serious problem in the administration of the war dead repatriation program. In that part of Texas served by this depot incorrectly executed questionnaires have been insignificant; and the credit for this desirable situation belongs in the main to veterans service officers."

"The Office of the Quartermaster General, this distribution center, and more particularly the families of the dead, owe Texas veterans' service officers an unpayable debt."

Reinstating National Service Life Insurance Extended

The deadline for reinstating National Service Life Insurance under liberal regulations now in effect has been extended through next July, the Veterans Administration announced today.

Veterans can reinstate on this liberal basis providing their health is as good now as it was at the time their insurance lapsed, and pay two monthly premiums to restore their insurance protection. One premium is for the month of lapse and the other is for the month of reinstatement.

After next July, veterans will have to take physical examinations before their policies can be reinstated. Many of them may not be insurable, VA said.

Robert W. Sisson, West Texas Veterans Administration Regional Manager said the extension probably will accelerate the trend of reinstatements which have been mounting in this area all year. Since last February he reported more than 7000 West Texas World War II veterans have reinstated policies worth more than 45 million dollars. Sisson urged all GI's to take advantage of the liberal terms offered in reinstating their National Service Life Insurance.

Winter rain and the increase in darkness and semi-darkness make December walking more hazardous. This means, says the Texas Safety Association, that pedestrians should be even more careful not to walk against a red light, not to cross the street in the middle of the block, and not to relax their vigilance for an instant out in the street.

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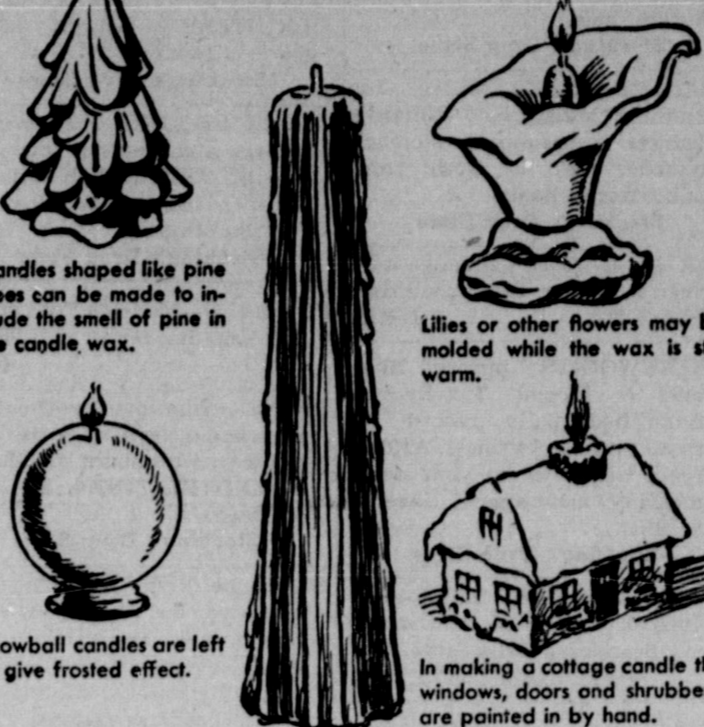
We extend our compliments of the Christmas Season and take this opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage.

Sincere good wishes to all!

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CHRISTMAS CANDLES



Candles shaped like pine trees can be made to include the smell of pine in the candle wax.

Lilies or other flowers may be molded while the wax is still warm.

Snowball candles are left to give frosted effect.

In making a cottage candle the windows, doors and shrubbery are painted in by hand.

Big oversized jumbo candles may be made of various colors, of sizes to fit some particular nook in the house.

Christmas Minus a Santa Claus

Do you believe in Santa Claus? The children of Middle America never heard of ole Saint Nick, even though their holiday celebration compares happily and merrily to our own.

Picnics and outdoor excursions are traditional events of the day, for Christmas comes in mid-summer weather there. Weeks before the holiday, families in El Salvador, Mexico and Panama prepare tiny clay or wooden figures for the creche which most homes display during the universal holiday.

In Guatemala, Costa Rica and Cuba, images of the Virgin are carried through the streets. Christmas celebrations and customs vary in the ten republics which comprise Middle America—Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Fireworks climax the festival in most of these republics and marimba bands play in bunting-bedecked parks while whole families trek from farm to village, visiting relatives or joining in the public merrymaking.

Mexican families string their patios with colored lanterns and hang the pinata, a large clay jar shaped like a bird or animal and filled with fruits, nuts and candies purchased at the picturesque Christmas stalls in the markets. The children are blindfolded and armed with long sticks. They reach for the pinata until one child breaks the jar and the sweets tumble out to be shared by all.

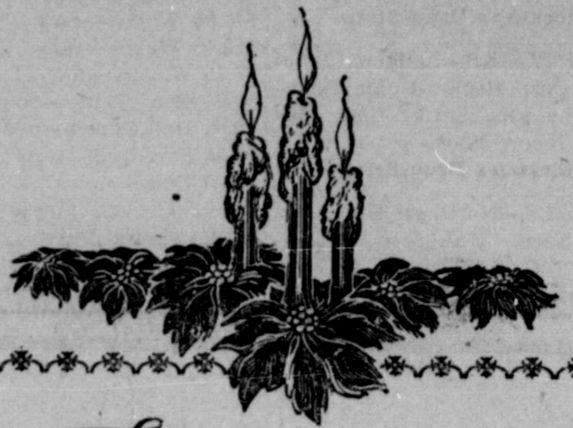
Despite the various forms of observing the Christmas holidays Middle America is united in its celebration of peace with its bright hope for inter-American interdependence.

Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy this year and I am five years old. Santa Claus, I would like to have an electric train for Xmas, also don't forget my little brother, Jerry, who is a week old.
As ever,
Bobby Grimsley

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy almost six years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me a bulldozer, a fiddle and some candy, nuts and fruit.
Thank you,
Pat Murphy

Weekend guests of Mrs. C. W. Lane and boys were Mrs. Dorothy Kelly and son Richard of Amarillo, and Earl Smith of Boys Ranch.



Thanks

AT CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS

Arising magnificently from the problems and difficulties that have been the experiences of each of us the past year, is the tolerance we have for the shortcomings of others. We see more clearly our own faults, consequently we are more sympathetic of the other fellow.

The old years fades into history. Many, many important events have taken place and we find ourselves with mixed emotions. We ponder the next twelve months, yet we face it with the same determination that has carried America thus far.

We do not fear the new year. We welcome it, with all its possibilities and the promise of happier days. Grant that we may continue to be tolerant one with another and as the dawn of the new year approaches, we say, "Season's Greetings to You, Our Friends"

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December 24th, Christmas Eve, 11:30 p. m. Candlelight Service, Christmas Communion.
December 26th, Friday, St. Stephen's Day,
10 a. m. Holy Communion.
December 28th, First Sunday after Christmas,
4:30 p. m. Evening Prayer &

Sermon.
The Christmas Eve service will begin at 11:30 p. m. and be over about 12:30 a. m. Christmas morning. There will be a short Sermon and Carols will be sung at this service. All are invited who care to share in a Christ like Christmas.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
W. T. Hines, Minister
Bible School—10:00 a. m.
Preaching—11 a. m. & 7:00 p. m.
Communion at 11:45 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Ladies Bible study Wednesday

at 3:30 p. m.
Mid-week Bible study, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
You are welcome to every service.
Evening Worship—7:00.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
LELIA LAKE
E. R. Pigg, Minister
Services Every First Day of the Week
Bible Study—10 a. m.
Worship Service—11 a. m.
Evening Services—3:30 p. m.
Everyone invited.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Paul D. Wright, Pastor
Sunday School—9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship Service—11:00 a. m.
Evening Vespers—5:30 p. m.
Youth Fellowship—6:30 p. m.
Adult Choir Practice—Wednesday—8:00 p. m.

NOTICE INCOME TAXPAYERS
January 15 is the deadline for filing final income tax returns for farmers who have not made estimates of taxes. We have information sheets in our office for the

convenience of farmers and suggest that you call for these as early as possible so that it will be ready at the first of the year. This will be a very busy time at this office and we suggest that you bring your report to us early and avoid the rush.

To the wage workers and those who have until March 15 to file your final report, it will help us, and you, if you wait until after January 15 to make your report so that we may get those made who have only to Jan. 15 to file.
WARREN-CHENAULT (44-3c)

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE RESERVE

New opportunities for appointment in the Military Intelligence Section of the Officers' Reserve Corps up to the grade of colonel have been opened. The opportunities for the Counter Intelligence Corps Specialization of the Military Intelligence Reserve are equally available to individuals without previous military experience who possess technical knowledge or skill closely adaptable to the type of duties performed by agents of the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Texas traffic death rate turned upward in September for the first time this year with a 2 per cent increase over the same period last year, according to State reports. Prior to the upswing, the rate had been 3 per cent lower than that of 1946. Football traffic, bad weather and holiday attitudes "practically assure November and December of heavy fatality lists. The Texas Safety Association urges motorists to remember—a little more watchfulness, a little more attention to the condition of your car may mean a lot more safety for you and those who ride with you.

THANKS . . .

. . . to my Clarendon Friends who drop by for a visit while passing through Claude.
If you are passing this way, be sure to stop by. We serve good food.

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ABE COLE, Owner
Claude, Texas

Romans Started Christmas Boxes

Boxing day has been a day of gifts to public servants since Roman times. It originated as a pagan custom, for the Romans observed the rite during their winter feast of Saturnalia. Later, when the people became Christians, the gifts were handed during Mass to the priests, who placed them into boxes. The feast was then known as Christ's Mass and the boxes as Christmas boxes, not to be opened except by being broken.



All manner of tradesmen soon realized that the idea was a good one, and it became a common practice for apprentices and others to take a box round to their business acquaintances, singing carols the while.

By the time Pepys wrote his famous diary, Christmas boxes were well established, and he mentions them several times in his writings. Swift also has a word to say about them in his "Journal to Stella," written in 1710: "By the Lord Harry, I shall be undone here with Christmas boxes."

One public servant, the "bellman," who enjoyed the privilege of soliciting Christmas boxes, was in some respects the forerunner of the postman, often being commissioned to deliver letters. At the approach of Christmas he would push poems of his own composition under the doors of townsmen whom he had served. They were reminders that recognition was expected on Boxing Day.



A "MERRY CHRISTMAS" . . .
Some on the road to recovery, some doomed to spend their lives in hospitals, thousands upon thousands of World War II heroes are spending Christmas in hospitals again this year. Happy despite handicapping war wounds, fighting veterans have entered into the Yuletide spirit.

Men are more often victims of accidents than women, according to the National Safety Council. Men far outnumber women in accidental deaths—about seven to three. Only in falls, burns and poisonings did women come anywhere near the record of the men, and in all of these categories they still account for less than half the total.

The safest person in the United States is a little girl between the ages of 5 and 14 who lives in Rhode Island, according to the National Safety Council. Rhode Island was the safest state in 1946. And the age group from 5 to 14 had the lowest accident rate of any, with girls getting hurt only one-third as often as boys.

At the end of a day both walkers and driver are tired and impatient. Because reaction is slower, caution must be greater, says the Texas Safety Association. More people are killed in the evening rush than at any other time during the day. Take care . . . and don't be rushed to death.

The Season's
GREETINGS
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Glorious Christmas of them all
MERRY CHRISTMAS
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CHRISTMAS
*Yesterday
..... Today
Tomorrow*

May the warm spirit of the old fashioned Christmas of yesteryear and the joyous, thrilling Yuletide of today, blend together for the Christmas of tomorrow.

Perhaps we do not realize, in comparative values, the precious blessings of Christmas values, the precious blessings of Christmas, and all that it stands for. Let us take time to estimate the true meaning of the occasion and to wish each of you the most glorious Christmas you have ever spent.

And at the same time, we wish to add, "Thank you," for your courtesies and evidences of goodwill.

Greene Dry Goods Co.

We Hope You Receive Lots of Greetings

MAY WE INCLUDE OURS?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all of you who have so graciously favored us in the past, we extend sincere good wishes for the holidays. Your kindness and friendship is truly appreciated and we wish for you the Merriest Christmas ever.

M-SYSTEM GROCERY & MARKET

MARTIN
By Mrs. J. H. Helton

Mrs. Lennie Cauthen of Memphis spent the weekend in the Geo. Bulman home.

Mrs. Tally spent last week in Pampa visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Mosley, also visited a sister in Pampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Brown of Goodnight visited in the home of

their nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Slick Wilson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jack Land spent Saturday night in the Geo. Bulman home.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Norton are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Friday night named Loyde Lee. Mrs. Norton will be remembered as Geraldine Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson and children of Pampa spent the week in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jordan.

Margie Crofford was in Amarillo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hutchins visited until bed time Sunday night in the J. H. Helton home.

Gene Bulman, Wayburn Wilson, Nelson Christie, Dorothea Terry, Margie Crofford went to Samnorwood basketball tournament Thursday noon and returned Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cole and daughter Elizabeth Ann of Claude are spending Xmas day with his mother, Mrs. A. T. Cole.

Santa Claus By... Any Other Name

Santa Claus is inseparably associated with the spirit of gift-giving in America, but in other lands, various gift-bearers are just as eagerly awaited.

Commemorating the arrival of the Magi on Epiphany, the Wise Men leave presents for good boys and girls as they pass through Spain and other Catholic countries during their annual journey to Bethlehem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bartlett are spending Xmas with their son, Mr. and Mrs. James Bartlett at San Antonio and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Goodman at Lampasas.

Mrs. Anna Clark and son Ralph of Amarillo are guests of her sister, Mrs. Will Johnson, during Xmas.

Mrs. Doss Palmer was seen shopping in Amarillo the last of the week.

Mrs. Heckle Stark returned from Northwest Texas Hospital last week end where she underwent a minor operation. She is doing nicely.

Mrs. H. T. Warner and son Walter are spending Xmas with her mother, Mrs. L. C. Parker at Iowa Park.

Miss Ruth Griffis of Lubbock spent the weekend with Miss Chloe Darden.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McMurtry attended the Charity Ball at the Country Club at Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. John Humphrey and family from Higgins are spending the Holidays with his mother, Mrs. Eva Humphrey and her mother, Mrs. N. L. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Heckman of Lubbock are spending Xmas at home.

WELL...

OUR INTENTIONS WERE GOOD, ANYWAY



GULF SERVICE STATION

Roy Crutchfield

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Brooks and baby Courtney Guy of Lubbock are visiting homefolks for the Xmas Holidays.

Johnnie Johnson arrived Sunday from Lubbock to spend the Xmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson.

Mrs. I. A. Tipton of Poolville, Texas, formerly of Clarendon, who was operated on at Witt-London Hospital last week, is slowly improving. She is the mother of H. L. and E. A. Tipton of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lane and daughter Lee Ann of Lubbock spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Lane.

Helen Louise Green from Dallas is spending the Xmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allmond were in Childress where they visited his father who is ill.

Billy Lowe who is attending the University at Austin is home for the Holidays.



Italian Befana and Russian Babouska are variously reported to have hesitated to follow the Wise Men, misdirected them, and refused shelter to the Holy Family; in their respective countries, these two ageless wanderers slip toys beneath the pillows of sleeping children—still looking for the Babe of Bethlehem whom they have never found.

Christkind, in keeping with the German idea of Christmas, is the messenger of the Infant Jesus who brings happiness to good children; Polish and Hungarian youngsters search the house for strands of angel hair—conclusive evidence that the Holy Angels are near to bestow gifts upon the worthy.

In France, the Yule Log is allowed to burn momentarily, extinguished and covered with a cloth. After the Log has failed to yield gifts, the children are sent to ask pardon for their omissions in private. Meanwhile, parents place the presents beneath the cloth to be discovered by the returning children.

Syrian legend sends the Gentle Camel of Jesus, laden with gifts, riding over the desert on Epiphany Eve—exhausted by the hastening Wise Men, he was blessed with immortality by the Christ Child.

The identity of the gift-bearer is immaterial; but it is vital that no child be disappointed; no trusting heart betrayed; lest the magic hour passes, leaving broken dreams and twisted emotions to wander across the wilderness of eternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Price and son Ted Lee and Mrs. Barbara Drennan and daughter Sandra of Electrica visited her sister, Mrs. Homer Estlack Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daniels of Ft. Worth are spending the Xmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson.

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It is our sincere wish that we may have a part in making your Christmas full of good cheer and fellowship. We want to add something to the happiness of every person in this community.

Perhaps this little message will help you forget the unpleasant incidents and experiences of ordinary days. May brighter days be the compensation for your sacrifices toward making this a better world in which to live. May you find the beauties of life around you and the opportunities for the service it affords.

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TO OUR FRIENDS

It is the friendship and thoughtfulness of our customers—our friends—that have made it possible for each of us in this organization to enjoy the Christmas spirit to its fullest extent.

So we extend these Christmas Greetings, and with them, our appreciation of the privilege of serving you. We trust you will have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellied, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

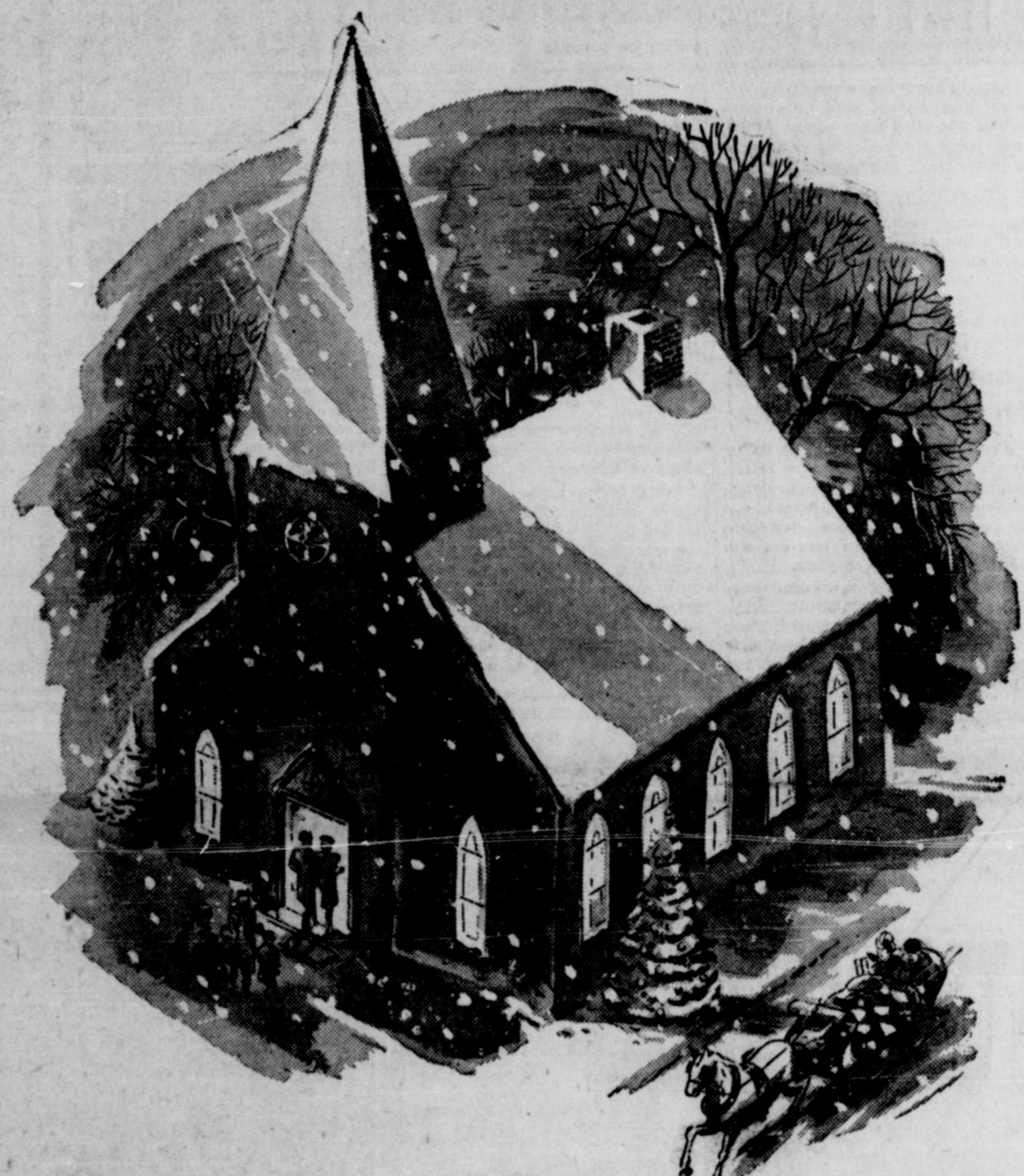
Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.



Christmas, 1947 --- of all Christmases --- looms as the most soul-stirring, the most meditative. A friendly day in which to dream as well as make merry --- a day when "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" will assume a greater meaning ---

Give thanks for this land where people are free to gather openly and pray. Give thanks for the birth of the Saviour who taught the world that love is more powerful than hate, good mightier than evil, life stronger than death.

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS
 MAY THE NEW YEAR 1948 BE HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS FOR YOU

Farmers State Bank

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THE TRIUMPH OF DECEPTION

Of passing interest but of no prospective effectiveness is the article in Reader's Digest wherein Congressman Herter reveals how embattled bureaucracy won its fight for continued padded appropriations. It is an intriguing story. It is a disturbing story also, for it reveals the completeness with which the American people are dominated by the pay roll perchers of entrenched and ruthless bureaucracy.

It is notorious that a party clothed with a popular mandate to eliminate extravagance and reduce expenditures and taxes was thwarted in its efforts to validate the expressed popular will. There is nothing new in the mere declaration that the people who elected an economy congress were betrayed by the congress they elected. But the congressman's comments upon the methods employed by the bureaucrats in their battle for the boodle are quite informative. They explain with definite clarity how the pay roll army resorted to exaggeration, deception and downright falsehood to throttle the economy drive.

When a committee voted to give the customs service more money than it was receiving but less money than it had asked for the service promptly informed 85 per cent of its employees that they were to be discharged. A credulous public dismayed by the prospect of losing the service of the men who guard our frontiers and seaports from the smugglers of contraband, frantically appealed to congress to give the service the money it was asking for.

When a committee voted to give the postal service more money than it was receiving but less than it was asking for, the country was flooded with announcements that mail deliveries would have to be curtailed sharply. Again a credulous public began to plead with congress to throw away the economy axe and surrender to the forces of plunder.

When a committee voted to give the Indian service less money than it had been receiving until recently, the country was flooded with notices that the Indian schools would have to close and that countless Indian offices throughout the country would have to be abolished. Straightway disturbed idealists and distracted chambers of commerce began to bombard congress with demands that the schools and the agencies be saved.

These illustrations reveal the pattern. It was a pattern of deception, of exaggeration, and of unvarnished falsehood. The country was conquered by lies and congress was conquered by its own cupidity and cowardice. The faithless servants of a betrayed people now trumpet gleefully that the reductions made in government expenses were inconsequential—that really there was almost no reduction at all. So a people burdened with the vastest national debt in all history must also pay a current maintenance bill that is 300 per cent greater than the total cost of government in 1939. The costliest falsehoods in our annals have been written indelibly in the records of the government. — The Daily Oklahoman (Okla. City)

It may be true in January, according to the song writers, but the National Safety Council wants you to see it April in both December and January. The first and last months of the year are the most hazardous, but April is the safest.

Christmas

.....TODAY TOMORROW FOREVER

May the spirit of this significant occasion remain with us every day in the years to come!
MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

Try our Spark O' Life Poultry, Dairy & Hog Feeds.
Also Cattle Cubes.

CLARENDON GRAIN CO.
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Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.



Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ. In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year. The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight, to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.

Children's Gifts For Christmas

THERE'S more to buying toys than merely getting something for a youngster to play with. Home management specialists emphasize five points worth remembering in purchasing playthings for children:



1. Safety. Keeping the age of the child in mind, youngsters should not be given a sharp knife, chemistry set, air rifle or a tool kit until they are old enough to handle them with care. Electric train equipment should be kept in good repair to prevent shock or burn. Infants should be guarded against whistles with removable mouthpieces, stuffed animals with pin or button eyes, wheels and strings not securely fastened, and small nailing.
2. Cleanliness. Toys should lend themselves to being cleaned without damage.
3. Construction. Well made toys are capable of much wear and tear, with fragile playthings encouraging destructiveness in a child.
4. Versatility. A toy that offers many imaginative uses will intrigue a child longer. Blocks of various shapes and sizes have more construction possibilities than the usual sets.
5. Variety. Toys of different sizes, shapes, textures and colors develop different muscles and different kinds of interests. Too many toys, like no toys at all, are a mistake. The child is distracted by the variety and not given the opportunity to develop the potentialities of the toys he has. It must also be appreciated that the price of a toy does not determine its real value since a cheap plaything may provide a youngster with as much enjoyment as a more expensive one.

ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING

In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words "Stir up." The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready on Christmas.

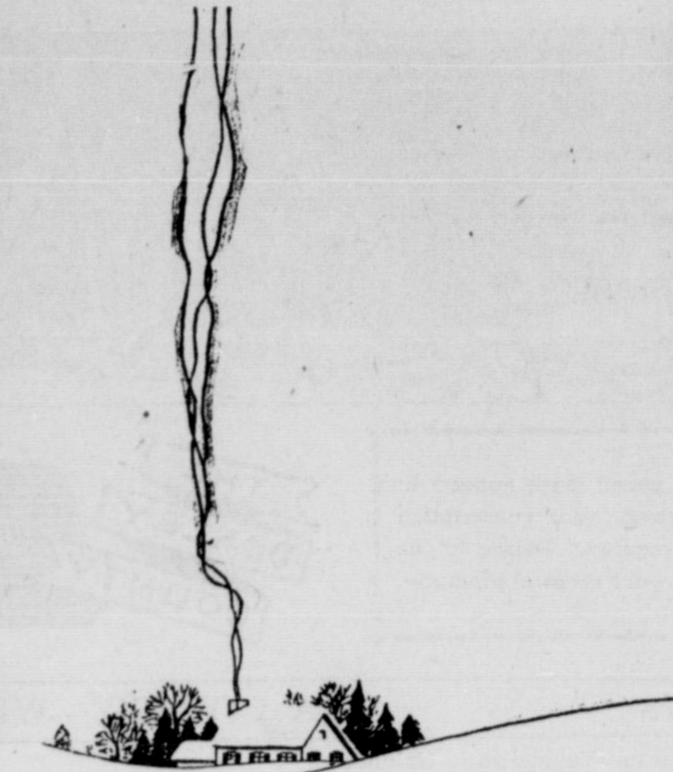
This indispensable old-time English Christmas dish was frumety, or frumenty, which according to old-time recipes was "wheat boiled until the grains burst, then strained and boiled again with broth or milk and yolks of eggs." Frumenty was the forerunner to plum pudding.

Alms Giving Custom A Christmas Charity

Giving alms at Christmas originated in the belief that the Christ came sometimes to the door disguised as a beggar during the holiday season, and it was feared that he might be turned away unrecognized. There is an old legend that tells of the Christ child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in search of those who were kind, and deserving. His test was to plead for aid and often he was turned away from the door. This story led to alms giving on Christmas Eve and it was rare that a beggar was refused.



Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; To whom God's angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear, "Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; For there you'll find this happy morn, A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."



THE BLESSINGS of CHRISTMAS

As we herald the approach of another Christmas season, we count our blessings in good friends and pleasant associations. It is appropriate, then, that we extend our warmest greetings and add the hope that the coming year will be the best you have ever enjoyed and that from the experiences of the past we may gain strength for the problems of the future.

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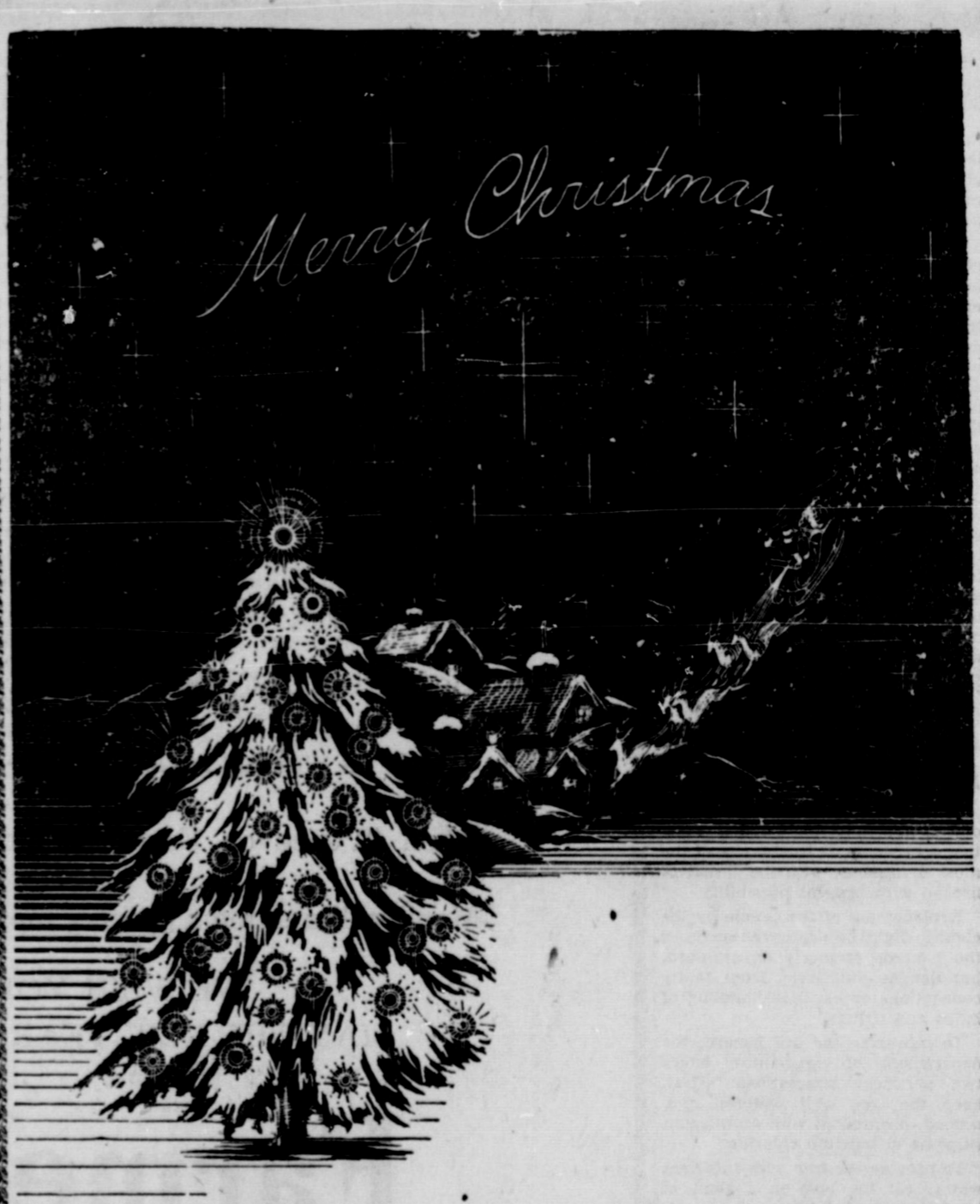
UNDER YOUR TREE on Christmas Morn



Here's a little Christmas Greeting to place under your tree on Christmas morn. May it convey our sincere thanks to you for all you've done for us.

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AIR EXPRESS SHIPMENTS

AUSTIN — Air express shipments from Texas cities surged to 31,215 in October for a 19 per cent hike over September shipments, the Railway Express Agency re-

ported to The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

The average daily accident death toll in the winter months last year was 294, in the fall 269, in the summer 266, and in the spring 256, the National Safety Council says.

Bonchevalier and Tree of Humanity

The tale of Bonchevalier and the tree of humanity, told with minor variations throughout France and Germany, is one of the most charming of all the Christmas tree legends.

Bonchevalier was traveling through a dense forest once upon a Christmas Eve. In the distance one tall evergreen stood apart from all the others; it seemed aglow with lights and, from afar, a star appeared to rest among its topmost branches.

As he drew nearer, Bonchevalier saw that the tree was covered with candles — some standing upright and others inverted. The star at the top seemed to be the vision of a child whose beautiful head was surrounded by a pale amber halo.

Word spread through the village that Bonchevalier had seen a vision,

dreamed a dream, or perhaps experienced a phenomenon. The knight himself admitted that the whole thing seemed incredible; if it was a vision, he could not interpret it; but he was absolutely certain he had seen it and his story was always the same.

Learned citizens of the community questioned him and shook their heads—so did everyone else except his mother.

The tree of humanity had been revealed to her son, she said proudly, and all the world would be blessed by his vision.

Indeed, Bonchevalier's vision symbolized the tree of humanity; the candles represented persons the good ones, standing upright; the bad ones inverted; and the child at the top was the Infant Jesus who watches over all the world of humanity.



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Cakes Printed in Germany
A famous Christmas cake in Germany is Aachen Printen, from which the English word "print" is derived. In the days before book-printing the idea of imprint belonged to the baking business to express the making of patterns in cakes. Many of these cakes have figures representing the old gods Wotan and Thor.

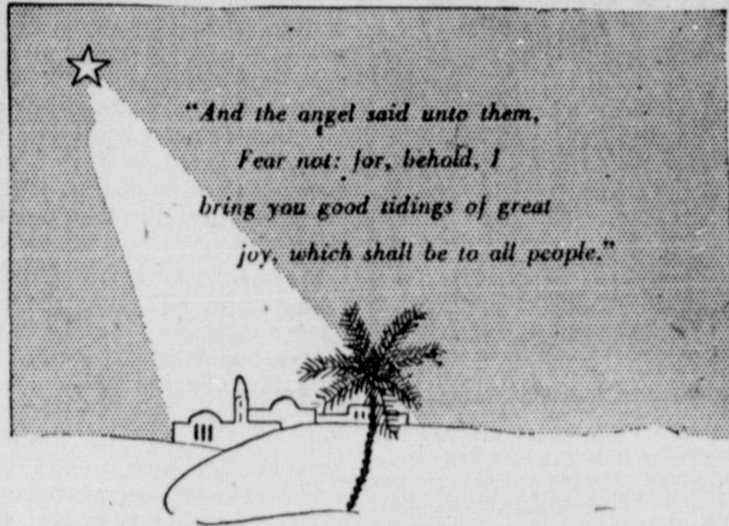
Santa May Not Smoke Cigars
Santa Claus, perhaps, doesn't smoke—or he would be better informed on the quality of cigars.

'Xmas' Has Authentic Basis Of Use Throughout History

While many people frown on the use of "Xmas" for Christmas, this abbreviation has an authentic basis in history.

The "X" is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ. Christian scholars of the middle ages are said in their writings to have abbreviated the spelling of the Nativity celebration into X-mass or simply Xmas. In the same way "Xn" was used for Christian and "Xty" for Christianity.

In the catacombs of ancient Rome, X is frequently found to stand for Christ. The earliest Christian artists, when making a representation of the Trinity, would place either a cross or X beside the Father and the Holy Ghost.

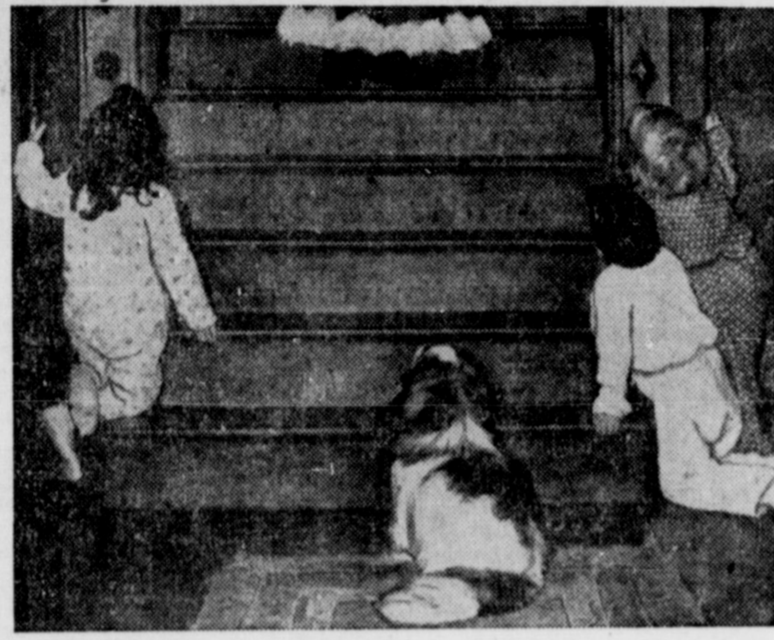


*"And the angel said unto them,
Fear not: for, behold, I
bring you good tidings of great
joy, which shall be to all people."*

Christmas Greetings

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JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."



*"His name shall be called the
Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6*

May God richly bless you
at this glad

CHRISTMASTIDE

and

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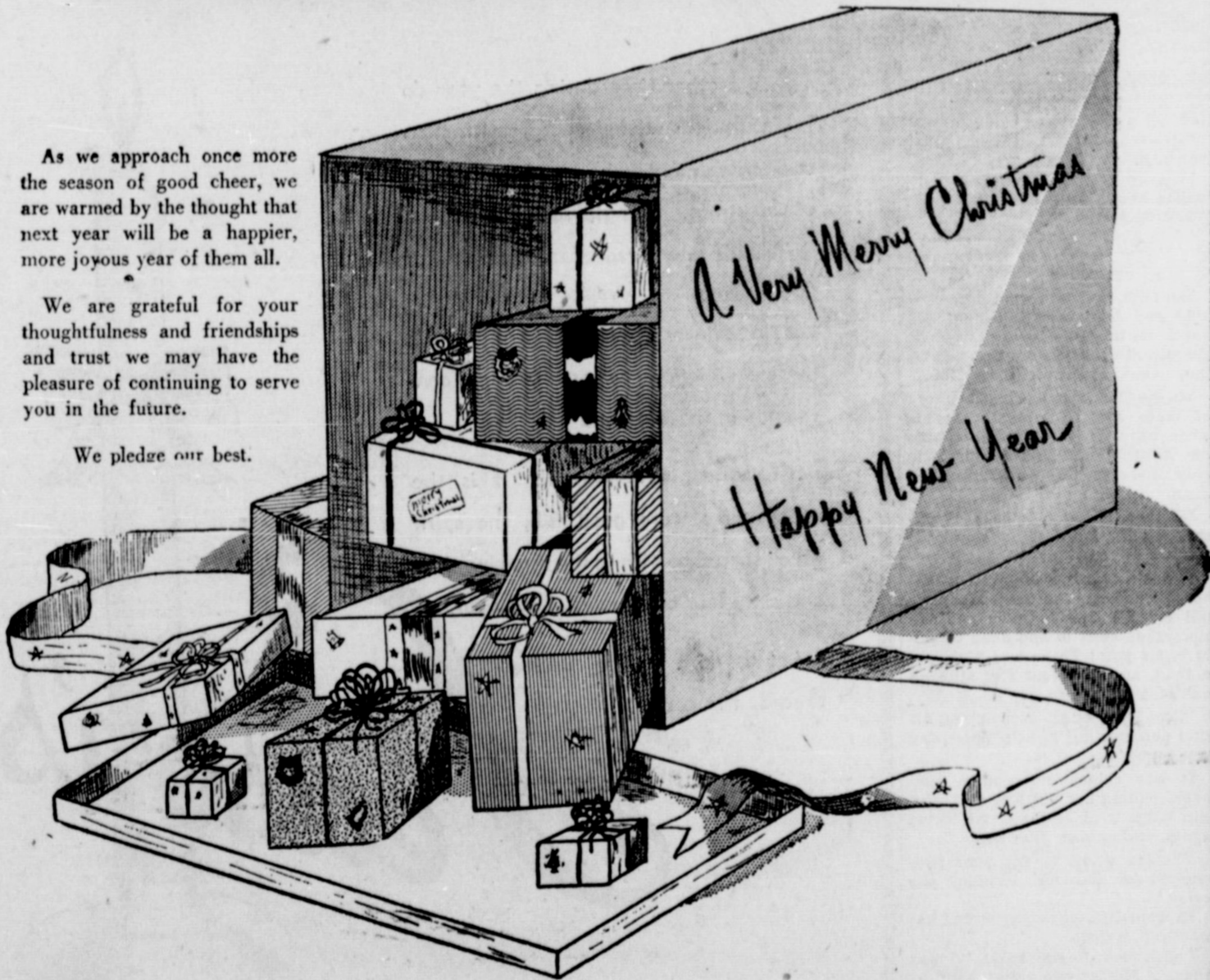
To all our Friends

GREETINGS

As we approach once more the season of good cheer, we are warmed by the thought that next year will be a happier, more joyous year of them all.

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and friendships and trust we may have the pleasure of continuing to serve you in the future.

We pledge our best.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

What can we say that would express all our wishes for the coming season? This is the closest thing to it we know of and we want you to believe we express these sentiments with a genuine feeling of appreciation.

May the New Year be one which will see the realization of your fondest dreams and ambitions. May it be the one in which you will be the happiest and the most content.

Best wishes to you, friends

**CLYDE WILSON
SINCLAIR SERVICE STATION**



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The past year has been a good year. Many new friends have been made and the relationships of old friends are reassured. These associations we treasure and trust it will be our privilege to enjoy them for many more years to come.

Christmas Greetings!

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The Rexall Store

Western Union

Phone 36



FRESH snow crunched under Dick Wright's shoes as he stomped into the waiting room.

Old Peter was still there, still minding his telegraph key as he had when Dick was a boy. But now it was Christmas; now Dick was home from the city, a successful young architect.

As he walked up to old Peter's griled ticket window, Dick recalled the last time he stood in this station. Two and a half years ago, it was the day after Jean had left for New York in search of a career.

"Just can't stand Marysville," she had told him. "You'll understand, Dick, won't you?"

He had forgotten as best he could. Nothing in Marysville for him then, either. There had been a quick decision, a closing of half-open doors, a tearful good-bye to his parents and then—off to the city. It was odd how a blow like that could give a fellow determination. Today, just 30 months later, he was coming back home with a career already carved out.

Old Pete looked up from his sheaf of train orders.

"Well, Richard!" he cried. "Glad to see you, boy, and a Merry Christmas! Your folks know you're comin'?"

"Merry Christmas to you, Pete!" Dick answered. It was nice, at that, to see a familiar face. "Mind if I use your phone? I caught an early train and Dad wasn't expecting me until tonight."

A few minutes later the old family car was carrying him home. His Dad looked older, and a mite wor-



"Heard from Jean, son?" he asked.

ried. Something was on his mind. "Heard from Jean, son?" he finally asked.

"No, Pop," he answered truthfully. The house loomed up ahead now. "Why do you ask?"

"Oh, just wonderin', son, that's all. Forget it. There's Mother wavin' at us up yonder!"

But Dick couldn't forget it. Marysville and Jean were like ham and eggs. He thought about her when he stopped at the drugstore that night—they used to drink sodas there.

Maybe Dick was looking for more of those memories next morning when he started out alone on skis for Murray's hill. They used to play there in the winter, he and Jean.

"Forget it, you imbecile!" he snapped at himself. "That's a closed chapter in your life!"

It was a couple of hours later that he saw her. Skiing down Murray's hill for the last time he rounded Horseshoe bend to find Jean directly in his path! There was a shriek, a thud, and then four feet sticking out of a snowdrift.

"Jean!" he cried, unstrapping his skis and running to help her. "Are you hurt?"

It was rather unromantic, perhaps, pulling her out feet first. But she laughed at him and fell down again, pulling him after her.

"You're going to get your face washed for that, Mr. Wright," she cried.

He came up sputtering to find her suddenly serious.

"Dick dear," she said, "I was wrong. Mother wrote that you'd be home for Christmas and—well, I had to come too. It's you and Marysville that I want, not New York. This morning when I saw you going past our house, I somehow knew that I should go with you. Not just today, Dick, but always!"

It was like ham and eggs, Dick thought, only the next day was Christmas—and Christmas meant turkey!

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Beginning of the New Year Various dates were used in different countries, for the beginning of a year, but America followed the English custom of using the date of most early Christian countries—about the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The Gregorian calendar, establishing January 1 as the beginning of the year, was adopted by England and her colonies in 1752.

Amsterdam Dutch Brought Santa Claus Across With Them

The American version of Santa Claus was found chiefly in New York until a paper in that city published the poem we know as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," then it spread rapidly over the whole country and now every community has a similar legend.

It all began about 300 years ago. When the Dutch boys and girls first came to America in the early 17th century, and settled in New Amsterdam, they brought Sinter



The Dutch "Sinter Klaas" from whom our Santa Claus descends represents the bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, who was noted for his charity and goodness. In the Dutch pageants Sinter Klaas rides on a white horse, accompanied by his servant "Black Piet."

Klaas with them, and Sinter Klaas Eve was still their most important day. After a time, the English took Amsterdam from the Dutch and named it New York.

Many years before this, the English had had a Saint Nicholas celebration. In the English celebration, the choir boys elected a boy bishop and for a week boys went around the town begging gifts, but these festivities had been stopped by royal decree. When the English took over New York, the Dutch boys and girls kept right on celebrating Sinter Klaas day in spite of the English laws. Later Norwegian and Belgian children who settled in and near New York, also celebrated the day in a similar manner. It wasn't long before English boys and girls wanted to receive gifts. Since they already were celebrating Christ's birthday on December 25, they chose that day as the one on which to exchange gifts. The English children called Sinter Klaas Santa Claus.

As more and more people of different nationalities came to America, each added its bit to the celebration of Santa Claus day. From the Norwegians came his reindeer, the Italians gave us the custom of hanging up our stockings and so on. The regal figure of Sinter Klaas slowly changed to the fat, jolly Santa Claus of today.



The bringing in of the yule log originated in England during medieval times. The log was dragged into the great hall at the beginning of the Christmas feast and was the occasion of the rendering of the Christmas toast, which is, in part: "This yule log burns. It destroys old hatreds and misunderstandings. Let your envies vanish, and let the spirit of good fellowship reign supreme for this season and through all the year."

The yule log represents "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Manufacture Of Dairy Products

AUSTIN—Dairy manufacturing in Texas scored a monthly gain in October with the manufacture of creamery butter and American cheese calling a halt to summer and early autumn setbacks, The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Milk consumer in the manufacture of dairy products in October tallied a 1 per cent advance to reach 66,065,000 pounds. Dairy-men were face to face with the fact that manufacturing was not reaching year-ago levels, however. October production slid 11 per cent below the 1946 October total.

Creamery butter production soared 15 per cent above the September mark but failed by 22 per cent to reach the October 1946 total. The manufacture of creamery butter registered its first gain since May of this year. Declines for four successive months have plunged storage reserves abnormally low for this time of year. One season advanced by dealers is that the hot summer had diverted milk away from butter and into ice cream production.

American cheese production was stepped up 6 per cent from September to October but fell 5 per cent below October 1946 totals.

Cheerful Christmas GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Simpson's Mill & Feed Store

Phone 149



At no other time during the year do any of us derive the pleasure, satisfaction and contentment we receive from the joys of Christmas. The pleasant associations of friends and loved ones, the spirit of good feeling and love for our fellowman are in evidence everywhere and from these associations comes a stronger confidence in those around us.

Christmas is important! It is the season of sincere good will, the spirit which should go with us the three hundred and sixty-four other days of the year.

Let us each pledge ourselves toward this goal.



GREETINGS

GEORGE'S CLEANERS

PHONE 12

Merry Christmas!

By Helen Morton

IT WAS enough to make one hate Christmas! Betsy was so tired that she could hardly stand. This counter in the middle of the aisle had become a nightmare to her. The crowds hurrying by, pulling the neckties off as their coats brushed against them, fingering them over and then tossing them back on the table carelessly.

Still, it was good to have a job, even a temporary one. For she had been without work for a long enough time so that she had "eaten" and all her possessions she could borrow money on.

No time to be standing here thinking, though. That fat woman looked as if she was going to buy several ties. "These are very nice, madam. And so reasonable; 35 cents a piece, or three for \$1.00. This is an exceptionally pretty one," and Betsy showed her a navy blue. But the fat

woman dropped the ties and hastened away with her friend, leaving a pile of ties on the floor.

Wearily Betsy leaned over and began picking them up. "Let me help?" a friendly voice asked. Betsy looked up into a handsome face, curly brown hair, deep blue eyes, and a mouth that curved into a smile at the surprise in Betsy's eyes.

"I want to get some ties for my family. I've been up here the past few weeks, and so I don't know what the kids want, but I think it'll be safe to give 'em ties. Socks are so commonplace."

"Your brothers?" Betsy asked as she held up one or two she liked particularly.

"Yeah. Three brothers and a sister. She's about your age, I reckon. What does a girl like, anyway, when you've only a little to spend?" He looked imploringly.

"Let's get the brothers fixed up first, and then see about her. How's this for the 17-year-old?" Betsy inquired.

"Fine. You know, I'm tickled pink to be able to do anything for the family. I struck a bad spell, was down with flu for three weeks, and lost my job. I just got another last week. But I'd have hated to have the day go by with nothing from the big boy." His face was shining.

"I'll have them wrapped as gifts. Then you go over to the counter there and select something for your sister. Here, I'll take you over and get a girl from my home town to wait on you. She'll help," and Betsy went along with him.

"You're not a city girl, then? No wonder you were so helpful. I'm



"I want to get some ties for my family."

scared of these sophisticated girls

in most of the shops. That's because I've been here only a few months, and in my home town everyone knew everyone and it was, well, it was different. Say, you don't think I'm getting fresh, do you? I'm just so homesick." His face was red with embarrassment.

It was Betsy's turn to look troubled. "Sure. I knew how it was. I don't chatter away with every customer this way, either. I'm like you new here, and lonesome for my own people. I was hating Christmas time, with so much confusion and no real Christmas spirit. So I'm glad you told me about your family."

She turned him over to Marie at the women's wear counter, and went on with her tie selling. They seemed prettier, fresher and more attractive, than they had before the curly-headed fellow had come along to buy some.

ONLY a half hour off for supper, then she'd have to work until the store closed at nine. Christmas eve meant lots of last minute gifts to be bought in this big city. As she turned away from her counter to go out to eat, a friendly voice sounded at her shoulder.

"If you're going to snatch a sandwich, do you mind if I go along and we learn something more about each

other? Your friend told me you'd have just a little while for lunch, and I want to get acquainted, if you'll let me." It wasn't just a "pick-up." This was a homesick boy, wanting to talk with a small-town girl who knew his language.

There was just a moment's hesitation before Betsy said, with a grin, "Sure enough. Lead me to the lunch counter. You're no more lonely than I've been. As it is, I really feel like I can say 'Merry Christmas' when tomorrow comes."

To Be Merry, First Be Wary At Christmas

Don't Let Death Take Your Holiday!

With that slogan as a keynote, the National Safety Council has announced a nationwide campaign to check the huge annual Christmas holiday toll.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year, accord-

ing to Council statistics in traffic accidents alone, three times as many persons are killed on a Christmas weekend than on the same days of the preceding two weeks.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the season increase the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness.

Public Support Sought

More than 130 national organizations, city and state officials, safety councils and civic leaders have joined forces with the Council in the year-end campaign. Together they seek to create in the public mind an awareness of the special holiday hazards, and to enlist voluntary cooperation on the part of every individual to hold accidents to a minimum this Christmas.

The Council emphasized that the campaign is the final effort of the year to hold the 1947 traffic death toll below the 1946 total of 33,700. At the end of the first nine months this year, there was a small reduction in traffic deaths

—4 per cent—from the same period of 1946. But the final quarter of the year always is the one with the most traffic deaths.

"Christmas is the season to be merry, but it is also the season to be wary," warned Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council.

ORGANIZED RESERVE CORPS UNITS ACTIVATED

General Thomas T. Handy, Fourth Army Commander, today announced that 891 Organized Reserve Corps units have been activated in the five state Fourth Army area since the program got under way following V-J Day. He said 124 Composite Groups also have been established.

Texas has 486 units and 56 composite groups, Oklahoma has 197 and 27, New Mexico has 20 and 6, Louisiana has 123 and 26, Arkansas has 65 and 9.

Some things, like wine and cheese, get better with age. But don't let anyone ever tell you that the ties you use get better as they get older. The Texas Safety Association urges you to check that hammer and wrench - all your tools - and keep them in good repair for safe living.



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LUMBER PRODUCTION IN SOUTHERN PINE MILLS

AUSTIN — Southern pine mill lumber production registered a seasonal upturn in October, scoring a 5 per cent advance over September, The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Average weekly production per unit reached 214,745 board feet

for a 12 per cent gain over October production last year. However, the Bureau's seasonally-adjusted index moved upward only 4 per cent, since the seasonal pattern calls for a larger gain than the 5 per cent hike. Production at the end of October stood at three-fourths of the prewar figure.

Around the Christmas tree, never be haphazard with a fire hazard.

Christmas With the Pioneers Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang

or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobbed ride or perhaps a square

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE RAIL SHIPMENTS

AUSTIN — Rail shipments of fruits and vegetables recovered early fall setbacks in October, shooting upward to total 1,196 carloads with an extra boost provided by citrus shipments, according to The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research.

Compared with activity in October last year, this year's shipments failed to measure up, tapering off 26 per cent. In October 1946, shipments reached 1,654 carloads.

The lateness of the citrus crop threw the movement of fruit behind year-ago loadings. Lemon shipments accounted for most of the citrus shipments from the Valley during September, and it was not until October that grapefruit and oranges began to roll to market.

Grapefruit shipments totaled 505 carloads in October, dropping

off 35 per cent from October 1946 shipments due to the late maturity of the crop.

Forecasts for citrus production in Texas for the 1947-48 season indicate a record crop of 25,000,000 boxes of grapefruit and 5,000,000 boxes of oranges. Although carload citrus shipments got under way in October, the movement has been light. Orange shipments for the month, however, were 43 per cent above their October 1946 level, totaling 536 carloads for the month.

Shipments of mixed vegetables dropped from 73 in October last year to 21 in October this year, pepper shipments totaled 66 carloads, and sweet potato shipments reached 27 carloads.

WHOLESALESALES AND INVENTORIES

AUSTIN — Texas wholesalers, unable to hold that inventory line, saw inventories creep upward 6 per cent between August

and September with sales remaining steady during the month, The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Cautious buying, the foremost defense against overloading, failed to cut down Texas wholesale inventories as they soared 46 per cent above September 1946 figures. Wholesalers' sales tallied a 21 per cent gain over year-ago totals.

Only dealers managing to hold inventories constant during September were automotive supply dealers and hardware dealers.

Electrical goods and tobacco products wholesalers registered inventory dips, but all other wholesalers reported inventories on the rise.

Compared with the September 1946 situation, electrical goods dealers felt an inventory jump of 75 per cent, automotive supply wholesalers reported a 57 per cent hike, and hardware dealers saw a 56 per cent gain.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Donley County Abstract Co.
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Phone 44

May we drop in a moment to say
MERRY CHRISTMAS

And to wish you all the good things of life during the Holiday Season.



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Clarendon, Texas Phone 119



songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads

dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withal these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE
Christmas Candles

At this season of good cheer, may they signify joy and gladness to fill your heart for many days to come.

All of us in this firm extend to all of you in your home, Holiday Greetings.



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To our
FRIENDS

May the glow of Christmas blessings rest upon your homes and light your paths of health and happiness throughout the New Year

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AN OLD FASHIONED
YULE American

As we express our annual Christmas greeting, we are mindful of the countless blessings that have come our way during the year just closing, and we are truly grateful.

We have enjoyed the blessings of friendships and associations with those whom we serve. The loyalty of our friends is a blessing unsurpassed.

freedom, liberty, the right to worship as we please, the right to think and speak, to enjoy our home, the nourishment of our bodies, the blessings of health and happiness—these and countless other blessings are ours.

We are grateful and wish for you and yours the many blessings every American reserves.

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JOY at Christmas

SEASON'S BEST GREETINGS

We are happy that the Holiday season again furnishes us an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued friendships of you, and you and you. It is a blessing we value highly.

Our thoughts are with you, friends, and we hope next year will be one of full happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

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This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings. When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

Christmas Trees Of Many Kinds

FROM forests and woodlots of the United States a torrent of green rolls into the cities during pre-holiday weeks as farmers and foresters market their annual crop of Christmas trees.

The twinkling tree which adds holiday cheer to practically every home in the nation is one of America's most invariable domestic habits. As a result, it has brought the Christmas tree business into the realm of "big business." Some 14 million evergreens are required annually. Their retail value has soared into the quarter billion dollar vicinity, the 1946 returns being estimated at 28 million dollars.

Cash returns from the sale of Christmas trees represent only a



small fraction of their value to American agriculture. Thousands of farmers are using the lowly evergreen to anchor sand lands to protect the shifting soil from further erosion.

With exception of the prairie lands, virtually every state in the union produces Christmas trees, at least for local consumption.

In the West, Colorado and Montana are the heavy exporters while in the East, the New England states compete with Canadian growers for the American markets. Inland, the heart of the Christmas tree country centers on upper Michigan, northern Wisconsin and Minnesota.

In Bethlehem for Christmas Due to modern transportation one can leave America as late as the middle of December and be in Bethlehem in Palestine for Christmas, 6,000 miles away.

CHRISTMAS BELLS by HENRY W. LONGFELLOW

I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old, familiar carols play, And wild and sweet The words repeat Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,

The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along The unbroken song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing on its way, The world revolved from night to day,

A voice, a chime, A chant sublime Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

The cannon thundered, in the South, And with the sound The carols drowned Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent The hearth-stones of a continent, And made forlorn The households born Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong, And mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep! The wrong shall fall, The right prevail, With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

TEXAS FAMILY LIFE BEING STUDIED

AUSTIN—A new type of "circuit rider" visits Texas families today, from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene at the University of Texas.

These "circuit riders" are consultants for a study of family life in Texas, a joint project sponsored by Hogg Foundation and the Woman's Foundation of New York.

During the past nine months these consultants have talked with over 22,000 individuals, ranging in age from elderly people to junior high school students, Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, director, reports.

The family life study was begun in November 1946, and additional funds were recently granted by the Woman's Foundation for continuing the study through 1948.

Donley County Leader \$2.50 yr. in County.

A Christmas Time

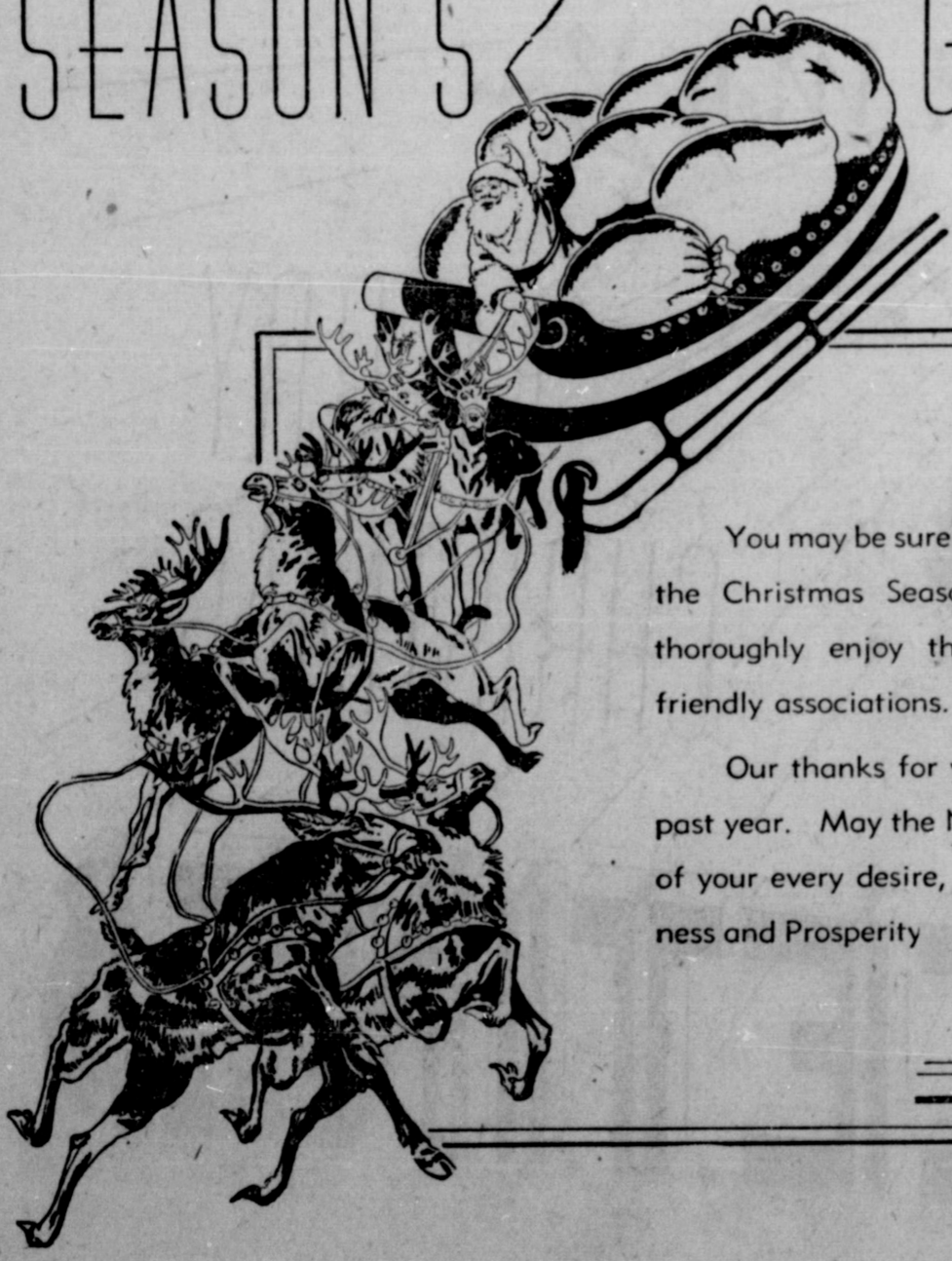
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Our thanks for your patronage during the past year. May the New Year bring fulfillment of your every desire, as well as Health, Happiness and Prosperity

IF IT'S HEAT, IT CAN ALWAYS BE DONE BETTER WITH NATURAL GAS

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O, Come All Ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant

As we raise our voices in this old familiar Christmas song, let us be reminded of the birth of Him whom we worship on this Christmas morn. May the spirit of His teachings guide us toward a world of better understanding with happiness and good fellowship for all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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PHONE 160

LOANS BY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

AUSTIN—Loans for the purchase of homes in Texas slumped 5 per cent between September and October and dropped 18 per cent below their October 1946 level, The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Savings and Loan associations reporting to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock also pointed out that loans for all purposes were falling. October loans in Texas totaled 2,008 for a 1 per cent monthly setback and a 5 per cent decline from October 1946 totals.

On New Year's Eve, be a live wire if you want—but be a LIVE one!

Colored Flames Enhance Appearance of Fireplace

To have beautifully colored flames in your Christmas fireplace, there are a number of different chemicals which may be added to shellac as a carrier. Small pieces of wood may be painted with the mixtures, or the chemicals and shellac mixed with sawdust:

- Violet flame . . . potassium chlorate
- Yellow flame . . . potassium nitrate
- Orange flame . . . calcium chloride
- Red flame . . . strontium nitrate
- Apple-green flame . . . barium nitrate
- Emerald flame . . . copper nitrate
- Green flame . . . borax
- Purple flame . . . lithium chloride

Merry Christmas

- Bohemian: Veselé Vánoce.
- Czech: Stánsi Vánoce.
- Dutch: Gelukkig Kerstmis.
- Finnish: Hauskaa Joulua.
- French: Joyeux Noël!
- German: Frohliche Weihnachten.
- Greek: Kala Christougenna.
- Italian: Buon Natale.
- Norwegian: Gaedelig Jul.
- Polish: Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia.
- Romanian: La multiani ou Sanctate.
- Russian: Dudushka Moroz.
- Spanish: Felices Pascuas.
- Swedish: God Jul.
- Chinese: Hsi lo Yeh so chiang sheng jih!

Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

traditional Irish carol

There were three wise men from afar
Directed by a glorious star,
And on they wandered night and day
Until they came where Jesus lay.
And when they came unto that place
Where our beloved Messiah was
They humbly cast them at his feet
With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

Wrapping Small Gifts
An unusual way to wrap a number of small gifts that are to be given in a good-sized Christmas box is to tuck each one in an envelope made of either plain red, holly, silver or gold paper. Wrap each gift first in plain white tissue paper, folded in envelope style, and seal the flaps of both the inner and outer envelopes with contrasting seals. Patterns for the envelopes can be cut from ordinary envelopes by tearing one apart and either enlarging on it or trimming it down.

To ALL OF YOU WE EXTEND Christmas **GREETINGS**

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DECEMBER 25

Christmas is the best time to see

The day of all days returns again! Christmas with all its joys and happiness, is the finest occasion of all on which to reaffirm our faith in the people whom it has been our privilege to serve in the past. May it be our good fortune to continue to enjoy the friendships and associations of each of you, our friends and neighbors.

Our wishes are yours—a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Homemade Cards Always Welcomed

Why not try making some of your own Christmas cards this year? Besides being lots of fun, testing your ingenuity and saving money, it will provide your friends and relatives with a really personal token of your regard.

To members of your immediate family in service, to uncles, cousins and aunts still wearing Uncle Sam's uniform, such home-concocted Christmas cards will be particularly appreciated. No special artistic talents are required for the task. Some



Old fashioned cards useful.

bit of handwork, even though it be somewhat crude, will fill the bill.

There are numerous ways to develop a novel card. Snapshots of the home are always interesting—perhaps the front door, the yard, a winter scene framing the house. Views of the interior—the fireplace, a living-room nook or some other spot dear to the family can likewise be used. Such snapshots can be mounted on a good grade of stiff paper with your personal greetings either printed by hand or written. The use of an ink of contrasting color from the paper will help illuminate the card.

Or better still, use a photograph of the new baby in the family as the subject of your card. This will be especially attractive to overseas relatives who have not yet seen the new arrival. Pictures of pets, too, are effective. The new puppy, the recently born kitten or the faithful collie will all make subjects that will kindle a lively personal interest in the heart of the recipient.

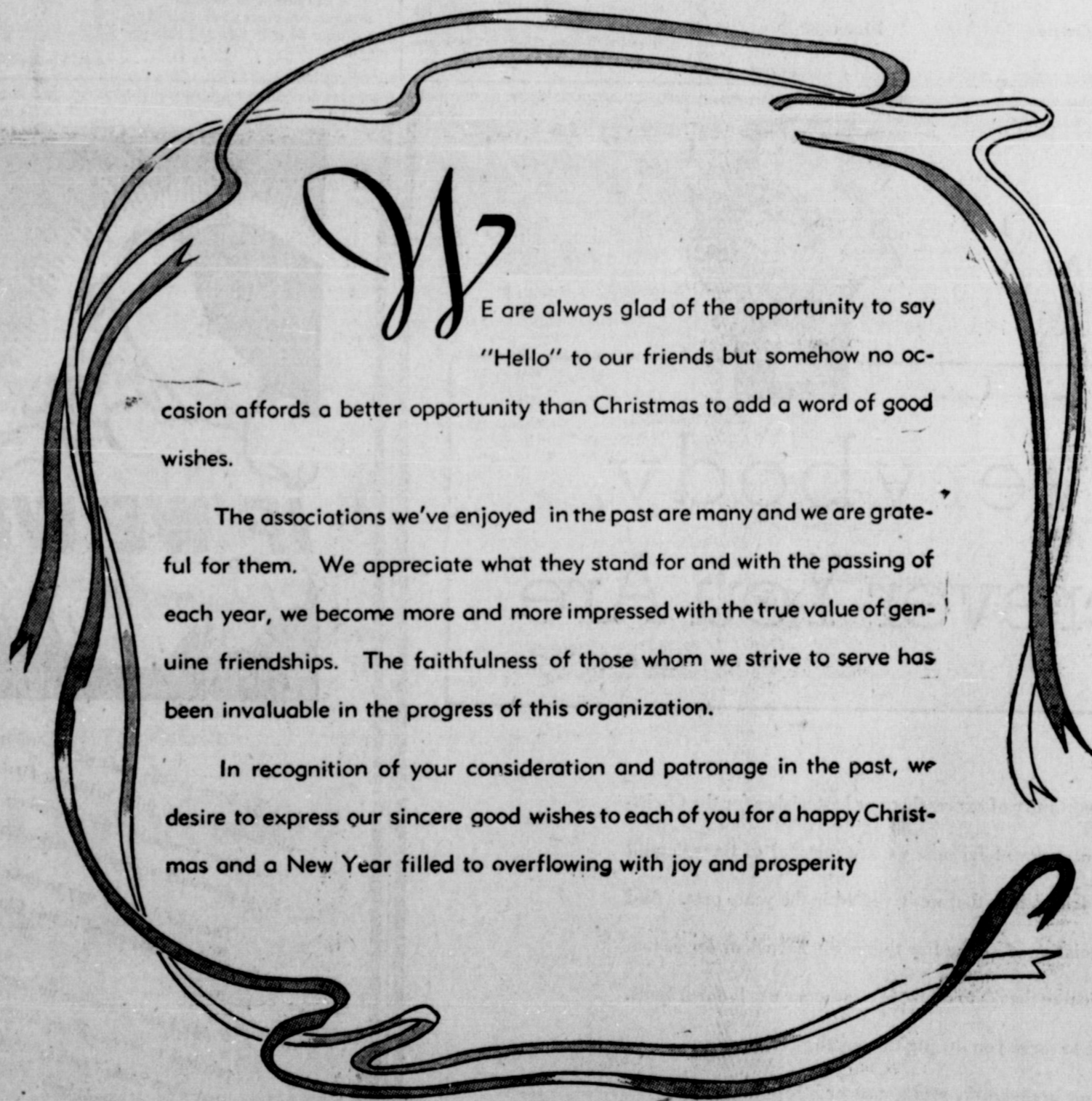
Lots of fun and variety will result if every member of the family from the youngsters to the adults tries his or her hand at designing a personal Christmas card. Collaborations, too, with several of the family contributing ideas, are worth while. If any member of the family has sketching ability, this can be turned to good account in reproducing family scenes and characters that will lend novel interest to a card. Family hobbies, occupations or recreations can thus be represented.

Shepherd Village Plays Bethlehem
 Les Baux in France, a village of shepherds, puts on one of the most dramatic Christmas celebrations in the world, and has done so yearly for over a thousand years. The peasants act out the whole Bethlehem story with real oxen. Thousands of visitors come every Christmas eve to see the event.

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.



We are always glad of the opportunity to say "Hello" to our friends but somehow no occasion affords a better opportunity than Christmas to add a word of good wishes.

The associations we've enjoyed in the past are many and we are grateful for them. We appreciate what they stand for and with the passing of each year, we become more and more impressed with the true value of genuine friendships. The faithfulness of those whom we strive to serve has been invaluable in the progress of this organization.

In recognition of your consideration and patronage in the past, we desire to express our sincere good wishes to each of you for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled to overflowing with joy and prosperity

Clarendon Furniture Company

CLARENDON, TEXAS

Six Large Livestock Buildings Being Built On Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum Grounds

FORT WORTH—Six large livestock buildings, being built at a cost of over \$1,500,000 on Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum show grounds, will be available for entries in the 1948 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show here, January 30 through February 8th.

The mammoth buildings, eliminating the need for tents, will accommodate in warm, clean, modern quarters over 6,000 cattle, sheep and swine. Enlarged and improved stables immediately adjacent to the Coliseum arena entrance will provide permanent shelter for about 600 horses.

Of steel frame and brick construction, the single span buildings include one for sheep and goats, one for swine, one for baby beef and three for cattle. Each building includes innovations and special features particularly adapted to the needs of the animal to be housed.

The buildings, 100 feet wide by 400 feet long, are spaced 70 feet apart along a 950-foot frontage just south of the Coliseum on the show grounds. Space between them will be used for livestock exercising and parking. Connecting the group will be a covered archway for visitors' convenience. Along the sides of each building will be a 12-foot canopy extending over a concrete sidewalk.

Special judging arenas, office space and dormitories with show-ers for Club exhibitors and herds-men will be included in the buildings which are being rushed to completion in time for the show's opening.

Entry deadlines are Dec. 15 for cattle, sheep and swine; Jan. 5 for American Quarter horses and cutting horses; Jan. 10 for gaited and other show horses, and Jan. 15 for Palominos.

PIONEER AIR LINES ADDS PLAINVIEW TO SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

HOUSTON—Setting January 5 as the inaugural date, Col. Robert J. Smith, president of Pioneer Air Lines, today announced the forthcoming commencement of scheduled flights into Plainview. Recent completion of airport construction in the panhandle city has made possible the new service, according to Smith.

"Plainview was one of the cities which the Civil Aeronautics Board directed Pioneer to serve in the decision handed down in the Texas-Oklahoma Case, in November 1946," Col. Smith stated. "We are pleased that we can now provide passenger, mail and cargo services to the rich trade area of which Plainview is the center," he said.

According to its president, Pioneer will initially provide three north-bound flights from Plainview daily, and three south and eastbound schedules. Passengers boarding there can reach all cities on the Pioneer system easily, and through connecting carriers, will be but a few hours from all sections of the country, it was pointed out.

The addition of Plainview brings to seventeen the number of Texas cities connected by Pioneer Air Lines.

The Texas Safety Association says when you fail to dim your lights just because the other fellow is blinding you—you're risking your life and violating the Uniform Traffic Code. Courtesy buys a lot of safety!

for a Glorious
CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL AS THE HOLLY WREATH

Each year, as Christmas rolls around, we find ourselves looking forward with keen anticipation toward the opportunity of sending Season's Greetings to our friends.

This custom has become as traditional with us as the holly wreath is with Christmas. To each of you we say, with a warm feeling of appreciation "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

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The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buena, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.

It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection Institute issues these precautionary tips:

—Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.

—Use materials marked flame-proof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.

—Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.

—Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.

—Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

A Straw for Remembrance
Reminding gay celebrants of the poverty of the Christ Child, Christmas feasts in Poland always have a piece of straw sticking out from under the dining table cloth.



Christmas Still

The silent skies are full of speech
For who hath ears to hear;
The winds are whispering each to each.

The moon is calling to the beach,
And stars their sacred wisdom teach
Of Faith, and Love, and Fear.

But once the sky its silence broke
And song o'erflowed the earth,
The midnight air with glory shook
And Angels mortal language spoke,
When God our human nature took
In Christ the Saviour's birth.

And Christmas once is Christmas still;
The gates through which He came,
And forest wild and murmuring rill,
And fruitful field and breezy hill,
And all that else the wide world fill
Are vocal with His Name.

Shall we not listen while they sing
This latest Christmas morn,
And music bear in everything,
And faithful lives in tribute bring
To the great song which greets the King
Who comes when Christ is born?
—Phillips Brooks

Serbian Christmas Falls in January
The Serbian Christmas is rich in its symbolism of Our Lord's birth in Bethlehem. It is celebrated on January 7 in accordance with Julian calendar, established in 46 B. C. and used when Christ was born.

The head of the family brings a small Christmas tree into the house and burns part of it. The sparks signify how the shepherds came into the manger to see the Christ child and warm themselves. In Europe, the Serbs place the unburned part of the tree into the barn or stable to signify fruitfulness.

In another custom, the father leads the family into the house, and they scatter straw over the floor to signify the warmth of the stable.

Christmas in Sweden
Sweden celebrates her Christmas December 24 with fish and rice porridge.

To You
and Yours

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OF MUCH
MERRINESS

A
NEW YEAR
OF GREAT
HAPPINESS

May old Santa remember
you well this Christmas—
our wish for you and yours.

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MERRY
CHRISTMAS
Everybody,
Wherever You Are



In taking this opportunity of expressing our best wishes for the Christmas Season to our hosts of friends, we are mindful of the splendid associations and friendships that we have had in the years past. And it is in full appreciation of all the fine things you have done for us that we express our sincere thanks to each of you whom we call our friends. May we continue to serve you during the months to come.

So, wherever you are—north, south, east or west, may we extend Season's Greetings to you, one and all.



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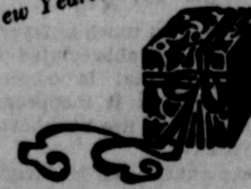
IF WE WERE SANTA

We know exactly what we would do if we had the opportunity of making old Santa's "run" this Christmas. First, we'd see to it that every one in this community received all the nice things so richly deserved as a reward for their loyal patronage and genuine friendships.

Then, we'd find a way to make it clear to all the people around here that the sentiment expressed in this Christmas message is from the bottom of our hearts.

We know there are no finer people anywhere than those whom it is our privilege to serve. Many times this has been proven to us and we are certain that when Santa's sack is emptied, a large share of its contents will have been left with the people here.

Since we can't take Santa Claus' place, please accept these good wishes in the spirit in which they are meant, with kindest thoughts of our friends:
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



E. F. SMITH GIN CO.

CLARENDON

LELIA LAKE



Greetings

To our good friends, those whom we have had the privilege of serving in the past, and those whom we'd like to serve in the future, we send this little package of Christmas cheer. It is heavily laden because it carries our most hearty appreciation of your friendships, patronage, and cooperation that you have shown this institution in the past. It also brings you our earnest hopes for a full enjoyment of the Holiday season.

Accept our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

F. J. HOMMEL
Texaco Service Station

HOLIDAY TRIP
By Ethelyn M. Parkinson



MISS SCHULTZ had the train practically to herself until the stop near the post where the soldiers and girls thronged on. They were a typical holiday crowd, going to Chicago for the Christmas weekend.

Miss Schultz moved over near her window, and hoped some soldier would sit down and talk to her. One by one they glanced at the vacant seat beside her and went on. She had given up when a young voice said, "May I sit here, please?"

The soldier was stocky, dark and nice looking. Miss Schultz smiled. "If you wouldn't rather be back with the young folks."

He grinned and sat down. "You're not so old. Besides, I'm lonely. I have no folks except Elise, the girl I'm going to marry. She's an Army nurse in France now."

"That's difficult," Miss Schultz said.

"You've seen action, I observe."

"Well, not as much as some of the fellows. At Guadalcanal I got shrapnel in my leg. After Tarawa, I had malaria. At Saipan, I got a chest wound. But I'm going to be good as new for Tokyo!"

"And you're still a private?"

"It's O. K. Can't all be generals. Only a few extra bonds wouldn't hurt. You see, I was working my way through school when this began, and Elise was still in training so we haven't anything saved."

"I might introduce myself," she said. "I'm Miss Hedwig Schultz. I was retired as a Home Economics teacher, but now I'm back."

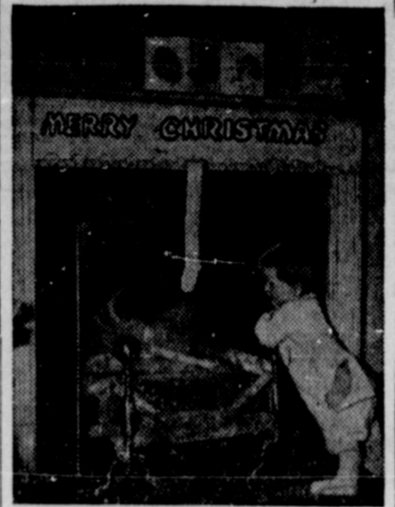
"Hedwig!" the boy laughed. "I guess 'Hedy' is short for that. Going home for Christmas?"

Miss Schultz shook her head. "I'm like you. No folks. The truth is, I'm going to Chicago on a hunch. Ever hear of the Al Joy quiz program? It's a good place for a soldier to make a little money, sometimes."

Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck."



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good.

The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

Christmas Brought Jesters

Medieval kings used to have fools and jesters to amuse them. Later, however, the wearers of the cap and bells were not the exclusive possession of kings and queens, princes, counts, barons and bishops, for the fashion of keeping buffoons passed from sovereigns to corporations and private individuals. These jesters were then brought into requisition during the Christmas season, and retained to brighten up the hall and kitchen with their witty sayings and—actual jokes.



"Well, I'll be jiggered."

I've sent them a question, and I've a hunch they're going to use it. If they do, I'd like to be there."

"But—lots of people send questions."

"Mine is good," she said. "It's a catch question."

"I'll just bet!" he laughed. "Keep my place! I'll get us some candy bars."

She heard a girl ask, "Say, soldier, what's she got that I haven't got?"

"Me!" Dan said good-naturedly.

He offered Miss Schultz the candy. She reached for one, then dropped her hand to her lap. "I almost forgot," she laughed. "No sweets in my diet. People think diabetics have always eaten too much sugar. It isn't true. Diabetes is caused by a disturbance of the islands of Langerhans. They're cell groups in the pancreas. They control sugar metabolism in the body."

"Well, I'll be jiggered!"

Before they parted Dan said, "Miss Schultz, I enjoyed the ride. Hope I'll see you again."

After dinner she hurried to the broadcasting station. The studio was decorated for Christmas. She started as she saw that Private Dan Monroe had been chosen as one of the contestants.

One by one the others were eliminated. Dan stood alone. "And now for the jackpot question," the announcer said. "Five hundred thirty-four dollars! Could you use that, soldier?"

"Could I?"

"How may I ask?"

"Well, I've got a girl . . ." Applause drowned his voice.

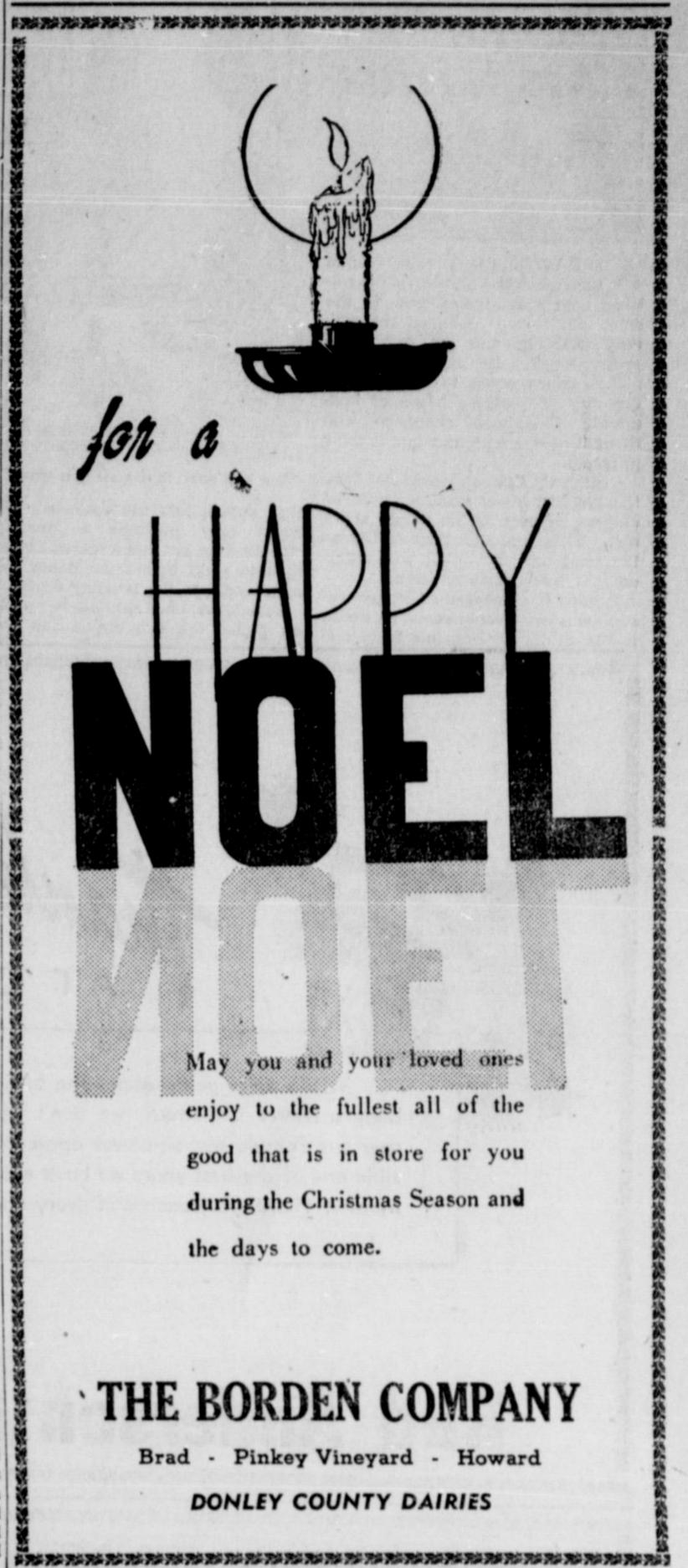
"Let me warn you," the announcer said, "this is a catchy question. But you've been around a lot. Where are the islands of Langerhans?"

Miss Schultz held her breath until Dan said clearly, "the islands of Langerhans are situated in the pancreas, sir."

Everyone whooped. Miss Schultz scarcely heard . . . a one-hundred dollar bond will be mailed to Miss Hedwig Schultz. . . .

Later, a soldier called, "Merry Christmas, Hedy," threw his arms around her and gave her a great big kiss. "Look, Hedy, I'll buy you a sundae—the biggest, ooziest, goofiest, sweetest—oh—oh! You can't eat it—or can you?"

Miss Schultz winked roguishly. "See if I can't!" she said.



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HAPPY NOEL NOEL NOEL

May you and your loved ones enjoy to the fullest all of the good that is in store for you during the Christmas Season and the days to come.

THE BORDEN COMPANY
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DONLEY COUNTY DAIRIES



TO ALL MY FRIENDS

A Merry Christmas

To you, my friends and neighbors, I extend this holiday greeting—"May your heart be filled with joy . . . may your homes be warm with light, food and friendship."

On Christmas Day, I'll be on the job, with hundreds of my fellow workers, to make sure that cheery lights burn brightly for you . . . to bring you Yuletide music . . . and by supplying dependable electric service, make every task in your home easier and quicker.

May your Christmas be a happy one! . . . that's your electric servant's wish for you.

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MERRY Christmas

With all the cordiality that is in our hearts, and with all the appreciation of the kindnesses you have bestowed upon us, we extend this Christmas message to you.

May the Holiday be one of abundant happiness.

Heath Motor Company
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Phone 143



Merry Christmas

A DRIZZLING rain seeped through Mike Duncan's threadbare coat and soaked him to the skin. Snow had preceded the rain that afternoon and the going was pretty tough. He wearily trudged along, endeavoring to keep out of the way of reckless herds of last-minute Christmas shoppers who thought of him only as a bar to their progress.

Ordinarily Duncan would not have thought of his wet skin, his tattered clothes, or even of his empty stomach. They were all part of life on the road—but this night was different. It was Christmas Eve. It must have been the holiday season—why else would someone thrust a fifty-cent piece into his hand and

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

then vanish into the shadows? He could only murmur a grateful "Thank you, sir, and a merry Christmas to you" before the donor disappeared into the swirling crowd.

Duncan reached into his left pocket, pulled out two dimes and five

pennies, laid them with the half-dollar in the palm of his other hand and stared at his entire fortune of seventy-five cents.

He smiled sardonically when it occurred to him presently that the building in front of which he stood was the United States Mint. He turned and, with a laugh that had a hysterical ring to it, jingled his handful of coins. His mirth attracted the cop who had been standing on the corner watching him. The officer said to him in a brogue so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, "Move on, blashy!" Mike wandered off down a deserted side street, clinking his money.

After about an hour of aimless roaming through endless alleys, he found himself directly opposite a brightly decorated restaurant. He crossed over and from sheer curiosity looked in the window.

There were only two patrons inside—an elderly man and woman seated at a front table who were avidly devouring with much relish a whole roast turkey with all the side dishes.

Duncan's mouth began to water—his stomach seemed hollow—he felt

his legs go weak, and his ever-present hunger was getting the best of him. Suddenly he remembered the seventy-five cents. He thought quickly. A bed for the night at a flophouse would cost fifteen cents—that would leave him sixty. He decided to go in and order a roast turkey sandwich. He gave his hat a few deft pats and opened the door.

He hung his battered hat and coat where he could grab them in case of an emergency, and made himself comfortable at a table in a corner. Duncan knew that his appearance was none too prepossessing and that a waiter would not dash up to someone from whom he could not get a tip. After a while a vinegar-faced man deigned to come to him.

"What'll you have?" he asked, stifling a yawn.

"A hot roast turkey sandwich," replied Duncan.

"On toast or rye bread?"

"Rye."

"Anything else?"

Duncan shook his head. "No, nothing else."

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

"Yes, that's all. Just a roast turkey sandwich."

The waiter returned with the order, placed it before him, shook his head wonderingly and withdrew. Duncan virtually devoured the sandwich in three bites. He delicately wiped his mouth with a napkin, then beckoned the waiter. "Check, please," he said.

"Check?"

"Yes, the check." Duncan raised his eyebrows.

"But there is no check."

"No check? What do you mean—no check?"

"There are none tonight. This is Christmas Eve. Didn't you see the sign in the window? Customers can order anything they want. It's on the house. You're the only guy who didn't order the whole darned menu. Well, merry Christmas," he added.

Duncan's jaw dropped. His gaze fell on the half-dollar, two dimes and five pennies still clutched in his hand. Slumped in his chair, his eyes followed the back of the retreating waiter.

Christmas Has Its Humor Now

One of the most charming Yuletide chucklers concerns the pig-tailed youngster who found a pin-cushion among her other gifts on Christmas morning. The little girl then placed this note near the fireplace: "Dear Santa: Thank you very much for your presents. And I always wanted a pin-cushion, although not very much."

Two State Meets Scheduled

AUSTIN—For the first time in the history of the University Interscholastic League, two state meets are scheduled for 1948.

Conferences A and B will hold a meet May 7-8, and Conference AA will have its meet May 14-15, Roy Bedichek, director, said.

Since there is no competitive contact between these conferences, scheduling on separate dates solves difficulties of lodging, and of facilities for conducting the contests, Bedichek explained.

Visual Films Popular

AUSTIN—One hundred ninety-six counties in Texas used the University of Texas Visual Instruction Bureau films in 1946-47, Donald W. McCavie, director, reports.

The films went to 1,047 schools for 35,000 bookings. An estimated audience totaled four and a half million persons.

The National Safety Council suggests you tip of Santa Claus that for your small child you do not want toys that have small parts which can be swallowed, that have sharp or rough edges, poisonous paint, that are too heavy, or that shoot missiles dangerous to eyes.

YOUR POST OFFICE FORCE

Wishes for each of you your Merriest Christmas of all time.

- J. C. Estlack, Postmaster
- Ernest L. Hunt
- Nathan L. Cox
- Elmer G. Hayes
- Johnnie L. Beard
- Elma Allene Estlack



Thank You!
AT CHRISTMAS

While we're going about the business of wishing everybody a Merry Christmas, we don't want to forget that we owe our friends our sincerest appreciation for making possible one of the best years we have ever enjoyed in this community. Thank you, each and every one.

Bud Anderson Garage

CONFIDENCE Is the Word

A KIN TO FAITH, it is essential in the ordinary scheme of life. The management and personnel of this organization realize that we exist and progress only because of the confidence of our customers and we have grown in proportion to their patronage inspired by faith in dependable service.

As we turn again to the Holiday Season, Christmas and the New Year, we pledge our efforts to a continuance of the better ways of doing business. Nearing the close of another year, we wish to express our appreciation for all the fine things our customers have done for us, and for the confidence they have bestowed on our organization.

the Season's Best to All!

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Season's Greetings

MERRY CHRISTMAS

to You and Yours

Our best wishes to each of you—for continued happiness and increased prosperity. We are happy in the thought that we have had the privilege of serving you during the year just closing. And because of these associations, we look forward eagerly to the coming year and a continuation of your consideration.

The Season's best to each of you!

BEST WISHES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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