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Money Raised To Keep Schools Going

J. R. Porter, president of the Clarendon school board, announced Saturday that over three thousand dollars had been raised through voluntary contributions in order to keep the Clarendon schools in operation throughout the remainder of the school year. A meeting of the school board was held the latter part of the week, at which time it was voted to give the teachers the \$20 per month raise, and in turn the teachers were notified and the school question was settled as far as the current year is concerned. If the money had not been raised through this manner the local schools would have had to close as 16 teachers, who really deserved the increase in salary, had turned in their resignations.



Well, the papers are going to press early, so the Editors and Printers can all get thru in time to do their Christmas shopping, and by the time you get yours done you probably won't feel like reading about us, so with only one little incident that I have left over, that seems to fit in with the spirit of the day, we will send ours in ahead of time, adding to it only our best wishes for a Merry Christmas to All. A Merry Christmas, a Good Christmas, and if the one, whose birthday we are celebrating, was with us in person we would not have to be ashamed.

LEADER THREE 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 three days early on Monday 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. The last four pages of this edition was published without the help of our regular Linotype operator, A. D. Estlack, who left Friday morning to spend the holidays in south and east Texas this being the first time in 17 years that his wife has spent Christmas with her people down there. We have enjoyed preparing this issue and hope you enjoy reading it as well. Your next Leader will be published January 2nd., 1947.

Homer A. Pool Buried Here

Graveside services were held here Sunday afternoon for Homer A. Pool with Rev. H. W. Hanks officiating. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Dumas High school with Rev. Frank Beauchamp, Dumas Methodist minister, officiating. Mr. Pool, age 46, principal of the Dumas High school, died of a heart attack Dec. 20th at his home there. Mr. Pool went to Dumas from Floydada where he had served as high school principal for two years. Prior to that he was for two years principal and football coach at Stanton.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Arlene Pool, a daughter, Gwendolyn, and a son John Anthony of Dumas. Also surviving is his father, J. P. Pool, Clarendon; two brothers, W. N. Pool, Lelia Lake, and Carl Pool, San Angelo and two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Willingham, Muleshoe, and Miss Ila Pool, Pampa. Burial was in citizens cemetery with the Murphy-Spicer-Buntin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Best Wishes, from Uncle Zeb.

Mrs. Emma Hedgecock of Ruidoso, N. M., is visiting her sister Mrs. Eva Humphrey.

Joe N. Jones and family of Chattanooga, Tenn. will be among the Christmas guests of the Mrs. N. L. Jones home here.

Post Office Has Rush Period

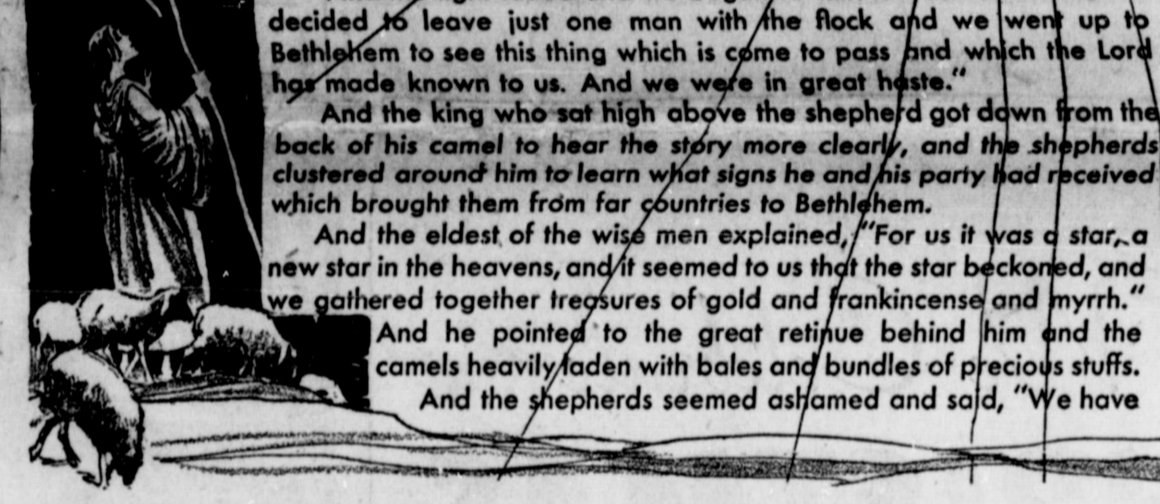
Reports from all over the nation indicate that the Christmas buying has broken all records. More packages have been shipped than ever before through a Christmas period.

A new angle developed when Christmas card writing moved in and took over with a vengeance. The local post office reports over thirty thousand cards run thru the canceling machine the past week.

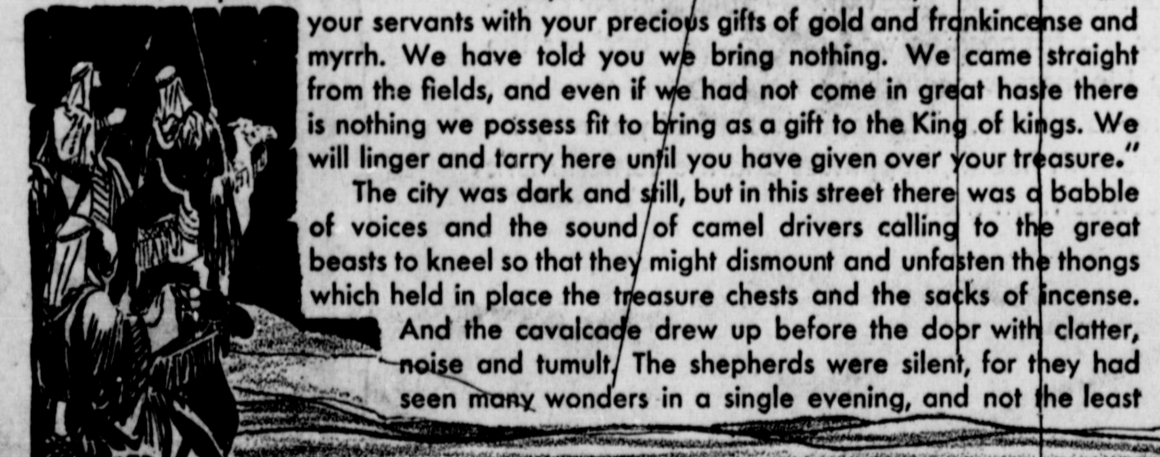
Thousands of cards came in on every train from most any section of the country. It has been a great day for the old Uncle to replenish his post office fund from stamp sales.

Shepherds and Kings

AND she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. From near at hand and from distant lands there came visitors to Bethlehem. There were kings and there were shepherds. They followed the same star. Somewhere in the streets of the little town these columns met, and there was talk between the wise men and the shepherds as to the nature of their mission. They exchanged such information as they had about the birth of the King of Kings and where He was to be found. One of the royal party leaned down from his camel to listen to a shepherd who said, "We were in the field watching our flock and suddenly an angel appeared. We were very much frightened. And the angel said to us, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And then suddenly the sky was filled with a great light and voices sang, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"



"And the light faded and we began to talk to each other and we decided to leave just one man with the flock and we went up to Bethlehem to see this thing which is come to pass and which the Lord has made known to us. And we were in great haste." And the king who sat high above the shepherd got down from the back of his camel to hear the story more clearly, and the shepherds clustered around him to learn what signs he and his party had received which brought them from far countries to Bethlehem. And the eldest of the wise men explained, "For us it was a star, a new star in the heavens, and it seemed to us that the star beckoned, and we gathered together treasures of gold and frankincense and myrrh." And he pointed to the great retinue behind him and the camels heavily laden with bales and bundles of precious stuffs. And the shepherds seemed ashamed and said, "We have brought nothing. We came straight from the field when the angel spoke to us. And we were in great haste."



And all the shepherds were abashed in the presence of the three kings and their servants and their camels bearing the burdens of rich gifts. They could see and detect the place of their destination at the end of the street. The star shone directly on the stable. And because it was only a small place and the party of the kings was large the shepherds made as if to step aside so that these great men from a distant land might go first with their precious gifts for the King of kings. But the eldest of the wise men waved to the shepherds to join his servants and not to humble themselves. "Whether it be from far or near," he said, "we are on the same mission. We should enter into the house together."

But the shepherds were still reluctant, and one of them answered, "First must come your servants with your precious gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. We have told you we bring nothing. We came straight from the fields, and even if we had not come in great haste there is nothing we possess fit to bring as a gift to the King of kings. We will linger and tarry here until you have given over your treasure." The city was dark and still, but in this street there was a babble of voices and the sound of camel drivers calling to the great beasts to kneel so that they might dismount and unfasten the things which held in place the treasure chests and the sacks of incense. And the cavalcade drew up before the door with clatter, noise and tumult. The shepherds were silent, for they had seen many wonders in a single evening, and not the least

of these were the kings of the East and their camel train. And in the street the servants opened cedar chests and revealed great bars of gold heavier than the stones which lay in the meadow where the flocks had been left to graze. And the eyes of the shepherds opened wide again as when they saw the light of angels and heard the voices from the heavens. Through the narrow door and up to the manger itself strode the kings and great bearded men bearing treasure. The timid shepherds followed and ranged themselves in the back of the room against the walls of the stable, for they were affrighted to be in the presence of princes and of the King of kings. The eldest of the wise men said, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and are come to worship Him. And we bring with us rich treasures of gold and frankincense and myrrh." And Mary, the mother, looked up at the great throng and paid no heed to the gifts of gold and incense but placed her finger upon her lips and said to the shepherds and to the kings, "The baby sleepeth." —By H. B.

Christmas Buying Is Good Indication

DONLEY COUNTY AVIATION CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Donley County Aviation Club elected officers for the coming year at their regular meeting Thursday evening, December 19. Dr. Keith Lowell was elected president and G. W. Estlack, vice-president. Mrs. Basil Hurst was reelected secretary; she agreed to hold the office for the next quarter. Directors elected were: L. L. Wallace, Willard Knox, Jack Simmons, Jack Simrad, and H. L. Lane.

The business of the club will be discussed by the officers and directors at a special monthly meeting. The by-monthly club meetings will be devoted to programs educational and entertaining, designed to create greater community interest in aviation. Club members expressed their regret that Mr. Hurst, who has been chief operator at the CAA station, and Mrs. Hurst, will soon be leaving Clarendon. The Hursts have been active and enthusiastic members of the club since its organization.

The next regular meeting will be on Thursday, January 2, at the Antro Hotel.

Mrs. W. C. McDonald and daughters, Myrne and Janice will be here the middle of the week to spend part of the holidays with the lady's mother, Mrs. J. D. Jefferies, and brother A. T. Jefferies and wife.

Congressmen Now Taking Look at New Immigrants

A House subcommittee investigating immigration has reported that 70 per cent of the persons entering the United States at this time are Jewish. The committee is headed by Representative Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls, Texas, who made the statement after a secret mission at which representatives of the State Department revealed figures to this effect.

Immigrants, known to be in excess of quotas, are landing in New York alone at the rate of 15,000 a month. They take homes and jobs needed by veterans. When Congress refused to comply with the request of President Roosevelt and admit millions of displaced persons, it is claimed, the word was quietly passed along to wink at immigration excesses—and they poured in from Cuba and Mexico. The American people should realize that every immigrant or displaced person who lands here means one less home and one less job for an American veteran.

Two million veterans and their families, unable to find quarters, are doubled up with other families or living in tents, trailers, and other inadequate accommodations. Figures were given by the Bureau of Census. A fact-finding committee appointed by the American Legion has just called for the resignation of Wilson Wyatt as housing czar, charging that he is only making the situation worse.

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.

Former Resident Dies Here

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist church here for Gene Whatley with Rev. F. E. Swanner officiating, assisted by Rev. Louie Self, Rev. Vick Allen and Rev. Hal Upchurch.

Mr. Whatley died at a local hospital here Wednesday night, Dec. 18, following a heart attack which struck him while attending a Christmas party at the Lelia Lake church house. He and his wife were back visiting their friends for a few days at Lelia Lake. Mr. Whatley moved to Levelland three years ago where he has been engaged in the farming business with his son. Previous to that time he was a resident of Lelia Lake for over 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, one son, Gerald Whatley of Levelland and one daughter Mrs. Geneva Gwinn of Bentonville, Ark.

Palbearers were D. Leathers, Kinch Leathers, D. F. Reed, Willard Knox, Quinn Aten, J. H. Howard, Billie Chrystal. Burial was in Citizen cemetery with the Womack Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Letters to Santa:

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 6 years old. I'm in the first grade. I am a good boy. Please bring me a little bowling alley, a truck, also a fire truck, a caterpillar tractor, some candy, nuts and fruit. Please don't forget my little sister, Barbara and my baby brother, David and all the boys and girls.

Love, Jerry McBrayer

Dear Santa Claus, I would like for you to bring me a doll for Xmas. I would also like for you to bring me a set of dishes. I guess that will be all I want this Xmas. I am 11 years old. I am in the 5th grade. I have 2 brothers. My big brother would like a wrist watch. My little brother will want a toy farm. I think he will enjoy it very much. Don't forget my Mother and Daddy. Please bring my Mother a purse, hat and a pair of shoes to match. I think she will enjoy them. Bring my Daddy some

houseshoes and a leather jacket. We all want some nuts and candy. We want some oranges and apples too. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls and their Mothers and Daddys. Your loving little friend, Carolyn McDonald

Dear Santa Claus, I want a wagon and a big truck, also a bulldozer. I have been a good boy. I am in the 3rd grade. My little sister wants an ironing board and some doll dresses for her doll.

From Edward Ledbetter

Dear Santa Claus, I am 9 years old. I'm in the 4th grade. I would like to have a doll that shuts her eyes and a doll buggy for Xmas, also some candy and nuts.

From, Mable Dean

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl 6 years old. I am in the first grade. I want a doll and a doll buggy. I also want a set of dishes. I have two little

sisters. Their names are Jonnie and Billie. Jonnie wants a Cupid doll. Billie wants one too. I have a big sister. Her name is Gayle. She wants a bali. She will have fun with it. Don't forget my Daddy and Mother and all the other little boys and girls. Please bring us some candy and nuts. We would like some fruit too.

Your little friend, Linda Lemons

Dear Santa, I have been a good little girl. I am 8 years old, and in the 3rd grade. I would like for you to bring me a sewing machine, fruit, nuts and candy. I have 3 brothers and don't forget them.

Your friend, Mary Ruth Myers

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 7 years old. I want you to bring me a Wetsy doll, a negro doll, a teddy bear, dishes and a scooter. I want some candy, fruit and nuts. I love you, Santa.

Your friend, Joan Lane

Dear Santa, I am a boy 6 years old. Please send me a banjo and train, also a jail house so I can lock my little brother "Windy" up and he can't bother my toys.

James Mahaffey

Dear Santa, I love you very much. I have been so good. I am in the second grade. I am seven years old. I am a little girl. Will you please give me a Magic Skin baby doll, a toy telephone, a gun and a cooking set. Please try to come before I go to sleep. Please bring me some nuts and candy.

Your friend, Patricia Knox

Dear Santa Claus, I am 8 years old. I am in the 3rd grade. For Xmas I want a sleepy eyed doll with real hair, one that can say "Ma-Ma and Papa". I also want a red purse. I want to wish everyone else a Merry Christmas and a good New Year.

Your friend, Ruby Swint

Dear Santa, I have a little brother. Please bring him a gun. I want a teddy bear to sleep with me. I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in the second grade.

Your friend, Doyce Graham

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I want a set of dishes. I want a doll with real hair. I want a red purse. I want candy and nuts.

Your friend, Charlotte Wilson

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want a gun.

Your friend, Roland Hill

Dear Santa, I am 8 years old. I am in the 3rd grade. I have been a good boy. I want a gun, a ring and a model plane.

Your friend, Claude DeBord

Dear Santa, I am a little girl 6 years old. I want a doll.

Norma Tolbert

Dear Santa, I am a little boy 6 years old. I was so good. Please kill you give me a gun, a train, a wagon, chaps, boots, and candy, nuts and some fruit for Xmas.

Love, Elbert Dan Swearingen

Dear Santa, Please bring me a big Bulldo set and a bicycle. I would like to have some candy and nuts in my sock. Thank you very much.

Keith (Buddy) Hudson

Dear Santa, I want a BB gun, a football, a doctor's set, a pistol, a Walkie Talkie and Indian drum.

Love, Lloyd Virgil Risley

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the first grade. I am 6 years old. I would like to have houseshoes, a little house, some chairs and some spoons, forks

and a cabin. Your loving friend, Mary Lee

and a nurse set. Please bring some candy too. Love, Martha Jo Risley

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll that sleeps and a drinking water doll

Prevent pasture and forest fires.

Friendly Thoughts by HARRY G. WOMACK



The spirit of Peace on Earth, Good-will to men, is upon us. This Christmas emotion stirs us strangely with joy and promise, commemorating the birth of the Worlds Greatest Lover of all mankind -- Jesus Christ.

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Merry Christmas from... JUDE - BILL and JOHNNIE CLARENDON GRAIN COMPANY YOUR CHECKERBOARD FEED and FARM SUPPLY STORE

We Celebrate CHRISTMAS As we pause in the observance of this gala occasion, we wish to send a sincere message containing our Yuletide wish to each of you. On this great day of festivity we wish you all the joys and happiness you so richly deserve as a reward for your loyalty and goodwill. We are humbly grateful for the friendships we have enjoyed and for the many kindnesses accorded us during the year just coming to a close. We hope that all of you may be favored with health, happiness and the contentment that comes from them.

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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.

GEORGE'S CLEANERS PHONE 12

Cotton Weds Plastics For New Markets

Memphis, Tenn.—Cotton is entering two great new fields of commercial exploitation which promise large markets through the aid of plastics, the National Cotton Council reports.

The more exciting of the two is that of cotton fabrics which are not spun and not woven, but in which fibers are held together by invisible plastic impregnation to form flannel-like cloth of many uses. Such materials are in production.

The other product in which cotton and plastic have been wedded to bring forth something new is plastic-treated cotton textiles of conventional weave. One type of

this material has a finish like clear lacquer, but which does not crack, peel or show effects of moisture, sunlight, heat or wrinkling. This product, in bright fabrics for slip-covers, aprons, bedspreads, mattress covers, drapes and many other uses, is also on the market.

A second type of plastic-treated cotton textile is just now being produced for consumer use. It is fabric in which the coating is almost invisible, has no shine or glare, and is almost imperceptible to the feel, but is water and stain-resistant and will not wash out in frequent laundering.

The plastic used in this type of fabric is vinyl butyral—the same invisible substance in the sandwich-type glass of which safety windshields and windows are made. Doodlers can write in ink on a tablecloth treated with the substance, and then wipe off the doodling with a dampened nap-

kin. Gravy stains come off with equal ease.

The coating placed on the top side only of the fabric. The textile may be laundered as usual, but the manufacturer says that such a table cloth may be used continuously for six to eight weeks without laundering.

The firm has had auto cushions of the material in use for three years. It is marketing gaily colored luncheon cloths, and, after war shortages are made up, expects to use the plastic-treated material for upholstery, drapes, curtains, sails, awnings, garden furniture covers, umbrellas and many other uses.

Some of these new products combining cotton and plastic are still difficult to obtain because of marketing and production difficulties arising from the very newness of the items, the Cotton Council said. Under present abnormal market conditions, sales research representatives of several firms are unable to determine just what forms of the products will enjoy permanent demand, when competitive products are readily available.

The non-shiny treatment which the Cotton Council described can be applied not only to cottons for household use, but to raincoats, luggage and rugs.

In the "unspun, unwoven" fabrics, some of which have been in limited manufacture for several years but are only recently approaching production efficiency, there is promise that anticipated future surpluses of short-staple cotton may be reduced, a factor of great importance to the Cotton Belt, the Council said. Short-staple, low grade cottons have been in troublesome surplus over

the Belt, except during the war years, and are expected to be a problem to the cotton industry again.

Fem Raps Fems About Foolish Auto Antics

Give a woman a \$1,500 mink coat and she will care for it like a baby. But give her a \$1,500 automobile and she will park it anywhere, forget about oil and lubrication and add a garage door to its fender.

Now wait a minute, Ladies. That isn't the smug male sounding off again about women drivers. It came right out of the mouth of a woman who is one of the nation's No. 1 authorities on men and women drivers.

She is Mrs. Mildred Y. McKay, director of safety and education for the Cleveland Automobile Club, who recently told the National Safety Council that ignorance, inefficiency and indifference are the three hurdles for women drivers.

"These, of course, are not exclusively feminine hurdles," Mrs. McKay hastened to add, "but women can be the leaders in eliminating them."

"The average woman hasn't the faintest idea of what is on the other end of the control on a car. She pushes and pulls things because she has been told to do so. Her use of the choke is a good example: if a little pull is good, a big one is better; if it is well to leave it out for a little while, a longer while is better. When the carburetor is flooded, she is surprised.

"If a woman has the intelligence to drive a car, she should

have the intelligence to make it her business to learn something about what makes that car stop or go."

Mrs. McKay even invaded the sacred realm of women's hats, declaring certain fashions as traffic menaces. "A large picture hat is lovely for a garden party," she said, "and those pert little jobs that come down over the eyes look wonderful as long as a woman has an escort's arm to guide her. But they have no place on a driver. We scream for the manufacturers to give us better vision in our cars, then obstruct most of the vision the engineer does give us with our hats."

Window shopping is another female characteristic which Mrs. McKay blamed for traffic trouble. The "personality gal" who depends on feminine wiles to talk her way out of a traffic ticket is substituting sex for sense.

"One of the biggest complaints against women is 'they can't make up their minds' and 'they are all over the road.' Of course, I don't believe this is a purely feminine fault, but it is true that many women are indecisive. In driving, split second decisions must be made and carried out."

In defense of women drivers, Mrs. McKay believes they have to be twice as good as a man before men will admit they do well enough to get by. To back up her statement, Mrs. McKay said women drivers are considered good risks by insurance companies.

MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER SALES

Sales of Texas motor vehicle dealers hit an all-time high in October when they rose 9 per

cent over September to reach a level 95 per cent above their pre-war average according to tabulations made currently by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. Previous high month was May 1941 when sales

were 92 per cent above the average month of the 1935-39 period. The high dollar volume of sales is an indication that the automobile industry is not only back into production but into the distribution of its products.

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CHRISTMAS
WISHES

It occurs to us that the ideal and spirit of Christmas should be of three hundred and sixty-five days duration. So, right now, please accept our sincerest Best Wishes for every day of the New Year.

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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.

MOONEY FARM SUPPLY
THE MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL

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!



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MARTIN QUILTING CLUB

The Martin Quilting club met with Mrs. Bessie Helton Thursday, December 19th for their annual Christmas party.

Mrs. Guy Sibley, secretary, gave the full outline of the years activities and the following officers were elected for the coming year. Mrs. Guy Sibley, President, Mrs. Herman Patterson Vice-president, and Mrs. Wayne Morrow Secretary-Treasurer. Names were drawn for Polly Annas and numbers were drawn for the quiltings. After the business meeting was adjourned Mrs. Helton passed the gifts from the big beautiful Christmas tree and our Polly Annas were revealed.

Refreshments of fruit, candy, and nuts were enjoyed by the following members: Lela Bulman, Myrtle Wood, Willie Roberts, Ruby Jordan, Lezzie Morrow, Ola Williams, Vivian Morrow, Yvone Barker, Bertha Mae Patterson, Blanch Higgins, Velma Hearn, Willie Marshall, Tina Eddings, Lois Sibley, Margaret Waldrop, Grace Crofford, Ella Mae Hodnett, Ross Darby, Fern Smith and the hostess Bessie Helton.

The next meeting will be with Blanche Higgins January 9. Let's everyone try to be there.

F. H. A. PROGRESSIVE DINNER

By Ladelle Cox-(Reporter)

On Tuesday evening, December 17, about twenty-five F. H. A. girls attended a progressive Christmas dinner.

At 6:30 the group met in the home of Sybil Head for the tomato cocktail course. From there they journeyed to the Homemaking Department of the high school for the main course which consisted of Creamed chicken served in timbales, creamed potatoes in the jacket, corn and hot rolls. After the main course came the salad at Delene Blair's home. From the salad course the girls went to the home of Ira Jean Estlack where they were served fruit cake topped with whipped cream. Here the girls exchanged their gifts. After opening and admiring them, the group adjourned.

F. H. A. LUNCHEON

By Ladelle Cox-(Reporter)

The F. H. A. girls met in their regular business meeting on Wednesday.

Dr. Keith S. Lowell

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nesday, December 11. The hostesses, Mary Neal Davis, Betty Jean Decker, Dorothy Nell Tankersley, Mary Louise Harrison, and Yvonne Putman, furnished hamburgers and potato chips. After eating, a short business session was held. A Christmas program was enjoyed by the girls at this meeting, also. Ladelle Cox gave a reading entitled "Dot's Christmas or the Sober Hat." Jaunita Carpenter read a story, "P. G. Christmas," Patsy Pittman read the well-loved Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke and Arvazene Smith sang "Silent Night." The program ended with a prayer by Mae Morris.

DRS. LOWELL'S ENTERTAIN EMPLOYEES & FRIENDS

Dr. Keith Lowell and Dr. Laura Lowell entertained their hospital and office employees and a number of friends with a Christmas dinner party at the Donley Hotel last Friday evening.

Those present were the host and hostess and two sons David and Jack Lowell, Mrs. Myra Lowell, Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Achore and Judy, Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Cox and son Donnie, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Stewart and Larry, Dr. Jack Cox and Joan and Jack, Miss Ruth Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Olliver Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Larimer, Mrs. Roy Beverly, Mr. R. A. Beverly, Mrs. Evalde Reed, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hill and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tankersley, Mr. Max Rampsy, Mrs. Lee Wiginton, Miss Doris McKee, Mrs. Laurilla Henson, Mr. Jimmy McKee, Mrs. Tommy McNeal, Mrs. C. H. Thompson and La Wanda and Miss Janice Christal.

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Christmas, Midnight Service, 11:30 p. m.

December 24th — Carols, and Short Address, with Holy Communion.

December 29th, Sunday after Christmas, Holy Communion and Sermon. The preacher will be the Rt. Rev. George H. Quarterman, Bishop of the District of North Texas.

Let this be our challenge through the years to come: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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ASHTOLA

Mrs. Keith Swinburne

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Peck of Utah visited a few days in the Wint home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Barney Lee Briggs accompanied them to Paris for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Henry Crumless of Anthony, N. M. is visiting in the W. A. Guy home.

Mrs. C. R. Briggs shopped in Amarillo Tuesday.

Lu McClellan made a business trip to several points in N. M. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brandon shopped in Amarillo Saturday.

Mrs. Doyce Graham, Mrs. Van Knox, Mrs. Edd Mahaffey and Mrs. Clyde Hudson were hostesses to a cheerful club Christmas party in the club room Thursday.

The room was festive with season's decorations, centered by a beautifully trimmed tree.

A short program consisted of singing of several Christmas songs by Shirley Wilson, Jaquetta Briggs, Patsy Wallace and Eva Lane, and readings by Don Ray, Patricia Knox and Doyce Gra-

ham, Jr. Delicious refreshments were served to 30 members and guests.

The White's shopped in Amarillo Tuesday.

Mrs. Roy Brinson is ill in the Clinical Hospital at Groom since Tuesday night.

The Lanes made a business trip to Amarillo Thursday.

Everyone enjoyed the community Christmas tree Friday night.

The school children rendered an interesting program, and Santa had gifts for all.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for their many kindnesses and sympathy during the illness and death of our dear mother. May God's richest blessings be with each of you always.

Mrs. J. C. Gerner, Lelia Lake
Mrs. E. H. Gerner, Lelia Lake
Mrs. J. F. Fowler, Amarillo

Cleta Fern Phillips of Pampa will spend Christmas week with the J. E. Hunts.

Miss Wilma Dee Smith arrived last Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith. Wilma has been employed at Colorado Springs.

County's Farm Income Shows Large Increase

More than doubling their annual gross income in comparison with 1940, as reported by the U. S. Bureau of Census, Donley County farm families last year produced crops and livestock with the record value of more than \$4,249,000.

This huge increase in farm revenue has already created heavy demand for general farm improvements and for home remodeling, according to a study released by the Tile Council of America. With every industry anticipating greater business in the state than before the war, floor and wall tile manufacturers alone expect their sales here to triple in the next few years.

"Increased sales of industrial products mean in turn a new level of prosperity for every local businessman and worker," said D. P. Forst, chairman of the Council's Residential Construction Committee.

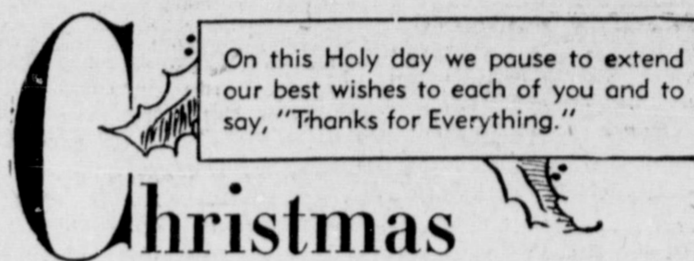
The study shows that many farm improvements were made

even during the war. Since 1940, for example, the number of farm homes reporting electric lights here has increased from 205 to 335. Heavy demand for such modernizing as installation of running water, tiling of bathrooms and improving kitchen layouts has already resulted, according to Forst.

Forst also pointed out that farmers in the county today have

120 more tractors than in 1940, according to the Bureau of Census, and that the number of trucks on farms has likewise increased substantially. "These facts not only indicate the importance of the farm market but also make it one which no businessman or manufacturer can afford to overlook," he said.

"BOOK OF HAPPINESS"



On this Holy day we pause to extend our best wishes to each of you and to say, "Thanks for Everything."

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GREETINGS

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Every family in your community benefits when a new business opens there. Every new industry means more jobs for local workers, more tax revenues for the town and state, more money in circulation for everybody to share.

To encourage the movement of industry to this area, United Gas Pipe Line Company launched an extensive national advertising campaign more than seven years ago to proclaim the advantages of the "Gulf South" for industry... selling its raw materials, its friendly labor, its markets, its transport, its fuel.

This month United Gas ran its 100th advertisement directed to the big men of industry, in such publications as TIME,

BUSINESS WEEK, MANUFACTURERS RECORD and WALL STREET JOURNAL. Our purpose? To build prosperity for all the people of the five-state area we serve... for anything that benefits our customers benefits us; anything that benefits us benefits our customers.



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Gulf South

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MERRY

Christmas

It is with grateful appreciation of your courtesies during the past year that we take this means of expressing the compliments of the season. Mistakes and problems of the last twelve months are of minor importance at this glad season and we look forward to the future with every confidence and anticipation. A very Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

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FOR SALE — 6 ft. Electric Refrigerator, priced right. Sam Darden, phone 383-M. (41tc)

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NEW or USED for John Deere, Case, Oliver, Allis-Chalmers, I-H-C, Moline and others.
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(7tc)

FOR SALE — 6-room modern stucco home with 3 lots, located between schools, two blocks Northwest of Junior High Bldg. Phone 131-W or see Jake LaGrone. (42tc)

SORE THROAT—TONSILITIS! YOU WANT QUICK RELIEF!

For prompt relief from pain and discomfort try **DURHAM'S ANESTHESIA-MOP**. It is a Doctor's Prescription combining a local anesthetic and a powerful germicidal dye in a pleasant-tasting solution. Powerful and effective, does not burn tender throat membranes and is safe for children. You must agree it is the best throat mop ever used or purchase price will be refunded. Generous bottle, with mop-sticks, only 50c at your druggist or at

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CITY CAFE now under new management. Come in any time - you're welcome. Waffles served at all hours. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foster. (45-p)

FOR SALE — 24" boys Bicycle, good condition. Phone 379-M. (41tc)

PIANO LESSONS
Mrs. Page Harmon
5 blocks South of Junior College at old Condon place. Phone 480-R. (41tc)

FOR SALE—Nice fat hens \$1.25 each. Mrs. Tom Crabtree. (44tc)

FOR SALE—House to be moved. See Albert Nethery, mechanic at Holland Bros. Garage. Home phone 247-M. (46-p)

FOR SALE — 1946 Ford Fordor. G. W. Estlack. (43tc)

NURSERY STOCK—I will have freshly dug, direct from the growers, shrubs, rose bushes and B. B. Pyracantha, all sizes, American Holly and Evergreens. Let me know your needs after Dec. 28th. Mrs. Lon Rundell. (45-c)

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Cocker Spaniels, 6 weeks old. Will make lovely Xmas presents. Phone 152-M. (42tc)

FOR SALE — Maize and Cane bundles, 6c each. 8 miles north-east of Clarendon. D. E. Stevenson. (44tc)

FOR SALE—4 room box house, 1½ miles north of Ashtola. Phone Ben Lovell's. Ida M. Wallace. (45-p)

FOR SALE—One saddle (roping style) with blanket and bridle. Leroy Vaughn at E-Z Laundry. (41tc)

FOR SALE—Philco Radio, cabinet model, battery set; also gas cook stove. J. L. Butler, phone 914712, Lelia Lake. (42tc)

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WANTED—To buy or rent about 25 acres cotton land unimproved in or near Lelia Lake. M. Brock, Box 81, Lelia Lake, Texas. (46-p)

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LOST & FOUND
Lost—Near Jr. High school Monday 16th, a dark brown, double breasted girls coat. Finder please call Mrs. Will Chamberlain or bring to the Leader office for reward. (45-c)

MISCELLANEOUS

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Mrs. Tomie McNeal left Sunday for a weeks visit with her two brothers and daughter Mrs. Johnnie Bivers at Abeline, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lamb and family left Thursday to visit their sons, Morris and Mud, at Detroit.

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THANK YOU!

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends in this community for all favors received during the past year and for your understanding of our efforts to serve you. We hope during the coming year to better our service and extend to all friends the Season's greetings and very best wishes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tillie's Beauty Shop

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Merry Christmas

The Christmas holidays are a friendly season, a time when each of the members of this organization wants to tell you how much we appreciate your patronage. During the coming year, and those to follow, it will be our policy to maintain the highest standard of service possible, and we trust that you will grant us the privilege of serving you in this capacity.

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Reddy is the perfect servant, bringing you greater comfort and freedom from work and worry.

He brings better, more healthful living at the snap of a switch. Yes, with Reddy on the job, better living is at your fingertips.

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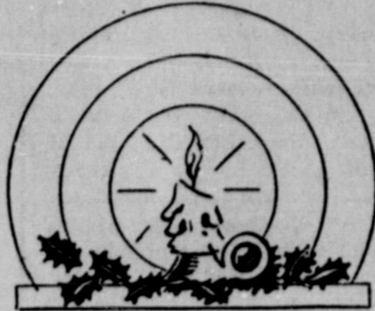


*Compliments
of the Yule
Season*

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**St. Lucy Honored
Throughout Sweden**



St. Lucy's Day, on December 3, inaugurates the Christmas season in Sweden.

On that day the prettiest girl in the household is chosen to impersonate Lucy; very early Christmas morning she will go through the house awakening the household and giving each person a cup of coffee or some sort of sweetened beverage. Her costume is traditionally a white dress with a red sash, and she wears a wire crown entwined with bilberry twigs—similar to the American cranberry—studded with nine candles.

Liturgically, St. Lucy was martyred about 300 A. D. The story goes that Lucy gave her dowry to the Christians—whose courage she admired—instead of turning it over to her fiancé. The enraged young man informed against her and she was condemned to be burned at the stake; unharmed by the flames, she did not die until thrust through with a sword.

Lucy is commemorated somewhat diversely in Switzerland where she is the legendary wife of Father Christmas. Wearing a round cap over her long braids, a laced bodice and a silk apron, she marches around the village with Father Christmas and distributes gifts to the girls while he looks after the boys.

Answers

1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1930.
9. Christmas cactus.
10. "Silent Night."
11. Mass of Christ.
12. The remains were stolen in 1087 by merchants and re-interred at Bari.

**Family Christmas
Held in Germany**

Christmas is a family affair in Germany and preparations begin well in advance of the holiday.

The Advent Wreath is hung on the first Sunday in Advent. This large wreath has one red candle to begin with; an additional candle is added each Sunday until Christmas and paper stars are added daily. The stars are inscribed with Bible passages which are memorized by the children of the household.



Everyone occupies precious moments making gifts for loved ones: perhaps a soap rose, a paperweight, boys for the younger children, an embroidered handkerchief or table cover; there are dozens of cookies and special cakes to be baked and everything must be finished the day before Christmas—stores and restaurants are closed, too—so that servants and tradespeople may spend Christmas Eve with their families.

After church services on Christmas Eve, one of the family goes into the parlor—where the Christmas tree has been set up and decorated with ornaments treasured from year to year. At the first notes of "O Tannebaum," the whole family rushes in and gathers around the tree; several familiar carols are sung, and then the presents are distributed.

Sometimes Christmann—Father Christmas—joins the festivities and asks each child to say a verse; correct recitations are awarded by Christmann from pockets bulging with goodies and trinkets.

There is no more good virgin soil. Build the soil.

**Potash Is Remedy
For Rusty Cotton**

Indiana Experiment Station—Deficiency of potassium causes cotton rust, according to N. J. Volk, head of the Agronomy department here.

Treatment of a field where cotton rust is prevalent can be done with sodium nitrate, if the rust is not severe, since sodium seems to take the place of potassium under such conditions, but widespread correction of rust in cotton must be made with potash treatments, Mr. Volk said.

Experiments showed that application of phosphate fertilizers increased the incidence of rust, but compensated for rust damage

to the yield by hastening seed cotton maturity, thereby lowering the damage by boll weevils.

**No Business Failures
During October**

No business failures were reported in Texas during October according to the November issue of the Texas Business Review published by The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. In the first 10 months of this year 6 failures were recorded as compared with 5 in the comparable period of 1945.

The East Texas timber belt is capable of yielding 87,000,000 cords of wood suitable for pulp but compensated for rust damage

Can't think of a better way

To Express Our
Season's Greetings Than
to Say

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

This conveys exactly the thoughts we have for you at this glad season of the year. Best of luck to you, and you!

**GEO. A. RYAN
& ASSOCIATES**

CHRISTMAS



*In the Twilight
of Another Year*

A-rising 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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SEASON'S GREETINGS

**AND MANY
OF 'EM!**

We've been searching for a little different way of expressing our Season's Greeting to our friends, for words that would convey the true feeling we have in our hearts.

There are lots of fancy phrases and we tried some of them out. But somehow they just didn't get the job done. Every time we came back to the tried and proven formula—"Merry Christmas."

It's a time-worn phrase, and many times expressed without feeling. But to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

So, we'll look no more for fancy phrases—Merry Christmas.

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Cordial Greetings



IN A COUNTRY
IN A WORLD



Where the gleaming torch of Liberty and Freedom still burns brightly . . . we pause to reflect with sincere joy upon new friendships formed and old ones grown richer . . . and as we enter a New Year we express our gratitude to you for having made our experiences throughout the past year pleasant and profitable.

MAY YOURS BE A MOST MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR PROSPEROUS

SANFORD GROCERY AND MARKET

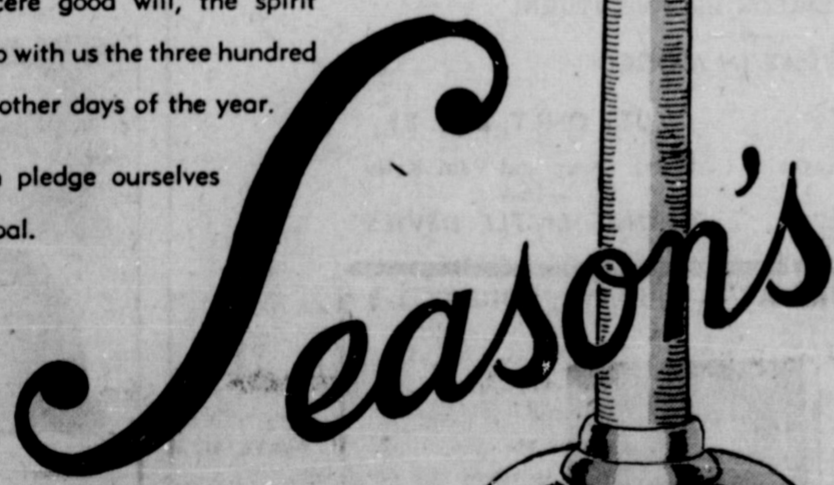
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We Deliver

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.



Season's GREETINGS

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Facts and Fancies Of New Year's Day

New Year's with its open houses, parties, exchanging of New Year's cards, horn tooting, Auld Lang Syne and New Year's resolutions, is one of the oldest of celebrations. As a holiday it has been observed since ancient times, and has been marked throughout history by the giving of gifts and the exchange of greetings.

The early Persians said "Happy New Year!" with colored eggs. They regarded New Year's in much the same way we, today, regard Easter — as a time of renewal of all things. And on New Year's Day, pagan Britons received branches of sacred mistletoe from their Druid priests.

According to some authorities the custom of gift-giving at New Year's originated in 747 B. C. when the Romans presented Tatius, king of the Sabines, with boughs from trees consecrated to Strenia, the goddess of strength. Consequently, New Year's gifts became known as "strenae" and were exchanged among friends and neighbors and exacted by emperors from their subjects.

The Emperor Claudius showed unprecedented concern for the "populace" pocketbook by serving notice to the Roman citizenry that the cost of all "strenae" given to him should not exceed a specified amount.



While the observation of New Year's dates from early Persian time, the modern version with its noise and celebration is a vastly different affair than the B. C. period.

Henry III of England, however, wasn't so considerate. He followed the Roman tradition of exacting New Year's gifts from his subjects, and this custom was carried on by succeeding monarchs up until the time of Charles I.

It was this practice which caused one of Henry VIII's most embarrassing moments. One "Honest Old Latimer," instead of presenting his sovereign lord with the usual purse of gold, gave him the New Testament with a leaf conspicuously folded down at Hebrews XIII, 4, which passage bore certain appropriateness to the monarch's domestic failings.

Most noted for fabulous New Year's "hauls" was Good Queen Bess. Her presents ranged from jewel-embroidered petticoats to fatted geese for the royal larder.

However, when Oliver Cromwell and the Puritans took over the English government, they put an end to this extravagant practice, only to have it revived later by the royal Stuarts.

In Merrie Olde England, the common New Year's article of exchange amongst the ordinary citizenry was a pair of gloves. Occasionally the gloves were accompanied by sums of money which came to be known as "glove money."

A story is told of Sir Thomas More, lord-chancellor, who decided a case in favor of a certain young lady. On the following New Year's Day, she sent him a pair of gloves with 40 gold coins enclosed. Sir Thomas returned the coins with the following note: "Mistress, since it were against good manners to refuse your New Year's gift, I am content to take your gloves, but as for the 'lining' I utterly refuse to take it."

Pins, too, were a common New Year's gift at this time and the money accompanying them was referred to as "pin-money" — hence our modern term.

Today, in England and America, the practice of exchanging New Year's gifts is practically obsolete. But the spirit of hope and good will and resolution that characterizes the coming of the New Year is kept alive by the friendly and growing custom of exchanging New Year's cards with their colorful holiday symbols and hearty messages of cheer.

Name of Jesus Found Carved in Palestine

Urns recently discovered in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road, believed to be the oldest archeological record of Christianity, dating back to 70 A. D., contained the name of Jesus carved on them.

It is believed that the carving was made by an eyewitness to the crucifixion. They were found on 11 early Christian burial urns.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate, and mourned the crucifixion of their leader was believed to have left the writing on the ossuaries in the cave.

STATE HEALTH OFFICER URGES RAT-PROOFING OF NEW HOMES

AUSTIN—In a preventive program directed against typhus fever in Texas, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, has prepared for distribution through the State and Local Health Departments, a pamphlet explaining the importance of incorporation rat-proofing in the construction of new buildings.

"I am anxious to have this pamphlet in the hands of every builder and prospective builder in Texas," Dr. Cox said. "Detailed drawings show how simply and cheaply fundamental rat-proofing can be incorporated in designing a building."

The booklet further explains how much less expensive it is to include rat-proofing in the construction, than it is to make a building rat-proof after it is already built.

"When we build new homes in Texas, they should be for our families only. Rats should be excluded," Dr. Cox declared. "When a new home is not rat-proofed, the rats usually move in about the same time your family does. As long as this continues, typhus fever menaces your family and

community."

The booklet may be procured from your local health department, or by writing the State Health Department, Austin, Texas, and every prospective home

builder in Texas is urged to procure a copy before completing the plans for a home.

Our feathered friends are friends of our land.

A Short GREETING but a Merry One!



May the coming year see the fulfillment of your every wish. And for your continued good will a genuine THANK YOU!

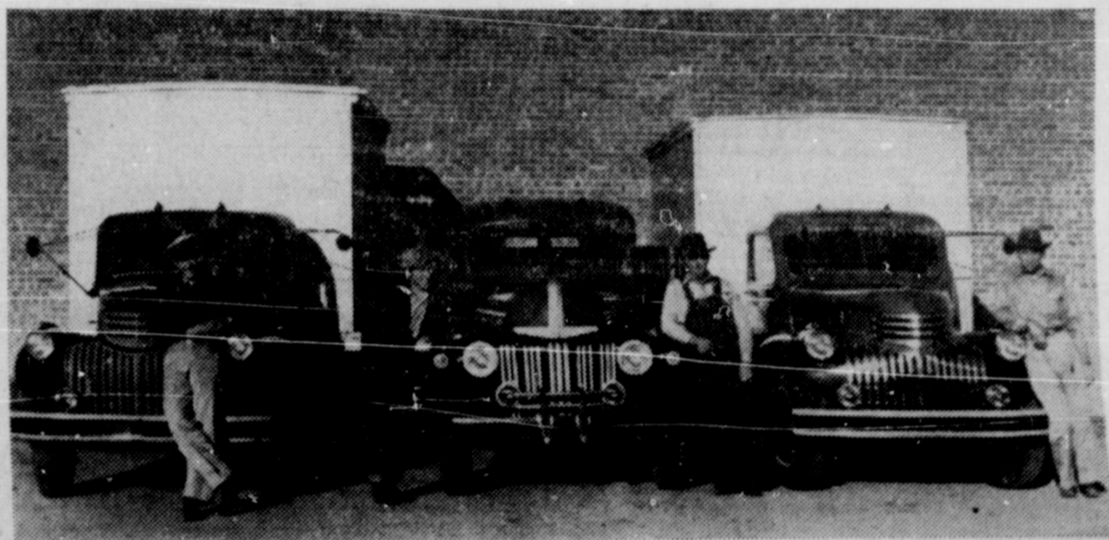
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Howard Ferguson, Route Manager

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THE TEMPLE OF TRUTH

By the Apostle
Who Whipped Whom?

It now develops that American taxpayers are footing the bill for several thousand trucks that already have, and others that will later be given the Japs to show them how liberal the American taxpayers really are. And now comes a bill for several million dollars from the Philippines for damage done their country while our boys were digging the Japs out of their way. At the same time, most any one knows that the Japs had destroyed everything worth while in the Philippine islands before they surrendered. Service men who have seen the lay of the land over there regard it all as a big joke on the American public, except for the fact that they, the ex-service men and women, will have to pay tax to raise the money to pay for all of this silly mess.

Positive.
I didn't raise my daughter to be fiddled with, said the old ma-

ma cat as she led her daughter out of the fiddle string factory.

Oh, My Golly!
Natives traveling 66 these days pick out a cemetery lot before they start to Amarillo.

Shocks Old Timers.
The Chisholm Trail is being filmed for the screen in southern Arizona. Local ranchers charge a dollar a head for cattle per stampede used in the process. The ranch people like the idea since they are making good money on the crop of stampedes. Soon this picture will be shown over the nation to tell the folks what Chisholm Trail wasn't like.

Promoted.
Teachers often promote themselves, as did Mr. E. A. Kimmins, for two and a half years a most successful school principal of McLean. He evidently learned that a dish washer in a cafe made double the amount paid a teacher. Then he thought if the dish washer could do that well, there must be money in the cafe business. Mr. Kimmins is now proprietor of a brand new cafe in Pampa and doing right well, thank you.

Changing World.
It takes a master to compose music, and a radio "orchestra" to decompose it.

Vexed.
The Old Apostle bought one of these new-fangled pens that write "forever without refilling". The blamed thing has fizzled out. Maybe it is time to get under the water and do some writing. Durn this winter weather, anyhow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Naylor from Thrift and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Naylor of Wichita Falls will spend the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Naylor and other relatives.

Mrs. N. L. Jones will enjoy all her children and grandchildren for Christmas holiday guests at her home. Those to be present are Mr. and Mrs. John Humphrey and children of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Jones of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Hester and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. McKee and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jones of Clarendon.

Miss Laverne Lamb of Dallas visited her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hunt Thursday.

Holiday Season - - Most Hazardous Period of Year

CHICAGO—"The Best Present of All—Your Presence!" With that slogan as a keynote, the National Safety Council announced today a nationwide campaign to check the huge annual Christmas holiday toll.

Statistics prove the Christmas-New Year's holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year. More than three times as many deaths occur during the actual Christmas holidays than on the same days of the week the remainder of the year, according to the Council.

The normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads, and longer period of darkness, are increased by heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season.

The Council's campaign has been joined by more than 130 national organizations, city and state public officials and civic leaders. It seeks 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 bring the 1946 traffic death toll down nearer to the 1945 total of 28,600. Such deaths, which increased alarmingly after V-J Day brought an end to driving restrictions, were running 30 per cent over last year at the end of the first nine months of 1946.

"Every thing person realizes the importance of preventing accidents at this or any other time of the year," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council. "The deaths, injuries and financial loss due to preventable accidents are intolerable at any time, but it seems to us that during the Christmas season everyone should be especially aware of what an accident in the family can mean.

"The Christmas season is the family season, the time of reunion, of joy in one's children, of drawing even closer the most fundamental ties in our nation. It

is truly a time of happiness. "Yet the lighted windows of many homes this Christmas will be dimmed by the shadow of an accident, and many a festive family gathering will become an occasion of sadness. It can and it will happen all too often. But it need not happen! A little forethought, a little extra care, will give your family the best present of all—your presence."

Attention Veterans

If you have let your National Service Life Insurance lapse, it can be reinstated. If it is term insurance, you won't even have to pay all the premiums you missed—you pay only two monthly premiums. It matters not how long your term insurance has been lapsed, you may reinstate it by payment of only two monthly premiums. One of the two premiums pays for the 31 days grace period when your policy lapsed, and the other pays for the current month. You are not required to reinstate the full \$10,000. You may reinstate or continue not less than \$1,000, or any multiple of \$500.

Veterans whose National Service Life Insurance has lapsed should reinstate their insurance before February 1, 1947. Reinstatement may be accomplished before February 1, 1947 without a physical examination.

There are now six converted plans or permanent plans of National Service Life Insurance, namely: Ordinary Life, 20 Payment Life, 30 Payment Life, 20 Year Endowment, Endowment at Age 60, and Endowment at Age 65. There are four options for payment at maturity by death as follows:

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and the man who doesn't hang on to it is shorting himself. Veterans should go to the nearest Veterans Administration Contact Office for information and assistance with their insurance problems.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Nelson Jr., who have returned from Anchorage, Alaska are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Nelson Sr. at Ashstola. T. A. has received his discharge after serving six years with the armed forces. After the holidays they will go to Lamesa where they will visit Mrs. Nelson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons Powell and Mrs. J. W. Davidson left Monday for Dallas where they will spend the Christmas holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Naylor from Howard Payne College at Brownwood came Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Naylor.

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Faith and Peace Are Eternal...

TWENTY centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census. The bigwigs who crowded the inn were committed to oblivion by their contemporaries and, except for the census and resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books. It is generally immaterial that, as puppet king of Judea, Herod fortified the kingdom and kept it out of the clutches of Cleopatra, rebuilt the city of Samaria, and endowed several pagan temples long since crumbled into dust. Few people know, and fewer care, that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This sort of a Romanized Jew, is remembered chief-



ly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the Holy Innocents—and even this deed of incredible cruelty might have been forgotten if the Innocents were not associated with the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed a new philosophy of love and peace to all mankind. Some men question what has been accomplished during the 20 centuries since Bethlehem. True enough, some of the records have been written with indelible ink of hatred and prejudice and splattered with much blood; but cynics had best not rest their argument too confidently upon the gory records written or provoked by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his commands. On the other hand, the glad tidings announced to a few shepherds at Bethlehem have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly decree or proclamation has ever called forth. Faith and Peace are eternal quests—and twenty centuries are mere fleeting moments of Eternity.

Candles Originally Were Symbols of Light and Joy



Since the beginning of time man has sought to prolong the day and dispel the terrors of darkness with watch-fires, torches, beacons, etc. According to St. Jerome, candles are used by the Church not so much as a means of dispelling or conquering darkness, but rather as an expression of Christian joy.



Just a little girl offering her grandmother a Christmas present while her parents look on proudly. She has discovered early in life the joy of giving, of selflessness. She knows that her little gesture does so many things -- it expresses love and appreciation, keeps a warm bond between family and friends alive through the years.

The Joy of Giving is a fine American tradition that will go on as long as love and loyalty exist --- and that's forever.

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS
 MAY THE NEW YEAR 1947 BE HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS FOR YOU

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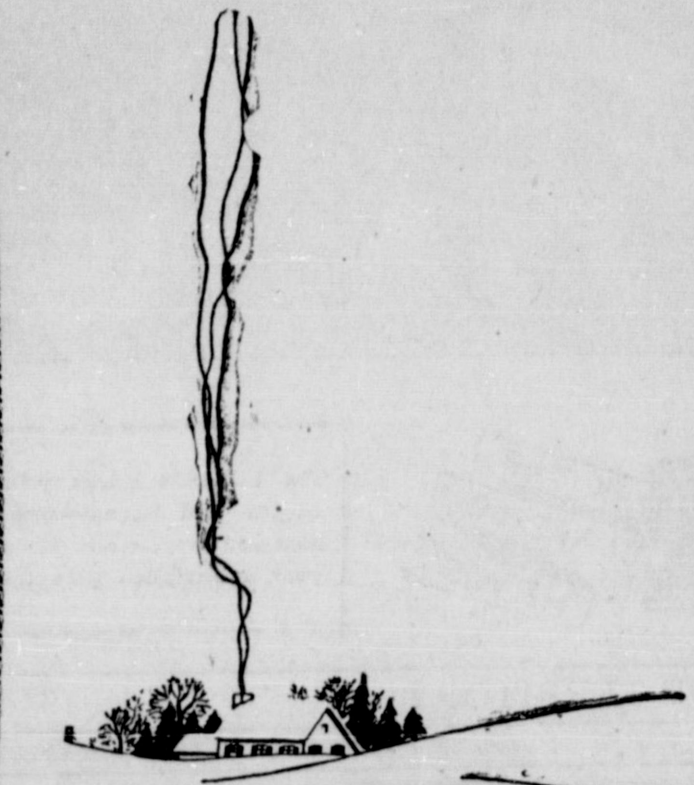
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Cotton Situation In Texas As of Nov. 1st

AUSTIN—A balance of 12,810,000 bales of cotton on November 1st was shown in the cotton balance sheet carried in the November issues of the Texas Business Review published by The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. This balance was 28 per cent below last year's balance on the same date and almost 40 per cent under the peak November balance during the past 10 years. In his analysis of the latest balance sheet for cotton, Dr. A. B. Cox, professor of cotton marketing in The University's College of Business Administration, points out that "both consumption and exports are running ahead of the same months last year at an increasing rate of over 100,000 bales per month. Another favorable factor on the supply side of the cotton situation was the small crop carryover of 7,522,000 running bales last August 1. This carryover this year was the lowest since 1937 and 32 per cent below last year's figures. The big question marks in the cotton situation, says Dr. Cox, are now on the demand side. They concern the mill consumption, the volume of exports and the trends in general prices. All three of these unknowns are tied in with the general level of business activity. Dr. Cox believes that "the demand for cotton for the remainder of this crop year will accordingly be indicated by the trends of domestic mill consumption and exports during the next few months, and by indexes of business conditions, including price levels."

Texas Business Situation In October

AUSTIN—Agriculture provided one of the brightest spots in the Texas business picture during October, according to the Texas Business Review published by the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research. General business activity declined 2 per cent from its September level, but farm cash income and shipments of livestock, poultry, and eggs were up from 39 to 64 per cent. Business activity of all types was 12 per cent higher this October than a year ago and 79 per cent above the prewar 1935-39 average. Farm cash income in the same comparisons was up 47 per cent and 214 per cent, respectively. The weakest spot in the October business situation was the failure of retail trade, particularly in soft goods, to respond to the usual seasonal stimulus of the holiday season. Dollar sales figures aided by price advances were still rising, but the seasonal gains were not there in consumer nondurables. Texas department and apparel stores made less than one-fourth their usual sales gain between September and October this year and for all independent stores the gain was about two-thirds of normal. The position of labor in the current business situation was strong in October. Employment and pay rolls were both on the upgrade and only 78,368 persons were unemployed in the 21 larger cities of the State.



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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SANTA Goes Modern



Santa Claus often steps out of his reindeer sleigh these days to make faster time, or to go where the sleigh cannot go. Here he is in the person of Capt. William Wincapaw, veteran New England pilot, ready to take off from the East Boston airport with another load of Christmas gifts for the lonely lighthouse keepers and isolated islanders.



This is how Santa Claus comes to Sun Valley—on skis. Here is the gay St. Nick speeding down the snowy slopes and right into the chimneys of the residents and visitors.

Reindeer

HOMESICKNESS, perhaps, had brought him back. Old Peter Johansen buttoned his threadbare overcoat, blew warm breath on his rough hands and jumped to the ground. There was no railroad detective to grab him for riding that freight train, because this was the day before Christmas. All but the homeless, like himself, seemed busy preparing for the Day of Days.

Forty years, Peter reflected, since he last set foot in Clark City. It had been a year after the big earthquake; a year after all hell broke loose, killing his parents and sister as they sat at dinner in the little house on Vine street.

Peter remembered: How he had come home late that evening; how the earth began quivering like a beast possessed; how he had



Peter stood alone for a long time watching the star appear.

searched like a madman through the ruins of that shock-wracked, fire-swept bungalow. Then, as Clark City began rebuilding, he had drifted off in a daze to roam up and down the earth—a ne'er-do-well, a hobo!

But always he remembered Linda, dear little sister Linda. In 40 years her memory always came back stronger than ever on Christmas Eve for it was then that they used

to climb Lookout Hill hand-in-hand at dusk, watching the evening star rise in the heavens.

That, perhaps, was why he was back this Christmas Eve. "Almost dusk now," he reflected, trudging along Clark City's busy thoroughfare. Christmas crowds jostled him, for he was a hapless wanderer with no place to go.

No place to go? Not Peter! Soon he found his way to the old residential district where Lookout Hill rose like a sentinel.

"The same old hill," he told himself. "Little Linda! If you were only here now to see your big brother! No—thank God you're not here, for your big brother is ashamed of himself!"

At the crest Peter stood alone for a long time, watching the star appear as it had since that first night over Bethlehem. He didn't notice the old lady until she spoke.

"Beautiful, that star, isn't it?" Peter fumbled with his greasy-stained cap.

"Yes'm, it is. Especially from Lookout Hill."

"Many years ago," she continued, almost in a trance, "my little brother and I used to watch that star rise in the heavens each Christmas Eve, until—" (she wiped a tear away)—"we were separated somehow during the big earthquake. He was killed, they found out later.

"Each Christmas Eve ever since I've come back here, just to remember him. I hope he's happy up there in Heaven."

Peter was staring at her, fairly ready to shriek, for it was Linda! No doubt about it, now!

He recognized the tilt of her nose, unchanged by the years; the familiar ring of a voice that somehow had failed to grow old. But he held himself back, for Peter was ashamed of himself.

She didn't notice him shuffle off after awhile, for Linda was still watching the star.

In the freight yards he found an empty boxcar and bedded down under some straw in a corner. After a while he felt the car move, and somehow he was glad.

"Yes, it was Linda," he sobbed to himself, "but I just couldn't tell her. Thank God she's alive and happy. And Thank God she remembers me on Christmas eve as I was, not as I am."

After awhile he fell asleep. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Veterans Administration estimated the veteran population at nearly 17,900,000 on Oct. 31, an increase of more than 150,000 over Sept. 30.

Season's Greetings

It is a real pleasure to extend greetings to you at this Christmas season and to wish each of you the fullest measure of happiness and successful achievement in the New Year.

Let us press ahead with united energy and determination toward the pinnacle of success that lies ahead for our community, our nation and each other.

Heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings to one and all!



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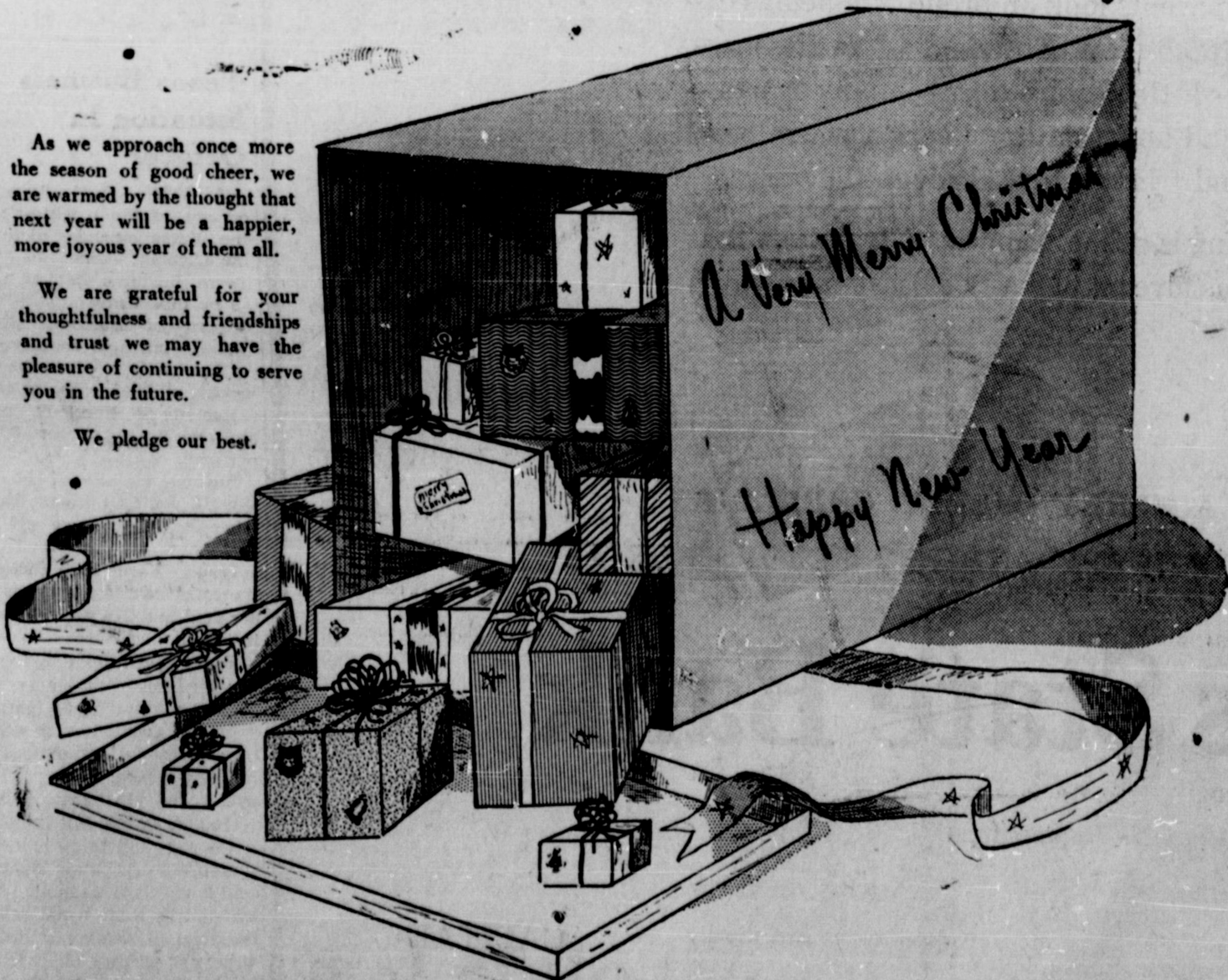
To all our Friends

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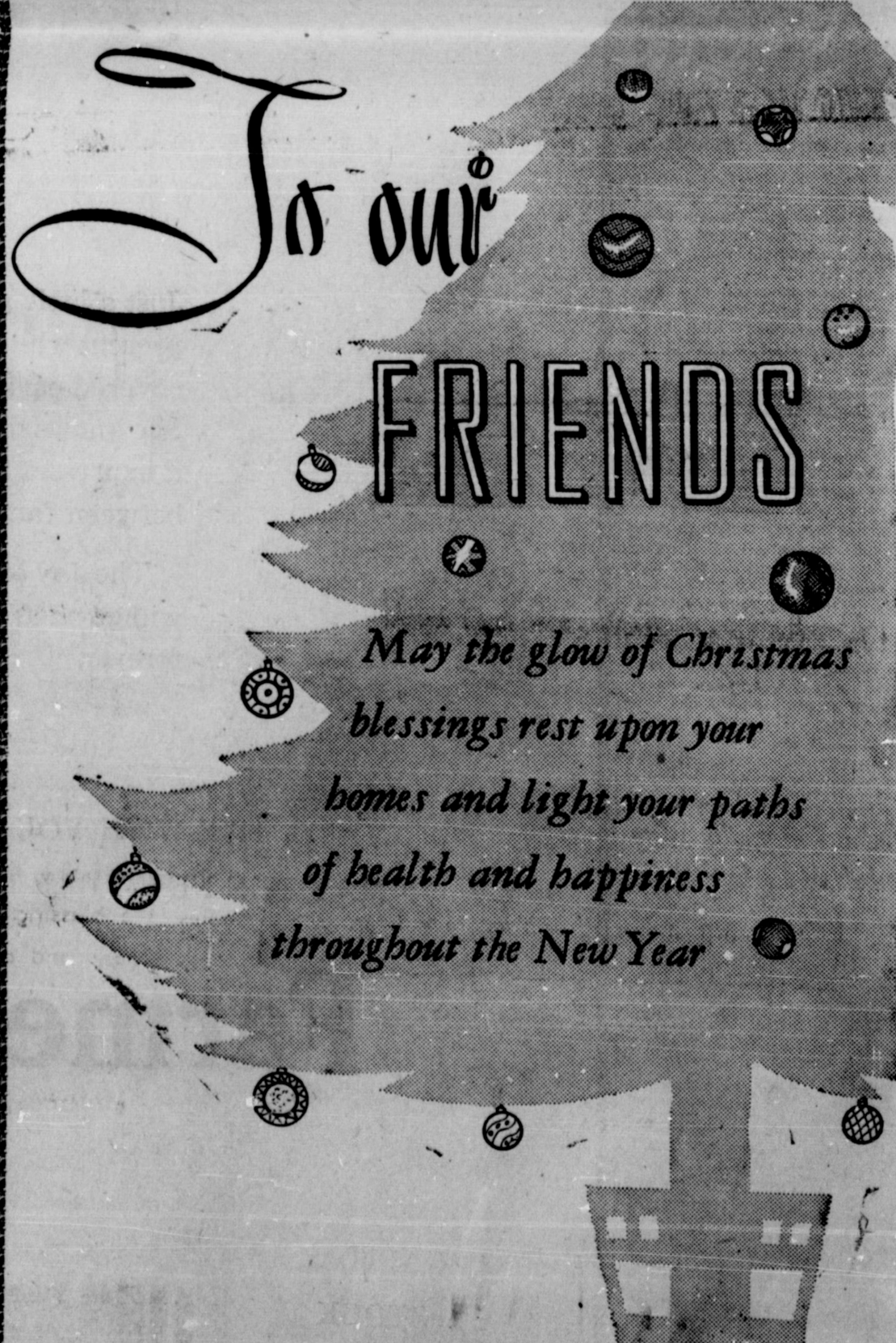
As we approach once more the season of good cheer, we are warmed by the thought that next year will be a happier, more joyous year of them all.

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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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



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Christmas Dinner

By Katherine Edelman

AS SOON as Darrel Thorpe got a chance to use the phone, he dialed his home. He must tell Edna, how sorry, how terribly sorry he was for what had happened this morning. All the way down on the car he had reproached himself for the hasty words he had said. He couldn't understand how he had spoken to Edna like that, and on Christmas eve.

He drummed impatiently on the desk as he waited. Edna was always punctual about answering the phone and doorbell. It was a way she had, going right through with things.

Which really was the cause of his flash of temper this morning. In her quick, decisive way, she had swept aside his idea of having old Mrs. Darby for Christmas dinner. The little lady, now down on her luck, had befriended Darrel when he had come to the city.

"I'm not going to have her!" Edna had declared emphatically. "We're



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going to skip Christmas as much as possible—go out and eat somewhere—and miss all the rush and bother."

"I think that's a darn selfish way of doing," Darrel shot back. "Christmas is a home day, with a turkey, and a tree, and gifts, and above all, someone to share them with us."

Then, without waiting to see the effect of his words, Darrel rushed from the house, banging the door.

Now, he dialed the number three times, but there was no answer. Panic seized him. Had Edna believed that he meant what he had said? He had heard of young wives who had packed up and left for much less reason. What a brute he had been to flare up as he did!

THE morning was unbearably long. Inwardly fuming, he hung up the receiver, to answer an imperative buzzer from the inner office. It was about the tenth this morning. If it hadn't been for Wheatley, keeping him running around in circles, he might have been able to reach Edna long ago. And if the old man hadn't been in the same ugly mood yesterday, Darrel knew that he himself wouldn't have been on edge this morning, that he wouldn't have spoken to Edna as he had done. He blamed Wheatley as much as himself.

"You sent for me," he said stiffly, as he waited beside the desk. The big man did not seem to hear him. His eyes were glued on a closely typed statement. Darrel spoke again. Then Daniel Wheatley looked up, and rubbed his hand across his forehead as if trying to remember something.

"Oh, yes, yes," he began; "Mrs. Thorpe called before you got to the office this morning. I forgot to tell you. She left word that she was going marketing with a Mrs.—Mrs. Darby, or some such name. Also, she wanted me to be sure to tell you to bring home a Christmas tree and all the trimmings." There was a merry twinkle in Wheatley's usually hard eyes. "Looks as if you were going to celebrate Christmas at your house," he finished, with a laugh.

"We certainly are," Darrel grinned back; "we're going to have a real old-fashioned celebration of the day."

"Think your wife would object if you took a cranky old man to Christmas dinner?" Darrel wondered if he were hearing things, then his quick wit jumped to the surface. "If you really mean that, Mr. Wheatley, I can assure you of a hearty welcome. My wife thoroughly believes in having people for Christmas dinner. At least, I am sure she does now." The last sentence Darrel whispered to himself.

Carols on Fields of Bethlehem
On the hillsides of Bethlehem, "where shepherds watched their flocks by night" on Christmas eve and Christmas morning, tourists from many lands gather annually to sing carols and remember the life and words of Jesus of Nazareth.

Soap Flakes May Be Used As Snow on Christmas Tree

The final step in trimming the Christmas tree is frosting it with fluffy snow. There are a number of ways of doing this, but a simple and popular one uses ordinary soap flakes.

Any homemaker can produce all the snow she wants in a short time and it won't melt, either, if it is properly concocted.

Here's the way to make it: Use three or four cups of soap flakes to one cup of warm water. Beat in an electric beater or very vigorously with a hand beater, until it is very smooth and fluffy. Then spread it immediately over the branches of the tree, scattering it with the hands.

If you want the snow to sparkle, quickly spread on some artificial glistening snow. Use as much soap snow as you like.

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NEW SPRAY HOSE USES HIGH-STRENGTH COTTON

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The hose uses a special yarn, developed during the war, which is 70 per cent stronger than yarns formerly used, the firm said.

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

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WE'RE THANKFUL AT CHRISTMAS

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful.

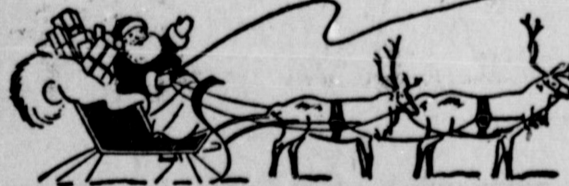
First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life, and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege.

Thankful are we that have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends.

It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development.

We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy.

We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



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Professor (absent-mindedly) "If the United States is bounded on the north by Canada, on the east by the Atlantic ocean, on the south by the Gulf of Mexico and on the west by the Pacific ocean, how old am I?"

Bright pupil—"44".
 Professor—"How do you figure that?"
 B. P.—"I have a brother who is HALF nuts and he is 22."
 (Thanks to Charlie Peterson, Chicago, for the above)

Southern Customs Have Remained at Christmas

Negro families of Virginia have their own traditional method of gift-giving. On Christmas Eve a large sheet is spread over the dining room table with a box placed here and there to raise the sheet above table level. Each member of the household writes his name on a slip of paper and pins it to the sheet.



Gifts are sneaked in during the night and placed under the names of the persons for whom they are intended: even the youngest children forbear to "snoop" until the morning and removal of the sheet reveals all the presents.

Years ago, eggnog was served while breakfast was being prepared—such a breakfast that no one paid much attention to Christmas dinner. When friends dropped in, everyone had something to eat so that families just sort of "pieced" all day.

Open Air "Festas" Vs. Santa Claus

Santa Claus has firmly entrenched himself in the hearts of Brazilian youngsters, although his traditional chimney had to be abandoned—very few homes being equipped with such things, and it never occurs to the small fry that it might be fun to stay up, of course, hoping to participate in the grown-up festivities and perhaps accompany their parents to midnight mass.

Since it really is June in January south of the equator, Christmas in Brazil is a midsummer festival. Midnight mass on Christmas Eve is celebrated with greater or lesser pomp throughout the land, preceded by dancing "festas" and gala late suppers.



STUFFED ANIMAL VARIETY
 . . . Among the newcomers to the stuffed animal collection of toys is the fawn which is gaining in popularity with most of restrictions on its manufacture removed.

The Holy Thorn Of Glastonbury

In honor of the Hawthorn, which legendarily shielded Christ while he rested in the woods before the crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea chose a thorn staff when he started on his long journey to Britain shortly after the death of Christ. Arriving at last at his new home in Glastonbury, Joseph stuck his walking stick into the ground; the staff began to grow and soon acquired the habit of producing flowers each Christmas Eve.



The first literary mention of the thorn is contained in Hearne's History and Antiquities of Glastonbury, published in 1722. In this work, Mr. Eyston states: "Whether it sprang from St. Joseph's Arimathea's dry staff, I cannot find, but beyond all dispute it sprang up miraculously."

When Britain adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1753, 2,000 persons assembled at Glastonbury on December 25—new style—to see if the Holy Thorn would bloom in agreement with the new calendar; when it did not, many refused to participate in the usual observances of Christmas. The evil of changing calendars was proven when the thorn blossomed on January 5—Christmas, Eve—old style—and many ministers in the vicinity of Glastonbury appeased their congregations by announcing that Christmas would be observed according to the old calendar.

A cutting of the Glastonbury thorn was brought to America in 1900 and planted near St. Alban's school in Washington, D. C., by the late Right Rev. Henry Gates Satterlee. The cutting grew into a tree, blossoming for the first time in December, 1918; since then, it has blossomed each year at Christmas-time and attracts thousands of visitors annually.

Less than one-half of one per cent of all veterans' loans approved for guaranty by Veterans Administration were in default by the end of September.



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Merry Christmas

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As we extend our Season's Greetings to each of you, the prospects of the coming year are bright and cheerful. For this we are immeasurably grateful. The future is distinctly encouraging and it is our ambition to have a part in this progress. To this end we pledge our untiring efforts.

In this gesture of good will we wish particularly to salute our friends and to wish them a season of good cheer and fellowship and a New Year of success and happiness.

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Hunting the Wren In Old Ireland

Once upon a time in Ireland, the wren was hunted and killed on Christmas morning; a branch of holly and bright ribbons were attached to his body which was carried from house to house by wren boys who sang songs and expected to receive a dole from each household.

The story goes that during the Danish-Irish war, the Danes were resting after an arduous march and the Irish were creeping up quietly. All of a sudden a wren, spying a few crumbs which the drowsy Danish drummer had dropped on the drumhead, swooped down and began to peck at the crumbs. The pecking awakened the boy, who aroused the camp; the Irish, driven off and defeated, blamed the wren.

Modern Irish, ashamed of the once-honored tradition, say the guilty bird may have been a starling or a sparrow anyway, and now welcome the wren to their farms and homes.

Welcome, New Year

WELCOME to you, New Year, enter newborn king—

Can you tell us something of the tidings that you bring?

Do you carry happiness, enough to last the year?

Do you sing a song of joy To cast out doubt and fear?

Perhaps a balm for heartaches You bring along with you?

Perhaps a key to friendships To buoy us all year through.

We bid you welcome, New Year—our dreams we trust with you.

Forgetting ill: of all the past, we start the book anew.



Future Foretold By Drowsy Hens

Divinations were an important part of the Christmas festivities in Czarist Russia.

After a special family Christmas dinner, the girls of the household placed five piles of grain upon the kitchen floor: each pile was given a name, such as Hope, Ring, Money, Thread and Charcoal. A drowsy hen was fetched from the henhouse and allowed to walk around the kitchen floor and choose a pile of grain.

Obviously the hen's choice of Money meant wealth; Ring, foretold a wedding within a year; and Hope, promised the fulfillment of a wish or a long journey. If the sleepy chicken chose the grain designated as Thread, a life of toil was predicted for the marriageable maiden of the household; and Charcoal was considered an omen of death in the family.

Old songs were sung to accompany such goings-on, while the girls and women vied to devise complete stories based on the antics of the hen.



WAITING FOR SANTA . . . They know that Santa will soon be around and are taking a last look before going to bed to see that everything is in order for him.

If . . .

Children of Provence, France, reverently recite the following prayer before the Christmas cribs in that vicinity:

Little Jesus of the Crib— Give us the virtues of those who surround you.

Make us as philosophical as the fisherman, Carefree as the drummer, Merry for exploring the world as the troubadour.

Eager for work as the bugler, Patient as the spinner, Kind as the ass, Strong as the ox which keeps you warm.

Give us the sacred leisure of the hunter, Give us also the desire of the Shepherd for earthly things,

The pride of the trade of the knife grinder and the weaver, The song of the miller.

Give us the knowledge of the Magi, The cheerfulness of the pigeon,

The impulsiveness of the cock, The discretion of the snail, The meekness of the lamb.

Give us the goodness of bread, The tenderness of the wild boar, The salt of the haddock,

The good humor of old wine, The ardor of the candle, The purity of a star.

Propriety of a few of the metaphors may be disputed, nevertheless, nostalgia prompts speculation regarding a world of humanity endowed with the virtues so earnestly and innocently enumerated by the little ones.

Crippled Children Program Expanded

DALLAS—Increased legislative appropriation to establish treatment and rehabilitation centers in Texas for victims of cerebral palsy is to be sought by the Texas Society for Crippled Children. A resolution to this effect was passed at the ninth annual convention of the group held in Dallas the last of the month.

The resolution would ask increased state aid for the crippled children's division of the State Department of Vocational Education and for the special education division of the State Department of public Education. Representatives from these State departments, James L. Tenney, J. J. Brown and H. E. Robinson, reminded the convention that all three of the departments and all other state aid for crippled children has been the result of the Texas Society for Crippled Children's work.

Officers elected to work on the expanded program for the coming year were R. L. Thomas of Dallas, pres.; John W. Broome of Lubbock, vice-pres.; Mrs. Guy Rogers of Wichita Falls, vice-pres.; J. J. Gibson of Dallas, treasurer; Martin M. Ricker, executive secretary, and Mrs. Sam E. Wilson of Corpus Christi, Hal Moore of Texarkana, and Mrs. Lawrence Tarlton of Ft. Worth, members at large of the executive committee.

For Christmas
and the New Year
Every Good Wish

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Clarendon McLean

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It's meant for you!

DECEMBER
Christmas
to all

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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Christmas Invitation

By Katherine Edelman

JACK TRESLAR hunched his broad shoulders deeper into the big chair, turning a new page of his book. He was reading a Christmas story, trying hard to become absorbed in the tale.

A sharp ring from the telephone brought him to his feet. Who could be calling him on Christmas eve?

A strange voice responded to his "hello." "I hate to bother you on Christmas eve, Mr. Treslar. But I'm ringing up to ask if it would be possible for you to come and spend Christmas with me. My name is Bevan Willers. I live out at Richmond. I have a big home, and—"

"But—but I don't even know you, Mr. Willers. There must be some mistake."

"I want you!" the low voice was emphatic. "Will you come or not?"

Jack repressed a quick exclamation. "I had thought of spending

Christmas—" he began. "Wouldn't it be possible to change your plans? I have a feeling they could be side-tracked easily."

Jack thought of the lonely Christmas he had been anticipating. Af-



He ascended the steps leading to the massive door.

er all, there might be something to this unusual invitation.

"You are right about my plans," he admitted. "They are rather in the air. But—but going to spend Christmas with an utter stranger took me back for a moment."

"That's why I thought you might come." There was a note of disappointment in Bevan Willers' voice. "I probably got the wrong man, however."

Jack thought again of the lonely Christmas before him. And before he could debate the question, he heard a voice inside of him answering, calling through the wire to Richmond. "You got the right man, Mr. Willers. I'm coming."

An hour later, bathed and dressed, Jack Treslar was speeding along the frosted highway to Richmond. Following the detailed instructions that had been given him, Jack found the long winding drive leading from the roadway. What a secluded, ghostly place, he thought, as he drove under the snow-sprinkled trees.

BEVAN WILLERS was waiting. In the dim light from the chandelier, his tall bent figure seemed grotesque. "I have let the servants away for the evening," he said, his bony hand motioning toward the end of the shadowed hall.

Jack Treslar felt a twinge of fear

as he followed. Here he was—alone in the house with this strange old man. Anything could happen. There wasn't another residence within blocks. Then, his adventurous spirit reasserted itself, and he looked smilingly across the table at Bevan Willers. "Well, what's it all about?"

A dead silence was the only answer. Gray eyes under heavy bristling brows stared at him intently. Jack stared back unflinchingly.

Then a hearty laugh rang through the library. With amazement Jack saw the old man straighten up in his chair. Years seemed to fall off his shoulders. The twisted, grotesque appearance vanished as if by magic. He spoke quietly.

"I'm not crazy," he began; "I'm just a lonely old fellow, ticketed as a sort of recluse. The true facts are that I've been trying for years to write. Yesterday I got word that a story of mine had been accepted."

"But I still don't understand your strange invitation, and—" Jack interrupted.

"I'm coming to that," Bevan Willers continued. "The hero of my book is a daring, adventurous fellow. A man willing to answer a strange call that came in the night. I got intrigued with the fellow, and began thinking. Wondering if there

was any young fellow who would act as he had done. So I rang the first hotel that came to mind and described my hero. Young, unmarried, interesting sort of chap. Pretended his name had slipped my mind for the moment. They connected me with your room. You know the rest."

Jack stretched out his long arm across the desk, and gripped the old man's hand. "Now that I'm here, Mr. Willers, do you still believe you have got the right man?" There was wistful entreaty in his dark eyes.

"I don't just think—I'm absolutely positive."

Reason for Eight Reindeers

Have you ever stopped to think why St. Nicholas drives eight reindeer instead of one? You haven't? Well, let's pause for a moment and figure it out.

St. Nicholas is a mythical character, he rides in a mythical sleigh, carries a mythical bag, and drives mythical reindeer. The creators of St. Nicholas knew that one reindeer would do the job, but in order to make the character more impressive and longer remembered, they hitched a matched-unit of eight to the sleigh.



HERE'S A DUCK FARM—COTTON DUCK, THAT IS!

Baltimore, Md.—A large manufacturing concern here operates two big duck farms—but there isn't a feather or a quack in either of them.

The factory, which makes high-grade cotton canvas and duck, maintains two "test" farms where the heavy fabrics are exposed to the weather the year around, to prove the efficacy of new finishes developed in the factory's laboratories.

Outcome of the laboratories and the "duck farms" has been production of a densely-woven canvas which withstands practically all the traditional enemies of outdoor fabrics. It is highly resistant to fire, mildew, soil organisms, sunlight, water and weather.

The firm now produces a special fireproof fabric from which the tents are made for the nation's largest circus.

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'Merry Christmas, Mary Christmas,' Says Santa Claus

What's in a name? Plenty, if it happens to be Mary Christmas, or Santa Claus, and that's actually happened.

Both Evansville, Ind., and Racine, Wis., have their Mary Christmas, and at Marshall, Mo., there's a jolly fellow whose last name is Claus, and whose parents christened him Santa. Evansville's Mary Christmas comes from an old family which has had a Mary in each generation. Racine's Mary Christmas Mary Christmas got that way by marrying a fellow named Samuel

Christmas, and she's now a telephone operator. Which explains that strangely personal and timely message long distance operators hear out of Racine around Christmas time: "This is long distance, operator—Mary Christmas!"

Racine's Mary Christmas, who is short, chubby and looks just like the artist's conception of Mrs. Santa Claus, gets hundreds of fan mail letters every year. Three years ago she appeared on a Yuletide radio program and has been so deluged with fan mail ever since that she's founded a "shut-in" club which has members in 40 states, Canada, Hawaii, India, China and New Zealand. Marshall's Santa Claus is similarly Christmas-minded. Each Yuletide he tries to answer the fan letters which come from all corners of the globe, many in such strange foreign languages



Mary Christmas

that he can't reply. He's much in demand for church parties and other Christmas affairs. Santa is a plumber on weekdays, a vegetable gardener on the side and a preacher in the Church of God at Blue Lick, Mo., every Sunday. Two years ago, when plumbing business was bad, he was grateful for a \$250 check sent him by Mae West, the actress. In Roslindale, near Boston, lives an Ambrose Claus who with his wife last year celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. Like all other folks named Claus, they seem to have a lion's share of Christmas spirit.

Carols Replace Heathen Songs Carols, it is said, were early introduced by the clergy into England from Italy, probably soon after the Norman conquest, as a substitute for the Yule and Wassail songs of the heathen origin, which, until then, had been in use among the vulgar. Christmas carols were in dance measure at first. The word carol comes from "corolla," a ring, because the song was for a ring dance.

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A Christmas Snowstorm

By Sarah Jane Clark

THREE hours late, the snow-bound train reached Chicago. Mary Lou gathered her baggage together and took the bus across to the other station, to find her connecting train had left on schedule. The folks would drive in to town to meet the train unless she could head them off.

Her message put through, Mary Lou sank down on one of the benches to collect her thoughts and make her plans until train time. Five o'clock, and no train until 9:30 the next morning.

"Going out soon?" a cheery voice near her asked. She looked up to find the chief usher standing beside her. A middle-aged, friendly-looking fellow. Mary Lou told him of her missed connections.

"Here, Eddie, look at this!" a red cap interrupted her story. He was leading a three-year-old child, a dear little girl with big blue eyes and yellow curls.

"What are you doing with the kid? Is she lost?" Eddie asked sharply, turning away from Mary Lou.

"Might as well be. She came in from Denver, in charge of the stewardess. They missed the train north, and the stewardess is celebrating Christmas by having her appendix out, emergency case. They told me to turn the kid over to you," the boy grinned as he handed her over to the chief usher.

Eddie took her clumsily. "See here, what can a bachelor like me do with a kid like this?" He looked appealingly at Mary Lou.

Mary Lou's eyes filled with tears. Then she held out her arms toward the youngster. "What is your name, dear?" she asked.

"Annette Pollard. I am three years old and I am going from Cheyenne to Rio, Wisconsin, to my grandma Pollard. My daddy is there." It was a lesson she had been taught.

Mary Lou held her close. "I had a little girl almost as old as Annette when she died," she said brokenly to Eddie. "Let me keep the child



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tonight, and take her to her home. I missed the same train she did."

Eddie studied her face. What he saw satisfied him. Still he hesitated for a moment. "That sounds good to me. But I'd better get the conductor to authorize it."

IT WAS soon decided that Mary Lou should keep her. But she must not leave the station. "It won't be very comfortable for you, ma'am, but the kid can curl up on a bench here and be dead to the world in no time. There are some rocking chairs in the far room there. Why, of course there are some cots there, and baby beds."

"We ought to telephone the child's relatives," Mary Lou suggested.

"Of course we should. Here is the address and telephone number. You do it for me, will you, please, ma'am? I've got my last minute shopping to do. I'm mighty glad you came in on this train. Eddie'll take the kid while you telephone to Rio," and the conductor was off, after turning over the child's money to Mary Lou. But not until Mary Lou had made him promise to send a big doll back for the child's Christmas.

"We'll let Annette say hello to her daddy herself, if she wants to," Mary Lou exclaimed. And so it was done. Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father, tense with concern, and then joyful as he realized where his baby was and heard her childish treble over the phone. "Her mother's parents sent her back here to have Christmas with me. Her mother died two years ago," he added.

The sun was shining dazzlingly bright the next morning when the train stopped at Rio. The red-haired man who was waiting expectantly on the platform had only time to thank Mary Lou, and get her address, before the train pulled out leaving him holding Annette as she waved a good-by to Mary Lou.

But the trip home was much easier. Mary Lou forgot the burning pain at the loss of her own little daughter, the aching loneliness since her own husband's death, as she remembered the soft kiss of the baby lips of the motherless child who had been in her charge the night before. And the look in the face of Annette's daddy made her sure she would see Annette soon.

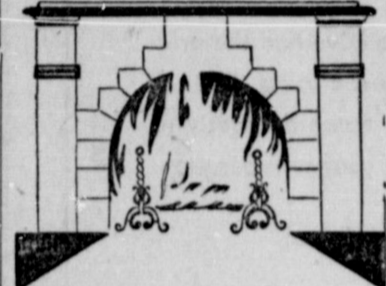
Famous Artist Sketched First Santa for U. S.

Thomas Nast Credited With Pictorializing Famous Character in 1873.

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and above all has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

The story of how our American version of Santa Claus evolved is interesting. According to legend,



children of Lapland and Siberia, raised on tales of the good and generous St. Nicholas, thought of their benefactor as dressed in furs and traveling in a reindeer-drawn sleigh, just as they did themselves.

Stories of St. Nicholas. Wondrous stories of this great Fourth century saint, who gave handsome presents to good little children, were repeated at the firesides of all Europe from the time of his death in 342. The Dutch children observed the anniversary of his death on December 6 and received presents in their wooden shoes.

These Dutch youngsters thought of St. Nicholas as a stern old man with a long white beard, garbed in bishop's robes and carrying a stick to chastise naughty children.

The little Hollanders coming with their parents to found New Amsterdam brought Santa Claus or "San Claus" as they said, with them. In

no time the English colonial children whose fathers had taken over the Dutch settlement and renamed it New York caught on to this wonderful man. The English moved his yearly visit from December 6 to New Year's Eve.

Germans coming to America brought their Christmas customs; Christmas trees and Christmas candles burned in honor of the Christ Child, whom the German children called "Kris Kringle."

At about the time that these festivities were making Christmas Day important, families beginning to spread across the country chose this celebration as a day of reunion. Thus the Dutch figure of Santa Claus, the German traditions of Christmas and the English season of celebration became combined in one single holiday.

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If your wife begins a fuss
If you're so mad you could cuss
Laugh—
If your car has got a flat
If you're growing old and fat
Laugh—
If there's nothing in your purse
If you like this little verse
Laugh and say it—
If you've read a funny joke
If you're hungry tired and broke
Laugh—
If you think you want to cry
If your doctor says you'll die
Laugh—
If your work seems hard to do
If your grocery bill is due
Laugh and pay it—
Fertile soil is always a part of
a strong nation.

There is something intimate about

CHRISTMAS

Perhaps it's the spirit of good fellowship that prevails in the hearts of everyone. Christmas is the season when each of us feels closer to friends and when we are given an opportunity to wish the best of all good things to those about us.
Merry Christmas!

WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
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The Foundation of The American Way Of Life

In times such as these Christmas brings home to us the realization that "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" is more than an empty phrase. It is the foundation of the American way of life, the goal which each of us look forward to so that the greatest happiness may be achieved.

The Yuletide brings with it pleasant thoughts of tried, proven and cherished associations, bound together more firmly by the experiences of past months.

To you, our friends, may we extend the Season's Greetings and a sincere wish for genuine happiness at this Christmastime.

F. J. HOMMEL
TEXACO SERVICE STATION

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MERRY American CHRISTMAS

We wish you a most merry and happy Christmas and may the New Year bring you Peace, Joy and Prosperity.

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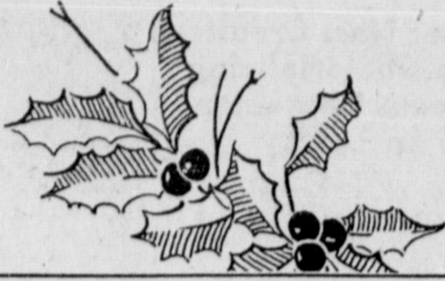
Above All WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the fine tradition of the past it is again our privilege to extend Season's Greetings to our friends in this area. May the old time joyousness of the occasion never be subdued and may it always be in evidence for each of you as you observe this glad occasion.

The hope of your happiness and well-being is ever before us and it is our sincere wish that you will enjoy life to its fullest extent. We are proud of the friendships that have been ours the years past, and in this pride we can properly say to you—
"Merry Greetings, friends!"

The Paint Store
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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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Miracle Play In Modern Texas Town

LOS PASTORES, the hybrid Spanish-Indian miracle play introduced to Mexico centuries ago by Spanish monks and presented in San Antonio during the Christmas season, is enacted primarily for its spirituality.

A group of amateur actors go from house to house by invitation and because it is traditional that no one prompted by idle curiosity should witness the performance, only the initiated can find the scene of presentation.

Usually someone's back yard becomes the stage; the doorsteps serve as background for the Nacimiento. Manger scene: various objects are set on the stairs; pieces of crockery, tinsel, pin cushions, patron saints—anything the household considers especially beautiful. In the center of the lowest step, the Christ Child (a life-sized doll placed on a platter with divers gaudy candy) is surrounded by plaster shepherds, donkeys, etc.



A tent opposite the Nacimiento gives evidence of representing hell; a bonfire has been built within and live devils emerge therefrom.

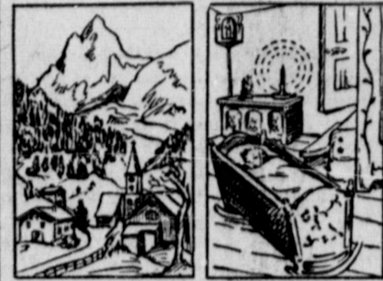
The play has no definite time for beginning, but finally, a girl starts to walk back and forth reciting. Overdressed shepherds drone a seemingly endless song. Ermitano, the comic relief, carrying a rosary of spoils, also represents the soul of its earthly journey and is often accompanied by the white winged Archangel Gabriel.

It is a never-ending performance: seven devils, six in sequined black with animal masks and the fork-tailed Lucifer in brilliant red, are finally vanquished; likewise, a wild Indian is overcome and kisses the Christ Child; the shepherds and all in attendance kiss the Child, solemnly and as slowly as possible.

Christmas Trees, Cribs and Ceppi

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

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



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

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

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

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

Soil conservation affects taxation.

Poultry And Egg Shipments & Receipts

Figures on shipments and receipts of Texas poultry and eggs showed varied trends in October. According to Texas Business Review published by The University of Texas Bureau of Business Research, egg shipments in October totaled 143 cars, a drop of 40 cars from September and 39 cars less than shipments in October 1945.

Turkey shipments quintupled in October to hit 34 cars, more than double last year's October shipments. Shipments of chickens dropped from 24 to 9 cars between September and October this year and were 25 per cent

under a year ago. These variations in chicken shipments were confined to interstate marketings, intrastate shipments holding steady.

Interstate receipts of eggs by rail at Texas stations amounted to only 49 cars this past month as compared with 93 cars in September and 69 cars in October 1945. Practically all of the interstate receipts are in the shell.

To skin and exhaust the land, will result in undermining the days of our children.

More than 900 veterans of the Indian Wars that ended 48 years ago were receiving Veterans Administration pensions on Sept. 30.

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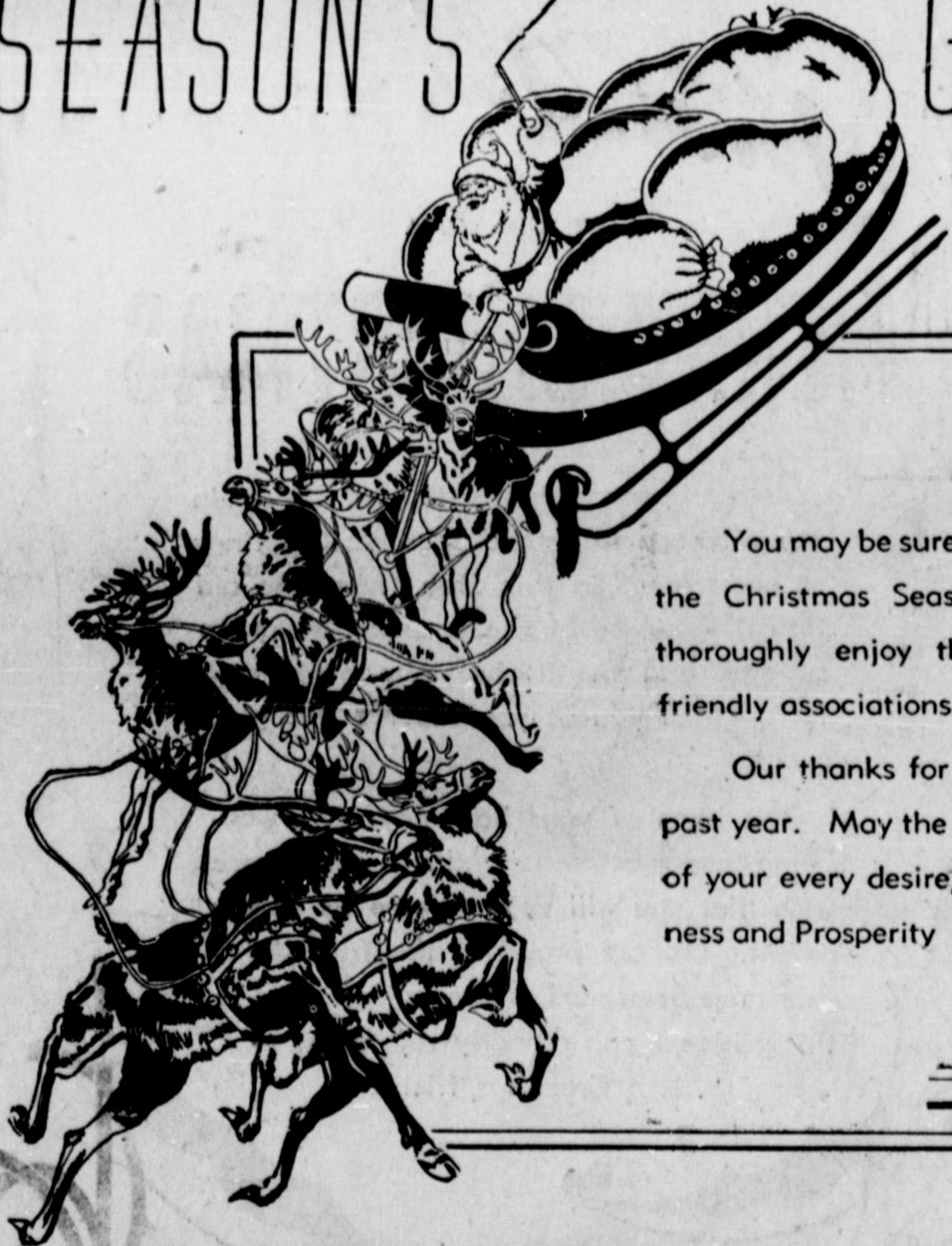
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Greetings

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.

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