

# Oldtime Christmas Back, With Reunions, Visitors, Trips Helping Gladden The Day

No Reason, But They're Popular—

### Why Christmas Fireworks?

A lot of strange customs have sprung up around Christmas, but few are more difficult to associate with the occasion than explosion of fireworks.

Phosphorus assortments which went into action when stepped upon came upon the scene and made life miserable for many a school marm.

commissioners long have felt that the practice is a nuisance, but a proposed ordinance lies mouldering until a more propitious moment. Only restriction is a law against sale or use within the fire zone.

In general, the practice draws popular frowns, but it seems firmly fixed just the same. It is not new, for even the oldest recall that somehow they managed to turn up with a package of Chinese firecrackers in their socks on Christmas morning. Later the Roman candle, with its vari-colored pops, came into the picture without much disturbance. The sky rocket was the next step.

### DISCONCERTING, THOSE COMICS

Gift packages and stockings doubtless will contain the modern nemesis — comic books — this evening and Christmas morning.

But as the science of pyrotechnics advanced, the super-noise makers came into the picture. First it was the "baby giants," a devilish, over-fed firecracker. The "giants" followed along with those torpedo assortments which generally employ fine gravel.

It's a safe bet that parents won't be among the donors, for gray hairs and bald heads may be attributed in part to these pictorial pulps. Without arguing the literary merits or moral harm, contained in the booklets, it is a cinch that nothing conceived before

ever succeeded in becoming such a distracting influence. For instance, it is impossible to get a child to bed when his nose is buried in a comic book. Meals are held up while junior finishes an exciting chapter. Bath waters grow cold while the gyrations of Superman are scanned in breathless suspense. Clothes must be pulled off or forced on rubber limbs while youngsters keep cyroscopic eyes focused always on the antics of some supernatural creature. It's just downright disconcerting.

Take a letter, Santa. Don't scream and tear your hair. It's not a note carelessly delayed, asking that you work overtime tonight. In fact, the Christmas coming up is the very reason we're confiding in you. . . . If grown-up little people can ask Christmas favors, we'd like to place a great big order for a yuletide holiday next year that has the same spirit as this one, only a little more so, perhaps.

You see, four Christmases of war took something out of us. Many of us had to forego the spicy odor of a decorated fir tree, the crispness of mistletoe and the pleasant fatigue of Christmas shopping. Our minds were at war, and Christmas took on the air of a tradition that must be carried through. The louder we yelled "Merry Christmas" the less we felt it. But happily, Christmas, 1946, sees us back again with a bright and shiny yuletide that reeks of fellowship and goodwill.

For the most part, our families are back from overseas, our children home from college. We're planning trips and preparing for holiday guests. There's family reunions and holiday parties. Gay wreaths hang on our doors and brightly lighted trees shine in our windows. We've re-awakened it seems, and Christmas is again becoming a hustle-bustle time filled with busy days in preparation.

Just take a look, Santa, at the many activities planned by Big Spring people — their holiday goings and comings, their visits and reunions.

Jan Dickerson, student at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dickerson and brother, Bob.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dillard will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McCrary.

Mr. and Mrs. Roxie Dobbins and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hall and daughter are visiting in Plainview with Mrs. Isis Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins will continue on to Fort Worth to visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Dobbins, and will see the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas before returning.

Celebrating Christmas in the J. P. Dodge home will be Mr. and Mrs. Austin Burch and Wayne Burch from Bryan and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lozano of Gulfport, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Driggers and children left recently for Arkansas to visit in Glenwood and Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Ken-

and Mrs. R. A. Elder. Here also to spend the holidays is the Elder's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Elder of Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest McCoy were expected in from Childress to visit with Mrs. McCoy's mother, Mrs. Mary Edwards.

Spending Christmas with Mrs. Ova Mae Edwards will be her children, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Somers Edwards and children and Mr. and Mrs. Toots Mansfield and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Faulkner and children will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Faulkner's mother, Mrs. S. E. Smith. Also here for the day are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coleman and children of Pecos and Natalie Smith.

Attending a Christmas dinner held here Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Schuessler and son, Johnny of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hammond and son, Robert and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carpenter will have as guests over the yuletide Mrs. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanders, and Dr. Preston Sanders, Dr. Nell Sanders, Garland Sanders and family.

Mr. R. J. Mitchell of Roby is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Carpenter, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Mitchell.

Coach and Mrs. John Malaise will be in Handley during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Malaise. On their return they plan to visit in Post with Mrs. Malaise's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Rector.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Voigt and daughter of San Antonio are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cass, and James.

Mrs. T. Clark of Tulsa, Okla., is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. O. W. Cathey, and Mr. Cathey. Florene and Freda Chaney will be in Garden City with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Red Chaney, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cain have their daughter, Mrs. Barney Carr, and Mr. Carr, both students at Tech, at home for the holidays. Other guests in the Cain home will be Mrs. Cain's sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Vaughan of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell May, Victoria; and C. G. Haynes, Huntsville.

Ann Blankenship, student at TSCW, has arrived from Denton to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blankenship.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Good will be Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Good and children of Yeso, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Porter Good and children of Artesia, N. M., and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Simpson and children.

Spending Christmas at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Goodson will be Richard Goodson who has not observed the holiday at home since 1941, having served with the armed forces in both theaters of operations. S. C. Tunney Goodson, who is receiving training at San Diego, Calif., is home on a 16 day Christmas leave with his parents. Another son, Pfc. James Goodson, who re-enlisted in the army, is now serving in Germany.

Otis Grafe, Jr., student at Texas A & M, with Mrs. Grafe and their son, Michael, are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Grafe, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Q. Q. Elliott and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Elliott will spend Christmas together.

Visiting with Mrs. J. A. Forrest will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitaker of Cisco and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Stallings of Caryon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Freeman plan to spend Christmas in Big Spring but will leave December 26 for Bonham to visit Freeman's mother, Mrs. J. J. Freeman.

Mrs. Betty Frizell left Monday to visit with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Staggs in Laredo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnston were expecting Mrs. Edness Johnston of San Antonio for a Christmas visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Frazier are in Denison visiting Mrs. Frazier's mother, Mrs. N. W. Forisha.

Spending the day with Mrs. F. C. Childers will be Mr. and Mrs. Buel Fox and son, Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fox and Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wiley and daughter, Patsy. Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Whaley were to leave today for Anson to visit with Whaley's mother, Mrs. J. T. Whaley and Mrs. Whaley's mother, Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Billy Garrison, sophomore student at A & M College is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Garrison.

Mrs. Frank Gary will spend Christmas with Mrs. Lillian Bivings and Gary and Nancy Bivings.

Mrs. L. M. Gary will have her family home for a Christmas breakfast and tree party Christmas morning. Those attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gary and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Black and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cantrell, Carolyn Cantrell and John Bill Gary.

Spending Christmas together will be Mrs. S. H. Gibson, her daughter Mrs. Ann Gibson Houser and family and Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Keller and children, Ben Dob and Bill, who arrived recently from Murfreesboro, Tenn. Mrs. Keller is Mrs. Gibson's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gifford were to leave today for Leuders where they will spend the holiday with Gifford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gifford.

Having Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mason will be



It's the hearty wish of everyone in this organization that you and your family may enjoy a holiday filled with cheer and happiness. May this be a Christmas of hope fulfilled and faith renewed. The very spirit of Christmas goes from each of us to each of you at this glorious season.

**Gray Tractor & Equipment Co.**  
117 West 1st Phone 1543



We wish our friends and customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.  
**Lee Jenkins**  
STAR TIRE SERVICE  
300 West Third Phone 1050



**GREETINGS**

This is the time of year we love best! — when the bright spirit of the season instills happiness in every heart.

There's something infectious about Yuletide jolliness, . . . and we want to add our wishes to its warmth.

*"Merry Christmas"*

**Elmo Wasson**  
MEN'S WEAR OF CHARACTER

# Visits And Visitors For The Holidays

Continued From Page One

Dehlinger home tomorrow will be Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ruechart. Spending Christmas in the William Dehlinger home will be Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lewis and son, Jimmy, of Monahans and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dehlinger and son, Bill, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Atkins of Tyler were to be Christmas guests in the M. M. Denton home. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dibrell are in Lufkin visiting with Mrs. Dibrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pounds.

Miss Lilly Luce of Oklahoma City, Okla., will accompany her sister Mrs. G. M. Burrow to Odessa where a family reunion will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burrow. Others planning to attend from here are Mr. Burrow, Ples Burrow and son, Wendel Burrow of Lakeport, Calif.

Spending Christmas on their farm in Glasscock county will be Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Byerley and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boswell and children.

Planning to have Christmas dinner in the J. T. Byers' home are A. B. Crews, Joe Crews and Lillian Crews, December 26, Mr. and Mrs. Byers, Jeanette and Bonnie, and Mr. Crews will leave for Coolidge, Ariz., to visit with Mrs. Byers' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Busby, who are former Big Spring residents.

Florence Marie Dabney of Mexia is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dabney. Having Christmas dinner in the Dabney home will be Mr. and Mrs. James A. Raoul, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dabney and Ray Dabney.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Dalmont are visiting in Wichita Falls with Mrs. Dalmont's mother, Mrs. E. R. Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Daugherty are spending the holidays in Ballinger visiting with Mrs. Daugherty's mother Mrs. Fred Pruser.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Davis were expecting their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davis of Sanderson as holiday guests.

Spending Christmas in the Dee Davis home will be Mrs. Tina Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis, C. E. Prather, Cliff and Charles Prather and Mrs. Eva Davis.

Mrs. E. M. Hilley of Abilene and Mrs. W. H. Buchanan are spending Christmas in Colorado City with Mrs. Walter Whipkey. Mrs. Hilley was to join her mother here before going to Colorado City.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Bunn will have dinner at their home, and observing the holiday there will be their children, Donna and Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Gamble and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Teague of Monahans and Bill and Ray Bunn. Attending a Yuletide family reunion at the A. H. Bugg home will

be Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morton and family of Tucuman, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bugg and Joyce Bugg, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock.

Mrs. Eula Burch will spend Christmas day with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Felton Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Burnam are celebrating the holiday in a big way since their son, Don, will be home for the first time in three years, having spent the last three in service and overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Burns will spend the holiday with their nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Burns on their ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene D. Smith and son, Jim Bob, of Denver Colo., are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns. Dinner guests tomorrow in the Burns' home will be Mrs. Burns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Mrs. Dink Burrell is expecting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caldwell and daughter, Charlene, in from Norman Okla., after Christmas for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Brown and son, Melvin, are spending the Christmas holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown in Channing and Miss Darthula Walker in Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown will be hosts for a Christmas dinner in their home, and attending will be Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mims, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Davidson.

Mrs. G. A. Brown and daughter, Nell, will have as dinner guests Mrs. W. C. Campbell of Eastland, Miss Mattie Leatherwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hickox of El Paso and Mr. and Mrs. George Lynn Brown of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brookshire and children, Jane and Doss, are spending the holidays in Coleman visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Herring, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brookshire and Mrs. Arch Brookshire. While away they will also visit in Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Jarvis of Crane are spending Christmas in Fort Worth. Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Jarvis flew to Fort Worth recently and were joined by their husbands later.

Spending Christmas in the R. W. Brown home will be Glenn Dell Brown, student at Sul Ross in Alpine, Mr. and Mrs. B. O'Brien, Dorothy and Floyce and Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Carrie Belle Lee of Amarillo is holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Bryan. Miss Lee and Mrs. Bryan are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. George King of Monahans will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bryant. Having Christmas dinner in the

Mrs. E. E. Bryant home will be Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whisenhunt, Mr. and Mrs. Red Bryant, Mrs. Luke Straughn and Weldon Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bledsoe and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hendrick will spend Christmas day in Vincent visiting with Mrs. Jesse Jones.

Mrs. Jerry Kirkham and son, Duane, are in Eunice, N. M. visiting Mrs. Kirkham's mother, Mrs. E. W. McLeod.

Mrs. Ora Todd and Cecil Ray

Floyd are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Floyd in Dallas.

An annual Christmas get-together will be held in the home of Mrs. F. B. Blalack, and attending will be Mr. and Mrs. Pat Blalack and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blalack, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wall and Mrs. Frankie Nobles and daughter, Charlotte Elaine.

Gary Blivings, student at Princeton University, and Nancy Blivings, who is attending school in San Antonio, arrived last week

Continued On Page Three

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

The things you have wished for... the ambitions and plans that have been yours... we hope they will all be realized during the coming year. And may the Holiday Season be a happy one and the New Year one of usefulness, happiness and success.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



**J&K Shoe Store**  
Home of Peters Shoes  
E. B. Kimberlin C. C. Jones  
New Location 214 Runnels



To each and every one of you go our sincerest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever.

**Lakeview Grocery**  
and Market No. 1 & 2  
2000 West 3rd Lamesa Highway

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

IN STREAMLINED DRESS  
May the Yuletide Season, with all its spirit of good fellowship, bring great joy to you and abundant prosperity in the coming year.

**A. K. Lebkowsky**  
Schlitz and Falstaff Distributor

## CORDIAL Greetings

We have a host of friends in this area whom we would like to see personally in order to extend a personal Christmas Greeting.  
We may not get around to everybody so we ask that you consider this as being a genuine expression of good wishes to each of you and a hearty thank you for past courtesies.

**Carl Strom**  
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE  
213 W. 3rd Phone 136

HERALD WANT ADS GET RESULTS



## "Merry Christmas"

This is the time of the year we love best! — when the bright spirit of the season instills happiness in every heart. There's something infectious about Yuletide Jolliness... and we want to add our wishes to its warmth.

"IT'S AT YOUR NEW  
**STATE TEXAN**  
THEATRE"



## A Bright, Merry Christmas

Brilliant and bright is the star you fasten atop your Christmas tree! And to that star is hitched our wagon full of friendly wishes for a jolly holiday and many other days rich in good things, good friends and good times.

*Montgomery Ward*

# Big Springers Have Many Holiday 'Get-Togethers'

Continued From Page Two  
 to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. L. F. G. Blivings.  
 Visiting in the A. E. Bradberry home will be Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hawkins of Lubbock.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Long of Fort Worth are spending Christmas with Mrs. Long's parents, Mr.

and Mrs. P. L. Bradford.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brigham will spend Christmas day in Gail visiting with Mrs. Brigham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cantrell. Visiting in the Brigham home before Christmas was their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brigham of Pasadena, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brooks will spend the holidays at home with their two children, Lorena and James. Miss Brooks is a senior student at TSCW in Denton and James is attending Texas Tech in Lubbock.  
 Spending Christmas day and eating dinner in the S. M. Barbee

home with their parents will be Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Meador and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nabors.  
 Miss Eva Nell Barron is expected home from Oklahoma City, Okla., to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barron.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barton and son, Jimmie Frank, of Alpine are visiting with Barton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Barton.  
 Jane Beale, student at T. S. C. W. arrived Thursday from Denton to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Beale.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bennett.  
 Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Baird during the holidays will be Baird's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Helt of Trinidad, Colo.  
 Wanda Rose Bobb, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Baker.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Baker will entertain with Christmas dinner in their home. Attending will be Mrs. Dora Pike, Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Bob Lewis of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ratliff and Fred Ratliff of Garden City, December 27, Mr. and Mrs. Baker will leave for a two weeks vacation in New Mexico and highlight of their trip will be a trip to Santa Fe to see the gubernatorial inauguration. Mrs. Baker's aunt, Mrs. Sidney Stone, is to participate. While in New Mexico they will visit in Portales, Caprock and Roswell.



AND MAY YOU  
 HAVE THE BEST  
 OF  
 EVERYTHING  
 IN  
 THE COMING  
 YEAR

## Douglass Hotel

The Bigony's son, Weldon, who is flying for a commercial airline in China, will not be home.  
 J. L. Billings, who operates a farm in Cuba, Mo., will spend several weeks here with Mrs. Billings. Here for a visit in the W. C. Bird home is Ed Reagan of Great Falls, Mont.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Adams, students at Texas Tech, Lubbock, will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Douglass.  
 Mrs. M. N. Addison will have as guests her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Addison and family of Eunice, N. M.

Visiting in the A. J. Allen home Christmas day will be Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cooper of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Overby and daughter, Barbara, and Wanda, Freda and Evelyn Cooper all of Dallas.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shaw, Jr., and daughter, Judy, of Dallas will visit with Shaw's mother, Mrs. Helen Allen here.

Mrs. F. O. Allen will be in O'Donnell attending a family reunion with her children.  
 Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Amerson are expecting their son, Tom Amerson, Jr., in from Phoenix, Ariz., to spend the day.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Anderson will have as guests, Mrs. Anderson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wheat and family of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon D. Appleton will spend Christmas day in the home of Mrs. Appleton's sister, Mrs. Claude Hodnett at Vincent.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Armistead and children, Aubrey, J. C. and Betty Jean were to leave today for Rising Star where they will visit with Mrs. Armistead's mother, Mrs. Lela Long.

Guests expected to spend Christmas in the Ed Asher home include Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Asher of Plainview and Mrs. James L. Asher and daughter, Mary Kay of Floydada.  
 Spending the holiday in the home of Mrs. Viola E. Bailey will be her children, Gaylon, Bailey and family of Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Berlie Fallon of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Langley of Lenorah and Mr. and Mrs. Muri Bailey of Forsan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bailey and family will attend a Christmas dinner in the home of Mrs. V. B. Hightower. Others planning to attend are Mr. and Mrs. Jake

Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bennett.  
 Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Baird during the holidays will be Baird's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Helt of Trinidad, Colo.  
 Wanda Rose Bobb, student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Baker.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Baker will entertain with Christmas dinner in their home. Attending will be Mrs. Dora Pike, Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Bob Lewis of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ratliff and Fred Ratliff of Garden City, December 27, Mr. and Mrs. Baker will leave for a two weeks vacation in New Mexico and highlight of their trip will be a trip to Santa Fe to see the gubernatorial inauguration. Mrs. Baker's aunt, Mrs. Sidney Stone, is to participate. While in New Mexico they will visit in Portales, Caprock and Roswell.

Lee R. Baldock is expected in from Decatur to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Baldock. Other children who will spend the day at the Baldock home are Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Baldock and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Lang and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Lang and child and Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Baldock.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ballard will be Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Ray and daughter, Sherrill of Odessa. During the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Ballard will visit in Wichita Falls with Mrs. Ballard's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Daniels. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Ophelia Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnston will spend Christmas day with their families, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Chaney.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Jones will spend Christmas day in Abilene with his mother, Mrs. Anne Jones, and her cousin, Mrs. Royce Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Reed of Elbow will have as holiday guests their daughter, Mrs. E. A. Jones and Mickey of Big Spring and an-

Continued On Page Four



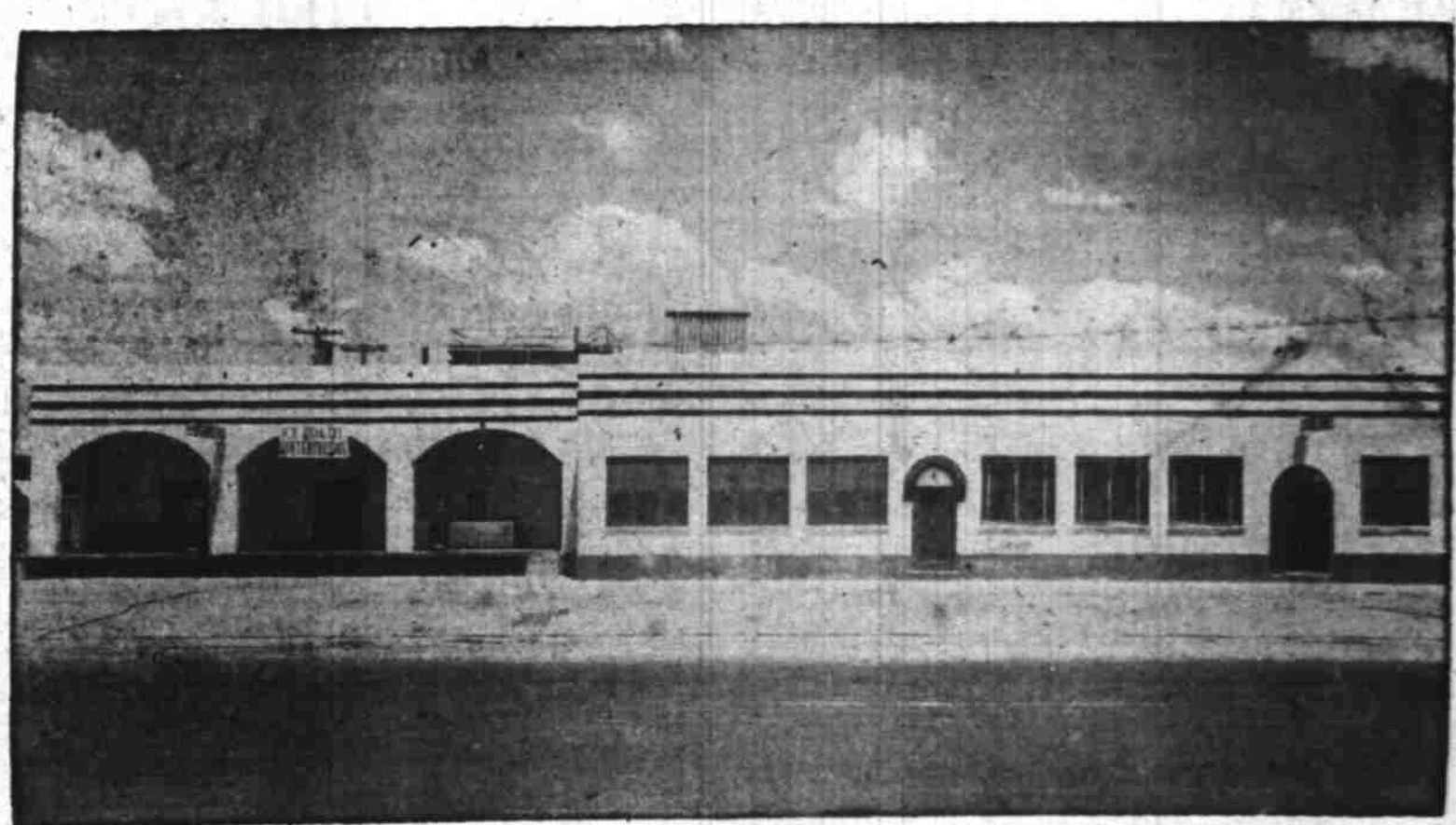
Christmas has a very special and personal meaning for each of us — but we all unite in singing mighty praises to Him for the good things that have come to us.

In the jubilant mood of this Christmas season, we extend our fondest, cheeriest greeting to all our friends.

## CORNELISON CLEANERS

911 Johnson Phone 122

Call 728 For Herald Want - Ads



*Merry Christmas*

—from the GANG at  
**Banner Creamery**

May the joys of Christmas Season go with you throughout the coming year. We sincerely appreciate your patronage and co-operation throughout 1946 and hope to serve you even better in 1947.

# Banner

## CREAMERY

L. F. POWELL, Manager



We are happy at this time of year to extend to all our friends and customers Season's Greetings and wish for you the best of everything for 1947.

from the employees at

## Jones Motor Co.

216 West 3rd Day and Night Phone 555

Dodge, Plymouth, Dodge Job-Rated Trucks  
 Genuine Chrysler Parts and Accessories

# Christmas Visiting

Continued From Page Three

other daughter, Mrs. Ernest Box, Mr. Box and children of Elbow.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jones will have as holiday guests for dinner Mr. and Mrs. Omer Jones, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Sherwin Agee and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwite Gilliland of Lubbock will arrive Christmas Eve to spend the holidays here. They will have Christmas dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Jordan, and Bob Jordan will also have dinner there.

Spending Christmas with Bond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mott Bond in Haywood, Okla. They were accompanied by Lloyd Dickerson and Junior Harvell.

Spending Christmas Day with Mrs. R. V. Hart will be her father, E. A. Haley of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ray of Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray of College Station, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Haley and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haley of Baird and Bernice Haley of Monahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haynes and son, Parker, will spend Christmas at home with Mrs. J. L. Haynes and Sue Haynes, who will leave after Christmas for a vacation in Dallas.

Frank Edward House of Fort Worth is in Big Spring visiting with his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Happel. His other grandmother, Mrs. Irene House of Midland will come to Big Spring for a visit with him at the Happel home.

Having Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hardesty will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardesty and son, Frank, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elliott.

Visiting here with Nora Harding will be her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harding of Tarzan.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Garrison and children will spend Christmas with Mrs. Garrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hart. Also expected are Mrs. Hart's two nephews, Dick and Bill Thomas of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hayward are expecting their daughter and son-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. H. H. Wyatt of San Antonio as Christ-

mas visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie will spend Christmas in Merkel visiting with Mrs. Guthrie's mother, Mrs. Gerlie Tea.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Haines will visit in Odessa with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Szenasi Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hall, Jr., who have been in Eola, are holiday guests visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Skiles and family.

Having a Christmas get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hall today are Mr. and Mrs. Conard Reeves of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hall and son, Don, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hall and daughter, Linda.

Mrs. J. E. Hair left Saturday for Eufaula, Ala., to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jack S. Clenney.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hale are Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Watson and daughter, Betsy Ruth of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Evans of Duncan, Okla.

Taking part in Christmas festivities at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Hamby will be Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stewart of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamby and son, Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryant and sons, Arlin and Lehnon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Price of Abilene were in Big Spring today to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamby.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kilpatrick will be Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Yates and children and Mr. and Mrs. U. Hall.

HA 1-C and Mrs. Billie J. Talley are expected in from San Diego to visit his sister, Mrs. N. L. Childress.

Holiday guests in the T. E. Clark home include Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott and Anna Ruth of Magnolia, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Briggs and family, Seminole; and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Simpson and Delmer Ray Simpson of Lamesa.

Mrs. C. T. Clay is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boatwright, in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wallace expect Wallace's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregory in from Los Angeles for the holidays. After Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory will be in Dallas visiting other relatives.

Yeoman 1-C Dick Clifton, stationed with the navy at Lakehurst, N.J., will be home this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Clifton. Other guests in the Clifton home are their other son, Lawrence, and his family from Big Lake.

Carnille Inkman of the University of Texas in Austin arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Inkman.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson will have a quiet holiday dinner at home, with their daughter, Peggy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kenyon Jackson are spending a two week's Christmas vacation in St. Louis Mo., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Campbell. The Jacksons drove through.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Jarrett will have E. H. Kehne of Menard as a holiday guest, and also dining with them on Christmas day will be Mrs. Jarrett's mother, Mrs. Mary Felter.

Spending the Yule holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jeffrey, will be Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thomas of Lubbock, Lt. and Mrs. Pat O'Connell of San Angelo will also be guests in the Jeffrey home.

Coming from Odessa Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stroope will spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. J. D. Jenkins, and her family, Mrs. Jenkins' sister, Mrs. Ray Morgan of Hobbs, N.M., is expected for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Ralph will spend the holiday in town, having Christmas dinner with the Jimmy Jennings.

Mary Reddy, who has been employed in El Paso, has arrived in Big Spring and will spend Christmas and New Year's holidays with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Reddy.

Doc Seabolt of Bradwell is visiting here in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jack F. Johnson, and her family.

Mrs. Pete Johnson will include in her Christmas day guests Clara Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Eb Hatch, and Mrs. Hilo Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Happy Key and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green and Mrs. A. T. Lloyd will be Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Lloyd of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Pickford of McCamey will spend the holiday here with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Willis of Sweetwater will visit here with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Green and Mrs. Travis Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greene will be in Colorado City Wednesday afternoon visiting their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Green and with Mrs. Greene's sister, Mrs. Pearl Shannon. While out of town they will also visit in Snyder with another sister, H. G. Towle and family.

Observing the holiday in the Walter Grice home will be Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Grice and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Leatherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Griffin were to leave for Wichita Falls where they will visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Griffith are in Olden visiting with Griffith's mother, Mrs. Joe McIvan.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Grifford will spend Christmas at home with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Grifford, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Vaughn and Joe Grifford.

Also staying home to entertain will be Mr. and Mrs. George Grimex. Visitors will be Mr. and Mrs.



## WE'RE GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS

We're glad because it is the one day of the year when it is possible to cast aside the artificial dignities of every day living—the one day of the year when people can be themselves and express sentiments that are too often suppressed. May we resolve to strive for a continuation of this wholesome attitude throughout the coming year, with more tolerance toward all, with a genuine spirit of brotherhood prevailing in our every transaction. With this as the background of our activities, we feel sure that the people of this community will enjoy the most prosperous year of them all. It will lead toward the further advancement of every worthy enterprise. It will mean a year of happiness, contentment and prosperity for all!



**U. & S. FLYING SERVICE**  
J. E. UNDERWOOD, Owner



*A Very Merry*  
and "White"

*Christmas!*  
To All Our Customers  
and Friends  
From  
**IVA'S JEWELRY**

IVA HUNEYCUTT  
ON THE CORNER

222 Main

Phone 40

To Our Multitude of Friends  
And Patrons We Send  
A Multitude Of

# GREETINGS

IT IS OUR WISH that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you all through the coming year.

It is because of your fine loyalty that we send this word of Christmas cheer. We thank you sincerely for your friendships and patronage and we seek the opportunity of continuing in this association in the future.

May the Holiday Season, with its fine sentiment, remain with you throughout the days of the New Year.



## Davis & Humphries

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Owners of

## PIGGLY WIGGLY

and Clifford Williams, General Manager

and all employees

at Piggly Wiggly

Wish You and

Yours a Very...



*Merry Christmas*

and a

Happy New Year

## Piggly Wiggly Employees In Big Spring:

Store:

Dick Byrd  
Doc Young  
Lee Singletary  
Bob Henry  
Roy Shepherd

Market:

L. M. Williams  
Buck Williams  
Robert Reed

# PIGGLY WIGGLY

BEST WISHES for the  
**Holiday**



To all our good friends whom we have been privileged to serve—our hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you and your families.

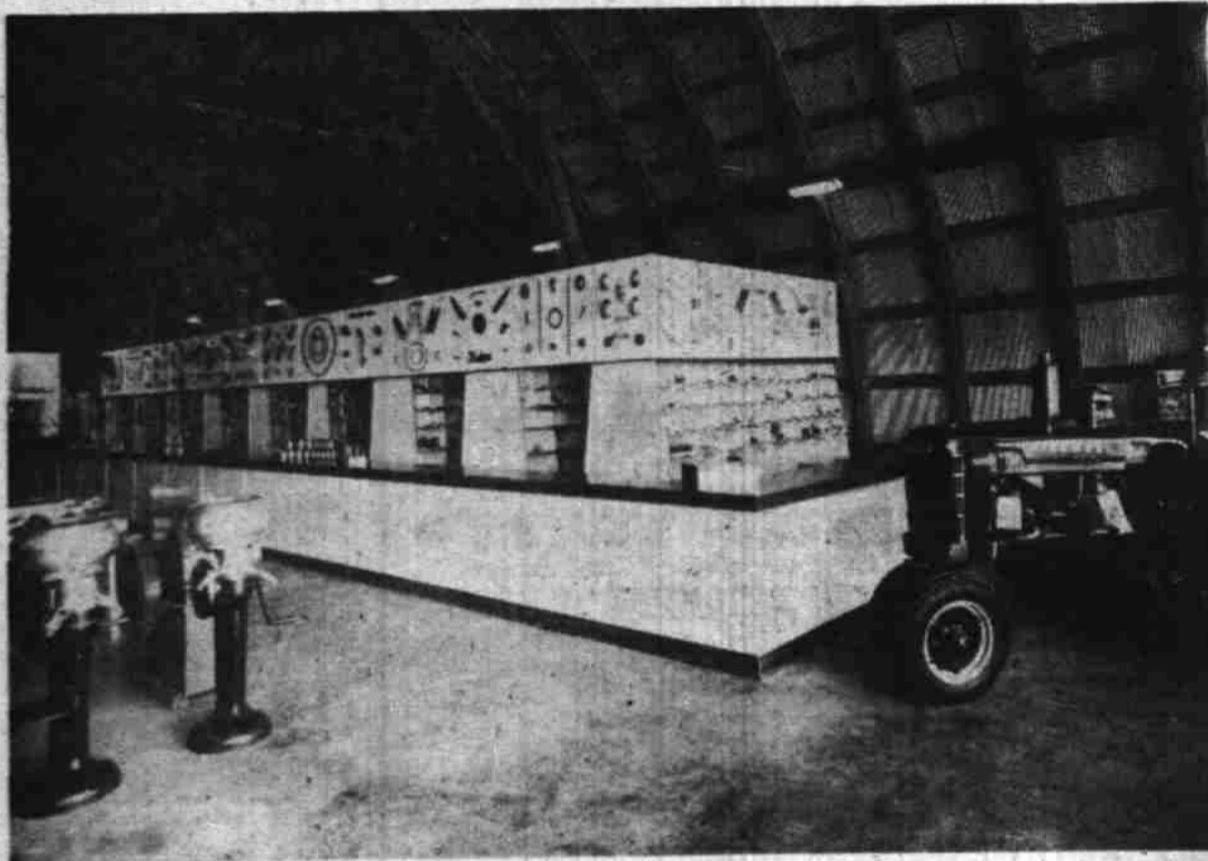
**Ben McCullough**

Lamesa Highway

Phone 306

**The George Oldham Implement Co.**

On the Lamesa Highway



View of Interior of Oldham Implement Co.

Takes This Opportunity To Extend  
**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

To Their Patrons and Friends

**Once A Year..**



*Here*

HERE COMES AT LEAST one time during the year when we pause to consider the past events and courtesies for which we are thankful.

To us, that time is Christmas. And those things for which we give thanks are the many opportunities we have had to serve the fine people of this area.

These associations have meant a warmer and friendlier season—they have made possible a most successful year and we trust that these fine associations will be influential in making possible the continued increase of friends and the further growth of our business.

*In our own way, let us say, "Thank you" and wish you a sincere Greeting. May the blessings of the Christmas Season be yours and may the New Year bring you ever so much happiness and prosperity.*

**Thomas Typewriter & Office Supply**

**Holiday Happenings**

Continued From Page Four

Johnny Brown and children, Johnny, Jr., and George Kenton.

Houseguests in the Ted O. Groehl home will be Mrs. Groehl's mother, Mrs. D. D. Smith of Brownwood and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Ray of Pottsville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gulley are in Ranger visiting with Mrs. Gulley's mother, Mrs. Hattie Johnson and sister, Mrs. J. F. Donley and family.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Coats during the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz, Sr., Mina Winter, Mariam Meek, and Bill Diltz, all of Merkle.

Holiday visitors in the W. A. Cobb home are his brother, L. L. Cobb and Mrs. Cobb of Lubbock, J. W. Cawthorn of Graham is spending Christmas here with his sister, Mrs. Paul Coburn.

Holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cluck is his mother, Mrs. W. R. Cluck, of Clarksville, Kansas.

Howard Carmack, student at the University of California, Berkeley, Cal., will arrive sometime during the week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carmack.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Carlton expect his brother, Willis Carlton, and Mrs. Carlton from Reno, Nev.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kountz of Tulsa, Okla., are spending a few days here with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kountz.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caywood are expecting her brother, Ralph Wilson, student at Texas University, home for the holidays.

Jean Ellen Chowns, attending NTSTC, is spending Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chowns.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cameron have as their guest during the week, Mrs. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Love of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Collum will hold open house in their home Christmas day. Members of the house party include Mrs. Collum's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLeod, of Los Angeles, Calif. Dewey Collum, Jr., of Abilene is expected home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keating will have her father, Frank Pool, and her sister, Clara Pool, as guests in their home Christmas day.

Arriving from Fort Worth Saturday, Marilyn Keaton is spending the holidays from TCU with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Keaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Evans are spending the Christmas holidays with the Woodrow Campbells here.

Visiting here with Mrs. A. J. Kinard on Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Dorman Kinard of Abilene. Dinner guests will include the Frank Martin family, the Henry Davidsons, Mr. and Mrs. Daucey Kinard and family and Marcella and Raymond Dyer.

Pvt. Milton Knowles, stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., is spending the Yule holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Knowles.

Mrs. Charles Koberg is in Fort Worth where she is celebrating Christmas in the home of her son, Dr. O. W. Koberg, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Kowerske and daughter will spend Christmas in Castell with their mother, Mrs. C. Kowerske, and his brother, Martin Kowerske.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kyle and daughter, Karen of Brownwood are spending Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Kyle and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denton will have as holiday visitors, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Humphries of Merkel. Dinner guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Winston Kilpatrick.

Robert Brewster Laswell, a student at Texas A. and M. college is here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laswell, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gage will be Christmas dinner guests of the Laswells.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hull will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Billington of Ackerly, Lula Jean Billington, student at Texas University, Mr. and Mrs. James Billington of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Hull of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hull.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Maddux on Christmas day will be Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson and sons, Eric and Bruce.

Visiting during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Madison will be their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Madison of Arlington, Calif. Madison is a medical student at La Sierra. Other guests in the Madison home will be Mrs. Madison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Franklin of Ozona; her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Franklin of Ozona; and another brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Franklin of Iran.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. George Milner and son, Butch, of San Angelo will have Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner McAdams and son, Donald, are in Winters spending Christmas with Mrs. McAdams' mother, Mrs. G. W. Bailey.

Mrs. Dora Vandergriff of Ruidosa, N. M., is visiting with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCannless.

Spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holland will be Mr. and Mrs. Avice Donnell of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hood and Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Holland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Stephens will spend Christmas day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holley, R. L. Holley, Jr., will be home for Christmas this year after having been away last year in the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Homan and daughters, Anne and Sara Beth will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Homan.

Delores Horne, sophomore student at Baylor, is home from Waco to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boora Horne. Miss Horne will return to school January 1.

Visiting in Big Spring with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sampson will be Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Johnston of Velasco. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will also visit with Mrs. Johnston's aunt, Mrs. Loy House.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Howze and son, Kenneth, are visiting in Fortson with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Fairchild and family.

Aviation Cadet Harry Hurt, Jr., who has been receiving training at a naval station in Ottumwa, Iowa, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurt, Sr. January 5, he will report for duty at Corpus Christi.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lillard and daughter, Donna will spend Christmas in Weatherford visiting with Mrs. Lillard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hull.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Heath will be Mrs. Mae Roberts and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Webb and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Hefley will visit in Sterling City with Mrs. Hefley's mother, Mrs. W. S. Nelson and with Mrs. David Green in San Angelo.

Pre-holiday guests in the Rogers Hefley home were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Clayton and daughter of Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ocie Henson and daughter, are visiting in Westbrook with Mrs. Henson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Skelton.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Hewett include Bowman Hewett of Cold Water, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Peugh and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peugh of Stanton.

Celebrating Christmas in the F. P. Hickson home will be T-S Robert E. Hickson who returned from overseas recently after serving in Honolulu eight months with the signal corps. Also at home for a visit is Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hull and daughter, Shirley of Corsicana.

Mrs. A. J. Hilburn is expecting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips and son, of Artesia, N. M. for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges are in Dallas visiting with Mrs. Hodges' mother, Mrs. Oda Terry. Spending Christmas in the H. H. Haynes' home will be Mr. and Mrs.

Continued On Page Eight

**WE Wish You**  
an  
**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS**



At this radiant Season of good cheer, when business cares and worries are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts and deeds, we sincerely wish you an old fashioned joyful Christmas and a just reward for your every effort during the New Year.

You have been very considerate in every way during the time it has been our privilege to serve you. For that reason we have set as our goal greater efforts to serve you more diligently than ever before.

**Nalley Funeral Home**

906 Gregg

Phone 175

**Greetings**  
for the  
**Yuletide Season**

The time of the year when bells ring out the gladsome tidings in our hearts—the time of the year when the Star atop the Christmas tree shines brightly, reflecting in its brilliance the memory of good things in the past—better things to come. Our sincerest wish for the best to all of you on Christmas Day.

**Settles Hotel**  
**Crawford Hotel**



# TO ONE AND ALL



Like falling snowflakes, our every wish for you is a different one — but they all add up to a beautiful, joyous Christmas.

**Motor Courts Cafe**  
206 Gregg  
W. C. Robinson, Owner

Again this year we wish you one, we wish you all the joys and pleasures of a happy Christmas holiday-season.

**D & W Pump Co.**  
800 E. 3rd St.

Festivity reigns everywhere and to this spirited season, we add our own special wishes for your good health, happiness and prosperity. Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year, too.

**Barton's Grocery**  
405 State St.

To one and all, we wish you the merriest Christmas ever with a Happy New Year to come.

**Walter Havner**  
66 Station  
1100 W. 3rd

Here's our personal wish to you for a season of gay revelry.

**Girdner Electric**  
1207 E. 3rd St.

Our chubby little snowman is rolling over to your door to wish you the gayest, happiest, Christmas season.

**Burton & Lloyd**  
Gulf Station  
301 W. 3rd Phone 537

The bells ring out their melodious greetings for all far and near.

**Big Spring Neon**  
807 W. 3rd

Season's Wishes

**Motor Courts Cafe**  
206 Gregg  
W. C. Robinson, Owner

Again this year we wish you one, we wish you all the joys and pleasures of a happy Christmas holiday-season.

**D & W Pump Co.**  
800 E. 3rd St.

from us to you along with our sincere thanks for your patronage this past year. We extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas — a Happy New Year.

**Nichols & Dunlap Laundry**  
N. 2nd & Goliad

A wealth of health, happiness and prosperity is our wish for all our friends.

**Cathey Implement Co.**  
Lamesa Hwy. Phone 100

The best wish we can think of to wish you is that all your dreams come true... and have a Merry Christmas!

**Sullivan Grocery & Mkt.**  
403 N. Gregg Phone 9874

The bells ring out their special greeting of joy and happiness for everyone this holiday season.

**Jumbo Drive Inn**  
2100 Gregg

In the good old-fashioned sense of the word — may you have a relaxing, gay Christmas... a joyous New Year.

**Knox & Bostick**  
Cosden Station No. 1  
804 E. 3rd Phone 199

We've sent Santa your way with his sack full of best wishes for a wonderful Christmas season.

**Lytle Grocery**  
1011 E. 16th Phone 462

In this most joyful season, we want to express our sincere wishes for your happiness.

**J & H Drug**  
1712 Gregg St.

To our many patrons and friends we extend our sincere good wishes for continued health and happiness for the holiday season.

**Landers Cleaners**  
606 E. 3rd Phone 1087

We're always happy at this time of year to wish you a Merry Christmas

**Olen Lewis Grocery**  
701 E. 3rd Phone 9687

May cheer and good will be yours always in your home—in your heart.

**Ramirez Boot Shop**  
210 N. W. 3rd

Our personal gift to you this Christmas is a host of good wishes for a wonderful Holiday.

**Kyle Gray Transfer**

May your Holiday be as bright as our Christmas lantern — that's our wish for you.

**Ollie McDaniel Ser. Sta.**

Have a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year.

**Reed Grocery & Market**  
106 W. 8th Phone 584

In the spirit of Christmas, we wish you all happiness, health and unbounded joys.

**Smith Bros. Drug**  
303 N. Gregg

May the bells of Christmas ring out their tune of joy and happiness for you and yours this holiday season and all through the New Year.

**Harland Cosden No. 2**  
200 Johnson Phone 1583

We're bursting with good wishes for you this wonderful Holiday. Here's to a gay, tinkling, light-hearted Christmas and New Year!

**Darrington Auto Parts & Machine Shop**  
800 N. E. 2nd Phone 1153

It's a holiday joy to wish you one, to wish you all the Merriest Christmas you've ever enjoyed — the Happiest New Year in all the world. May all your dreams come true.

**McCrary Garage & Battery Service**

We always look forward to this time of year when we have the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and to thank you sincerely for your appreciated patronage.

**Motor Inn Grocery**  
1200 W. 3rd Phone 861

We've thought and thought of just how to express our wishes to you but the best way is the old-fashioned way of saying "Have a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year."

**Hollis Cafe**  
1111 W. 3rd

All the little snowmen join us in wishing you a wonderful, bright Christmas — a New Year of happiness and joys fulfilled.

**Newburn & Sons Welding Shop**  
204 Brown St. Phone 1474

Bright as the Star of Bethlehem are our wishes for a happy, joyous and wonderful Holiday season.

**Big Spring Mattress Factory**  
800 W. 3rd St. Phone 1764

Our greeting to you is short, simple but sincere. Merry Christmas — Happy New Year.

**Hull & Phillips Grocery**  
303 Bell St.

May all that's symbolic of Christmas be yours this season — the happiness, the gaiety, the spirit of good will, the anticipation of a wonderful new year ahead.

**Ranch Inn Courts**

To every home in our town, we extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas — a Happy New Year.

**Caroline's Flower Shop**  
1510 Gregg Phone 103

With old-fashioned fervor we wish you a Happy Holiday.

**Ritz Drug**  
401 Main

Our heartiest good wishes to you for a wonderful Christmas — a full, Happy New Year.

**Noack Grocery & Station**  
102 Harding

Here's to a wonderful Christmas to you and yours. A Happy New Year, too.

**Caprock Grocery**  
Lamesa Hwy. Owner, C. C. Jones

Here's to a wonderful Christmas to you and yours. A Happy New Year, too.

**Caprock Grocery**  
Lamesa Hwy. Owner, C. C. Jones

# Visits And Visitors For The Holidays

Continued From Page Five

M. F. Hodnett, Mrs. Dary May and daughter, Patricia, of Kleotria, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Haynes and son, Gary, of Huntville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vaughn and two children, Mary and Irene, of Eastland.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Hogan will have as holiday guests, Mrs. Hogan's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Dudley of Magnolia, Ark., and another brother, Ned Dudley, who is attending medical school at Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harper have as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Watt and Fred Watt, Sr., of Fayetteville, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Hall and family of Odessa.

Mrs. J. McMillan will spend the Christmas holidays in Tuscola and Abilene with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meyer will have as holiday guest Letha Widenor of Winfield, Kas., and dinner guests will include Mae Baldwin of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Smith of Lubbock.

Dinner guests in the H. F. Taylor home on Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dykes and Spike of Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Lebkowsky.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rhoads are spending the Christmas holidays in Decatur and Fort Worth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rhoads. They paused en route to visit in Abilene with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Lackey.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Benson of Philadelphia, Pa., arrived Monday

to spend the Christmas holidays with their son, Robert Benson, and Mrs. Benson.

Holiday guests in the J. S. Blisard home will be their daughter, Mrs. H. D. Sims, and Mr. Sims of Louisiana, and another daughter, Mrs. T. M. Lawson, and her family of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coleman will have as their holiday visitors, Billy Coleman, a student at Texas A&M, and June Coleman of Matarador. Dinner guests will be Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patton and Clifton Patton of Abilene will be holiday guests of their daughters, Mrs. R. C. LeFever and Mrs. Donnie Tubbs, and their families.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Lester of Fort Laveac will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester. Following the holiday the party will go to Denver, Colo., for a vacation at the S. W. Lester's cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Petty will have as their holiday visitors, Mrs. O. V. Bray and son of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wade and son of Glen Rose and Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Curtis and son of Perryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Lewis will travel to Lamesa where they will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lewis.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Hutchings and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reagan left Sunday to spend the holidays in Lansing, Mich., with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shoebridge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lee will entertain Christmas day with a Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Milner of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin as guests.

Robert Swan Lee, student at Hardin-Simmons university, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee.

Mrs. H. W. Leeper will have as her Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Helton of Houston. Mrs. Helton is Mrs. Leeper's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McDonald have had as guests Mrs. McDonald's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wagay and daughter, Jonell, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. A. P. Carter of Abilene is visiting with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McEwen, Jr., and daughter, Diane.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McEwen, Sr., will hold a family reunion at their home during the holidays. Those attending will be Mrs. McEwen's mother, Mrs. Lucy Sorrels of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vaughn of Fresno, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Sorrels of Tulunco, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lang and children of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sorrels of Abilene, R. H. Sorrels of Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McEwen, Jr., and daughter, Diane; and Barbara McEwen.

Lt. and Mrs. Winston Harper and son, David of Chicago, Ill., are visiting here with Mrs. Ruth Edwards, Mrs. J. M. McKinzie and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Edwards, Jr., and family.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. McKinney include Mrs. McKinney's brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Marshall of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Marshall of Kermit. Also visiting with her aunt is Mrs. Neoma Chestnut of Silver City, N.M.

Eugene McAllen will be home from Eunice, N. M. to visit with his wife, Mrs. Eugene McAllen. Also visiting in the McAllen home with Mrs. William C. Ryan will be her two sons, Gerald and Jim Ryan, students at Southern Methodist University.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McAdams are spending Christmas in Dallas where McAdams is undergoing treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McClendon will spend Christmas day at home, but will leave December 26 for Fort Worth for a visit with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phillips.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McClenny will be Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tom Draper of Lorraine.

Visiting with the Rev. and Mrs.

W. R. McClure are their children, James C. McClure, who is attending Bethany Peniel College in Bethony, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Wendel A. McClure of College Station and Truman Lawrence of Bethony, Okla.

Home for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McComb, are Ell and Dell McComb, students at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Dell will leave December 26 for Nashville, Tenn., to participate in a Presbyterian conference for young people, and will represent the Presbyterian conference for young people, and will represent the Presbyterian church in Lubbock.

Billy and Frances Meier, students at Texas Tech in Lubbock, are visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Meier, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Melear will spend Christmas Day in Water Valley visiting with Mrs. Tom Onstott.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Mitchell will be Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carpenter and Mrs. R. J. Mitchell of Roby.

Having Christmas dinner in the H. T. Moore home will be Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Moore and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sullivan.

Visiting with Mrs. L. Y. Moore and family are Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sewell of Kermit.

Mrs. W. D. Tollison, J. C. and Leonard Morgan will spend Christmas in Stanton with Mrs. D. E. Bloomer. Others who will be there are Mr. and Mrs. Allen O'Connor and children, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bloomer of El Paso, Ed Bloomer, Jr.

Celebrating the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hollis will be Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hollis and Mrs. J. W. Hollis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Henry and Patricia Henry of Chillicothe will be guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ramsey.

Spending Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson will be their children, Nathan, student at Texas University and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Richardson, Jr., of Lubbock.

Mrs. J. J. Richardson and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson in Pleasantville, La.

Mrs. Maggie Richardson has been visiting her brother in Wilcox, Ariz.

Guests in the W. V. Nichols home are Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Duke and Mrs. T. C. Duke of Fort Worth.

Mr. C. O'Barry arrived Saturday from the University of Texas to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O'Barry. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips of Artesia, N.M., will be Christmas day guests of the O'Barrys.

Holiday visitors in the P. D. O'Brien home will include Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gamble and Clinton from Weslaco, Richard and Robert O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gamble of Stamford and Mrs. Mattie A. Haynes of Stamford.

The Leo Nalls will be Christmas dinner headquarters for the family. Attending will be Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Nall, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Curry, Tommy Ruth Nall, and from Colorado City, Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Neel.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Neill Jr. of Austin will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Neill Sr. Other diners in the Neill home will be Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neill, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wheeler and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Newman will be Christmas guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ward of Melvin.

The Joe Burrells will travel to Fort Worth to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. W. G. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lovelace and family will visit during the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Peters of Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lovelace will go to Fabens to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Haley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rudd of Blend, N. M., and Mrs. Betty Jean Pipe and daughter, Arah Jean, of Lubbock were expected as holiday guests in the home of Mrs. Cora Rudd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rudd and children, Donna and M. J. are spending Christmas in Gall with Mrs. Rudd's mother, Mrs. M. J. Taylor.

Having Christmas dinner with Mrs. Annie Lea Sanders will be Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Haygood and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Friend, former Big Spring residents who now reside in Memphis, Tenn., are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Robbins.

Billy Robinson was in town for a pre-holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Robinson before leaving for El Paso and William Beaumont General hospital.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rogan last week were Mr. and Mrs. Travis Dickson of Plains.

*Best Wishes for a Joyous Christmas*



**Culligan Soft Water Service**  
R. L. & EDITH TRAPNELL  
503 E. 6th St. Phone 535

## Greetings

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

**TOM ROSSON**  
Public Accountant  
Office: 211 Petroleum Bldg.  
Phone 1233 Big Spring, Tex.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
from all of us to all of you

*Jolly old Santa is helping us once again to convey to one and all our many warm wishes for the brightest Christmas ever.*

**TEX HOTEL & LIQUOR STORE**  
PAUL S. LINER, Owner  
503 E. 3rd St.  
Phone 991

**YELLOW CAB CO. — PHONE 150**

*A*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Message*



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

May you have, on every day of the New Year, the same happiness which we are sure will be yours on Christmas day.

**Conley's Flowers**  
Phone 866 308 W. 15th

day to spend the Christmas holidays with their son, Robert Benson, and Mrs. Benson.

Holiday guests in the J. S. Blisard home will be their daughter, Mrs. H. D. Sims, and Mr. Sims of Louisiana, and another daughter, Mrs. T. M. Lawson, and her family of Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coleman will have as their holiday visitors, Billy Coleman, a student at Texas A&M, and June Coleman of Matarador. Dinner guests will be Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson Jr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patton and Clifton Patton of Abilene will be holiday guests of their daughters, Mrs. R. C. LeFever and Mrs. Donnie Tubbs, and their families.

Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Lester of Fort Laveac will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester. Following the holiday the party will go to Denver, Colo., for a vacation at the S. W. Lester's cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Petty will have as their holiday visitors, Mrs. O. V. Bray and son of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wade and son of Glen Rose and Rev. and Mrs. O. C. Curtis and son of Perryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Lewis will travel to Lamesa where they will visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lewis.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Hutchings and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reagan left Sunday to spend the holidays in Lansing, Mich., with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shoebridge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lee will entertain Christmas day with a Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Milner of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin as guests.

Robert Swan Lee, student at Hardin-Simmons university, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee.

Mrs. H. W. Leeper will have as her Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Helton of Houston. Mrs. Helton is Mrs. Leeper's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McDonald have had as guests Mrs. McDonald's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wagay and daughter, Jonell, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. A. P. Carter of Abilene is visiting with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McEwen, Jr., and daughter, Diane.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McEwen, Sr., will hold a family reunion at their home during the holidays. Those attending will be Mrs. McEwen's mother, Mrs. Lucy Sorrels of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vaughn of Fresno, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Sorrels of Tulunco, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lang and children of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sorrels of Abilene, R. H. Sorrels of Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. McEwen, Jr., and daughter, Diane; and Barbara McEwen.

Lt. and Mrs. Winston Harper and son, David of Chicago, Ill., are visiting here with Mrs. Ruth Edwards, Mrs. J. M. McKinzie and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Edwards, Jr., and family.

Holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. McKinney include Mrs. McKinney's brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Marshall of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Marshall of Kermit. Also visiting with her aunt is Mrs. Neoma Chestnut of Silver City, N.M.

Eugene McAllen will be home from Eunice, N. M. to visit with his wife, Mrs. Eugene McAllen. Also visiting in the McAllen home with Mrs. William C. Ryan will be her two sons, Gerald and Jim Ryan, students at Southern Methodist University.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McAdams are spending Christmas in Dallas where McAdams is undergoing treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McClendon will spend Christmas day at home, but will leave December 26 for Fort Worth for a visit with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phillips.

Spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McClenny will be Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tom Draper of Lorraine.

Visiting with the Rev. and Mrs.



*and that makes for a Merry Christmas*

You will enjoy your holidays more with a linen closet filled with clean, fresh clothes. If it's done the laundry way, you'll have more leisure hours to spend with your friends and family . . . you will enjoy a Merrier Christmas. Call us today.

**Big Spring Laundry**  
121 West 1st

*Merry Christmas*

and Happy New Year to all our Friends and Customers

**L. & L. Housing**  
408 W. 3rd St. Phone 975

*A Christmas Greeting*

AT THIS TIME, most wonderful season of all the year, we want to extend to each and every one our very best greetings; an abundance of health, happiness and prosperity.

We wish you Christmas joy as unremitting as the good will that has marked our mutual respect through these many years.

and a Happy, Prosperous New Year

**State National Bank**  
Big Spring's Oldest Bank  
Time Tried - Panic Tested





And A Happy  
New Year  
From  
**CAROLINE'S**  
1510 Gregg  
Phone 103

**Makes His Time In Hospital Pay Off**

WELCOME, Minn., (U.P.)—The inventive genius of a wounded Seabee which didn't stop as he lay hospitalized in the South Pacific, is helping to make Minnesota farming easier.  
Ernest Pollard was wounded three times in the South Pacific and spent six months on hospital cots.  
He began putting his ideas on paper and before long came up with a windrow turner and floor model hoist which now are being manufactured commercially by a Minneapolis firm. At his own small "factory" at Welcome he is manufacturing an overhead hoist.

**Nature Produced An Atomic Oven**

BERKELEY, Cal. (U.P.)—The first atomic oven was designed by Mother Earth millions of years ago and not by atomic bomb scientists at Hanford, Wash., and Oak Ridge, Tenn., according to Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, a leader in atomic research.  
Seaborg said spontaneous fission in the earth releases neutrons, he said, but these elements were not produced by nature in sufficient quantity for any practical purpose.  
Fission occurring in uranium in the earth releases neutrons, he said, but these elements were not produced by nature in sufficient quantity for any practical purpose.

**Soviet Gold Fields Expanded**  
MOSCOW (U.P.)—The century-old Bodaibo gold fields in eastern Siberia have been expanded with the discovery and opening of new deposits. This year the deposits already have produced 21 per cent more precious metal than during the corresponding period of 1945, the Moscow News revealed.

**State Chalks Up Appalling Highway Toll**

By The Associated Press  
Texas traffic accidents during 1946 will have killed 1,935 persons, injured 67,423 others and caused economic loss exceeding 64 million dollars when final statistics are tabulated.

This was the report, based on a total of 145,000 accidents of all types, issued by Homer Garrison, Jr., state director of the department of public safety.

The figures, carrying little implication of the tragic consequences behind many of these accidents, came from the files of N. K. Woerner, chief of the department's statistical division.

Woerner's totals for the year are unofficial, being based on a scientific projection of official figures for the first ten months of the year. His final official report will not be completed until March 15.

That economic loss of more than \$64,000,000 is a very conservative estimate, according to Woerner. It is based on a standard formula setting the loss at \$11,500 for each death, \$425 for each personal injury accident, and \$125 for each property damage accident.

Highway areas where automobiles ran the greatest risk of being killed during 1946 were on US Highway 90 between Houston and Beaumont and in the Beaumont-Port Arthur-Orange triangle, US Highway 80 between Longview and Marshall and between Midland and Odessa, US Highway 81 between Austin and San Antonio, US Highway 83 between Mission and Harlingen, and US Highway 75 between Houston and Galveston.

Highway 80 gained a particularly bad record, 145 persons being killed in the first ten months along the route from the Texas line near Shreveport to El Paso on the opposite side of the state.

Of the 1,935 persons killed on the highways and in cities and towns, 464 will prove to be pedestrians, 1,471 riders; 460 of the victims will be women, 1,475 men; 619 of these violent deaths will be in cities and towns, and other 1,316 in rural areas, Woerner predicted.

Safety department officials agreed that the East Texas oil field area is the "worst" in point of traffic violations.

"Drinking, excessive speeding, and driving on the wrong side of the road were the contributing factors to 80 percent of the accidents between Gladewater and Marshall," said one official.

Highway patrolmen's reports revealed that approximately 40 percent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents did not have drivers licenses.

**More Cash Down Under**  
MELBOURNE, Australia (U.P.)—Australia's national income has increased by 55 per cent since 1938, the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics reports. The bureau said Australia came out of the war in a fairly good economic position and her overseas position was generally sound.

**Traffic Meter Impartial**  
PORTLAND, Me. (U.P.)—A. L. Somers, the salesman who sold Portland its parking meters, dropped into ask City Manager Lyman S. Moore whether they were satisfactory. They discussed the matter so long that when Somers left he found a traffic ticket on his automobile for parking beyond the 30-minute limit clocked by his meters.

**Loot for the Sheriff**  
ROCKFORD, Ill. (U.P.)—Included in the equipment that Sheriff Kirk S. King is turning over to his successor, Emil W. Heideman, are 20 cases of whiskey, being held in escrow for a civil suit, six pinball machines, seized by former Sheriff William C. Bell and never destroyed, and three bicycles.

Many people on Santa Lucia in the Windward Islands speak a language compounded of French with a West African syntax.

**Seven Dead, 70 Injured Make Up County's Accident Toll In 1946**

Howard county owns an automobile mishap record accumulated through the first 11 months and 15 days of 1946 second only to the more-populous Lubbock county in the mammoth Lubbock district.

State highway patrolmen have investigated 54 highway accidents within the county during the period. A total of seven persons lost their lives as result of the mishaps. An additional 70 victims spent time in hospitals or under medical care as aftermaths of the crashes. Property damage occurring from the mishaps within the confines of the county totaled \$32,011.

Recent figures released by Sgt. E. L. Stroud of the Lubbock highway patrol headquarters showed that 64 persons perished because of roadway accidents during the first 11 months and 15 days of 1946 throughout the 21-county district. That figure represents an increase of 20 over the first 11 months of last year.

Thirteen more fatalities have already been charged against the division's safety record to date than were registered throughout 1945, Stroud's report revealed.

Only Lubbock and Garza counties reported more property damage resulting from road mishaps than Howard county this year, Lubbock's total for all but the last 15 days of the month amounted to \$61,047. Garza laid reported to \$37,550 lost in property.

Property losses for the entire district added up to a whopping \$249,199.83. Reports forwarded to district headquarters from all 21 counties showed no less than 432 mishaps for the period from Jan. 1 through Dec. 15, 1946. Injuries to 381 parties resulted.

District highway patrol officers have drawn attention to the fact that drivers in varying stages of intoxication were involved in a large percentage of the mishaps.

"The presence on the highways of those persons who have been drinking makes the job of driving more difficult for all other motorists," one official stated.

A record number of 91 cases in-

volving persons charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicants were filed in Howard county during the first 11 1/2 months of 1946, a recent check revealed. Convictions were obtained in 75 instances while the other 16 either were released on bond or have been dismissed from the docket.

Fines ranging from \$50 to \$75 were levied in each of the convictions. In addition, the motorists lost their operators' licenses for six months as prescribed by the Texas statutes.

Pointing out that State Department of Public Safety spokesman has predicted that a total of 112 persons will die in Texas during the final 12 days of 1946, John Strother, local highway patrolman, said this week that citizens can help keep the final statistics lower than the estimate by observing all the safety precautions while on the road.

There is enough water in the Great Lakes to cover the surface of the United States to a depth of 15 feet.



Once again we want to wish all our friends and customers a Merry Christmas  
May next year be your Happiest and most Prosperous

**S. P. JONES**  
Lumber Company

409 Goliad Phone 214



TO WISH YOU TRUE OLD-FASHIONED  
**CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Eberley  
and the  
Eberley Staff

C. R. McDaniel  
Lillian Funderburk  
Louis C. Hill  
Billy O. Funderburk  
Loyce Kinman  
Lloyd G. Smith

**SEARS ROEBUCK AND CO.**  
Wishes You  
A  
Merry Christmas  
and  
A  
Happy  
New Year  
**SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.**  
119 East 3rd St. Big Spring, Texas

**A**s we eagerly await the coming of this all-important event, Christmas, we want to take inventory of ourselves to see if there are some ways in which we can improve the scope of our service to our friends.  
It is our aim to improve our usefulness in every way possible for the benefit of our customers. In setting this policy as our goal for the coming year, we are remembering your kindnesses during the past year.  
May we extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you and wish you all the joys of a happy Yuletide.

**Big Spring Food Locker & By-Products Co.**  
100 Goliad Phone 153

**A JOYOUS NOEL**

And Our Heartiest Good Wishes to You This Christmas  
As the Stars in the Heaven and the Stars in Our Flag  
Unite for Everlasting Peace

**Robert STRIPLING INSURANCE Agency**  
Petroleum Bldg. Ph. 718

**Merry Christmas**

**Pleasant Yuletide Thoughts**

THE YULETIDE SEASON brings with it pleasant thoughts of friendships—tried, proven and cherished throughout the past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow men are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material.

It is significant of the season, then, that we pause to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And for your friendships and favors we are truly grateful.

**TUCKER PLUMBING CO.**  
303 W. 9th

LIFE'S DARKEST MOMENT



THE UNSEEN AUDIENCE



PATSY



PATSY



BUZ SAWYER



OAKIE DOAKS



SCORCHY SMITH



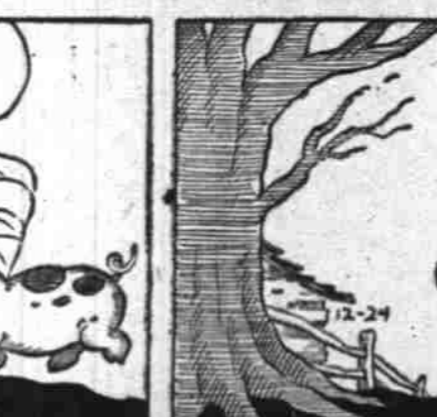
DICKIE DARE



BLONDIE



SNUFFY SMITH



ANNIE ROONEY



*Season's Greetings*

Add to the good things of Christmas—our wishes for a joyous holiday!



**Johnnie Walker**  
Implement Company

205 N. E. 2nd Phone 479

# Check Of Major News Events Of Year Shows War Dropped Out Of Headlines

By JACK RUTLEDGE, Associated Press Staff

Texas swung sharply away from war in 1946, and the ten best stories of the year in the Lone Star State were purely personal—Texas murders, Texas disasters, strikes, human interest stories. The only war story was the Rapido River investigation, and that was number nine on the list, drawing only 50 votes.

Briefly, these are the stories that editors of Associated Press member papers selected as the best of the year in Texas:

Number one was the Texarkana Phantom case. It received 171 votes. The Texarkana Phantom, still uncaught, killed five persons in Texarkana and that part of the state that even now it is recalled all too vividly.

The first murder was on March 29, at ominous three-week intervals, the phantom struck. The pattern of his attacks was similar—the locale was about the same each time; a man and a woman were brutally murdered, the man beaten and the woman assaulted.

The murders launched the greatest manhunt in Texas history, a manhunt that is still going on.

Number two, drawing 162 votes, was the story of Texas politics, 1946. This can not be tied down as one story, of course. It was a running story that got off to a quick start early in the year when Dr. Homer P. Rainey said he was going to run for governor. The incumbent, Gov. Coke Stevenson, decided not to run, and the field was open.

The campaign that followed was one of the bitterest in Texas history. The number of men running for office was almost unprecedentedly large. Finally, in a race that necessitated a run-off, Beauford Jester of Corsicana was elected governor on a harmony platform.

The political story had numerous ramifications—other important state races, scores of minor races. And for the first time, returning veterans were elected to office in a flood of votes. Veterans will dominate the public life of Texas come 1947.

Number three, receiving 126 votes, was the Baker Hotel explosion in Dallas. Coming as it did in the middle of a series of hotel disasters, it assumed national importance. Shortly before noon, on June 21, a terrific explosion ripped through the lower floor of the swank Baker hotel, instantly killing six persons. The death toll finally mounted to ten.

Number four: the end of the OPA, and its reaction in Texas. The major effect on Texas was the decontrol of meat. Packing sheds and slaughter houses, empty for weeks as owners withheld stock because of what they called disastrously low ceiling prices, flooded markets with stock to take advantage of the quickly soaring prices. This story drew 116 votes.

Number five: The San Antonio flood, drawing 95 votes, occurred Sept. 26, continued for two days. Torrential rains flooded the San Antonio river, forcing it from its banks. Water swirled around the famed Alamo, inundated the world's largest army posts, waist deep in hotels and public buildings. Many died. Nearby towns were threatened. The story was tragic, but colorful. It made page ones throughout the nation.

Number six: The polio epidemic. It drew 91 votes from editors. The epidemic started early in the year, grew in intensity during the heat of summer months, waned in the fall and then flared anew in early winter, when few expected it to recur: The exact number of dead from poliomyelitis probably will never be known. It was over 100, anyway. And over a thousand persons were stricken. San Antonio was virtually closed down by quarantines rigidly enforced. Houston was hard hit, particularly in the winter months. But the epidemic was not concentrated—nearly every community in Texas felt it.

Number seven: The wave of strikes. The strikes started early in the year, in January. First was a threatened telephone strike Jan. 11, it was far from the last. Strikes ran like a red thread through the fabric of news that made 1946. Other strikes included a meat packer strike, a steel workers strike, a strike of Houston city employees, a transportation tie-up; the port strikes at Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, other coastal points; a taxicab strike at Houston; cottonmill strike at Corsicana; and others. On one day, Sept. 19, six major strikes were in effect at once. Houston, probably, was the worst hit of all Texas cities. The story polled 90 votes.

Number eight: The Burch case. This was one of the most colorful of all the stories of 1946. It drew 87 votes. On Nov. 22, two Huntsville convicts killed a guard named Ben La Rue and escaped. A statewide manhunt followed. The following day, Sept. 23, the two convicts arrived in Rosebud, entered the home of T. A. Burch, 72 years old, demanded the keys to his car, one convict was fatally wounded with his own gun, the second seriously wounded. Both were recaptured.

Number nine: The Rapido River probe. It drew 50 votes. Early in 1946, when the case was white-hot. It would have been number one, probably. Veterans of the 36th Division demanded that General Mark Clark be investigated for his part in the costly, blundering Rapido River crossing in Italy. The case was brought to a climax when General Clark's promotion was under study. The probe was taken to Washington, finally, and Texans lost General Clark was exonerated and promoted. (The initial demand for an investigation was made in Brownwood January 20.)

Number ten: The Lamesa mother, aged 43, gave birth to her 25th child, two days later was cooking breakfast for her husband. This was purely a human interest story, but it received 43 votes—a clear indication that the news trend had turned sharply. This touching story ranked far ahead of the Dallas terror killings, the mysterious murder of Mrs. N. O. Kreeger of Sherman, the weather, the Lewisville Bank robbery in which untrained football players pursued and caught the robber, the Sweetwater train crash which killed four patients who had escaped from a state hospital for epileptics. The mother, incidentally, was Mrs. Ben Lopez. The date, Nov. 12.

Those were the top stories of the year now drawing to a close, selected by the top newspapermen in Texas.

Others may have touched you closer, and you may disagree with the verdict. But the stories mentioned here were the stories longest remembered, the stories that got the biggest headlines.



"Darling, isn't it WONDERFUL how we always think of each other?"



"One moment, please—I'll see if Mr. Cole is in!"

**Fire When Ready**

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP)—Here's a blaze which could have been reported, quite properly, in the society columns. The ladies were preparing a dinner at the Mission Covenant church. An overheated oven prompted them to turn in an alarm. Two trucks responded swiftly. The firemen fixed the stove, sat down and ate man-size slices of cake.

**Must Go To Court To Stop Knocker**

SANTA FE, N. M. (AP)—A pesky woodpecker has posed a problem here that may bomerang on him in the end.

His noisy pecking has disturbed the slumbers of Mrs. George H. Wisheart, who appealed to the state game department and city police for "protection against this nuisance."

Police advised Mrs. Wisheart to apply to the district court for permission to have the woodpecker shot.

**Miss Keller's Books**

LONDON (AP)—The British National Institution for the blind will present a number of Braille volumes, including the plays of Shakespeare, to Helen Keller, deaf and sightless author, whose Braille library was destroyed when her home in Easton, Conn. burned recently.

day, Sept. 19, six major strikes were in effect at once. Houston, probably, was the worst hit of all Texas cities. The story polled 90 votes.

Number eight: The Burch case. This was one of the most colorful of all the stories of 1946. It drew 87 votes. On Nov. 22, two Huntsville convicts killed a guard named Ben La Rue and escaped. A statewide manhunt followed. The following day, Sept. 23, the two convicts arrived in Rosebud, entered the home of T. A. Burch, 72 years old, demanded the keys to his car, one convict was fatally wounded with his own gun, the second seriously wounded. Both were recaptured.

Number nine: The Rapido River probe. It drew 50 votes. Early in 1946, when the case was white-hot. It would have been number one, probably. Veterans of the 36th Division demanded that General Mark Clark be investigated for his part in the costly, blundering Rapido River crossing in Italy. The case was brought to a climax when General Clark's promotion was under study. The probe was taken to Washington, finally, and Texans lost General Clark was exonerated and promoted. (The initial demand for an investigation was made in Brownwood January 20.)

Number ten: The Lamesa mother, aged 43, gave birth to her 25th child, two days later was cooking breakfast for her husband. This was purely a human interest story, but it received 43 votes—a clear indication that the news trend had turned sharply. This touching story ranked far ahead of the Dallas terror killings, the mysterious murder of Mrs. N. O. Kreeger of Sherman, the weather, the Lewisville Bank robbery in which untrained football players pursued and caught the robber, the Sweetwater train crash which killed four patients who had escaped from a state hospital for epileptics. The mother, incidentally, was Mrs. Ben Lopez. The date, Nov. 12.

Those were the top stories of the year now drawing to a close, selected by the top newspapermen in Texas.

Others may have touched you closer, and you may disagree with the verdict. But the stories mentioned here were the stories longest remembered, the stories that got the biggest headlines.

**Color Of Truth In This Advertising**

CHICAGO (AP)—They're putting the finishing touches on the picture of postwar railroad passenger comfort—fittingly enough—with paint brushes.

Ralph Haman, color and design engineer, is using a lot of color in cars the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing company is building for the Illinois Central train, City of New Orleans.

Light shades of yellow, green and blue will predominate on ceilings and walls. Seats will be in tones of cedar or red; floors in blues, greens or reds.

"Entering one of these cars, the patron's first concern is selecting a seat," Haman says in explaining the decor. "The depth of color makes them stand out, inviting, almost beckoning. After being seated, however, the eyes travel to the walls and ceilings, which are peaceful and quieting. The cars seem larger, brighter and brings out full powers of relaxation."

Color blind passengers can just curl up with a good book.




**GREETINGS**

for the season

Christmas cheer is in the air! Christmas joy is everywhere! Add our wishes that this be the merriest holiday season ever!

**Estah's Florist**

1701 Scurry Phone 349



*Christmas Cheer*

Our deep appreciation for your patronage and patience... our sincerest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever.


**BIG SPRING TRACTOR CO.**  
C. C. WORRELL, Owner  
Lamesa Highway Phone 938

**ONCE AGAIN**

**IT'S CHRISTMAS**

May it bring you Peace and Happiness Throughout the New Year

Please accept our thanks for the kindnesses you have extended us in the past. We trust we may continue to merit your consideration in the future.



**Carter Electric**

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIES**

Each year as we observe the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the many things for which we should be thankful. We remember innumerable instances of your good faith and goodwill and we recall the countless courtesies and favors with which we have been blessed and of the friendships, tried and proven, that have been ours to enjoy.

Mindful of these fine expressions of friendships, and of the thoughtfulness back of them, we desire to again send our Christmas wishes to each of you, and to thank you for everything. You have made the past year a pleasant one for us, and we trust that we shall enjoy many more among the people of this community.



**Thornton Food Store**

1005 11th Place A. S. ALEXANDER - J. T. THORNTON, JR. Phone 1302



**Christmas Greetings**

We're in perfect harmony with the spirit of the season, when we express our yuletide sentiments to everyone we know. May your Christmas be jolly and wreathed with holly!

**McCRORY'S**  
Your Friendly 5 and 10



**Christmas Cheer**

We appreciate the fine friendships that have been ours, and we want to express that appreciation by saying to all—

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

**PARK INN**

Good Food — A Nice Place To Dance

TO WISH YOU

*A Jolly Good Christmas*

AND

*Happy Days*

THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR

Best of good wishes to each of you in recognition of your consideration of this firm as evidenced by the splendid patronage that was yours during the last twelve months.



**MOTOR & BEARING SERVICE CO.**  
1605 Scurry St. Big Spring, Texas



OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

That the true spirit of goodwill shall fill all hearts, and that the New Year will bring the most enjoyment for you and yours.

**WESTEX**  
OIL COMPANY  
And Its Entire Personnel



We blow the trumpets loud and long—and hope you'll hear our yuletide song. Its music is in children's laughter on Christmas morn and the long days after. Its words aren't always in perfect rhyme, but they're joined to wish you a glorious time! As for 1947—may it see you heartily thrive; and while its bells in gladness ring, godspeed the happiness it may bring.

**TROY GIFFORD TIRE SERVICE**

216 W. 3rd

Phone 563

**COUNTY BIRTHS OUTNUMBER DEATHS DURING 1946 BY MORE THAN 3 TO 1**

The stork proved far more active than the grim reaper in Howard county during the first 11 months of 1946, records on file at the county clerk's office showed.

Topped by November, when a total of 74 deliveries were registered, birth outnumbered deaths by a ratio of more than three to one. An aggregate of 681 births were put on file for the period from Jan. 1 through Nov. 30 as compared to 207 deaths.

Heart trouble probably accounted for more deaths than any two other causes combined. It is estimated that nearly one fourth of the persons who expired died as a result of heart failure or heart attack. Causes of other reported deaths were, of course, varied. Three infants passed on as result of malnutrition. Tuberculosis claimed three victims. Syphilis contributed to the death of four others.

At least 22 persons perished vio-

lently, either as result of gun shot wounds, automobile crashes, poisoning or burns. Cancer claimed the lives of at least five residents.

More than 70 births occurred in each of the four months from August through November.

The totals by months:

Month	Births	Deaths
Jan.	60	31
Feb.	42	23
March	64	20
April	41	19
May	59	14
June	63	15
July	64	25
August	71	23
Sept.	71	7
Oct.	72	20
Nov.	74	10

Some of the agencies obviously were tardy in reporting deaths, despite the fact that state law requires that such data be on file with the county clerk by the tenth day of the succeeding month.

The over-all picture, however, provided evidence for the argument that Howard county is a healthy place in which to live.

**Income Tax Aid To Farmers Gets Recognition**

The Howard County Farm Bureau's system for filling out income tax forms for its members is being recommended as an example for other county federations to follow, according to a recent bulletin issued by Marvin Carter, state bureau organization chairman.

County Farm Bureau organizations throughout the state offer income tax service to their respective members each year, but Carter indicated in the bulletin that the Howard county bureau's locally devised system is the most practical.

Farmers are required to file income tax returns if they received a gross income of more than \$500 during the year, regardless of whether they actually operated with a profit or loss. They also are required to file returns not later than Jan. 15, with one exception—a farmer can file an estimate by the Jan. 15 deadline if he desires and make the actual return by March 15. Most local farmers, however, have filed their returns and made their payments, if due, by Jan. 15 in the past.

The Howard county bureau, with the cooperation of the county agent and his staff, offers its members free income tax service from Jan. 1 to Jan. 15 each year. Facilities are provided at the county agent's office, and each bureau is notified of the service. To eliminate congestion at the office, the bureau membership is listed alphabetically, and the farmers are asked to report on designated days to complete their individual returns.

**Home On The Road To The Air Age**

DEMING, N. M. (AP)—Something new in homes—front door on the highway and back door on an air strip—is claimed by Mr. and Mrs. Postelle Cooper.

A hangar is built right into the house. A driveway connects the front door with the highway while the back door opens on a half-mile air strip from which Cooper, banker and insurance executive flies to his appointments.

**LONG-DISTANCE TALK TO BE HER CHRISTMAS GIFT**

A message from near the Arctic Circle—storied home of Santa Claus—will serve as an appropriate Christmas gift for Mrs. Clifton O. Sanders, local sales-lady.

At 8 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 25, Mrs. Sanders will put through a prearranged long distance telephone call to her husband, Lt. C. O. Sanders of the US Army (Infantry), who is stationed on Adak in the Aleutian islands.

Sanders' superiors had to approve the call but the lieutenant got permission to use the line weeks ago.

The officer was transferred to Adak station about six months ago.

**Love's Language**

ALTON, Ill. (AP)—Mrs. William Phillips teaches a French class at Shurtleff college, and one of her pupils is her husband. Phillips met the former Genevieve Bonvalet, pretty and possessor of a bachelor of philosophy degree, when he was in France with the U. S. Army. She came to this country last August, and they were married.

**Migratory Labor Camp Pays Off; Over 1,600 Housed During 1946**

An investment of something over \$10,000 made by the city and county in cooperation with the extension farm labor program has made a creditable dividend payment, according to statistics on activity for the year at the Howard county migratory labor camp.

The Howard county camp has brought about a distinct change that is apparent to farm leaders throughout the country as well as local citizens.

No longer are the Latin-American agricultural workers, needed sorely each year by farmers in the area, left to shift aimlessly about the neighborhood during the harvest season while they are attempting to locate jobs, and no longer must they seek their jobs on a hit or miss basis.

camp's cooking and laundry facilities and the bath houses.

A total of 1,603 laborers, representing 186 crews were accommodated at the camp during the first 11 months of 1946. Although a majority of this number composed transient crews who came prepared to remain only through the harvest season, the camp was instrumental in placing 189 general year around workers on farms in the area.

Services of the workers who stopped at the camp were used by 296 farmers. Most of the placements were in Howard county, although farmers in several neighboring counties visited the camp when they needed laborers, and many of them were successful in getting crews.

The local camp was the subject for an article in the Saturday Evening Post, which was illustrated with several pictures of the activity, and now it is referred to as the "blue ribbon" migratory labor camp of the United States. The unit will be prepared for even greater service in 1947. A

three-room addition was recently completed to furnish housing facilities for a custodian, and the extension service farm labor organization promptly arranged a salary for the worker. Consequently, the Howard county camp is the only unit in Texas which has the service of a fulltime custodian.

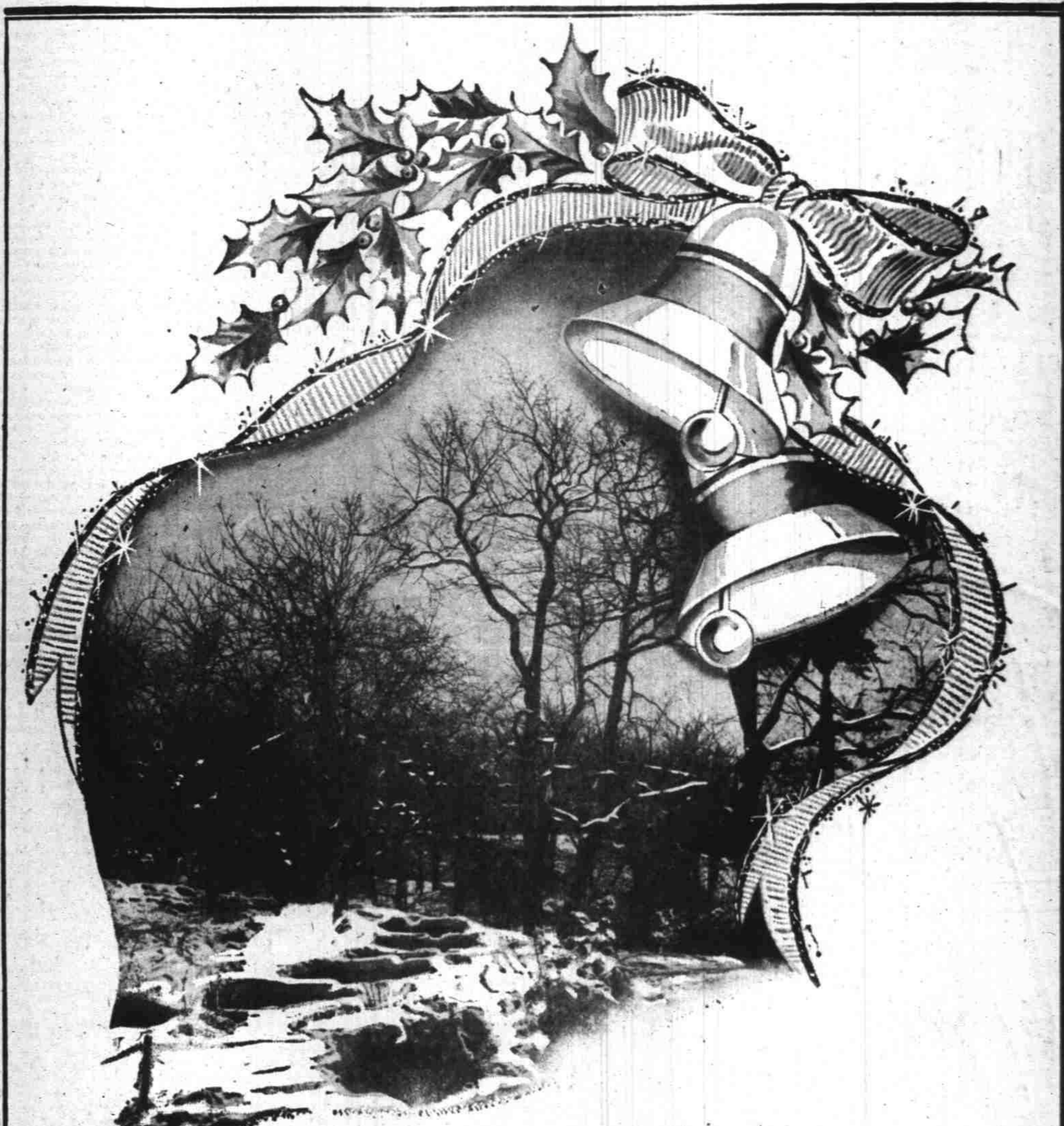
The custodian is to take care of the buildings and grounds, and help with the registration of workers and prospective employees. A continuous beautification program, with the custodian to be in charge, already has been planned, and the work is expected to begin soon.

**Mrs. Roosevelt Approves Statute**

NEW YORK (AP)—Now that Britain has settled its domestic controversy over the Roosevelt statue for London's Grosvenor Square, and will depict the late President in a standing position, the person closest to the late President will find no objection.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, between busy sessions at the United Nations, said she considered sitting a "more natural position," but she added diplomatically "many remember him standing."

The important thing, she said, was that "the British should have the kind of statue they want."



**Christmas Greetings**

It's time for holly and mistletoe, bells and carols, packages and parties once again! We hope you love Christmas as much as we do — and derive as much pleasure from our greeting as we take in saying to you — A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**SWARTZ'S**

# Churches Take Lead With Yule Gifts For The Less Fortunate

Spreading Christmas cheer throughout the nation and the world is experienced annually by local church goers, whose contributions make possible Christmas gifts, food and clothing for children in orphanages and for underprivileged persons in countries the world over.

In November, the First Baptist church raised \$700 which was to be used Christmas at the Mexican Baptist orphanage in San Antonio. Contributions were also sent to Buckner orphan home in Dallas with 15 boxes of food and clothing. Names of needy families here were distributed in Sunday School classes, and food, toys and clothing were provided by church members.

Free will offerings from the congregation of the First Methodist church went to the Methodist home in Waco. Money raised by the Northwest Texas conference provides Christmas for the children there. Food and clothing for the under privileged was also distributed here.

Sunday school departments at the East Fourth Baptist church sponsored Christmas parties for members. Each brought Christmas food parcels which were distributed by the church. Also contributed was well over \$300 to the Lottie Moon Christmas fund and contributions to Buckner's orphanage.

St. Thomas Catholic church reports that contributions from here go into a church charity fund, operating on a yearly basis.

St. Paul's Lutheran church contributes to three organizations, the Winfield Children's Home at Winfield, Kansas, a similar organization in New Orleans, La., and to a tubercular sanitarium at Wheatridge, Colo.

The Methodist home in Waco is also assisted by the Wesley Methodist church through donations, and Christmas gifts are mailed to a small boy, sponsored

by a church class, who lives at the Methodist home. Retired ministers of Nazarene faith are assisted annually through a fund known as the Nazarene Ministers' Benefit. Contributions from the local church, along with others from all over the nation, are sent to church headquarters for distribution. St. Mary's Episcopal church has

mailed missionary boxes in order York headquarters earlier in order that the contests might be distributed in Chinese hospitals during Christmas.

Besides preparing Christmas food baskets for local use, members of the First Christian church have donated, through free will offerings, to the Juliette Fowler Home in Dallas.

## Remember That Big Yuletide Snow Of '39?

Dreaming of a White Christmas is about as far as folks in these parts get to one — although the weather man has been trying hard in recent years.

The last snowy Christmas in Big Spring came in 1939, and it was a good one. Although Christmas eve promised anything but snow, the weather changed in the night and there was a light mantle over the countryside when kiddies tumbled expectantly out of bed to see what Saint Nick had brought.

By mid morning, however, it got down to serious business and until late afternoon a heavy snow fell. The weather bureau measured it at six inches and most of it was on the ground at one time. Many people remember that, but it was a harbinger of things to come, for this, added to a Nov. 25 snow, contributed to nine snows during the 1939-40 winter, an unusually large number.

After that, folks relaxed for the 1939 cloak was the first in 35 years. However, overcast skies contributed snow flurries the very next year on Christmas eve, but Christmas turned up with good weather.

The year of 1941 came within a few days of furnishing a semi-

## Fruit Cake Has Suffered, Too

Just what the traditional Christmas fruit cake will have in it besides nuts and flour is hard to say, since practically every other ingredient has been hard to find.

With some housewives it has been the lack of a sugar stamp that held up her baking while others with stamps had trouble finding the sugar itself. One grocer said that although it had been scarce, few customers with stamps had gone home sugarless.

Also scarce are the candied citrus fruits that give the cake its name. Earlier, the packaged varieties could be found and housewives who baked them early and soaked them down for the holidays, were fortunate in buying early.

white Christmas, for there was glaze on the countryside on Dec. 20 and 21. The next year Christmas was balmy but in 1943 the glass type of white Christmas almost hit, with a trace of precipitation on Dec. 24 freezing.

In 1944, however, the day after Christmas turned white with a whole of a good glaze storm that froze 41 of precipitation on Dec. 26. The condition clung on until Dec. 28 and threatened to become serious before weather moderated. At year, a trace of rain fell on Christmas eve and some hardened with 27 degrees on Christmas morning, but it wasn't really white.

## Legislature Gets Demands For Huge Expenditures Next Year

By PAUL BOLTON

AUSTIN, Dec. 24. — Regardless of how worthy the causes may be the plain fact is that proposed spending by the 50th Legislature is running away from all semblance of probability.

This conclusion, with which every member of the Legislature is going to have to wrestle, was made possible as the Board of Control's budget was finished giving the first concrete idea of what the cost of the regular functions of government will be.

Counting the increases recommended by the board of control, there are proposed minimum increases of around \$121 millions of dollars in spending for the next biennium. Here's the summary:

Departmental costs, up \$5,600,000 under budget recommendation; eleemosynary, up \$8,700,000; higher education up \$11,100,000; judiciary, up \$700,000.

In the available school fund, the nearest an official estimate is the \$55 per capita recommended by the State Teachers Association. That's an increase of \$20 for each school age child, or a total increase for the two years of \$40,000,000.

In the field of pensions, nearly everybody agrees that the pension fund will be pushed to its limit of \$35,000,000, which would be an increase of \$7,000,000. If it can be squeezed in, the child aid fund may be doubled — from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000 a year, or an increase of \$3,000,000 for the biennium.

The board of control has radically cut the requested appropriation for the state health department; but the State Health Officer, Dr. George W. Cox, says he is making a new budget now, based on the state health board's request for a per capita apportionment of 50 cents for public health. That would mean an annual expenditure of \$3,250,000, which is roughly an increase for the two years of \$5,000,000.

How much more will be spent on farm-to-market roads is anybody's guess but the state Grange says it ought to be \$25,000,000 a year. That is perhaps \$15,000,000 more

than could reasonably have been expected, or for the purposes of arriving at a total, put it down as a two-year increase of \$30,000,000.

Then there's the college building program. Count off the program for the University and A&M college and their subsidiaries since tax revenues are not involved; but the 5 cents of the ad valorem tax set up for the other state supported schools amounts to \$3,500,000 over the two year period. Add up those figures and you get that total — \$121 plus millions, over and above the spending of the past biennium.

It could have been made larger, as for instance:

The various agencies of the state embraced in the Board of Control's budget had asked for \$38,400,000 more than the board had recommended;

Many people believe that the board's recommended \$300,000 to make a negro University of the first class is not an adequate amount;

A total of nearly \$2,000,000 is available for state office buildings which were not built, although authorized, during the current biennium;

The board's recommendations do NOT include any substantial amount of building or renovation which is badly needed at the state's eleemosynary institutions.

Nor do the recommendations (or requested recommendations) include any new agencies that have been asked such as a statewide parole and probation system, a veterans' service bureau, a hospital for spastics.

### NON-SKID TURKEY KNIFE

CHICAGO (UP)—A local kitchen ware factory has made a carving knife that fits like a glove for the slippery task of carving the holiday turkey. Designer Jim Hvale experimented with artist's modeling clay, having more than 100 people shake hands with soft casts. He made a composite of the various grips and produced a plastic knife handle which he claims fits the average grasp.

## Shoppers Have Returned To Quest For Quality In Gifts

If Mr. and Mrs. Christmas Shopper have been more "choosy" this Yuletide season in selecting their gifts, blame it on changing times" say local merchants who agree that shoppers have bought with a pre-war eye on quality.

For the past few years Christmas merchandise has sold like hot cakes regardless of quality because the Christmas tradition of exchanging gifts, did not stop simply because there was a war on. Substitutes, inferior merchandise and flimsy materials did not stop sales.

But this year they drew a rein on careless buying for they were not only penny wise but debated long before choosing. Even though merchants report Christmas stocks depleted, early shoppers were more selective this season and more critical as to value received.

In cases where satisfactory selections could not be offered, customers said they had waited this long for what they wanted and they would wait just a little longer.

Merchants state that buyers were not only more careful in selection but more practical, too, buying usable durable merchandise and leaving the luxuries alone.

One department store manager believes that silk and nylon hose ranked first in calls for Christmas gifts while lingerie held a close

second in the women's department. House shoes seemed more plentiful this season and vied for top honors as the most popular gift.

Dress shirts for men still remained a great problem and only two scanty shipments of suits were reported by one establishment during the month of December.

Calls were many for electric irons, toasters and mixers, and early shoppers succeeded in finding a few, but, for the most part, stoves, refrigerators and washing

machines remained in the "dream" line.

Combination radios and record players were called for most at one appliance store which handled 12 models during the month.

The re-appearance of metal toys brought a sigh of relief to parents, weary of mending flimsy substitutes of previous years. Sturdier and only slightly higher in price, metal toys sold much better than wooden varieties that were also for sale.



AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM Walker's Pharmacy Across From the Banks

## Yuletide's heartiest Greetings

THE spirit of Christmas is in our hearts, as our greeting comes to say, "Happy Yuletide," to one and all! We wish we could personally come right inside your home, and share with you all the the good things this particular holiday brings.

There is no more gladsome time in all the year than this—when the rustling of gay papers and the brightness of pretty ribbons tantalizingly suggest the thrill each package's contents will provide. We hope that from the youngest member of your household—to the eldest who have witnessed many a Christmas—that every season's wish will be granted. And that when the New Year dawns it too will bring fulfillment of all your aspirations.

**Fashion CLEANERS**  
DE-LUXE SERVICE  
Phone 1775

# The Kid Shop



To all little lads and lassies we wish heaps of fun and loads of good cheer for the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year. Many, many bright and shining hours to all of you through the year 1947.

**The Waffle Shop**



We'd like to visit each and every one of you personally, to spread the glad tidings of the season but instead we're extending our heartfelt wishes through this message. And looking forward to 1947. We hope it brings you the realization of every aspiration.

**ANDERSON MUSIC CO.**

**County Collects Over \$200,000 Crop Insurance**

Howard county farmers collected federal insurance amounting to more than \$200,000 due to cotton crop failures during 1946.

No less than 190 farms, almost three times as many as carried insurance in 1945, were insured against crop loss and few were the farms that were not affected to some degree by the acute drought of last summer. An unusual number of places experienced complete losses.

The coverage, made possible by a government corporation, offers protection against loss of yield of lint cotton due to unavoidable causes, including flood, hail, insect damage and plant diseases as well as drought but does not cover losses returning from unavoidable causes including neglect, poor farming practices or failure to poison insects where practicable.

The initial insurance was extended to Howard county growers in 1942 when 225 places were protected against loss. In 1943, the number of subscribers diminished and Congress let the insurance program lapse in 1944, but reinstated it in 1945, during which time 64 farms were covered.

When the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation was set up by Congress, it was intended that the amount of premiums collected would never, in the long run, exceed the indemnities paid out. At the same time, all costs of administering the program was to be paid by the government as a grant.

In 1947, there will be three levels available — identified as "A", "B", and "C." Level A offers a small amount of coverage at the lowest cost. Level B costs more and offers a moderate amount of coverage. Level C gives the maximum amount of coverage at the greatest cost.

Under the plan, farms are placed in what is called a "coverage group," according to lint yield. The average group for Howard county is identified as "Twelve," and the average yield for the purpose of insurance is 164 pounds per acre. The amount of insurance increases as the crop progresses.

The stages are:  
First — After planting and before first cultivation.  
Second — After first cultivation, but before laying by.  
Third — After laying by, but before harvest.  
Fourth — After harvest.

Cotton crop insurance for the new year can be obtained at the AAA office until Jan. 31, 1947.

**Maryland Challenge In A Skin Game**

CAMBRIDGE, Md. (AP)—Muskrat-skinning and oyster-shucking competition will be held here late in January. Emmett C. Andrews, contest chairman, said local prize-winners might challenge Louisiana in a demonstration of the finer point of skinning a muskrat.

**Come The 26th: Headaches Over Gift Exchanges**

There's a bill up before the store keeper's congress asking that the day after Christmas be officially tagged "Exchange Day" and it's easily understood with doubtful purchases for seasonal gifts what they are.

"Take any average family," says one merchant, "There's bound to be at least one gift selection which will not fit. That sends a member of nearly every family hurrying to town to make an exchange."

A clerk tells of this incident that takes place annually in the store where she works. "It's the funniest thing, but an elderly couple I wait on is exchange day itself to me. They come in the day after Christmas, make sure the things were bought there and exchange all their useless Christmas gifts for things they really want and need."

One clerk maintains that people are becoming more careful in their selections and that compared with pre-war days when more clothing was available, exchanges are practically nil.

Another expressed the opinion that they always look forward to exchanges on December 26 because business is usually so bad that it gives them something to do besides work stock.

**Miss Munsel Balks At 'Baby' Tag**

PITTSBURGH, (U.P.) — The staid old Metropolitan Opera is going to have a one-girl revolt on its hands unless it stops calling Patrice Munsel its "baby soprano."

The 21-year-old petite singer said so herself during a concert appearance in Pittsburgh.

"After all," Miss Munsel complained with a shake of her handsome head, "don't you think it's kind of silly now that I'm grown up and 21?"

The tag might have been all right when she was 17 and got her first contract with the Metropolitan after attracting attention with her singing while attending school in Spokane, Wash. But now she insists that "I can't stand being called a child prodigy."

**State Replacing Blighted Trees**

HARRISBURG, Pa. (U.P.)—Pennsylvania wants to return to the ranks of the leading chestnut producers and 100 cross-breed seedlings are scheduled to start the ball rolling next spring.

The blight-struck American chestnut trees in the state have just about petered out in productivity, according to B. Lynn Emerick, forests bureau director, who announced an experimental planting of the 10-inch-long Nanking hybrid would be made in Logan Forest, Huntingdon County.

Emerick said the plant is supposed to produce a blight-resistant chestnut just as tasty as the popular American strain with which it was cross-bred.

**Outdoor Yule Decorations War Casualty**

Outdoor Christmas scenes that once earmarked the Christmas season in Big Spring are not too prevalent this year, and local residents, for the most part, are limiting their outside yuletide decorations to the lighting of candles.

Well remembered here were such scenes as Peace on Earth, a one-time winner of a local contest which was displayed at the John C. Smith home at 1704 Johnson. Spotlighted on the roof top was a miniature Statue of Liberty beneath an illuminated star. Earlier this season Mrs. Smith said that the decorations would not be used because of lighting difficulties and due to the fact that high winds blow them down repeatedly. Instead the Smiths will decorate about the lawn with Christmas bulbs.

Other decorations remembered here were The Manger Scene, The Three Wise Men and a Santa Claus Scene.

Because of lighting difficulties and for other reasons, the Christmas figures have not been too popular this year, but almost every home in town has a lighted tree at the window. Many are decorating their front doors with strings of vari-colored lights, and Christmas wreaths with candle bulbs are popular.

The city too had its difficulties in downtown lighting, and scarcity of bulbs necessitated the decoration of a smaller tree on Main street. Ordinarily, the elm on the corner of Main and Third streets glitter at Christmas time with hundreds of sparklers but a shortage of 500 bulbs forced the city to choose a smaller tree.

City Manager B. J. McDaniel states that decorations were skimped this year because lamps, ordered repeatedly, could not be obtained. Strikes in the east, cut the supply and local decorations suffered as a result. Too, awning circuits maintained by Texas Electric were taken down and strings of lights could only be put at downtown intersections, McDaniel said.

**Christmas Wishes**

The warm glow of candle-light at Christmastime is symbolic of our warm wishes — of our hope that this Yuletide be filled to overflowing with every joy and happiness for you and yours.

**TEXAS COMPANY**  
Mrs. Tom Ashley Charles Harwell  
"Serving West Texas With Texaco Products for 32 Years"

**Christmas Cheer comes but once a year!**

For both young and old there are untold joys at Christmastime. To all we wish complete fulfillment.

**White & Wooten Grocery & Market  
And Wooten Produce Company**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

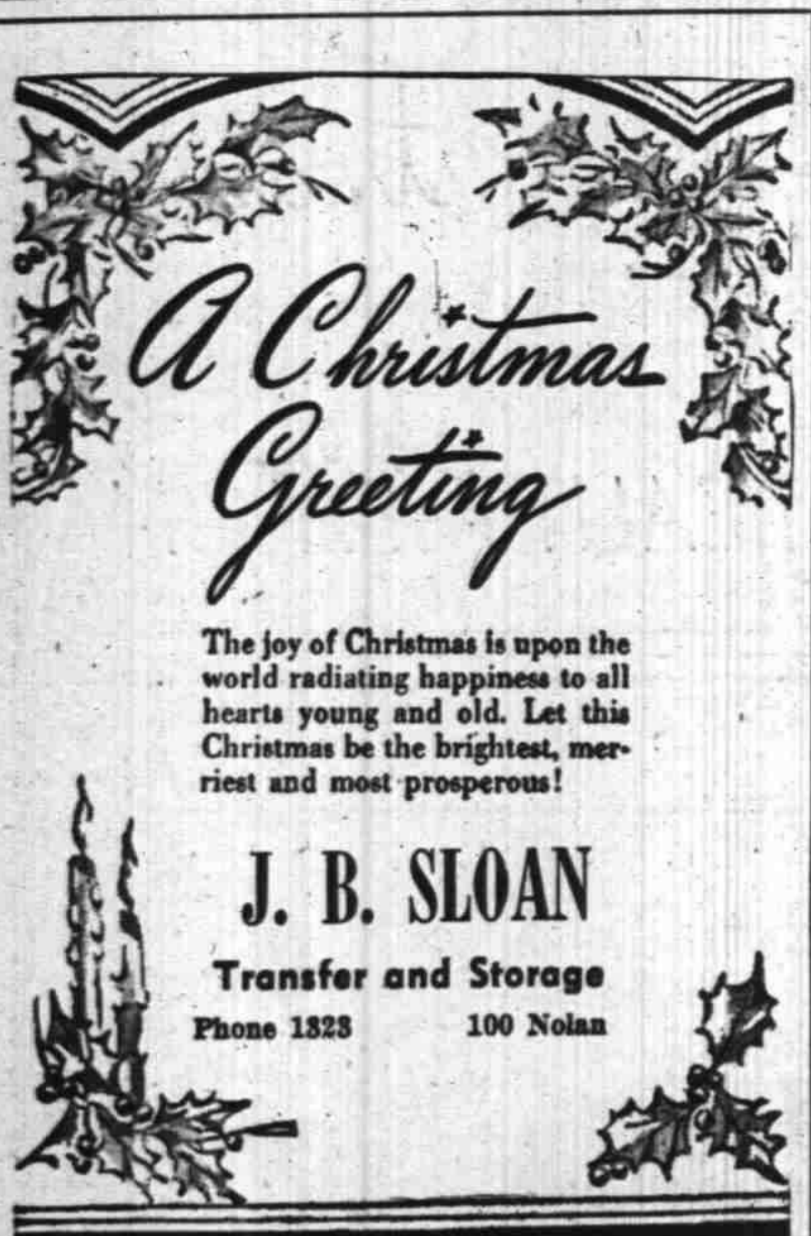
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

May your Christmas candles burn brightly with happiness and may your every wish come true.

We have enjoyed serving you the past year and are looking forward to seeing you during 1947. May we say again we wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

**THE WAGON WHEEL**

# It Costs More, But Better Variety Of Food Graces Tables This Year



**A Christmas Greeting**

The joy of Christmas is upon the world radiating happiness to all hearts young and old. Let this Christmas be the brightest, merriest and most prosperous!

**J. B. SLOAN**  
Transfer and Storage  
Phone 1823 100 Nolan

If you have done your food buying for the Christmas holidays, try to forget for a moment that blank place it left in your pocketbook and console yourself that for the first time in several years you have a better, more select and complete food collection than has been offered to consumers in quite some time.

It is true that certain items have experienced a considerable jump in price, but surprisingly enough eggs, turkeys and a few other articles are at levels sold last Christmas.

The traditional Christmas dinner menu is quite bright this season with an abundant supply of cranberries from Cape Cod reported along with good yams from Louisiana and East Texas. Grocers claim the price is slightly higher than that of last year but that the quality is higher.

Pumpkins, late in arriving on the local scene, have been fairly plentiful, and this year's crop of apples are said to be of a much fancier quality than that we bought during the war years. One merchant states that the best apples, potatoes and onions grown the past few years went to war with the fighting forces and that now they are back on the market for civilian consumption.

A huge crop of Texas oranges has brought the price down lower than figures quoted in December of last year, and although there was a bumper crop of apples in Washington, the price has remained at an even level. California oranges, said to be higher in price, have had no trouble in selling since the demand is great around the Christmas season.

For Christmas dinner, the majority of Big Springers are planning to serve turkey, and butchers claim there is little difference in the price of the bird last year and the average 55 to 59 cents per pound figure quoted this year.

Running a close second in favorites for the main course at dinner tomorrow is the well-remembered ham, whose reappearance was welcomed with the death of OPA regulations.

Cake flour is back on the market and corn meal is plentiful, but grape juice has run a close second to pineapple in scarcities. Fruit cake ingredients were scarce and shelled pecans saw a great hike in price.

Coffee has jumped from five to eight cents per pound since last Christmas. Cheese is higher but different varieties are working their way back into the meat counter with butter, which has increased around 20 cents per pound.

Grocers report eggs in larger quantities with prices similar to those posted last season, but canned fruits have climbed considerably. Grocery shelves bulge with choice canned fruits that have done their share of climbing and rumors are that black pepper shipments from the East Indies may arrive any day.

Marshmallows were in several weeks ago and cookies are plentiful, but Christmas candies are still proving a scarce item because of rationing to industrial users. Although doubled in price, there is a good supply of shortening and cooking oils are fairly plentiful.

All in all the grocery shelf has taken on a more familiar air what with better assortments of food than we have known in sometime. Whole green beans can be bought again as can French style shredded beans.

## Suit For Santa? Not To Be Had

If you went shopping for a Santa Claus suit and didn't have any luck... don't feel individual. Chances are if old St. Nick ripped his trousers while making his trips around local homes tonight, he'd be forced to finish his night's work, squeezed down in a pair of more plentiful blue jeans.

A shopping tour proved absolutely fruitless and sales clerks offered little assistance in solving the Santa problem.

"You didn't say a Santa Claus suit" one clerk asked in surprise. "We've been shaking the bushes for months trying to provide just plain ordinary suits, and now comes a request for a red Santa suit."

One merchant explained that even during the war, the costumes could be bought and that masks had been plentiful too, but not this year.

Piece-goods counters offered little in the way of red materials for home-made suits, and one desperate would be St. Nick debated on a crepe paper suit, but then there's the problem of support.

The local Chamber of Commerce had their troubles too. Supply houses in Dallas informed the office that wearing apparel for Santa couldn't be found so officials went to work on getting one made here. They settled for red linens, were able to find white caracal for the trim and fashioned his boot from black oilcloth.

## Service Personnel Must Stay On The Job Through Christmas

While you're trying on those new Christmas ties, lolling away the morning leisurely and reveling generally in the pleasures of the yuletide season tomorrow, give a thought to others who will report for work just like any other day.

A large number of these persons are employed in service establishments which must remain open to serve the public throughout the day and night.

Law enforcers, both city and county will be on the job as will the highway police and local firemen. Post office clerks will report for duty and hotel operators will be at work. Ushers, candy girls and projection operators, cashiers will be on hand at local theatres, and announcers and other employees at the radio station will continue broadcasts throughout the day.

Although the office of one local creamery will be closed, engineers and pasteurizers will handle the bottling of milk. Bakers report that their employees will be off Christmas but will report for work tomorrow in order that bread and pastries will be on the consumer's shelf Thursday morning.

Western Union, anticipating a rush business, will maintain a full staff and telephone operators will

handle an abundance of long distance calls.

Nurses will spend the day at work in local hospitals and airline employees will report to work on a double pay time basis.

The majority of drugstores will be open as will cafes, some handling transients in and out of town on buses.

Ice will not be delivered by one local plant which declares Christmas a holiday for all employees. Coston refinery will have only what employees are required to carry on business but a large number of railroad and bus employees will maintain their schedules.

### Here's Plumber Plumb Forgotten

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)—G. H. Markle, Yakima plumber, will keep his eyes on the carpenters in the future.

Markle was trapped beneath a newly constructed house when the carpenters, forgetting he was working below, laid the floor.

He was a prisoner under the house for two hours until his calls for help attracted neighbors, who found a trap door in a closet.



**Merry Christmas**

May yours be a joyous holiday, overflowing with happiness and good cheer.

**Meier Ins. Agency**  
608 E. 3rd St. Phone 917



**CHRISTMAS Greetings**

Christmas gives us the opportunity to express our joyful wishes to all our faithful friends and wish them a "Merry Christmas!"

**J. W. CROAN MOTOR SERVICE**  
401 East 3rd



**We Wish You All the Very Best of Everything!**

Christms is a wonderful time—because it reminds us that no matter how busy we are, no matter how great our responsibilities, we can always find time to be generous to and considerate of others. And therein lies our own greatest happiness.

**ALLEN GROCERY**



**Merry Christmas...**  
and may all your dreams come true

The sweet trust with which children turn to Santa for fulfillment of their wishes, is the very essence of the season's spirit. In showing the dreams of childhood and bringing them to life your joy is ours!

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

**BARROW'S**

Derrell Douglass, Mgr.  
205 Runnels SEVEN STORES SERVING WEST TEXAS Phone 850



*For an old fashioned*  
**AMERICAN**  
**CHRISTMAS**

*We know no better wish than this: May you enjoy Christmas to its fullest.*

**D. & H. Electric Co.**

215 Runnels

Phone 851

Call 728 For Herald Want-Ads

**IT WILL BE AN OUTSTANDING DAY FOR PATIENTS AT STATE HOSPITAL**

Favorite of all holidays at the Big Spring State hospital is Christmas day when 200 enthusiastic patients take part in yuletide festivities that begin early and end late with a special holiday dance in the dining room.

Not forgotten is a similar number of shut-ins unable to leave the ward. Christmas carols highlight a program presented for the group early Christmas morning.

According to hospital officials around 500 pounds of turkey will be served during the day with a chosen menu of fruit cocktail, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes, English peas, lettuce, pickles, celery, fruit cakes and a choice of drinks.

Patients able to make the trip will be treated to an afternoon movie in town and will attend a special Christmas dance in the dining room that evening. Music will be furnished by a string band, recreational officials state.

Early today individual Christmas sacks containing fruit, nuts, candy and gum were distributed to patients, and this afternoon the group was to participate in a Christmas tree party where gifts were presented to all patients. When presents are not received from patients' families, gifts are provided for each by the state. Scheduled for tonight is a picture show for the men.

The local institution follows a schedule of activities similar to others in state hospitals throughout Texas and directing activities are Dr. A. M. Bowden, superintendent, Dr. G. M. Miller, assistant, Dr. J. P. Howser and Dr. W. C. Curtis, physicians, and Burt Elizabeth Dennis, recreational directors.

**Trailer-Housed Married Vets Getting Best School Grades**

AP Newsfeatures

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Married veterans who live in trailers are taking the high grade honors at Indiana university.

Students living in Woodlawn, a trailer camp on the campus, are leading all groups with an average of B, which is good.

Almost 20 percent of these veterans, however, were slightly below A, which is excellent, and eight of the 300 finished the first semester with a straight A average.

Fatherhood also must be an urge to do well in the classrooms because of these eight, five have children living in the trailers with them.

"Being away from this country for a long time makes men appreciate advantages of the United States," is the opinion of John Holly of Indianapolis, who made

straight A's in his economics courses. "Also being out of things for quite a while makes us want to make up for lost time."

Max M. Marsh, also of Indianapolis, a senior studying chemistry, said: "The veteran studies harder than before because he now has a clearer picture of what he wants to accomplish."

"Veterans are able to schedule their time to better advantage and don't fall into the habit of wasting time," is the opinion of Donald R. Cressey of Fergus Falls, Minn., graduate student in sociology.

All of the veterans agree that being married helps.

The married veteran has more time to study because he doesn't spend so much time in extra-curricular activities, observed C. Sharp Cook, graduate student in physics from Columbus, Ind.

**Holiday Frocks Really Shine**

Underneath that decorative coating of sequins, you'll still be able to find the little woman although the shiny little reflectors are doing everything but smothering her this Christmas season.

Dresses popular as the stand-outs of the Yuletide season for holiday parties and other festive occasions are covered with decorations, and finding a simple untrimmed frock is almost out of the question.

Designers went berserk this fall, disregarding the base on which they splashed decorations and concentrating on just how many and how much would be put on one garment.

Men shoppers, hunting Christmas presents for the fairer sex, were divided in their reactions to the decorative costumes. Some were in favor of heavily beaded yokes while others hunted for sleeker, more simple dresses. A check of local dress racks reveals that seven out of ten dresses are adorned with sequins or beads and there's no limit as to how they are used.

Everything from wool to silk jersey is decorated and the shiners don't stop here.

The craze has climbed up to hats and down to shoes. Sling pumps or sandals with platform soles shine with silver and gold nailheads and other designs fashioned from the metal.

Head scarves for evening, formal gloves and evening bags are other victims of the sequin rage but as yet they've drawn the limit on lingerie.

Lost Arm No Bar

HARRISBURG, Pa. (U.P.) — Richard Dennis, 15, who lost his left arm in a firecracker accident six years ago, played every game this year as a guard on a local junior high school football team.

**Latin-Americans Have Another Holiday Jan. 6**

Though their forebears have for centuries set aside Jan. 6 as the holiest of all holidays and referred to it as "Three King's Day," local members of the Latin-American colony will follow the custom of this nation's people in observing Dec. 25 as The Day of Christ.

"Three King's Day" will not be entirely ignored within the city. It will be a day of reverence in the church and several of the people who were born or once lived in Mexico will take leave of their duties. Others who have never been south of the border but who come from Latin-American parents will remember the stories told them of the holiday by their fathers.

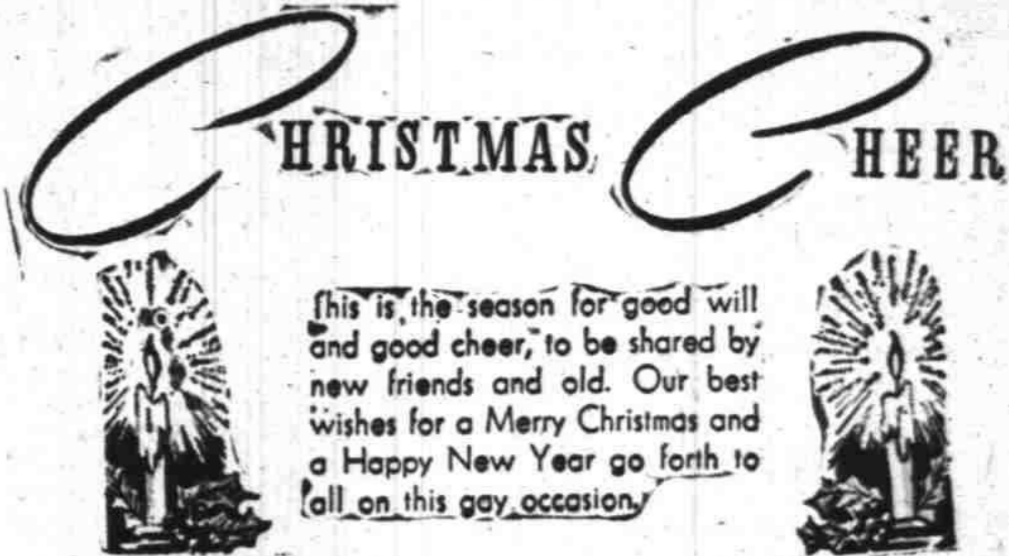
However, Christmas Day — Dec. 25 — has come to mean as much to the average member of the colony as it has to other races. They prepare for it the same way as do other Americans, exchange gifts, attend church and eat at a richer table.

In many Latin-American countries, natives celebrate "Three King's Day" with a series of dances and festivals that begin days before the holiday and attain the zenith in popularity on the appointed day. The custom of the exchange of gifts which has become so universally accepted in the United States is not as popular in Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico and other countries but little children often put their shoes in conspicuous places on the eve of the great day to tempt their version of St. Nicholas.



Hang up your stockings  
For Santa—with care!  
So he'll have no trouble  
in finding them there.

**HOME CAFE**



This is the season for good will and good cheer, to be shared by new friends and old. Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year go forth to all on this gay occasion.

**ART BEAUTY SALON**

112 W. Second

Phone 1615



*Let's Make it an Old Fashioned*  
**CHRISTMAS**

Bring out all the tinsel and tree trimmings! Sing out the gayest of Carols! Have Christmas in your heart and share it with everyone you know!

**Walker Auto Parts**

409 E. 3rd

Phone 145

**Greetings**

The candle's bright gleam casts a shadow of beauty over all the houses... the spirit of Christmas is one of brightness and cheer...

We too want to share that spirit with you on this joyous holiday by extending you our sincerest wishes for a

**Merry Christmas**  
to All  
**SETTLES**  
Beauty Shop

Ina McGowan, Prop. Phone 42  
Settles Hotel

**HEALTH, HAPPINESS, PROSPERITY . . . .**

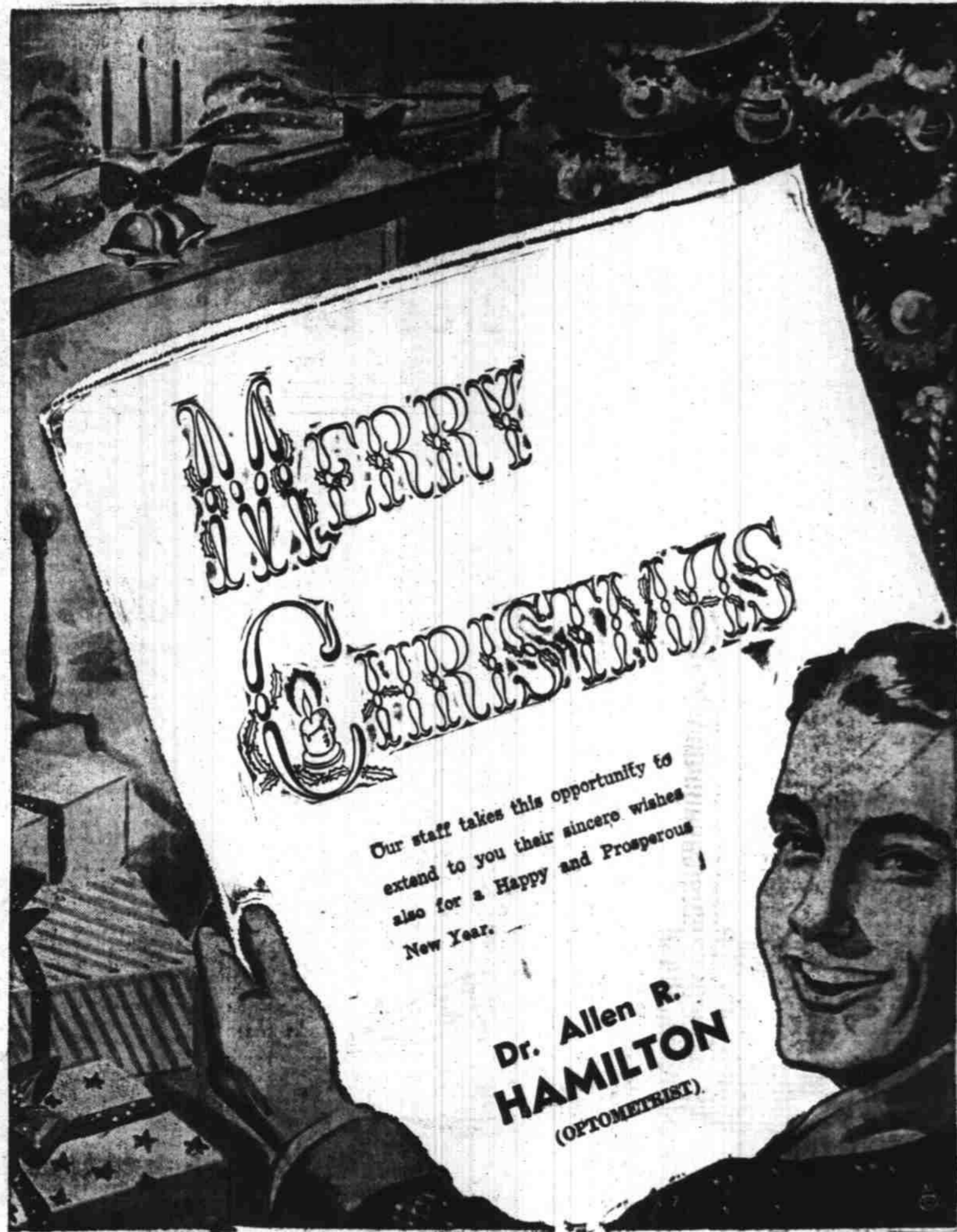
A glorious Christmas is our wish, of course, yet we want the sentiment to carry on through the coming years. We want each of you to enjoy *Health, Happiness and Prosperity*. It is our hope that your every wish will be realized, that each ambition may materialize, so that the new year may be the happiest of them all.



**MARIE WEEG HEALTH CLINIC**

1308 Scurry

Phone 832



Our staff takes this opportunity to extend to you their sincere wishes also for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**Dr. Allen R. HAMILTON**  
(OPTOMETRIST)



An Old Chinese Device Helps 'Em—

## Pigeons Ought To Make Music

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24. (AP)—From Washington has flashed the news that American pigeon-fanciers are aflutter over a bird named Agnes.

Agnes is a British racing pigeon, coming to America with big prizes already under her wing. She may menace the supremacy of

Yank pigeons in their own air. Hence the excitement.

Agnes' purpose in life is to fly faster than other pigeons. Not all pigeons have such purpose, and this is being written to good all these pigeons you see sitting around on staves into making something of themselves.

They could be making pigeon-music, for instance.

Pigeon-music is unforgettable. Learned treatises have been written on it. It is rare, existing only at Peiping in North China, and along a small beachhead at Walnut Creek, Calif. In all the world only four families of Peiping craftsmen, a few years ago, knew how to make the delicate compound-flutes and whistles of bamboo and baby gourds which are tied to a pigeon's two middle tail-feathers.

Thus equipped, a pigeon flying through the air produces a weird and lovely song—a tremulous, indescribable thing, throbbing with the wingbeat.

A flock of fluted pigeons choruses a harmony in the China pentatonic scale, rising in pitch as they

come near, falling as they fly away.

Pigeon-music established its California beachhead several years ago when James P. Howe, former Associated Press Correspondent in Peiping, retired at Walnut Creek. Jim had been smitten by Pigeon-music on his first day in Peiping, and had acquired a collection of whistles before he left. His Walnut Creek pigeons fly just as well with these tiny pipe-organs on their backs as did those in China; they get the same kick out of flying round and round in a musical course on a clear, cold day; and Californians drive in from 150 miles away to hear the show.

Jim got his last replacement whistles in 1939, at which time his old friends in Peiping scoured the town to find them. He isn't sure these whistles are being made at all now, as no one knows what happened to the few makers during the war.

Jim therefore doubts that pigeon-music can ever sweep this country—"no whistles," he laments.

## Jester The Big Name In Politics In '46

By DAVE CHEAVENS  
Associated Press Staff

Politics curved toward the right in Texas in 1946.

The national swing away from Roosevelt liberalism demonstrated in other states by Republican party victories made itself manifest by an internal flip-flop of Democratic sentiment in this one-party state.

The sharp turn down the Roosevelt road in 1944 followed a party split at the May convention that year.

It was followed by the fight to control the presidential electors and the victory for those who wanted to go along with the National Administration.

This faction got firm hands on the party machinery and many of the old wheelhorses at least temporarily muscled out of the traces.

Now they and some new ones are back in.

The Democratic party in Texas—at least a big majority of it—is on the "people's path" proposed by the governor elect, Beauford H. Jester of Corsicana. He will become governor in January, and the old system under which the governor was the party organization's titular leader has been restored.

The next two years will see the party machinery directed by the friends of the governor. The situation following the September, 1944, convention was unprecedented in Texas politics. Gov. Coke R. Stevenson was on one side of the fence and the party organization under Harry L. Sey was on the other. There was not even token cooperation.

Jester's emerged as the big name in Texas politics in 1946.

Insisting he was following a path that was midway between extremes to the right and left, he overcame a big field in the first primary to lead the ticket substantially.

While Jester's was the big name, that of Homer P. Rainey, the man he overwhelmed in the run-off, got most of the publicity. All the candidates in the first primary saw to that, and Jester saw to it in the run-off. It turned out to be one of the bitterest campaigns in the political history of a state where name-calling and labelling of opponents has long been routine. What the candidates would not say about each other, their friends were glad to fill in.

Jester also campaigned along the person-to-person handshaking route that has led many candidates before him to high office.

Genial and affable, he had many friends over the state before he went into politics as railroad commissioner in 1942, and he has added thousands to the list since.

His victory over Rainey was clear cut and he nailed it down by taking absolute control of the party committee at the San Antonio convention. Persons who had been identified with the extremes which he did not think could parallel his "people's path" were shoved to one side.

Rainey has completely dropped out of the Texas picture. He will go back to the field of education. His parting admonition to his friends in Texas was that they keep alive an active minority to help give balance to the one-party state.

There have been signs that they will seek to do so, but no outstanding leader has yet emerged to spearhead this group.

With 1946 water under the bridge, politically-minded persons have their eyes on 1948.

That's the year the Senate seat now occupied by W. Lee O'Daniel becomes vacant. Will O'Daniel run

again? Will Stevenson seek the office? Will former Governor James V. Allred? Will Rep. Lyndon Johnson? Will Jester?

Those are questions uppermost in the minds of those with a stake in politics. The events of 1947 will have much bearing.

Another development of 1946 came in the election of two young men, both World War II veterans, to the posts immediately below that of governor.

Price Daniel of Liberty, former speaker of the House, and Sen. Allan Shivers of Port Arthur were elected attorney general and lieutenant governor respectively.

The office of attorney general, especially between sessions of the legislature, is of great importance. The lieutenant governor has tremendous influence on legislation. Both Daniel and Shivers are politically ambitious, and are men to watch in future campaigns.

Likewise to the legislature the voters will send dozens of young war veterans out to make political names. They will bear watching too.

### Veterans Receive Real Art 'Pinups'

HAMILTON, N. Y.—(AP)—The Colgate University fine arts department is offering married veterans on the campus an opportunity to live with expensive paintings in their temporary homes.

A special collection of pictures by famous artists has been made available to students living in Colgate's newly-erected prefabricated homes.

Alfred R. Krakus, associate professor of fine arts, says the experiment will not only enhance the beauty of the veterans' temporary homes, but will stimulate their interest in art.

### EVIL DOERS ON SPOT

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (P)—Col. Austin R. Killian, superintendent of the Indiana state police, has announced a campaign for heavier fines for petty crimes. Killian hopes to discourage a statewide wave of small offenses. He is aiming primarily at drunks, traffic law violators and other petty wrongdoers.



## Holiday Greetings

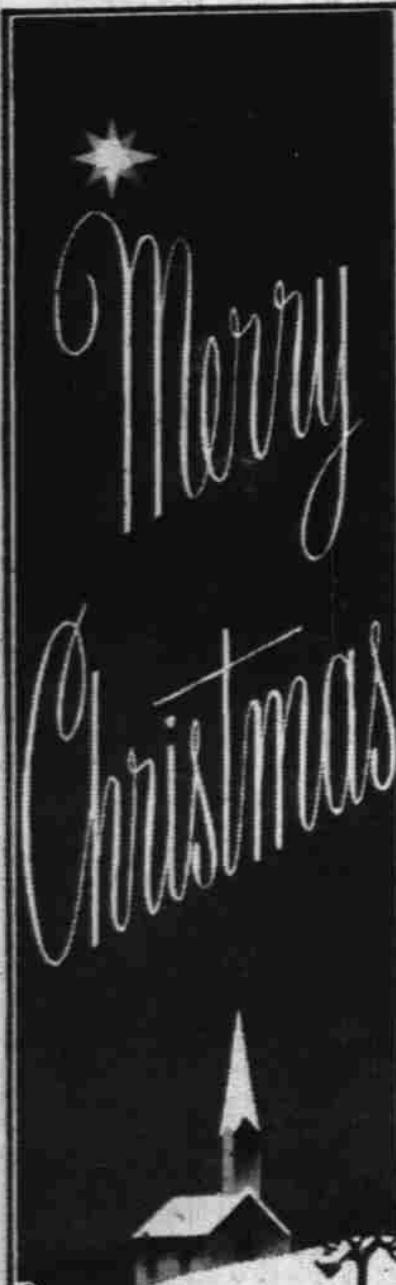


And Best Wishes for the entire  
Holiday Season and  
New Year  
From

The Borden Co.

# Borden's

Fine Dairy Products  
Since 1857



To one  
and all go our sincerest and best wishes for this Yuletide season.  
Happiness, good health, good cheer and the merriest of Christmases to everyone.  
**LEONARD'S Prescription PHARMACY**  
108 W. 2nd Phone 313

### Christmas Greetings

A sleigh full of our very best wishes.

**BILL TERRELL'S RADIO SHOP**  
206 E. 4th Phone 1579

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

Not from the standpoint of custom only do we send you this message of Christmas cheer, but with genuine appreciation of our pleasant associations in the past. We extend to you our best wishes, and may happiness and prosperity be yours through all the year.

**Smith Bros. Drug**  
303 N. Gregg Phone 9583

# Best Wishes

and a package of MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

to our friends and customers for their patronage during the past year  
... and to all best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous 1947!

**Shroyer Motor Co.**  
Justin Holmes, Mgr.  
(Your GMC & Oldsmobile Dealer)  
Phone 37 404 E. 3rd

## Thank You!

ANTHONY'S  
and All Anthony Employees Appreciate  
Your Friendship  
and Patronage

We Hope  
You Enjoyed Your  
Purchase As Much  
As We Enjoyed  
Helping You  
Buy Them

Merry Christmas

**Anthony's**  
Big Spring, Texas



Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas

Runyan Plumbing Co.

505 East 6th

Phone 535

Dolls About Same Each Christmas

To a little girl Christmas means dolls, or if she got a doll last year and it is not yet disreputable, this year her request to Santa was likely paraphernalia for a doll. In themselves, the dolls for this Christmas season have not changed to any great extent from those of the past 15 years. However, unlike the dolls of 15 years ago, the miniature people of the war years were not constructed with the same eye to perfection and craft with which they formerly were made. They're improving again in 1946. Clothing for the dolls is now made of heavier cloth where in pre-war years, organdy of the finest grades, with ruffles of lace and silk ribbons. Along with the improvements in the dolls, will come improvements in their wearing apparel. This year among the featured attractions on the doll counters are small models, not more than eight inches tall, dressed in costumes of the various nations done in brightly colored satins and braids. The always-popular cuddle type dolls stuffed with soft cotton, and covered with plush cotton fabrics, will again be found in numerous Christmas stockings on the 25th.

Mystery Of Star Of Bethlehem Still Fascinates Astronomers

PHILADELPHIA (U.P.) — "Now interpreting their imagined effect on humanity. Throughout the east there was known the prophecy that the Messiah was to come to save the world. It is not hard to imagine that the irregular meanderings of Jupiter and Saturn fired the imagination of the wise men, especially when, early the next year, Mars came up to join the other two planets in a triangle. This then may have been taken as the sign, and the wise men set out for the west to seek the promised messiah-king. BERLIN—(AP)—Berlin city authorities predict that the denazification of the capital's population will require at least another year. Forty-two denazification commissions complete between 1,800 and 2,000 cases monthly. Pedestrians Aided On Market Street SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Market street is going to have its face lifted. The famed San Francisco main stem, which for years has been a pedestrian's nightmare, combining four street car tracks and normal automobile traffic, will get new inner tracks next year. After the inner tracks are installed, the outer tracks will be removed to give motorists and pedestrians more elbow room. A difference of only 30 minutes in the length of the daylight period will make 15 days' difference in the blooming time of some varieties of soybeans.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From

K. & T. ELECTRIC CO.

400 E. Third

Phone 688



Merry Christmas

All of us are wishing all of you the best the season has to offer! That covers good health, good friends, good times and good fortune!

Firestone STORES

It is a night in May of the year 7 B.C. That, of course, is just a night picked by the astronomer who tells the story, but it is not a choice without some scientific basis. The date, month and year of Jesus' birth are not known. Generally, it is placed sometime between 8 B.C. and 4 B.C., with greater probability it was in the year 7 or 6 B.C. Clues furnished by history — the death of Herod, the time of the real taxations — help establish a time range. That Jesus' birth took place in the spring of the year is generally believed, for did not the story say that shepherds were in the field, watching their flocks by night? It was only at that time of year, when the new lambs were being born, that the shepherds of Judaea kept nighttime vigil over their sheep. What was this star? There are several possibilities. In the 17th century the great astronomer Johannes Kepler suggested it was a nova, or "new star" which burst forth spectacularly in thousand-fold its usual brilliance, only to fade again. It could have been a brilliant meteor, or a comet or a planet. It may have signified a combination of several. To determine what astronomical occurrence could account for the Star of Bethlehem, scientists search through their records for evidence of some unusual happening among the wanderers of the heaven — the planets. Through the planetarium we can visualize what might have happened. At intervals of about a century and a quarter, the largest of the planets, Jupiter, passes Saturn three times. On May 29, in the year 7 B.C., Jupiter and Saturn were both moving eastward in the constellation Pisces when Jupiter first passed its ringed-brother. On Sept. 29 the phenomenon occurred again, when both planets appeared to earth dwellers to be moving westward. Then they resumed their forward motion and on Dec. 4 for the third time, the king of the planets passed Saturn. This unusual occurrence must have struck awe in the hearts of the astrologers of the east who spent their lives following the movements of the heavenly bodies, which in those days seemed unpredictable, and mysterious, and



May yours be a Merry Christmas

There is no finer way to say what we feel than is expressed in these simple, straightforward words:

"The Best Christmas Ever, And A New Year Of Prosperity"

Roy Carter Grocery & Market

1010 W. Third

(ROY AND VEDA CARTER)

Phone 576

Their EASON'S BEST to all our Friends

May the spirit of Christmas, Joy and Good Cheer, Fill your heart Through the New Year.

T. E. JORDAN & CO.

113 W. First

BIG SPRING

Phone 486

**Greetings Say**  
as  
**Christmas Ornaments**

Yuletide joy to all our kind friends on this glad holiday

**WOOD'S NEWSTAND**  
120 Main

**Little Red School Thrives In Tokyo**

TOKYO (U.P.) — There's a little red schoolhouse in Tokyo — right across the street from the Russian Embassy — and it's the most exclusive institution of learning in Japan.

The school has a student body of 27, all children of members of the Soviet mission in Japan, and a faculty of nine teachers sent from the Soviet Union to see that Russian-speaking Ivan and Tatiana get the right kind of primary and elementary school education.

Classes range from the first to the eighth grades and are attended by children from seven to 16 years. They learn the usual subjects taught American children in those grades, with somewhat more emphasis on singing and dancing. English is taught from the third grade on.

Three of the teachers are men and the rest are women. Some are wives of Soviet mission members.

**Record Players Have Achieved High Popularity**

Those out-sized squarish lumps in Santa's pack this year may mean hours of enjoyment for years to come, for many have requested as their gift from the Christmas visitor the increasingly popular record player.

The fad of collecting records has flourished at regular intervals since the phonograph became popular in the late 1880s. Its latest boom started several years before World War II and has increased steadily in popularity. Present day vocal and instrumental reproductions are much more lifelike and are decidedly more musical than were the popular discs which were recorded in the days when jazz was coming into its own. During the "Jazz Age," no home was complete without a four foot cabinet known nationally as the "victrola."

**No Matter How Santa Travels, He Always Arrives With Gifts**

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to how Old St. Nick makes his way from place to place. Ask one child how Santa travels and he will swear it's by sleigh, complete with reindeer that make their way through the air and bring the sled safely to rest on neighborhood housetops. The tots in this category know the animals by name and have heard their hoof beats repeatedly on the housetop.

Then there's the other group who hoot at the sled story and maintain that common sense tells you he would have to travel by air in able to reach every house in the specified time. His plane is a sleek silver ship that he pilots himself. Busy in the fuselage are hundreds of elfins stacking toys, sorting and testing to make certain everything is tip top shape in Santa's pack.

As for the traditional story as to how the jolly gent makes his entry into the house, that too varies, for some homes have fire places with chimneys and others only have gas pipes.

You seldom find a tyke who bemoans the fact that they have no chimney though, for year after year, they've learned that Santa

**Friends and Customers**



**GREETINGS**

May You Have The Happiest Of American Christmases During The Holiday Season


**WESTERMAN DRUG**

HERALD WANT ADS GET RESULTS

**Merry Christmas**

And here's hoping you make many strikes in good Fortune during 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dozier



Keep In Shape — Bowl for Health

**West Texas Bowling Center**

314 Runnels

Not only have the recordings and mechanisms improved, but the cabinets have become the last word in tastefully designed pieces of furniture. The cases are now made of the finest of woods and in all periods of furniture, ranging from maple models for the informal game room or living room, to the more formal pieces of mahogany or a popular bleached wood.

Americans' unending quest to do more with less muscular effort is apparent in the new machines, which have departed from the almost obsolete "hand-cranked" models. Now, the machines are available which can play 10 to 12 records, depending on their size, with never a look nor a touch until the entire program has been played.

The automatic player, a near-miracle in itself, has been improved in many ways, most of which the buyer does not know of. One model features a removable radio attachment, and others emphasize a permanent needle which is supposed to last the entire life of the machine.

All of the new types of machines are becoming increasingly natural in tone and reproduction, and the rasp of the needle which formerly prevented the hearing of the more delicate tones has been virtually eliminated.

Phonograph fans include all types and all ages ranging from boogie-woogie worshippers to those who understand and enjoy the finest symphonies. Even the children are included in the recording enthusiasts, since numerous albums and single records have been prepared especially for them and unfold the best-loved stories and songs of childhood, related by some of the best-known voices of radio, stage and screen.

For those who already possess phonographs there is no more appreciated gift than that of records, gift seekers have discovered. Such gifts are becoming as popular as those of books, and are of infinitely greater and more lasting pleasure than a bottle of cologne or a pair of socks.

All during the Christmas season carols, anthems and popular Yule songs can be heard in countless homes, and most of them are reproduced from records.

*Holiday Greetings*



During the Christmas season we earnestly hope that everyone will enjoy the fullest of joy and happiness—that the desire of every heart will be fulfilled. To one and all—A Merry Christmas.

And Our Best Wishes For The Coming Year

**BIG SPRING INSURANCE AGENCY**

106 W. Second Phone 173

from your friendly Tire and Gas Service Station



This organization is happy to extend its most heartfelt Christmas Greetings to the people it serves. May continued success and happiness be yours in the New Year.



For Gas, Seiberling Tires, Tire Repair Battery and Battery Service see

**CREIGHTON TIRE COMPANY**  
CHARLIE AND REUBEN

208 West Srd Phone 101



**Merry Christmas**

The Bells of Christmas ring out, filling the air with their sweet, melodious tones . . . filling men's hearts with overwhelming joy. Voices are lifted up in happy unison. Bells and people join in chorus—pealing out—singing out the merriest greetings of the Christmas season. Good health, good cheer, good fortune and above all a wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy 1947.

And we send to you our gratitude and thanks for your patronage and business in 1947

**ELROD FURNITURE**  
"OUT OF THE HIGH RENT DISTRICT"

110 Runnels Phone 1635

*A Christmas Greeting*

**TO "EVERYBODY"**

**FROM**

L. W. CROFT            ALTHA TROOP  
 JIMMY JENNINGS      MARCUS ESTRADO  
 JAMES VINES            JIM HARPER  
 HAROLD W. MERRILL

**HIGGINBOTHAM - BARTLETT COMPANY**

300 E. Second            Phone 388

## Vast Agricultural Activity Is Shown Agent's Report

First paragraph of a general summary of the annual narrative report prepared by County Agent Durward Lewter sums up a large portion of extension service work accomplished in Howard county during 1946.

The report covers activity for 12 full months, from Dec. 1, 1945 to Dec. 1, 1946. During this period, the county agent devoted 169 days to adult work, 133 days to 4-H club work, spent 284 days in the field, spent 18 days in the office, made 1,261 visits to farm homes and demonstrators covering 347 different farms, had 5,700 office calls, 5,025 telephone calls, prepared 193 news releases, held 202 method and training meetings with 2,700 attending, assisted with 632 result demonstrations with 7,239 observing, attended 75 other meetings with 2,403 other persons, distributed 3,123 bulletins and made 22 radio talks.

These figures do not give an accurate valuation of accomplishments, however, since some projects which required a large amount of time produced no more visible results than others completed more rapidly. The time-consuming projects often produced accomplishments which provided longer-lasting benefits, however, as is shown in the detailed report.

Cooperation of farmers, farm leaders, and community leaders is the key to the year's achievements, Lewter declared.

The report shows that the plan of work was followed closely during the year, with exception of a few demonstrations curtailed by the drought.

Much time was devoted to agronomy and beef cattle during the year, along with 4-H club work. At the same time a strong entomology program was carried out.

In the agronomy program, Caprock and Plainsman milo were recommended and the seven-step cotton program was boosted. Lew-

ter acquired a soil testing kit which was used frequently to provide soil analyses for farmers. In connection with the soil program considerable study was made on crop rotation, cover crops and legumes. As a result demonstration plots of hairy vetch, cowpeas, and Austrian winter peas are now underway.

Seed inoculation was recommended and encouraged constantly, and a large percentage of the county's farmers practice the recommendations.

A total of 273 cotton farmers were listed as members of the county's two "One-Variety Cotton" associations during the year, with 212 planting Western Prolific and 61 members planting Native Mebane. Cotton demonstrators experienced difficulty, however, because of the drought.

Although Plainsman milo is preferred by many farmers, the Cap Rock variety has shown most progress in test plots at the experiment station, Lewter pointed out. These two varieties lead in acreage of Howard county, he said, because of their adaptability for mechanical harvesting. More than 50 percent of the county's farmers treat their milo seed with copper carbonate to control smut, the report shows.

Acreage of both grain and cotton suffered great reduction. Some farmers did not receive enough moisture in their fields at any time during the season to plant. There were 26,000 acres of grain planted as compared to 60,000 in 1945, and the average yield per acre dropped from 800 pounds to 500 pounds. Total cotton acreage this year was less than 30,000 compared to 63,000 in 1945. The total yield dropped from approximately 25,000 bales to less than 10,000.

Beef cattle also received much of the county agent's time. The report shows that beef animals are found on at least 75 percent of the county's farms. But once again,

the drought made heavy inroads on the program, with many cattle raisers forced to sell large numbers of animals from their herds.

Demonstrations on cattle parasite control gained wide interest in the county. The largest and most complete demonstration was conducted at the E. W. Lomax ranch. Separated groups of cattle were sprayed with various solutions containing DDT and rotenone and sulphur. The animals were sprayed six times, beginning on June 14 and ending Oct. 25. Chief objective was control of lice, horned flies and ear ticks.

Some general demonstrations on sheep also were conducted during the year, but sheep also were reduced in numbers, declining from 44,000 in the county in 1945 to about 28,000 by Sept. 1.

## Armaments Toys Have Declined

Our national emergency lingers on but toy manufacturers have long since realized that anything suggestive of the military has a minimum sales value on the market.

The time honored kids' games of "cops and robbers" and "cowboys and indians" still persist. For that reason, there was a continued demand for "hardware"—small arms to the uninitiated. The make-believe red men, too, still employ the trusty bow-and-arrow but, outside of such playthings, there was nothing to suggest war on the counters.

There were plenty of other kinds of toys to occupy the attention of the youngsters. There was plastic miniature future to delight the little girls, plus more dolls that could do more things. There were cowboy suits and Indian togery, complete with head-dress, for the little boys. Tinker toys were on the way back to delight the juvenile inventor.

There were some chemistry sets, too, though none possessed the ingredients to make an atomic bomb, hard as the youthful scientist might try. Games of all descriptions were proliferated—games that the adults played when they were younger plus hundreds of new ones that should intrigue the kiddies and perplex the oldsters.

Electric trains were still missing but the little wagons, the bicycles and the tricycles were back in quantity. Anything with a wheel on it could hardly be obtained a year ago. Skates were in evidence, too.

Tips of New York taxi drivers averaged 17 percent of fares during World War II, but dropped to about 10 percent a year after the war.

## Poland Gets A New Income Tax Rate

WARSAW (AP)—All workers in Poland who earn less than \$60 monthly are exempt from income tax under a decree issued by the council of ministers.

The council ordered a general scaling down of income tax levies "in response to the claims of the working classes," the semi-official newspaper Rzeczpospolita reported, effective from Nov. 1, 1946.

Tax rates range upward from one percent on annual incomes of \$720 to \$800, to 10 percent on \$2,300 to \$2,500. The levy is 21 percent on all incomes from \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually.

## More Hotel Rooms, Except In Gotham

CHICAGO (UP)—Want to take a trip this winter?

If you do, you've got a better chance to get a hotel room, except in New York, than you have had for four years. Jay Jones, president of the Chicago Hotel Association, reports.

Chicago hotels for the last six months have been able to offer lots of rooms on week-ends, but the middle of the week still is crowded, Jones said.

The story is duplicated over the country, he added.

To All our Friends and Patrons



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**BIG SPRING GLASS CO.**

608 East Third





*A Merry Christmas to You*

This year has been a pleasant one—maybe not quite as profitable as we would like with high prices prevailing, but we have been able to eat well and sleep well. Our policyholders are a grand bunch of people to work with and for. We only hope that they like us half as well as we like them. And now with the holiday season approaching we wish to thank them for the business entrusted to our care, and to wish every man, woman and child in this community a good old fashioned Merry Christmas.

**BIG FOUR INSURANCE AGENCY**

L. S. PATTERSON



**Christmas Greetings**

To everyone living in this community — to the business men and housewives — Merry Christmas, one and all.

## MODE O'DAY



*Christmas Cheer*

Ride, Santa, ride — and leave in your track our sincerest wishes to everyone for a joyful Christmas!

And A Happy New Year

**Army Surplus Store**

114 Main            Phone 1008

*Season's Greetings*




WE ARE GRATEFUL AT CHRISTMASTIME

As we wish each other Merry Christmas this year, we are thinking of our neighbors and friends, hoping the holiday season brings them happiness.

**Co-Operative Gin & Supply Co.**

511 E. N. Second            Phone 286

**This Christmas and Every Christmas**




We look forward to wishing our friends and customers a real

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rowe**

Big Spring, Texas



We could ask for no greater gift for our community than that the spirit of this season, which is so peculiarly constant to us, continue through the new year and be made manifest in unselfish, cooperative effort to build us a city which will make living enjoyable and profitable.

**YOUR CHAMBER of COMMERCE**

Joe Pickle, President  
 J. H. Greene, Manager  
 Edith Gay, Office Secretary



We're Hanging A Wreath  
On Your Door To Say

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FAYE'S FLOWERS

120 1/2 Main

Phone 1877

HERALD WANT ADS GET RESULTS

**New Phone Works  
On Beam Of Light**

CHICAGO (U.P.) — A new telephone that transmits the voice on invisible rays of infra-red light has been revealed by Northwestern University physicists.

The sending unit resembles a searchlight. Electrical impulses vary the brightness of its light beam in conformity with the amplitude and frequency of the original voice sounds.

The infra-red rays are intercepted by a photo-sensitive receiver that transforms the varying light pulses into sounds in a telephone headset. The telephone has been tested between the shore of Lake Michigan and ships some distance away.

**If You Jot It Down,  
You're A Gambler**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (U.P.) — If anyone in California jots down the terms of a bet he is guilty of a crime, according to the state supreme court.

He doesn't have to have anything at stake himself. He doesn't have to have any connection with a bookie. He doesn't even have to know the people involved.

The supreme court ruling resulted when a man charged with making book on horse races contended he was merely selling a system of handicapping — not making bets — and that he simply kept track of bets and results made by his "clients" so he could see how his system was working.

**Ancient Baghdad Modernizes**  
BAGHDAD (U.P.) — The Iraq government is about to begin construction of Baghdad's new \$4,000,000 airport, designed to handle all types of modern aircraft. The existing airport, inaugurated in 1933 and improved during the war, is not suitable for today's bigger and faster aircraft.

**'Tis More Blessed To Give**

By ADELAIDE KERR  
AP Newsfeatures Writer  
ON CHRISTMAS morning, 1942, in Japanese-occupied Manila, Elisa-



ELIZABETH CONCEPCION

beth Concepcion, American citizen, carefully measured six little scoops

of horse corn that were breakfast rations for two and set them on the stove for a two hour boil, as she worked she planned the Christmas dinner she would prepare for herself and her husband, M. de Gracia Concepcion, Philippine writer. It was to be a finger-sized piece of dried fish and some soup made by boiling chicken bones. That night the Concepcions and their friends gathered in a little secret celebration of the birthday of the Nazarene. They had no Christmas tree, no gifts, no candles and no feast. The holiday fare was simply courage, but a high light of faith and hope lit the board.

"There must be millions like us tonight," thought Mrs. Concepcion, as she glanced around the circle. "And if I ever get out of this war alive, I'm going to do something to help them."

Today Elizabeth Concepcion, who was repatriated May 2, 1945, devotes her time to making life happier and more comfortable for those who live in countries devastated by war. As head of the Material Aid Project of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, she directs a national program of assembling food, clothing and other things for Belgium, Holland, France, Czechoslovakia, Italy and the Philippines. The work is done by local YWCA groups of business and professional women, housewives, factory workers and teen-age girls' clubs all over the country. Eighty-four thousand pounds of clothing, 21,575 pounds of shoes, 56,393 pounds of food and 7,864 pounds of bedding have gone overseas.

For the last few months Mrs. Concepcion and the rest of the Material Aid Project workers have concentrated on making Christmas happier for those in devastated areas.

"One of the most interesting things the project has done is to make giant candles which give off heat as well as light," said Mrs. Concepcion. "We are sending them to Holland, where there is such a shortage of these things. The teen-age girls have made 600 of these candles. First they collect milk cans or milk cartons — some of them quart size. Then they collect scraps of tallow candles. They melt the tallow and pour it into the carton, hold a good sized cotton string "wick" in the center. If they are melting candles of different color, they make a layer of each one and let it cool before they apply the next layer. As a result some of the candles look like bricks of ice-cream when they are finished."

Thousands of gifts were made of materials fished from scrap bags. They included stuffed animals made of bright woolsens, mittens made of old coats and blankets, lingerie made of discarded sheets and baby booties cut out of old felt hats.

The project also has sent canned milk, powdered eggs, chocolate drinks and many boxes of buttons, pins and needles to countries where such things are still not on the market.

As she superintends the work Mrs. Concepcion pauses every now and then to remember that cheer-bereft Christmas of 1942, and the two that followed it, and to breathe a prayer of thankfulness for many things.

**Holiday Buyers  
Have To Delay  
On Appliances**

Christmas shoppers jumped the gun this season in anticipating a pre-war shopping spree that would net their recipients such 1940 luxuries as waffle irons, toasters, washing machines and radios.

Their supposition that things were at least getting back to normal was partly due to the fact that some appliance store windows did show these articles, most of which were simply for display and a preview of what was to come.

Numerous newcomers to the field of electrical appliances are experiencing growing pains this year and radios and other items seen on many shelves are unheard of. In this case their supply is much greater than their demand.

One shop owner points to five table model radios collecting dust in his store. "Before the war radios like this retailed for about \$17.50, and now they're \$36.75. People never heard of them and they're afraid to try them out."

Popular makes are few and far between and dealers have no control over allocations from manufacturers but one merchant believes the town will wake up one morning soon and erstwhile scarce items will be two deep. "Take the housewife for instance. She wants a washing machine, so she puts her name on every waiting list, planning to take the first she can get. Yet every dealer in town turns in orders listing his demand. An accurate check on the actual demand is therefore very difficult and the day will come when they will be available and then some."

Only one dealer interviewed could discuss his Christmas business cheerfully. His mail order house was fortunate in obtaining a good supply of radios, record players, kitchen ranges, ice boxes and washing machines.

**1946 4-H Work  
Covered Many  
Projects**

Although livestock projects drew most attention in 4-H work in Howard county during 1946, club work actually embraced a variety of interests, including field crops, demonstrations and other activity of educational and entertainment nature.

The dry weather affected many of the projects, but nevertheless, 16 boys had 350 acres of cotton and 20 club members planted 550 acres of milo. A total of 56,350 pounds of lint was harvested and 14,355 bushels of threshed milo.

In addition, three boys produced 105 tons of bundle feed on 70 acres during the season. A field day was held for demonstrating treatment of grain sorghum seed, with 100 club members attending.

Twenty-six county 4-H club boys served as insect pest reporters for the county, and a method demonstration was conducted where 53 boys were taught to check for boll worms, flea hoppers and leaf worms. Boys also inspected cotton plots at the experiment station and were shown methods for treating and delinting cottonseed.

Highlighting the entertainment schedule was a 4-H club rodeo held at Big Spring in September. Recreational meetings were held monthly in various community centers over the county.

The season's record of local 4-H club members at livestock shows is well known throughout the area and in other parts of the state. Forty-nine boys fed out 89 steers. Sale of club livestock grossed \$37,903.52, and club members won prizes at shows totalling \$1,485.

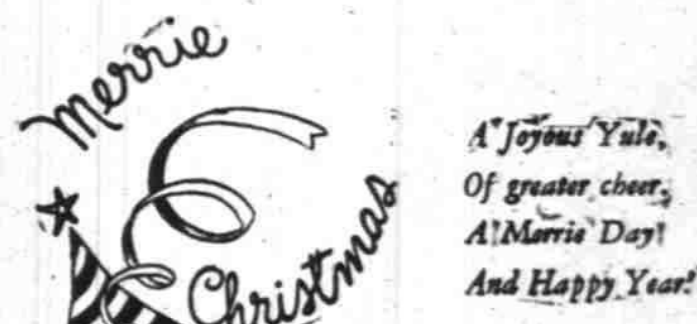
Among the highest awards were first place for the best car-load of 15 club steers at the annual Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, third place in group of five steers at the State Fair in Dallas, and reserve champion milk-fed steer at the Sand Hills livestock show in Odessa. Howard county club animals also placed favorably at shows in Houston, San Angelo, Abilene and others.

**10,000,000 Germans  
Hunt Lost Relatives**

HERFORD (AP) — It is officially estimated that 10,000,000 Germans throughout all four zones are searching for missing relatives.

In the British zone alone 4,000,000 names are indexed by the German Missing Persons Search Bureau. Most tragic are the children too young to know their own names. These are photographed so that bereft parents may search the files. A series of daily broadcasts united 370 children with their parents in one month. In the same period 81,000 Germans were reunited with relatives.

**Bedlam Made Pleasant**  
SOUTHAMPTON, Mass. (U.P.) — Residents of Bedlam Street have won a long fight for a less embarrassing name. They persuaded the town fathers to change the name to Pleasant Street.



**THURMAN'S  
SHOE SHOP**  
308 Rannels

Merry Christmas  
and  
a Prosperous  
New Year

220 Main

**FRANKLIN'S**

Phone 154



**Holiday Greetings**

WITH OUR BEST WISHES

To one and all go our heartiest wishes for the happiest Yuletide ever. May good cheer and good health be yours for all of 1947.

**VAUGHN'S  
SWEET SHOP**

108 Main

Phone 146

*Merry Christmas!*

The fragrance of the evergreens; the holly wreaths bidding welcome in the windows; the mirth and gladness in our hearts; the gay laughter and happy words that fill the air... these are the ingredients of a merry American Christmas. And this is the kind of a Christmas that we want everyone to enjoy. A very merry Christmas to one and all.

**West Texas Compress &  
Warehouse Company**

# Looking Ahead Into 1947

By NEWS SPECIALISTS OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The new year opens with controversy over the possibility of a depression. Much will depend on whether economists predicting a recession prove right or wrong.

The outlook in fields other than business is hazy, because it depends on the economic future.

Here is the likely general shape of the year to come:

### BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

A depression in 1947 is a possibility, but neither a certainty nor a necessity. The year can be a boom year of unprecedented proportions if labor strife can be averted so as to keep industry in full production, and if prices can be kept where people can buy.

There are two other worry spots, however. Manufacturers' inventories are now the highest in history, and although consumer credit is still plentiful, consumer borrowing has already passed all previous records.

Two key industries are held in the balance of labor-management relations. Experts say steel, kingpin of industry, given industrial peace could produce well above 80,000,000 tons in 1947. This would run something like 13,000,000 tons above 1946.

The automobile industry, with a demand for 10,000,000 cars against a 1946 production of 2,000,000 depends on the same "if"—plus "it" it can get steel.

**LABOR**—Another wave of strikes is feared. With labor and management squaring off after their stormiest year in history, the outlook is discouragingly parallel to what it was a year ago: uncertain, emotional and explosive.

There are three new developments:

1. The public, White House and Congress are fed up with labor-management deadlocks. President Truman is almost certain to recommend new labor legislation. The Republican Congress may go further. Whether changes in the

laws will prevent strikes is another matter.

2. A business slump may come. Depressions usually mean unfavorable atmosphere for labor's demands.

3. The government has less opportunity to intervene when collective bargaining breaks down, since price and wage controls are off. This means wage increases can be passed on to the public in higher prices.

**AGRICULTURE**—A seventh consecutive year of bumper production (weather permitting) is being encouraged by the government. Farmers again are being asked to produce abundantly to meet continued world shortages of food.

But 1947 may be the last year for some time that such planting will be favored. There are signs that by the new year's end foreign demand for American food may drop sharply.

Farm income and prices, which reached new peaks in 1946, are expected to ease off in 1947—providing production turns out favorably.

On the other hand, an industrial recession might bring about a farm price slump requiring governmental emergency action to check it.

**FOREIGN AFFAIR**—A "peace conference" over Germany, similar to the 1946 Paris conference, may be seen in 1947 with similar results, with Russia continuing delaying tactics against removal of Soviet troops from central Europe.

Regarding disarmament, atomic control and the U. S. military security force, something less than "satisfactory" agreements are likely. These compromises will leave the situation little changed. The race for development of new weapons will be on in earnest.

Russia and the U. S. may attain greater civility on the surface with fundamental cleavages continuing.

"Submerged" people will make gains in their fight for a place in the sun.

**POLITICS**—The Republicans will face difficulties in bringing about the economy, tax reductions and continued abolition of wartime controls on which they hope to build a 1947 congressional record to bolster the following year's presidential campaign.

More or less open warfare between Congress and the White House can be expected in a few months, despite President Truman's hope to go along as the new Congress opens. The President may find it difficult to swallow some Republican proposals.

Bipartisan handling of foreign affairs is likely to continue, but

some Congressional overseas investigations may rock the boat.

**SCIENCE**—Atomic heat from uranium to run electric generators is a scientific prospect. In 1946 atomic energy piles were able to boil water. The step-up to making steam is expected for the new year.

Exploration of space around the earth is another prospect. This depends on rockets and on military radar. Temperatures, electrical conditions, cosmic rays and radio ceilings beyond a few miles are mostly unknown. Learning about them will be the first goal.

**AVIATION**—Private flying, with planes available at a rate ten times greater than before the war, awaits the start of small airport construction under a billion-dollar federal program.

Aircraft manufacturing enters the new year leveled off at three times its pre-war size. It should hold this line.

Airlines with four times as many planes as during the war now face the problem of keeping them busy.

The military aviation outlook is for further transition from propellers to jet-propulsion. The new XS-1 is expected to fly at the speed of sound in 1947.

**WOMEN**—Less feminism and more femininity are the prospects for 1947.

Serious career women are holding gains the war years gave them, but the rank and file of housewives freed from uniforms, war jobs and austerity, are rushing back to homes with cries of joy.

The nation's housewives, having taken inflation control in their own hands, have convinced business and industry that they can refuse to pay exorbitant prices. The result: business is trimming its sails—and the prospect for 1947 is back to normal on all fronts.

Having clung patriotically to the slim silhouette, the tailored line and the simple basic dress for five years, women now yearn for glamor. The new year will see longer, fuller skirts, more feminine lines, greater elegance and a softer silhouette.

**EDUCATION**—The teacher shortage will continue although some states and cities have moved to increase salaries in 1947.

Strikes of hundreds of rural and city teachers have called attention to a "low pay" situation described by educators as "a grave threat to our democracy." The National Education Association estimates the average salary of teachers in grade and high schools at \$2,000 a year, with many thousands getting less than \$90 a month.

Housing shortage for college students will continue. Reliable estimates are that college enrollment applications next fall will exceed last September's record of 2,080,000 by 200,000.

**SPORTS**—Another banner year is in prospect. Ted Williams is likely to supplant Hank Greenberg as home-run king. The St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Red Sox figure to meet in another World Series after pennant fights with the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees, respectively.

**MOTION PICTURES**—Movies cost 82 percent more to make today than they did five years ago. Income from theaters is up, but if times turn bad and people do not go to shows as regularly, the industry will suffer.

Banking on prosperity, producers are going ahead with plans for more costly pictures.

## Caesar's Landing Craft Is Found

HULL, England, (AP)—Plank boats, 2,000 years old, imbedded in Humber River mud when Julius Caesar landed in Britain, are being excavated under the tender care of scientists.

Efforts are being made to dig out the boats in a solid block of clay and haul them to dry ground on a steel sled.

About 30 feet of one boat remains and the other is some 37 feet long. Scientists said the discovery was of "great importance in the history of European water transport."

## Japan Discovers New Source Of Seals

TOKYO (AP)—The newspaper Mainichi says Japan has discovered seal hunting grounds off Hokkaido, her northern home island, "superior to the Karafuto coast" of Sakhalin which Russia took over.

Three ships of a Japanese hunting company returned with 1,080 pelts, encouraging the dispossessed Karafuto seal hunters to prepare for large scale hunting off the north coast next spring. From 40,000 to 50,000 seals used to be caught off Karafuto yearly.

The Gateway of the Sun in the ruins of Tiwanaco near La Paz, Bolivia, has a monolithic stone door 15 feet across, 11 feet high and nearly a yard thick which is covered with intricate carvings.

## HOME TOWN NEWS



"Tell your Dad the best place to get cars repaired is BOB FULLER MOTOR CO. They're expert in all respects."

**BOB FULLER MOTOR CO.**  
3rd. & AUSTIN STREETS  
Phone 1046 - Big Spring, Texas

MAY THE CHRISTMAS BELLS RING IN A MOST HAPPY SEASON



May the Christmas bells ring with all the happiness that you so richly deserve, is our Christmas wish to the people of this community. May the true spirit of the Yuletide linger on through every day of the coming year as a reward for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

**Southern Ice**

Manley Cook, Mgr.



FROM

**HESTER'S SUPPLY CO.**

Douglass Hotel Bldg.

Phone 1640

## Tom & Jerrys, Eggnog Favored Holiday Drinks

Owners of the 37 liquor stores in Big Spring looked forward to their annual rush season from Thanksgiving to Christmas, which according to them, is the time locals stock up on the essentials for their yuletide refreshments.

Hard sauces for pastries and wine for fruit cakes bring women shoppers to the stores before Christmas and the majority shop reluctantly. "Most women do not often buy liquor," said one shop keeper, "and they are not too familiar with brands. When shopping for wine they select it by the price, figuring that any wine retailing from \$1.50 to \$4.00 will be good for soaking their cakes until Christmas time."

One operator claims wine, rum, champagne and scotch are favorites in holiday drinks purchased at his store, and that egg nog and hot Tom and Jerrys rank as favorite mixed drinks.

For eggnog lovers local creameries have made available an eggnog mix containing vanilla ice cream mix with the nog mix. Orders for the mix became popular several years ago because it is simpler to use.

Others prefer to mix their eggnog and for those desiring to make their own is the following recipe with that of a Tom and Jerry.

**EGGNOG**  
12 small spoons of sugar  
12 jiggers of whiskey  
6 glasses of cream  
Cream sugar and yolks thoroughly. Add beaten egg white and cream which has been beaten and slowly fold in. If mixture is too thick add milk before adding liquor.

**TOM & JERRY**  
Separate the whites from the yolks of the eggs used. One-half egg for each drink to be served. Beat the whites in a bowl with rotary beater until stiff. Add four teaspoonful of sugar for each egg and mix thoroughly. Now beat the yolks until they become watery and then mix with whites and sugar. (This will have to be stirred occasionally to keep the batter together).

Above batter, six teaspoonful of Jamaica rum, 1 jigger of brandy, 1 glass. Put in a large glass, fill with hot milk and stir well. Then pour from one glass into another several times. Shake some nutmeg on top and serve.

Only two of every five men examined for service in England during the Boer War were found to be physically fit.



**The Record Shop**

211 Main

Phone 280



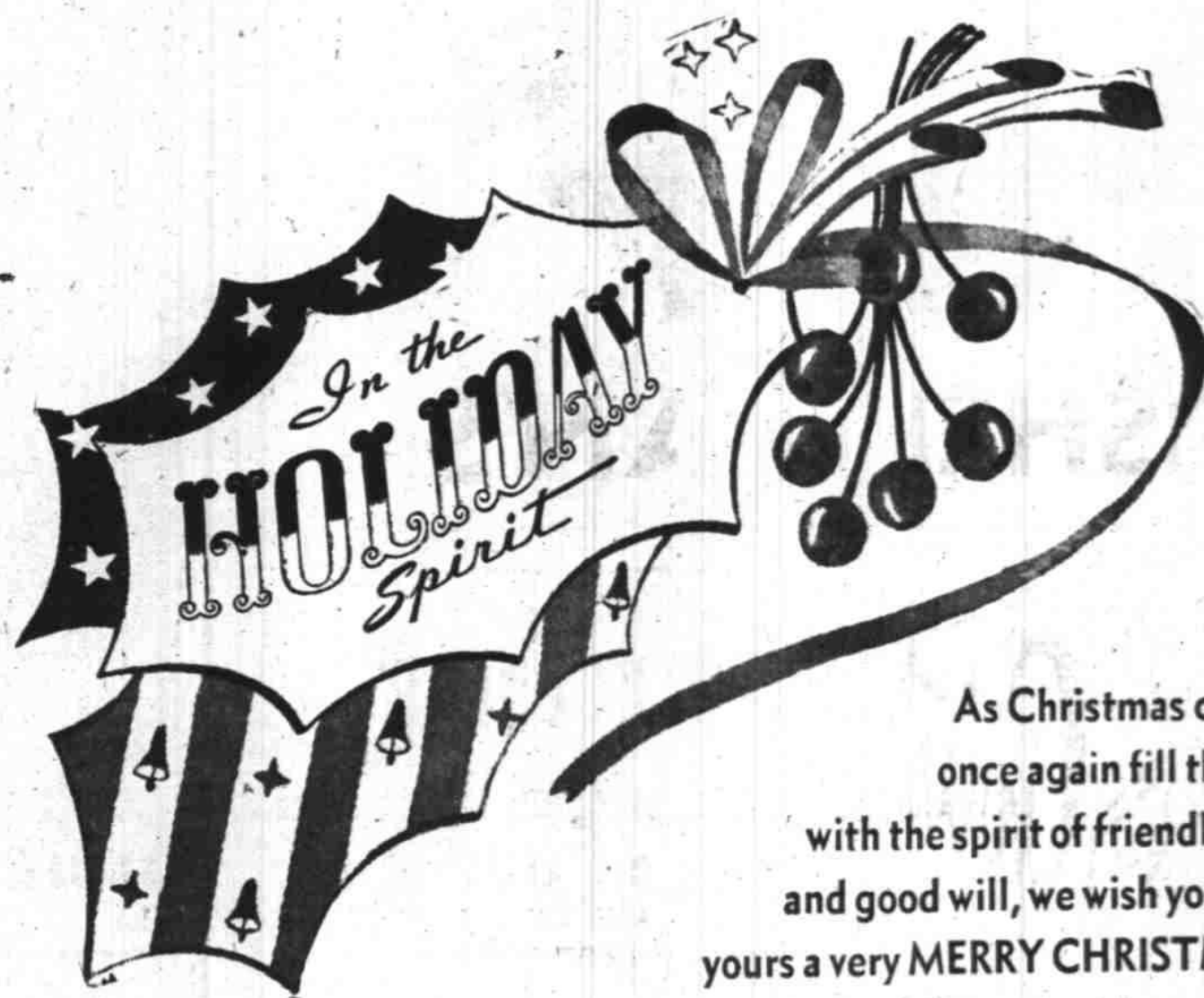
May this Christmas be a season of good cheer, friendliness, and hopes fulfilled. May the unsuppressable mirth of eager youngsters, the crackling warmth of the early Yule log, and the invigorating scent of holly and pine, make this Yuletide a truly pleasurable one for you, your families, and your friends.

We wish to thank you for your patronage during the past year, and look forward to pleasing you again in 1947. Happy New Year to all.

**L. I. Stewart Appliance Store**

213 W. 3rd St.

Phone 1021



As Christmas carols once again fill the air with the spirit of friendliness and good will, we wish you and yours a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, with the sincere hope that the coming New Year will be one of your happiest.

**Bolinger's Grocery**

300 Northwest 3rd

**Not Pin-Up Girls**  
**CHICAGO (U.P.)** — Detectives at a police station here have been told not to take suspects' pictures

home. The officer in charge is tired of explaining to indignant wives that photographs of pretty women they find in their husbands' pockets really are gun molls.

### REA Unit Has Had Year Of Expansion

Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, Inc., with headquarters in Stanton, is closing out a year in which the expansion in customers and miles greatly exceeds the original layout.

When it started out in 1941, the REA cooperative had 172 miles of line serving 325 consumers. This year the unit added 246 miles of lines and connected with an additional 412 members.

Some idea of the rapid growth of the cooperative may be had from an examination of the starting figures with those now. Today the members show 1,460 customers and 725 miles of line.

Instead of being confined to Howard and Martin counties, as was the case originally, Cap Rock now reaches well into Midland, less pronouncedly into northern Glasscock and into parts of Southern Borden and Dawson counties. Under a new allotment, lines will dip into Andrews county.

Since its inception, Cap Rock has had approved a total of \$1,035,000 in loans from the Rural Electrification authority. Of this, \$520,000 has been approved in 1946, the most recent approval for \$290,000 which will cover 201 miles of lines in the seven counties and which will about take care of all service requirements contemplated by the unit.

Howard county remains the heaviest consumer, and understandably so because of greater rural population. In 1946 the county had 100 miles of extension. Under the new allotment, Howard will get 86 miles, Martin 50, Midland 25, Dawson and Glasscock 15 and Andrews and Borden counties five each.

The cooperative operates a freezer locker plant at Stanton with 412 members utilizing the capacity of 588 boxes. It does not deal in any types of appliances.

### Suggested Checkup For Winter Driving

**WILLOW RUN, Mich. (U.P.)**—The car owner who merely puts anti-freeze in his radiator and lets it go at that is doing only one-tenth of the job of preparing for winter driving, according to Frank A. Detwiler, service manager of Kaiser-Frazer and Graham-Paige Motors.

The nine other steps recommended by Detwiler to avoid cold weather driving headaches include: flush out cooling system, radiator and heater hoses; check battery clean and tighten connections, add water; clean and inspect spark plugs, distributor points, carburetor and fuel strainer; check generator charging rate, including generator brushes and controls; drain engine oil and flush engine, refill with proper grade of oil for winter use.

Drain and flush transmission and refill with winter lubricant; check operation of windshield wiper and all lights and switches; check tires for cuts and bruises, rear wheels for traction on ice and install those with best tread on snow; adjust and equalize brakes.

### Howard County Grew Gardens Despite Drouth

Although it is told chiefly in figures, the statistical report filed by County Agent Durward Lewter covering the period from Dec. 1, 1945 to Dec. 1, 1946 gives a coherent outline of agricultural pursuits in Howard county during the year.

One part of the report may surprise many people, since it reveals that despite the drouth, a total of 1,160 vegetable gardens were planted in the county. Of these, 800 were farm home gardens, 60 were 4-H club gardens and 300 were classified as city gardens.

Many of the gardeners use recommended practices encouraged by the extension service, according to other figures. A total of 109 use inoculated seed, 11 produce their own plants, 262 use fertilizer, 600 plant adapted kinds and varieties, 205 practice recommended insect and disease control, 26 use frame or tub gardens, 320 use subirrigation or surface irrigation and 17 protect gardens with windbreaks.

Some orchard improvement also was carried out in this county under supervision of the county agent. The reports list fruit tree planting at 169 and berry and grape vine plantings at 312. In addition 140 fruit seed were planted, nine pecan trees were budded or grafted, nine fig cuttings were made and 117 grape cuttings were made. Most of the orchards involved were small plots principally for home use.

### Clerks Prefer Men Shoppers

Perhaps the reason clerks would rather wait on male customers is because the majority of Christmas shopping is done by the little woman, but the fact remains that the man of the house ranks as favorite when it comes to an ideal customer.

Men and women sales clerks agree unanimously. "There's no doubt about it, men are ideal customers."

"Instead of making up their minds before they leave home, women browse. You take out every thing under the counter and they finally decide they're just looking. Every article shown is just what they wanted except for the cut of the collar, a frayed seam, or a new line they haven't seen before."

"They ask you to put things away until they run down the street to see if they can find something they like better, and nine times out of ten they never show up again."

"But take the good old male customer" say the clerks. "He walks in, says he would like a gift for his wife. He believes a dress might be nice, says she wears a size 14 and that he prefers a nice dress without sequins and three-quarter length sleeves."

"That's so much better" local sales ladies maintain, "Than the show-me-what-you-have attitude of the women. We know exactly what the man wants, we show the dress to him if we have it, he doesn't debate over the price for he knows what he wants to pay, and the transaction is a pleasure."

Only one clerk interviewed would rather wait on women than men and her belief was that men do not know what they want and that they are uncertain of their purchases.

"Take it from me" says one department store clerk. "When a male customer walks up, says he's looking for a gift for his wife and do I have any suggestions to make, I immediately become interested in seeing that he buys the right gift."

Men usually know what they want, and they can tell when you put yourself in the shopper's shoes and make every effort to select a gift you yourself would like to have."

**Nicotine Needed**  
**SALEM, Ore. (U.P.)** — Scarcity of nicotine sulphate has created a problem for Oregon hop growers. Nicotine dusts are used to control hop aphids and it is feared the crop may suffer.



**Merry Christmas**

from ...

**J. F. NEEL FEED AND SUPPLY**

419 Main Phone 640

**YOUR CHECKERBOARD FEED and FARM SUPPLY STORE**

**Merry Christmas**

**TATE & BRISTOW**

**INSURANCE AGENCY**


Petroleum Building Phone 1280



**Season's Greetings**

As the Christmas season unfolds its splendor, we send to all our patrons and friends many good wishes that this Christmas be the merriest of all time!

**B & J GROCERY and MARKET**  
 1710 GREGG



**A HAPPY CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS**

Holiday greetings to each and everyone of our friends.

**CLAY'S**  
**No-D-Lay Cleaners**

207 1/2 Main Phone 70

**Joyous Holiday Season**



**FISHERMAN'S**

**MERRY Christmas**

And A **Happy New Year**

**Joe's Food & Feed Store**  
 MR. AND MRS. J. B. STEVENSON, OWNERS



Christmas would be incomplete if we did not avail ourselves of the opportunity to express our appreciation to our loyal friends and customers for your patronage.

Located In **CO-OPERATIVE GIN BUILDING**  
 602 NE 2nd



**Season's Greetings**

The merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year ever is the very best we can wish our friends, one and all. May the Yuletide season bring you every joy and happiness.

**Crawford Coffee Shop and The Corral**



Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy  
New Year

May Your Yuletide Star Shine Brightly  
with the true Spirit of Christmas

### Vanity Beauty Shop

116 E. 2nd

Phone 125



Though the yule bells ring out their loudest, they cannot drown out the heartiness of our season's wishes for you. In whatever way we can, we're helping to make your Christmas merrier—and look forward to even more faultless service to you throughout 1947.

Christmas  
Greetings

### Lee Hanson's

126 E. 3rd

Phone 134

## Farm Betterment Program Has Hit Highest Level Yet

Despite the fact that less money was appropriated for the over-all program in 1946 than in other years, the AAA farm undertaking is the best since the inception of the agency back in 1933. So says M. Weaver, county AAA administrator. From the standpoint of actual soil and water conservation, the current year has been outstanding, states Weaver.

Considerable significance can be attached to the fact that the farmer-elected committeemen had more leeway in shaping and administering the county program than in any preceding year.

Out of the 42 soil-building practices listed in the 1946 Texas Handbook, the county AAA committee chose the following, for which assistance could be proffered Howard county:

1. Construction of standard terraces.
2. Construction of earthen dams.
3. Drilling wells for livestock water.
4. Deep plowing on sandy cropland.
5. Contour farming cropland.
6. Leaving stubble on land.
7. Elimination of destructive plants on non-crop open pasture land.
8. Growing green manure and cover crops.

A committee spokesman said the group was of the opinion that maximum good could be obtained in conservation work from the listed practices.

Since Jan. 1, terracing was carried out with AAA assistance on 58 farms to the extent of 225 miles. Sixty earthen dams were constructed, averaging 2,250 cubic yards each on 55 ranches and farms. Forty wells on non-crop open pasture land were drilled to an average depth of 85 feet.

Deep plowing to a minimum depth of 12 inches was accomplished on 1,000 acres of sandy cropland, which served to prevent the blowing of topsoil.

Approximately 80,000 acres were contour farmed, all with AAA assistance.

Leaving stalks of grain sorghum on the land is a favorite practice on sandy land, as is the policy of growing green manure and cover crops.

Under the AAA program, exten-

sive eradication practices in both mesquite and prickly pear and cactus were carried out within the county.

For carrying out the mentioned practices, approximately \$100,000 in assistance from the government will be paid Howard county farm and ranch operators. All of the plans executed are considered to be of lasting good to the soil and should pay off in future years in increased productivity and security.

Since farmers are practically writing their own farm program and administering it through farmer-elected committees, they can be justly proud of the vast strides made in recent years in water and soil conservation as well as the major improvement in farming as a whole, which in recent years has been in effect an agricultural revolution.

## Club Projects For '47 Already Are Under Way

Plans for continuing a well-rounded 4-H club program and strengthening other phases of extension service work during 1947 have been mapped by County Agent Durward Lewter.

Many club projects already have been launched for the coming season, and some adult demonstrations will continue through the winter months.

Club members have 79 beef animals and a number of lambs on feed in preparation for the coming livestock showing season. Some demonstration work on winter legumes is being carried out this winter, with various farmers devoting plots to Austrian winter peas, hairy vetch and other crops.

Several agricultural groups already have endorsed Lewter's plans for spending one half or more of his time with supervision of 4-H club projects during the coming year. However, prospects are that more adult demonstrations will be carried out and more

time will be devoted to field crop projects for both club members and adults.

A general soil building program is to be recommended through coordination of efforts of the county agent, the soil conservation service, the agricultural conservation administration and other agencies.

Work relating to grain sorghums will consist chiefly of arranging storage facilities, choosing adaptable varieties and treatment of seed, while more work is to be carried out toward choosing good varieties of cotton. The tendency now is toward a cotton that can be harvested by machinery. Lewter pointed out, and a study of varieties adapted to the mechanical picker is to be continuous.

Two major pasture improvement projects are listed in the agent's plans for 1947. Overstocking of county ranges will be discouraged, but Lewter plans to boost eradication of mesquite.

These are the goals and objectives Lewter will point to next year: Continue 4-H club program with more emphasis on feeding home grown feed to livestock; continue livestock judging team, grass identification and other contests to improve farm conditions; improvement program for the soils; improvement of native grassland; continue work building good dairy herds; regular monthly meetings

at rural centers; encourage placing farming and ranching high on a business level; encourage more boys to complete agronomy demonstrations; work with cooperators in securing the best adapted

legume crop for West Texas; encourage 4-H club boys to keep accurate records and turn in to the agent at close of demonstrations; community adult feeding program.

Christmas  
Cheer

Laugh and make merry. We wish  
all good things to one and all.

**La Dona Beauty Shop**  
607 Gregg Phone 695



IT WOULDN'T BE CHRISTMAS  
WITHOUT OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU

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

**Memphill-Wells Co.**



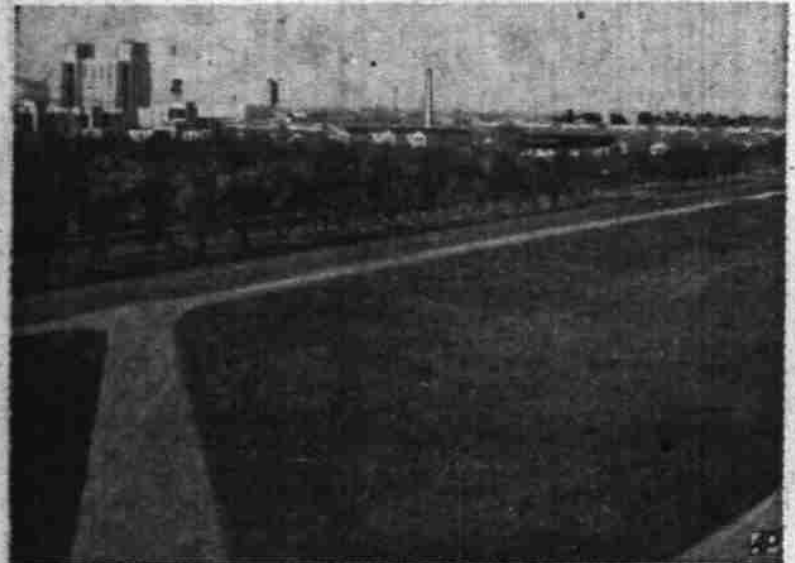
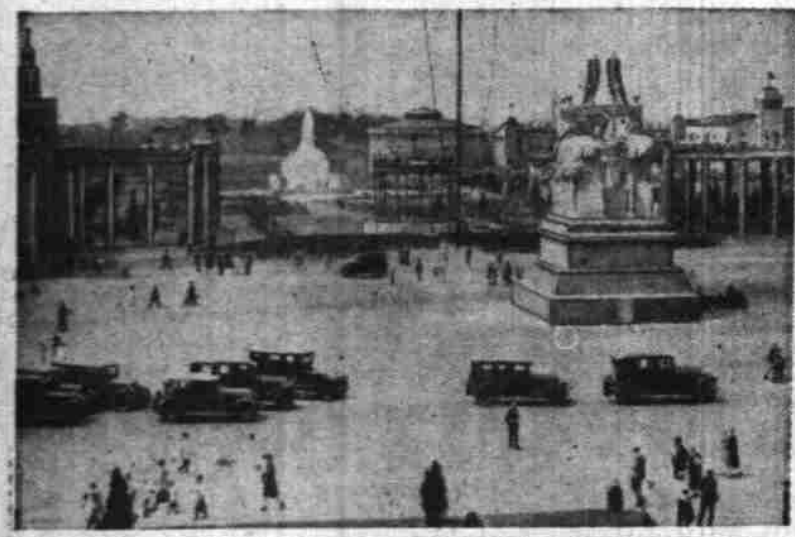
**G**reetings are pealing your way, for we are tolling the golden bells of the Yuletide Season to wish everyone the Merriest, Gayest and Most Jubilant Christmas ever.

### Modern Cleaners

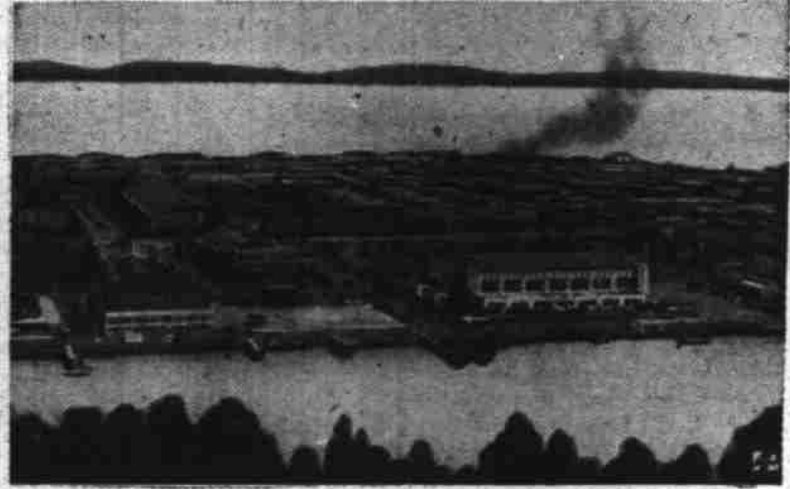
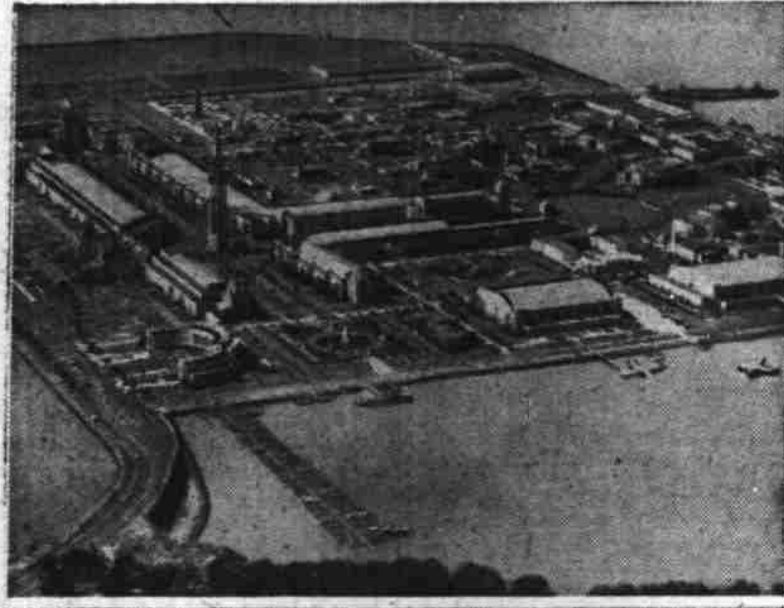
Wanda & Hayden Griffith  
303 E. 3rd Phone 860



# Little Now Glitters On Grounds Which Once Were Sites Of Great World Fairs



PHILADELPHIA'S Sesqui-centennial Exposition epitomized the lavishness of the '20s (top). Today it's forgotten land.



SAN FRANCISCO'S Treasure Island covered by Navy buildings bears little resemblance to Golden Gate Exposition (top).

By SAUL PETT  
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Although millions were spent in their creation, only a few nostalgic traces remain of the nation's world fairs of the past 50 years and the attendant glitter and lavish spectacles which were the talk of their day.

Most of the fair sites have been forgotten by history and faded by more prosaic uses. Only New York's "World of Tomorrow" partially survived the glamor-eroding effects of "tomorrow." That was due to the United Nations which moved into part of the fair site in 1939-40 with its General Assembly and a new kind of international exhibition.

Generally, though, the dazzling buildings, the sparkling fountains, the cotton candy stands, the klieg-lit midway and the noisy side shows have given way to parks, museums, parking lots, auto "cemeteries," university buildings, military barracks or apartment houses.

In 1904 at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Grounds in St. Louis, there was a fairland spot known as Cascade Hill. Huge streams of water poured from three pavilions down glass stairways over 10,000 vari-colored electric lights.

Now, Cascade Hill is the fourth hole of a golf course.

Missouri's million-dollar state building at the 1904 fair is now a dispenser of juke box music, soda, candy and hot dogs. The New Jersey state building was moved intact from the fair site to Kirkwood, Mo., and now is a four-family apartment dwelling.

The rest of the area is occupied by Forest Park, a sports arena, an amusement park, port of Washington University, the Missouri Historical Society and a wealthy residential district.

And here's what you'll find on the grounds of the other major world's fairs in this country in the past 50 years:

The Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893. This was held in Jackson Park and the side shows were stretched along a broad, grassy strip, still known as the Midway Plaisance and along which the University of Chicago was built. The grounds reverted to park uses. The exposition's fine arts building is the only major structure still in use. It is now the Museum of Science and Industry.

Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, 1893. Now largely a residential area whose chief claim to history is that President William McKinley was shot there by an anarchist.

Panama-American International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915. Constructed by city and state on ground now known as the Marina residential district, adjoining the Presidio, big west coast Army post. The exposition developed a heated controversy over the display of a semi-nude painting called "Stella." There are probably more revealing paintings in the private homes now on the fair grounds.

After the fair closed, most of the buildings were torn down but the imposing Palace of Fine Arts still stands. The oval, towered structure was used for municipal tennis courts and later during World War II, as an Army warehouse. The building at present is not being used. The balance of the fair grounds has been converted into an apartment house area, and, generally, the district is regarded as one of the better residential sections.

Sesqui-centennial International Exposition, Philadelphia, 1926, which celebrated 150 years of American independence. The fair covered 275 acres of League Island Park, adjacent to the League Island Navy yard, and attracted 6,408,289 visitors in seven months. Twenty-nine nations and 20 American states and territories were represented by lavish pavilions and breath-taking exhibits. Now, most of the same ground is being

used for parking lots, an automobile graveyard and some veterans' homes built near the Naval hospital.

Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago, 1933-34. This was held on a three-mile strip of land along the shore of Lake Michigan and on a 100-acre, man-made piece of land in the lake known as Northerly Island. All the fair's flashy, modernistic buildings have been dismantled and the shore land became Burnham Park, with the Outer Drive running through it.

Chicago's offer of Northerly Island as United Nations headquarters was not accepted, and the city now plans to use the island as an air landing strip where passengers could be shuttled by plane to and from the outlying major airports.

California-Pacific International Exposition, San Diego, 1935. The site was 1,400-acre Balboa Park, previously the home of the 1915-16 Panama-California International Exposition. Many of the buildings, including the Ford Bowl, the Fine Arts Gallery and the Natural History Museum, continued in service until the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Then, the Navy took it over and used most of the buildings as annexes for the nearby Naval hospital. The area is now being reconverted to a city park, and there have been unofficial suggestions that it be offered to the United Nations as a permanent home.

Golden Gate International Exposition, San Francisco, 1939-40. The site was artificially-created Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. After the fair closed, Pan-American Airways set up shops and other installations on the beautifully landscaped island. During World War II, the Navy used the island as a receiving and training station, and the former site of Sally Rand's Dude Ranch became a barracks. The land is still in Navy hands.

## Postal Clerks Can 'Uncover' Banned Items

When it comes to sensing what packages contain, postal clerks have proved themselves the best detectives this side of Baker street.

Such items as guns, ammunition, liquors, certain kinds of perishable foods, poisons and narcotics cannot be dispatched through the mails but every now and then a person, either in ignorance or because he likes to try and outwit the postal employees, attempts to mail the articles. Invariably, the clerk has frustrated his designs.

Usually, a simple warning as to postal regulations will halt the illegal shipments. The clerks vouch for the honesty of most of their customers.

The ordinary parcel post man handles so many articles of mail daily as he has in the recent rush, he can usually tell what a box contains simply by picking it up. If it is a gun, its weight is generally concentrated on one side. If it's liquor, it will usually gurgle—and don't try telling the attendant it's mouth wash or cough medicine.

Such items as poisons and narcotics are, of course, more difficult to detect but the postal men insist persons guilty of those malpractices usually have the guilt written across their faces. A good postal clerk prides himself on being a good psychologist.

Postal laws, of course, give postal employees the right to examine packages they think contain prohibited items. If they find such articles, the parcels can be confiscated if authorities rule that there is malicious intent on the part of the sender.

Recently, one party tried passing a .45 pistol off as legal mail on a local postal employe on the pretense that it was hardware.

The sender was correct, to a degree, in his assertion. At the same time, it was not legal to try and get Uncle Sam to handle it.

The fire-arm was confiscated by postal authorities, after the clerk had examined the parcel and had his suspicions born out. The gun is still retained by government officials.

## Flowers Given Out When Winter Comes

SANDUSKY, O., (UP)—When the city parks department prepares for the winter season it's a big day for Sandusky flower lovers.

On that annual date when the park superintendent declares the summer season at an end and uproots the flower beds to take the plants to their winter beds in the city greenhouses, surplus plants and bulbs are given to the city's residents on a first come, first served basis. The practice has gone on for years.

# BIG SPRING DAILY HERALD

CHRISTMAS EDITION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1948

Her First Yuletide In The States--

## Christmas Same The World Over, Says War Bride From Britain

Even though it's Father Christmas and not Santa Claus who squeezes down chimneys in England, Christmas is the same wherever you spend it; or so believes Mrs. William Grant Billings, British war bride.

Preparing for her first Yuletide season in America, the petite little brunette is a firm believer in the old adage that home is where the heart is. Comfortably settled in her new five room home in the Highland Park addition, she's going merrily about the business of getting ready for the holiday, and comparing local weather with damp December days, that mark Christmas time in England.

With a twinkle in her eyes, she tells of Christmas at home in Braintree, Essex, England, describing vividly holiday activities before the war, during England's heaviest bombings and last year's celebration which marked the first peacetime Christmas since 1939.

"We refer to Christmas dinner as the Christmas feast and before the war it really was. Most families had turkey, chicken, pork and beef along with vegetables that ranged from creamed potatoes to cabbage, but the big event of the meal was the old English plum pudding."

"It was a ritual with us and father would take it gently in hand, top it with good liquor and start it to burn. In a matter of minutes the flame would go out and the family would finish their holiday meal sipping tea and eating their favorite dessert."

According to Mrs. Billings, the pudding was usually prepared several weeks in advance and served with cream or custard. Although she had heard of cranberries, she had never eaten cranberry sauce.

Average English families do not buy Christmas trees, the war bride states, as the fir are shipped from Norway. "You see them most-

ly in the home of wealthy families."

"We always emphasized room decorations and spent many happy hours placing garlands and other decorations around the living room and kitchen, which by the way, is what you call the dining room."

"Good King Wenceslas" was favorite over "Silent Night" among carolers who spend the first three weeks before Christmas holding nightly songfests in nearly every neighborhood, and Mrs. Billings still thinks it great fun to hang up a Christmas stocking.

"Last Christmas was the most pleasant I've ever spent" the Brit-

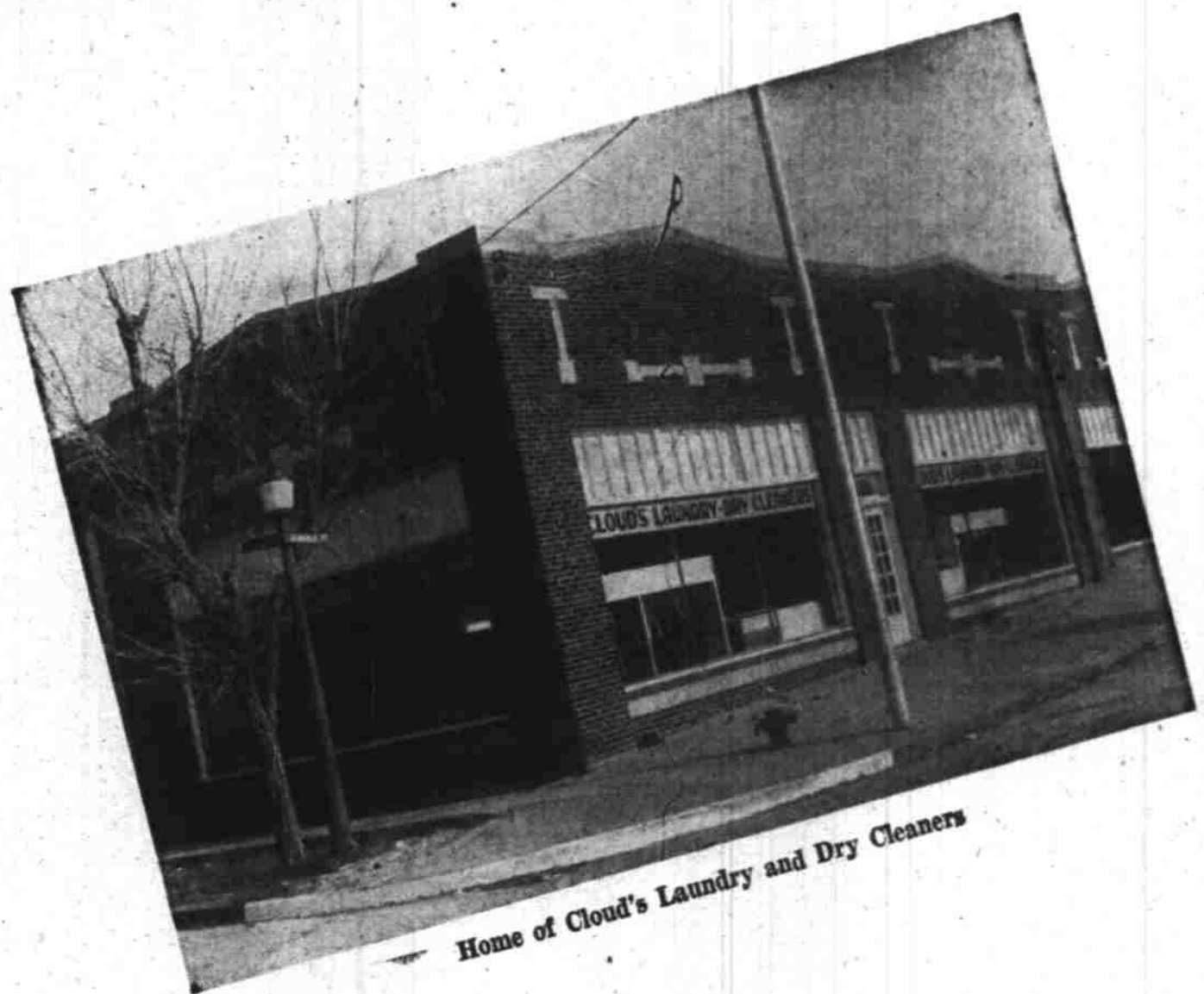
isher explains. "And I suppose that was because the war was over, but Mother managed to save food rations and the holiday was wonderful."

Born in London, Mrs. Billings resided there until air raids forced her family to move to Braintree. She was married there October 1, 1945 to William G. Billings of Big Spring, who was stationed in England with the American army.

The food situation being what it is in Britain at the present time, Mrs. Billings' Christmas gift to her family was an 11 pound package containing lard, canned and dried fruit and other canned goods.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



Home of Cloud's Laundry and Dry Cleaners

from all of us at Cloud's  
To all of you who have made this a Wonderful  
year for us, we say Merry Christmas-Happy New  
Year

## Cloud's Laundry

401 Runnels

and DRY CLEANERS

Big Spring



As Christmas carols once again fill the air with the spirit of friendliness and good will, we join in the chorus to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, with the sincere hope that the coming New Year will be one of your happiest.

HOMER'S GROCERY & MARKET  
201 RUNNELS PHONE 236

# Day-By-Day Review Of Major Events Here During 1946

## JANUARY

3.—Local bank assets show gain of three millions and total resources gain of four and a half millions.  
 4.—Fifteen cases of diphtheria reported in county.  
 5.—Final tabulation reveals construction figures for city in 1945 are highest since "booming 20's."  
 6.—Howard county over-subscribes E bond quota by almost \$200,000 in drive.  
 7.—Chairman C. S. Blomshield names committees for March of Dimes campaign.  
 8.—Big Spring High School basketball team drops conference opener to Midland.  
 9.—Six of seven locals in Midland district (including Big Spring) vote to support Western Electric employees in bid for wage increases.  
 10.—George Pinkney, charged with slaying Mrs. Monroee Darnaby on Christmas Day is returned

to Big Spring from Los Angeles.  
 12.—Two automobile accidents bring 1946 total to nine; Pinkney signs confession, admitting he shot Mrs. Darnaby.  
 13.—Golden Gloves amateur boxing prospects begin training.  
 14.—Big Spring YMCA rents space at 214 Main and prepares to open headquarters.  
 15.—Steer cagers square accounts with Midland, downing Bulldogs 29-22.  
 16.—Records show county's 1945 cotton crop lightest since 1939.  
 17.—US Chamber of Commerce reports housing shortage critical in Big Spring.  
 18.—Ticket sales begin for annual chamber of commerce banquet.  
 20.—VFW contribution launches annual March of Dimes drive.  
 21.—Surprise blanket of snow covers Howard county.  
 22.—J. P. Kenney elected president of Big Spring country club.  
 23.—George Pinkney, Negro, indicted for both highway robbery with firearms and for murder of Mrs. Darnaby Christmas morning.  
 24.—Police announce breaking theft ring in operation in wide West Texas area.  
 26.—Big Spring Steer basketballs enter game with Odessa as underdogs.

27.—Dr. F. Crossley Morgan begins Bible conference sponsored by Big Spring pastors' association.  
 28.—Poll tax payments pour into county tax assessor-collector's office.  
 29.—Improved Steers bowl over Sweetwater, 24-16.  
 30.—Cosden announces sale of half interest in 3,100 block in Mitchell, Scurry, Borden and Howard counties.

13.—Dr. James E. Moore, First Presbyterian pastor, announces plans to retire.  
 14.—City announces plans to begin 50-block paving program.  
 15.—Special gifts teams, leaders selected for Red Cross drive.  
 17.—Bob Apperson, Big Spring welterweight winner loses in state Golden Gloves meet at Fort Worth.  
 18.—J. H. "Jimmie" Greene, re-elected chamber of commerce manager.  
 19.—County commissioners reiterate request to state highway department for Big Spring-Snyder and Big Spring-Andrews roads.  
 20.—Howard County Junior college board votes to sponsor GI on the job training.  
 21.—State highway patrolmen re-open Big Spring office.  
 22.—More than 100 high school band students gather here for band clinic.  
 24.—City cleanup campaign dates announced; three announce for city commission posts; J. O. Haney's Aberdeen-Angus wins 4-H livestock show grand championship.  
 25.—Clarence Fox football coaching school begins.  
 26.—Red Cross drive launched in residential areas.  
 27.—City announces plans to buy parking meters.  
 28.—Police nab four in liquor store robbery.

first place for best carload of beef animals at Fort Worth.  
 11.—Kiwanis club honors Steer basketball team with banquet.  
 12.—City commissioners pass occupation tax ordinance.  
 13.—Texas Electric Service announces reduced rates.  
 14.—City-wide cleanup campaign ends.  
 16.—Boy Scouts conclude Order of the Arrow encampment.  
 17.—Big Spring begins observance of Safety Week.  
 18.—Surplus and salvage sale announced at Big Spring Army Air Field.  
 19.—Forsan organizes athletic association to build new stadium.  
 20.—Boy Scouts take over city for a day in Safety Week program.

21.—Jack Smith elected president of YMCA.  
 22.—More than 200 high school athletes enter Big Spring relays.  
 24.—County 4-H club feeders close most successful season at Odessa.  
 25.—Chamber of commerce (Continued on Page Four)

## FEBRUARY

1.—County clothing drive for shipments to war-torn countries reaches quota.  
 3.—CAP planes here search for plane missing on flight from Terrell to El Paso.  
 4.—Prosecution seeks death penalty for Pinkney.  
 5.—Texan Theatre total loss in night blaze.  
 6.—Pinkney sentenced to life imprisonment.  
 7.—Three minor youths confess to seven burglaries in county.  
 8.—District Golden Gloves boxing tournament begins.  
 10.—City-wide survey planned on parking meters.  
 11.—Dr. G. T. Hall sells interest in Big Spring hospital.  
 12.—New Chamber of Commerce officers installed at banquet.

1.—County clothing drive for shipments to war-torn countries reaches quota.  
 3.—CAP planes here search for plane missing on flight from Terrell to El Paso.  
 4.—Prosecution seeks death penalty for Pinkney.  
 5.—Texan Theatre total loss in night blaze.  
 6.—Pinkney sentenced to life imprisonment.  
 7.—Three minor youths confess to seven burglaries in county.  
 8.—District Golden Gloves boxing tournament begins.  
 10.—City-wide survey planned on parking meters.  
 11.—Dr. G. T. Hall sells interest in Big Spring hospital.  
 12.—New Chamber of Commerce officers installed at banquet.

## MARCH

1.—Local YMCA holds open house for opening of new headquarters.  
 2.—Area telephone worker locals agree to walkout; T&P celebrates 75th year of service.  
 3.—City-wide spring clean-up campaign begins.  
 4.—Weather plays its tricks, starting day with thunderstorm, adding some hail and finishing with sandstorm.  
 5.—Pinkney's motion for new trial is denied.  
 6.—Local telephone workers picket Southwestern Bell company offices briefly during morning.  
 7.—Board elects E. C. Dodd president of Howard County Junior college.  
 8.—Stuart Henderson's "T O Atomic" wins grand championship at Fort Worth Fat Stock show.  
 10.—Howard county boys win



In keeping with the gay spirit of the holiday when greetings pass from friend to friend, we hope that your Christmas will be a merry one and that the New Year will bring you true happiness.

**SETTLES DRUG**



May your Christmas be bright as a song and radiant with the warmth of neighborly hospitality and joyous good fellowship.

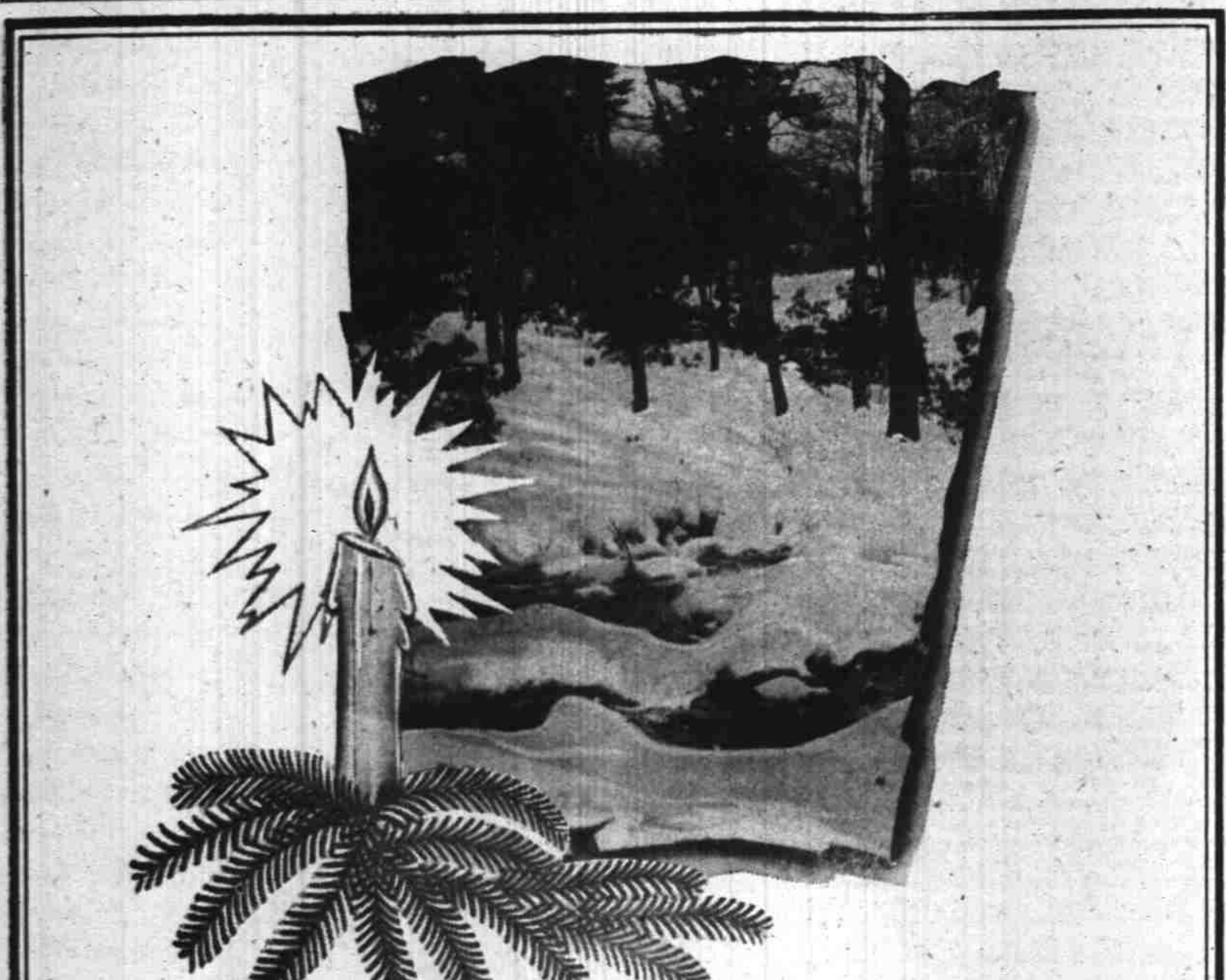
**Balch Shoe Shop**

# Christmas Greetings to one and all



Straight from our hearts come the season's greetings sincere, joyous and full of hope. Here's to Christmas happiness for all.

**PITMAN'S**  
Big Spring's Oldest Jewelers



# Greetings

On this happy day when hearts beat fast with all the joys that come only in this Yuletide season we want to extend our sincere wishes for all good things and express to one and all our sincere thanks for your patronage and kind co-operation in the past — our hope to serve you better than ever in the future.

**MARGO'S**  
beautiful shoes



# Christmas Greetings to all our friends

MANY are the times through the year, when we'd like to be able to stop and chat in a friendly way with all of you—but busy-ness prevents our taking the time to exchange pleasantries.

With the Christmas season at hand however, we take the opportunity to say in print, to one and all, how much we value your patronage and friendship — how much we look forward to being better able to serve you. And may your future be as bright as the holly in your windows—the flickering flames in your fireplace—and the shine in Santa's eye!

**Mellinger's**  
Big Spring's Largest Store For Men and Boys



On this particular Christmas, as we Americans carry out our pleasant custom of exchanging gifts, it is good to remember that all of us already possess the greatest gift in the world.

It is the FREEDOM to celebrate Christmas in our own way . . . one of the many freedoms we cherish as a part of our American heritage. It is one of our individual liberties, like freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, and freedom of worship.

We are free to observe our Holy days in the manner in which we choose . . . we are free to expand with the warmth of good fellowship and free to extend the gracious hand of giving to friends and to the less fortunate . . . we are free to enjoy, even for but a day, some of the joys that we associate especially with the "spirit of Christmas."

All the folks at Cosden—those many represented by the symbol of the Traffic Cop—thus hand the holly wreath and light the colored candle to say, with special emphasis this year, that we are happy for another American Christmas season which enables us to wish the best for all our many friends. It is said best in the old-fashioned way!

# COSDEN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

*Every Stockholder, Director, Officer and Employee of  
Cosden Wish All Their Friends Everywhere the Full  
Happiness of the Holiday Season*

R. L. TOLLETT, President



# Calendar Recalls Local Events Of Past Year

(Continued from Page Two)

steering committees named for year.

26.—Shotgun blast from awakened resident halts police on nocturnal chase of stolen vehicle.

27.—City begins plans for zoning.

28.—Municipal softball league draws up summer schedule.

29.—Local carpenters, painters and bricklayers apply for wage increases.

31.—Cap Rock Electric Co-op director is named.

**APRIL**

1.—Chamber of commerce directors voted to accept offer from T&P railway to buy tract of land at West Second and Scurry streets for civic center, postal receipts were down almost one quarter for the first three months of 1946 from the previous year.

2.—Automobile registration was up over 1945, two local men were named to the Buffalo Trail Boy Scout Council.

3.—H. W. Wright, George Mims and Iva Huneycutt elected to serve two year terms on the city commission; a record number of 1,519 ballots were counted in the election; Mrs. L. S. Stockton was honored on her 85th birthday anniversary.

4.—Invitations went out to other towns to participate in an Aviation meet planned here; new air service to Odessa was inaugurated; tournament; two men were killed.

one seriously injured in gas station explosion on E. 3rd street.

5.—A motorcyclist suffered a broken back in a mishap at Third and Main streets.

6.—Dewey Martin and Justin Holmes were elected to serve on the school board; KBST's power increased from 100 to 250 watts; seven men elected to serve on the school board at Forsan-Oltischalk; three Big Spring boys set new area track records at Odessa.

7.—Approximately 1200 people attended air show at municipal airport.

8.—Salvation Army adopted a program for expansion.

9.—William G. Hayden, veteran newspaperman, succumbed; G. W. Dabney elected Big Spring's 14th mayor; Bill Cox named first president of Big Spring Junior chamber of commerce.

10.—A team of local bowlers left for the ABC at Buffalo.

11.—County commissioners certified winners in rural school trustee elections.

12.—The Easter seal drive in full swing; Big Spring regained control of municipal airport.

13.—E. W. Lomax was named president of Howard County's Herford Breeders' association.

14.—High school football squads at Forsan and Coahoma plunged into spring workouts; the Big Spring chapter of the West Texas Kennel club met here; announcement made of the resignation of Dan McRae, Forsan school superintendent.

15.—A freight train filled with

lettuce overturned near Coahoma; A brief shower broke a prolonged drought; spring grid drills began at the local high school; softball play began.

16.—Rural school graduation exercises held at municipal auditorium; an Arkansas man was hurt when his vehicle overturned west of town.

17.—Easter seal sales mounted to over \$400; Big Spring public schools again won approval by Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges; Mrs. Grace Bettle, long-time resident died.

18.—C. S. Blomsheld re-elected chairman of the Howard County chapter of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation; city was listed as a focal point for two additional feeder air lines; Robert Wilson Long of Knott died in an automobile accident at Roscoe; re-elected James A. Davis of Empire Southern Gas company.

19.—Two youths drew prison sentences for car thefts in district court; Mrs. Blanche Richardson, long time resident, was claimed by death.

20.—Dorothy Brown, high school shorthand student, won first place in the regional meet at Abilene.

21.—The city turned its attentions to the observance of Easter; Felix Dominguez, who escaped the county jail earlier in the year, captured in San Antonio.

22.—Bob Pysatt, local merchant, succumbed to injuries.

23.—Welcome showers blanketed western Howard county; Big Spring was chosen as convention site of South Plains Banking association in parley at Plainview; Boyd McDaniel re-appointed city manager for two years.

24.—Central Ward won the grade school softball tournament.

25.—The 20th annual Buffalo Trail roundup got underway; Joyce Adell Berryhill of Big Spring died in an auto crash near Trinity; William Daniel White, veteran Stanton peace officer, died; a new athletic field was dedicated at Forsan.

26.—The sheriff's posse, a fraternal organization, formed; Champ Rainwater became the new district chief for the Empire Southern Gas company.

27.—Bread output was reduced in Big Spring because of the European famine.

28.—Two churches opened revivals.

29.—Knott and Fairview voters balloted against consolidation of those school districts.

30.—Marvin Wright declared medalist in the High school golf tournament at the Munny course; Contractors from a wide area held an organizational meeting here; WSB and OPA men convened at the Settles hotel.

speaker at WT Kennel club meeting.

6.—Dr. L. A. Woods speaker at local church function.

7.—US Highway association (Texas Div.) met here.

8.—FPHA approved plan to construct 32 temporary housing units from local AAF material; carpenters' wages boosted.

9.—Teachers pay upped to minimum of \$1,500 annually; local air field transferred to US Engineers.

10.—Parcel post poundage reduced due to rail strikes.

11.—Seven persons injured in wave of highway accident; Ina Mae Bradley became first woman member of American Legion post.

12.—Toots Mansfield and Walton Poage won roping contest at rodeo grounds; two men held up taxi driver and took his vehicle.

13.—Bill Cox and Herb Feather named officers of Big Spring Junior Chamber of Commerce.

14.—Heavy showers hit the area; contracts let for 50 blocks of paving.

15.—Lions' club elected new of-

ficers; five prisoners sentenced here taken to Huntsville.

16.—Hail battered crops around Stanton.

17.—County resumed work on road in southwest part of county; retail selling courses started.

18.—Rail men went out on brief strike.

19.—Gene Anderson won Munny ringer golf tournament; Melba Corning named Miss Big Spring.

20.—Officers notified youths wanted in taxicab robbery here held in Fort Worth.

21.—Fifteen rural eighth grade students graduated. Summer bowl league began play.

22.—Charles Bussey given cross of valor by Italian government for heroism on battle front; local postal workers notified of pay raise.

23.—John P. Watkins, former resident, died in Fort Worth; City paving program got underway.

24.—Municipal airport opened to all types of planes.

25.—VFW poppy day conducted; additional street cleaning machines arrived.

26.—High school baccalaureate

services held; local canines captured prizes in dog show at Monahan; circulation at library reached all time high.

27.—Railroad back to normal after nation-wide strike called off; drought hampered cotton planting; new class launched in retail selling.

28.—Forty veterans guests at East Fourth church banquet.

29.—City commission in stormy session over operational matters; city's equalization board at work.

30.—Tribute paid war dead in Memorial Day services; 110 members of senior class graduated.

**JUNE**

1.—Obie Bristow advanced to finals of the West Texas Invitational Golf Tournament at San Angelo.

2.—Rev. James E. Moore delivered last sermon at Presbyterian Church; Doug Jones defeated Obie Bristow 3 and 2 in finals at West Texas Invitational Golf Tournament.

3.—Dr. of Divinity Degree con-

(Continued on Page Six)



**Yuletide**

The gayest and friendliest season of the year is at hand. Merry Christmas to one and all and a very Happy New Year.

**THORP PAINT STORE**

*We wish you the Best of Everything*



**THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND ALL OF 1947.**

**TWINS CAFE**

Lonnie and Leonard Coker

**MAY**

1.—Felix Dominguez, escapee, sentenced to 12 years in prison; bricklayers given wage boost.

2.—Bakeries took a holiday because of wheat shortage.

3.—Rev. P. D. O'Brien served as emcee at ground breaking event at Wayland college, Plainview.

4.—VFW district convention began.

5.—Cinco de Mayo celebration got underway; R. T. West, Lubbock, re-elected VFW district commander; Charles Abele principal

**MERRY CHRISTMAS Everybody**




SANTA'S presence is felt everywhere! Red and green ornaments dangling from the branches of green pine trees, and exciting window decorations bring alive poignant memories. The hushed expectancy of the children, and their unstilled curiosity about packages in hiding, are more than a hint that it won't be long now! So, this is the time for us to join Santa in saying to one and all. **MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**WAITS**

DIAMONDS WATCHES JEWELRY



**JOYOUS YULETIDE**

Make it joyous — by surrounding yourself with family and friends remembering each with a well-chosen gift, and bringing cheer to their hearts with your own warm hospitality.

**The UNITED**



## RING OUT, JOYOUS BELLS,

ring out the glad tidings! Ring loudly, like a host of angels' voices singing, that your mighty echo may touch the hearts of all men and lift them unto the splendor of this joyful celebration! Ring clear your message to the world that Christmas has come! And, with deepest eloquence, ring out our wishes to all that good health, good cheer and good fortune fill their cups to overflowing to make this the cheeriest, happiest and most wonderful Christmas season ever!

# First National Bank

IN BIG SPRING



# Major News Stories Of 1946 In Big Spring Are Listed

(Continued from Page Four)

ferred on Rev. P. D. O'Brien at Hardin-Simmons.  
 4.—West Texas Auction Barn formally opened.  
 5.—Farm Security Administration supervisors open two day conference.  
 6.—County Commissioners asked change in routing of Snyder road; School administrative personnel re-elected, given salary increase; L. B. Cauble bought first Victory Bond in new drive.  
 7.—J. D. Jones awarded Knott School Contract; Amateur Shows opened at Amphitheater; Loy House elected ABC president.  
 8.—Big Spring listed as tentative site for National Guard station.  
 9.—Bishop C. C. Seelman, Dallas, speaker at Methodist Church.  
 10.—Entries received in model plane contest; Cosden Poloists beat Lubock, 7-5.  
 11.—Food handling course underway at municipal auditorium; soil conservation supervisors, meet; four men leave for US Highway 87 meet at Colorado Springs.  
 12.—City Commissioners approved plan to develop airport.  
 13.—Coke county voted soil conservation setup; George Mahon for Congress club organized.  
 14.—Flag Day observed at city park; through service to New York City inaugurated by T&P railway.  
 15.—Mark Lowrey resigned positions with Howard County Vocational school; J. O. Vineyard resigned post with Chamber of Commerce to work for CAA.  
 16.—Methodists launched campaign to raise money for church annex; state Lions' convention opened.  
 17.—Winners announced in NAA piano contest.  
 18.—Frank Jordan, Brownfield, named district governor of Lions' club; softball team managers parleyed to discuss second half schedule.  
 19.—Four Howard County Junior college teachers elected; A. J. Burks, Odessa, first gubernatorial candidate to visit here.  
 20.—Gas company officials in session.  
 21.—Six hundred parking meters arrived for installation; quality of telephone service cut to provide more people with phones; Troy Fort and Sonny Edwards starred in roping match at rodeo grounds; water system mapped to serve five cities in area.  
 22.—Intermittent showers fell in community; three Lamesa boys hurt in wreck; G. D. Kennedy chosen Forsan school superintendent.  
 23.—One person killed, five injured in west highway accident.  
 24.—Jerry Sedler, candidate for governor, speaker here; J. R. Mansion, veteran railroader died.  
 25.—Area rent director warned Big Spring rents running rampant;

West Texas funeral directors sessioned.  
 26.—Grover Sellers, another candidate for governor, local speaker.  
 27.—Dr. M. H. Bennett and L. W. Croft resigned positions on school board; War Department listed 86 Howard county men as missing or dead in war; new Lions' club officers installed at luncheon.  
 28.—Albert Edens, farmer and stockman, died of heart attack.  
 29.—Temperature rose to 107 degrees, high for the year; City experiencing record building boom, survey showed.  
 30.—Beauford Jester, governor-to-be, paid visit to city; Salvation Army play area fund increased \$500; Ted Williams died of accidental shooting near Seminole; county boys won district grass judging contest; Ackerly dial phone system opened.

## JULY


1.—Eight injured in pickup truck-car collision north of here.  
 2.—Prices steady here following end OPA.  
 3.—Jerry Paul Shafer dies of rattlesnake bite.  
 4.—Fireworks show, amateur program well attended at park amphitheater.  
 5.—George White succeeds Dr. M. H. Bennett on school board.  
 6.—Jim Winslow dies here.  
 7.—County voting strength estimated at 7,000.  
 8.—Earl Hamilton Williams held in connection with wife's bludgeoning.  
 9.—Williams makes statement in slaying.  
 10.—City council meets, receives new pledges of cooperation from city officials.  
 11.—Wyatt C. Hedrick awarded architectural contract for Veterans' Administration hospital here; milk prices increase four cents.  
 12.—Lewis M. "Shorty" Parker loses foot in train mishap.  
 13.—Mercury reaches 103; Big Spring population indicated at 20,000.  
 14.—Cosden board reelected.  
 15.—Five city water program discussed; county agents of District VI meet here; Peppy Blount receives air combat medals in San Angelo.  
 16.—School aid from state raised to \$225,922.  
 17.—Junior college sets opening for Sept. 30.  
 18.—Bobby Green is first to enroll in H.C.J.C.; Steck named Legion head.  
 19.—Election candidates plan final campaigns.  
 20.—Wilma Dunbar, Midland, dies of polio here.  
 21.—Absentee ballots in above average, indicated good election turnout.  
 22.—Bucher asks permission to raise bus fare.  
 23.—Dora Jane Thompson killed

in plane crash near Dallas, funeral here.  
 24.—Memorial tree fund launched by Veterans of Foreign Wars.  
 25.—Democratic primary.  
 26.—Jester and Rainey in gubernatorial run-off; Mahon had wide margin; Pappy Blount led in most counties.  
 27.—Scouts have swimming meet here.  
 28.—J. B. Bruton offered resignation as juvenile officer.  
 29.—City street paving program under way; rodeo motorcade goes into area.

## AUGUST

1.—J. D. Elliott sells last drug store.  
 2.—Plans begin on rodeo playbill; 247 school transfers recorded.  
 3.—Mrs. Addie Bell Vaughn hit by automobile, first 1946 traffic fatality.  
 4.—Application for Colorado river water rights filed with state board of water engineers.  
 5.—Three accidents reported involving Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Whalley, Clem Yarbrough, Salcio Nunno.  
 6.—Parade launches four-day rodeo.  
 7.—City dads study housing situation; high scores, low times, vicious stock open rodeo.  
 8.—Second go-round at rodeo begins; W. T. Mann Jr. dies of polio.  
 9.—Rodeo closes with record crowd, N. A. Pittcock takes top honors.  
 10.—College slated to get surplus buildings at Big Spring flying field.  
 11.—County commissioners vote to extend West Fourth street to old highway.  
 12.—Garbage collection rate established; drought causes city heads to study plans for raising water pressure.  
 13.—Milk supply hit by drought; L. F. McKay dies.  
 14.—Plans drafted to use hospital unit at Bombardier school for junior college; transfer of airport to city discussed.  
 15.—Ten people injured in highway crashes.  
 16.—Second primary ballot lists 18 names; cotton yield expected to be small.  
 17.—Mrs. Mary Zinn celebrates


(Continued on Page Seven)



*Yours for a Merry Christmas*

**The Book Stall**

Crawford Hotel Lobby



*Season's Greetings*

Up hill and down dale  
go our Christmas wishes to all  
our friends and patrons.

This is the time of year when the cup of  
good cheer is its fullest, hospitality  
is its cheeriest, and our thoughts  
of you are warmest!

**Peurifoy Radiator Shop**

901 East 3rd Phone 1210



*Holiday Joy*

May your leastboards on  
Christmas be laden with  
cheer,  
Your holiday season be  
bright.  
And the carolers merrily  
sing, while the bells  
Chime of Peace thru the  
night.

**Hi-Way Package Store**

419 E. 3rd PETE HOWZE, Prop. Phone 1725

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The Lorraine Shop



*The Symbol of peace...*

**... A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The untroubled hush of snow-laden, starlit streets; the free  
abandon of song and laughter in warm, guest filled house-  
holds; the love in our hearts for one and all — these make  
for the very spirit of peace and good will.

**MORRIS SYSTEM**  
*Complete Food Market*

# Day-By-Day Chronicle Of Year's Happenings In City

(Continued From Page 6)

100th birthday, honored by friends at party.  
 20.—Spotted showers relieve heat.  
 21.—Public hearing set for bigger county budget; all star amateur show planned.  
 22.—J. W. Hemley, H. T. Sherrill critically injured in Cosden fire.  
 23.—Heavy voting anticipated for 18 men in second primary;

Hemley and Sherrill succumb as result of Cosden fire.  
 24.—College approved for veterans schooling; to be given post site.  
 25.—Blount wins over Barnes; Jester swept into office; Walter Long, G. E. Gilliam, Grover Ellsard new commissioners.  
 26.—County OK's budget to spend \$402,582.  
 27.—North Howard county gets good rain; 4H boys and girls leave

for convention at A&M.  
 28.—City dads appoint Ricker city judge, discuss budget; decomposed body of unidentified man discovered by three boys.  
 29.—Old settlers reunion attended by 350.  
 30.—Baptist laymen of District Eight have meeting here.

## SEPTEMBER

1.—School teacher assignments listed, Joe Haddon assumes duties as band director.  
 2.—Labor Day.  
 3.—School opens; drought relieved by erratic showers in area.  
 4.—Williams on trial in Garden City; Junior college adopts budget.  
 5.—Gorman Finley, Jerry Phillips stricken with polio; Williams trial continues.  
 6.—Judge Cecil Collings dismisses jury in Williams trial after deadlock.  
 7.—Rev. R. Gage Lloyd assumes duties as pastor of First Presbyterian church.  
 8.—Clean up campaign begins.  
 9.—Mrs. Martha Macomber, veteran public school teacher, dies.  
 10.—City commission OK's budget.  
 11.—Clean up drive gathers momentum; grand jury returns 10 indictments.  
 12.—Legionnaire-Lion donkey ball game held at rodeo grounds; Meat shortage felt; Mayor G. W. Dabney announces board of equalization.  
 13.—Junior rodeo held for 4H club boys; Bucher announces extension of busline to college.  
 14.—Policies for board of equalization discussed by city commission.  
 15.—Perry Walker announced as winner of 4H rodeo; first taxpayers appear before equalization board.  
 16.—Maria Lus Munoz crowned queen of three day Latin American celebration.  
 17.—Oscar David Wills draws five year term for killing of Verdell Smith; Henry Clark transferred to Baytown USES.  
 18.—Phone strike, W. D. Berry claims company view unfair.  
 19.—College announces regulations.  
 20.—Local schools overcrowded, present problems.  
 21.—V. M. Dziewas assumes US Department of Agriculture duties here; fall ushered in with high winds, low temperatures.  
 22.—Fifty register at Howard county junior college first morning of registration.  
 23.—Commission commends equalizers; E. C. Dodd predicts 200 enrollment at college.  
 24.—Fireworks circus held; Christmas Treasure Hunt set Nov. 28.  
 25.—Enrollment at HCJC reaches 180 on fourth day of registration; college branch of YMCA opens.  
 26.—West Texas Chamber of Commerce endorses upper Colorado river dam.  
 27.—Cotton ginned in Howard reaches 2,000 bales.  
 28.—Junior college opens first term with more than 200 students enrolled.

## OCTOBER

1.—Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Gutherie, Coahoma, observed 50th wedding anniversary; Shell No. 1 Clark, north-central Glascock deep oil exploration, tested 946 barrels.  
 2.—Bank deposits totaled \$18,951,000, a negligible decrease; Ches Anderson died of heart attack; Dr. R. B. G. Cowper elected YMCA president; Frank Loveless named zone No. 3 soil district supervisor.  
 3.—L. O. Connally assumed duties as employment service manager; Big Spring listed as site for station on Bell Telephone land-radio telephone system.  
 4.—Mrs. Josephine Green Phillips killed in car crash near Garden City.  
 5.—Rain (.91 of an inch) hit at drouth; Mrs. Audry Brass of Rule killed in mishap at Sand Springs

as 10 injured in weekend of traffic crashes.  
 6.—Rain (1.54) general over county, breaking drouth.  
 7.—Army recruiters list 786 men as having been processed by local office during 1946.  
 8.—T&P Railway company offers free easement for pipeline for Colorado River Municipal Water association; Cecil Collings re-elected head of 70th district bar.  
 9.—City approved tax roll of \$9,617,715; flash flood and hail did extensive damage, put 372,000,000 gallons in lakes; J. H. Greene elected president of Colorado River Basin association.  
 10.—Local forces moved for national guard unit; bus service for children in airport area assured; A. R. Collins acquitted in federal court of drug law charges.  
 11.—R. H. Phillips badly burned in gasoline explosion; Gladys Dalmont honored by Order of Eastern Star.  
 12.—Business and Professional Women hear Mrs. Edna Hoffman, state president at district convention here.  
 13.—State water board heard application of Colorado River Municipal Water association for water rights on Colorado river.  
 14.—E. H. Williams murder trial

started at Midland; five juveniles arrested and three stolen cars recovered; state board approves CRMWA application; 1,800 head cattle at West Texas Livestock auction with lifting of meat controls; Mickey Butts named Howard County Junior College president.  
 15.—Williams trial postponed to Dec. 2; Jake Morgan defeated Obie Bristow for city golf title.  
 16.—Big Spring Livestock auction get 1,400 head of cattle.  
 17.—S. N. Tate, furniture dealer, found dead.  
 18.—T&P announces \$47,000 Diesel refueling unit for Big Spring; Legion put in bid for bombardier school officers club.  
 19.—Water took on "branch" taste.  
 20.—Dr. Loren B. Statts opened community revival.  
 21.—Cattle purchased for US Experiment Farm Feed tests; farmers moved to offset break in cotton market.  
 22.—Zoning ordinance passed; Community Fund had kickoff; West Texas Livestock Auction had 2,300 head cattle.  
 23.—Big Spring Livestock auction had 1,700 head cattle.  
 24.—Community revival ended;  
 (Continued On Page 8)



To wish you a Merry CHRISTMAS

At this season of the year our minds turn toward Christmas and all that it means. Christmas should be a time of joy and we hope that yours provides a full portion of happiness this holiday season. To one and all—we wish "a Merry Christmas."

**STATE DRUG**  
 308 Runnels Quay Elliott and Son Phone 9692



**CHRISTMAS 1946**

This year, as in all preceding years, we want to join the many good friends who wish you prosperity and happiness for the coming New Year. We send our Christmas Greetings to you, filled with a sincere appreciation of your kind patronage during this past year.

**Builders Supply**



We cannot repeat too often our wish that your Christmas be a MERRY one.

**MORT DENTON PACKAGE STORE**  
 Phone 186 307 East 3rd



**CHRISTMAS JOY TO ALL**

Deep in our hearts, each of us has a secret Christmas hope. What more can we wish you, than that your hope come true? And for the coming year we'd like to see the fulfillment of every desire you hold dear.

**THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL!**

**Tingle's Newstand**



best wishes for a Merry Christmas

For every berry on your holly wreath . . . for every sweet note in the hymn you sing . . . for every bright light on your Christmas tree, there is a wish from us that your holiday be happy and crowded with merriment. And that wish comes from every person in this organization who has had the pleasure of serving you during the past year.

**Big Spring Motor Co.**  
 Ford, Mercury, Lincoln-Zephyr Dealer  
 V. A. Merrick J. E. Fort

# Highlights Of Big Spring News In Review

(Continued from Page 7.)  
 cottonseed reached \$90 a ton; county-wide Hereford tour started.  
 25.—Glyndon Bradley, 2, kidnapped here; Red Cross has district meet.  
 26.—Local bar honored H. R. Debenport, John B. Littler, S. H. Morrison; W. R. Davis, Roy C. Davis, T. C. Davis sell 31 Palominos for \$20,715.  
 27.—Juvenile delinquency placed at 4 of one per cent for two years. Toots Mansfield won Madison Square Garden calf roping.  
 28.—Work started on 100 miles of REA extensions; school tax rolls approved for \$17,293,713.  
 29.—General business canvass of Community Fund started.  
 30.—US Experiment Farm feed tests began.

31.—Retail and wholesale druggists met here; milk supply was at critically low state; marathon rider stopped overnight here.  
**NOVEMBER**  
 1.—Charles W. Davis, T&P dispatcher, died in Fort Worth; ABClub accepts city offer to take over West Side park; Robert and J. B. Posey held on cattle theft charges.  
 2.—District No. 9 Music clubs met here; Lomax dispersal sale brought \$18,340 on 67 head; FPMA gets bombardier school buildings from engineers.  
 4.—Chamber of commerce posts \$400 for fair buildings; John Coffee made First Baptist Brotherhood head.  
 5.—Telephone company announced 300 of 600 phone applicants would get service as soon as switchboard equipment was delivered; general election and light voting; OPA office declared officially liquidated; gas heaters scarce with first cold wave.  
 6.—Credit buying showed increase; Dean Bennett named elementary school supervisor; Leonard Kinard resuscitated after gassing at Cosden.  
 7.—Only 450 voters cast ballots in amendment vote; 27-year old vet arrested for bogus checking and desertion; T. B. Atkins elected Kiwanis president.  
 8.—E. G. Cooper heads wide area for vet employment aid; H. T. Hale made Howard County Farm Bureau president; 23 T&P cars derailed near Abilene.  
 9.—City to drill 3 new water wells in Glasscock; Billy Jo Epler killed in Coahoma crossing crash.  
 10.—Rev. H. C. Smith, First Methodist pastor, assigned to Pampa, Dr. C. A. Long came here.  
 11.—First killing frost; A. C. Preston elected West Texas checker president.  
 12.—T. D. Patterson charged attempted to murder; city planning board named.  
 13.—Howard County Junior College held open house with Rep. George Mahon speaker; Howard Co. Schoolmasters organized.  
 14.—Shine Jhillips heard "Big Spring" cantata at Dallas; cotton ginnings totaled 7,741 bales; seed treatment clinic held at experiment farm.  
 15.—Wanda Robinson and Burrell Hull show best pigs.  
 16.—Westward Ho, modern tourist court, opened; prime coat put on 16 blocks street base; Knights Templar here for work.  
 17.—Gerry Edwards, Apollo choir member, visited parents Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Edwards.  
 18.—Six-man grid coaches and officials held banquet; asphalt on new streets; Judge E. J. Miller, judge elect appellate court, died; Cosden directors, meeting here, voted to refund \$1,250,000 bonds.  
 19.—Cattle shipments kept carloadings at normal figure.  
 20.—Curtis Bishop new book "By Way of Wyoming" issued; 17th street west extension announced; B. J. McDaniel named city manager at Abilene.  
 21.—Parking meters get nickels ahead of effective date, Legion inducted 300 in mass ceremony.  
 22.—C. R. Donaldson resigned as SCS work unit leader; Hollis Emmet Cannon, Taylor, Ark., killed in crash three miles east.  
 23.—B. J. McDaniel resigns as city manager; Community Fund closed officially with \$27,232; 16-year old New York lad held for house burglaries.  
 24.—Six-man grid all-district team named.  
 25.—Christmas seals put in mail; 70th court opened.  
 26.—Courtney Gray, Brownwood, appointed to succeed Judge Miller; scout offices announced to be moved to Midland.  
 27.—Water Valley beat Barstow in bi-district play here; 26 cars T&P derailed at Loraine, 4 killed; Pioneer Air Lines granted service through Big Spring.  
 28.—Union Thanksgiving services held; special train takes grid routers to Sweetwater; Rogers Grocery fire caused \$20,000 loss.  
 29.—Christmas shopping season opened with thousands participating in Treasurer Hunt; Rev. Lloyd H. Thompson accepts call to First Christian church; first steps taken to form Social Service Exchange; Snyder withdrew from Colorado River Municipal Water association.  
 30.—Joe E. Davis announced as winner of scholarship to University of Mexico; Community Fund reached \$29,000.



The candles burn no more warmly than the spirit of our wishes for your Christmas happiness. To all our many friends we say "A very Merry Christmas to you and yours."

## GUITAR GIN

200 N. E. 2nd

Phone 323

## US And German Teen-Agers Join In Berlin Yule Carols

**AP Newsfeatures**  
**BERLIN.**—This Christmas, for the first time since the war, American and German children will sing carols together.  
 These groups are now rehearsing weekly for appearances during the holiday week in Army hospitals and other American institutions.  
 The American children are teen-agers, 14 to 18 years old, dependents of soldiers and military government personnel stationed here. They are a group without a club name, organized by Mrs. Robert A. McClure, wife of Brigadier General McClure, chief of the American Military Government's information control section.  
 Mrs. McClure organized the young group at the request of the American Women's Club of Berlin, of which she is a member. Its social activities include a monthly dance at which young people of the Allied nations are guests.  
 Now the American group, numbering about 80, has formed a choral group which has joined with about 20 members of the German Madrigal choral group for Christmas singing. They practice every Tuesday afternoon under a German singing instructor at an American-occupied hotel here.  
 Their main holiday appearances will be on Christmas Eve, when they will ride about the city on sleighs or hayricks supplied by the American 16th Constabulary Squadron.  
 The German singers selected for the joint group also are teen-agers.  
 Plant collectors in Latin America must obtain permits from the government of countries in which they work.  
 Per capita income in the South rose from 55 per cent of the US average in 1929 to 69 per cent in 1945.

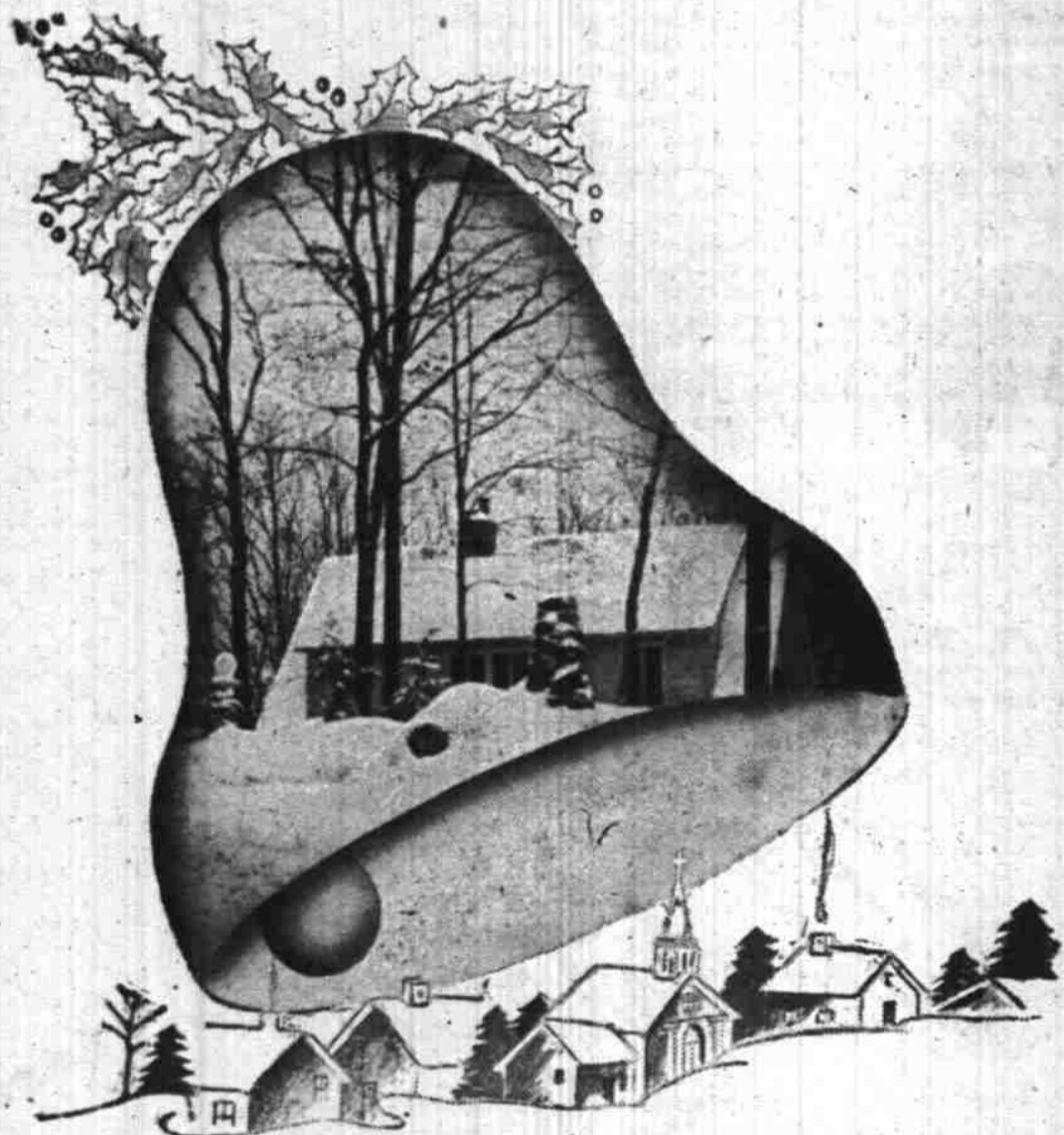


Nineteen hundred and forty-six years ago three Wise Men followed the soft light of a magnificent star to the little town of Bethlehem bearing the first Christmas gifts of all times to the tiny child born there in a straw-filled manger. Others came also to Jesus' humble resting place to show their faith and devotion with the gifts they brought to lay at his feet.

Christmas has come to mean a day of peace and good will toward all men and so we want you to know that you have our sincerest wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

## Stanley Hardware Co.

203 Runnels



# A Joyous CHRISTMAS

Hear the bells peal out their ringing greetings to town and country! The Christmas season is with us; a time to bring joys and receive them. To all our friends we extend the sincerest of good wishes.

**BIG SPRING HARDWARE CO.**  
 17-19 MAIN STREET BIG SPRING TEXAS



# SEASON'S



# GREETINGS



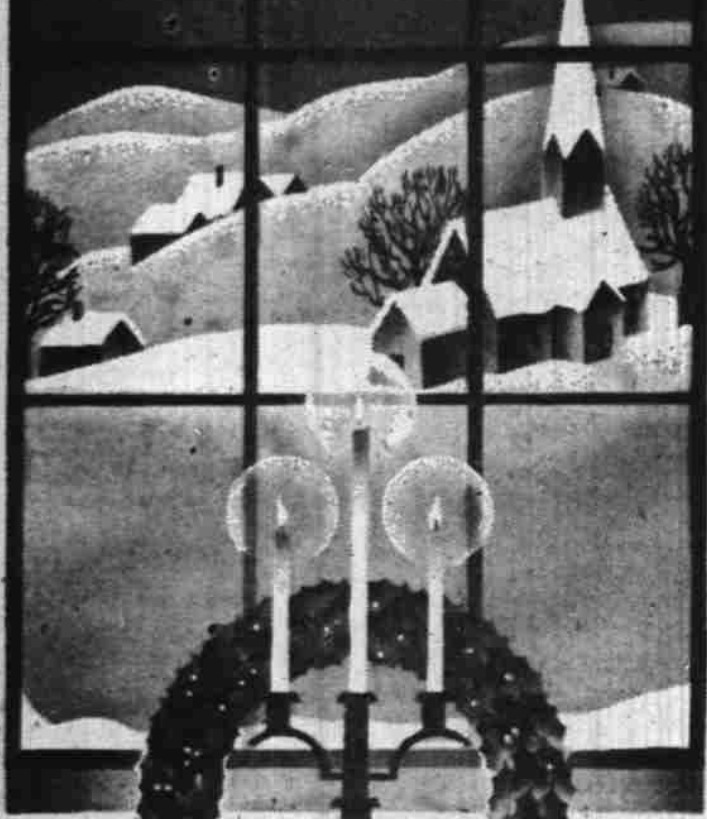
"We could offer you a few suggestions on how to be happy this Xmas—but instead, we are wondering if it wouldn't be better for us to look around and hunt up some one who has had some adversity and see if we couldn't help them carry their load, just for one day—maybe it would develop into a good habit to practice the year around—"



Been Filling Prescriptions Always  
 217. Main Shine Phillips Petroleum Bldg. Joe Hedleston



*A Joyous Christmas to all*



May every moment of this joyous holiday season sparkle with gaiety and happiness for you and yours. For your kind patronage of the past may we extend our appreciation and express our desire to continue to serve you faithfully in the future.

**YOUTH Beauty Shop**

Lois Eason, Mgr. Phone 252  
Douglass Hotel

**U. S. FOR 18,000,000 HOME GARDENS TO IMPROVE NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (U.P.)—The Department of Agriculture has decided to ask Americans to continue their war-time victory gardens into the future in an effort to improve the nutritional level of millions of families.

Although war-born food shortages virtually will be over next year with the exception of certain commodities such as sugar, the department said Americans will be asked to plant 18,000,000 home gardens again next year.

Of these, farmers will be urged to plant 6,000,000 gardens and city dwellers 12,000,000. This will be almost as many as during the war, when between 18,000,000 and 20,000,000 families participated in the program.

The department said the large number of gardens is again "necessary and desirable" to improve the nation's nutritional levels and provide some families, particularly those in low-income groups, with minimum amounts of fruits and vegetables necessary to health.

Oddly enough, the department said, city folks who plant gardens actually increase rather than cut the demand for farm-grown fruits and vegetables.

"Studies made by the bureau of human nutrition," it said, "show

that... families with gardens acquire a taste for a wider variety and become customers for a greater quantity of vegetables throughout the year."

It added that home gardens also will help the average family in its fight against rising living costs. At the same time, the department said home gardeners would do well to improve their methods and the way they utilize garden products.

Gardens should be just as large as the family can handle efficiently from the time it is planted until harvest, it said. The real emphasis, it pointed out, should be on quality, care and conservation.

Communities also were advised to broaden their garden programs to include the improvement of lawns and parks as well as planting fruits and vegetables.

The department said housewives can do a lot to increase the total value of their gardens by devising a variety of ways of preserving food for use in the off-season. Methods suggested included stewing, canning, freezing and brining.

One of the best ways, it added, is to organize community canning centers where the entire neighborhood pitches in to get the job done as quickly and efficiently as possible.

**Eire, With Lots Of Food, Draws Tourist Throng**

DUBLIN, Dec. 24. (U.P.)—The attraction of plenty of steaks, eggs, milk, cheese and other food brought a record-breaking number of tourists to the Emerald Isle this year, David Barry, general manager of the Irish Tourist Association, reports.

Most of Eire's tourists were fugitives from the austere food rationing still prevailing in the United Kingdom. Visitors came from England, Wales and Scotland on their vacations to eat and drink.

The twenty-second annual report of the association noted that a trickle of tourists arrived from the United States during the year. The report said, "we may safely assume that they are but the harbingers of the large contingent which Ireland may expect from the American continent in 1947 and succeeding years."

Barry said in 1938, the last full pre-war tourist year, there were 524,174 persons checked in by immigration officers. A conservative estimate for 1946 would be 750,000 while the total may reach 1,000,000.

Shortage of accommodations at hotels and at resorts prevented thousands of persons from making a planned trip to Eire. Barry said many persons have made advance reservations for next year and even succeeding years. He said there was one report of a reservation being made for 1951.

Barry said the post-war tourists were spending much more freely than pre-war visitors. He estimated that prices in Dublin hotels and restaurants were about 20 to 25

per cent above the pre-war level.

A typical dinner menu in one of Dublin's leading hotels included hors d'oeuvres (potato salad, tomatoes, hardboiled eggs in mayonnaise, cold meats and various vegetables), choice of two kinds of soup, a choice of two kinds of fish, a choice of filet mignon or sweetbreads and a main course of roast duck with potatoes and vegetables, followed by an ice cream sundae or pastry. Coffee or other drinks were extra.

The cost for the dinner, which was grandly served by waiters in swallow-tailed coats, was seven shillings six-pence, or approximately \$1.50.

In contrast to the drabness of London, the hotels, cafes and bars in Dublin were freshly painted and decorated. Americans found the cocktail lounges and soda fountains more on the style of such establishments in the United States.

"Bars seem to have ample supplies, although it was almost impossible to buy a bottle to take home. The ice cream was rich and many American tourists would recall the hometown 'sugar bowl' as they ate a 'Melancholy Baby' sundae and listened to a juke box, which, incidentally, required only one penny a record, or three for the equivalent of a buffalo nickel.

Stores were crammed with merchandise. Much of it was "made in Britain" for export and has not yet been made available for the home markets in the United Kingdom. However, to prevent tourists from denuding their stores, Irish customs officers were exceptionally strict in checking outgoing luggage and they permitted visitors to take only limited numbers of articles.

Meat markets were filled with meat at reasonable prices. One popular establishment had 30 or 40 customers at the counters continuously throughout the day, with at least 15 clerks selling meat.

**Quick Starting May Be Feature Of 1948 Cars**

DETROIT, Dec. 24. (AP)—Among the things to look for in the 1948 model automobiles will be engines that will start as readily in sub-zero temperatures as in mid-summer weather.

If current indications are borne out this will be achieved through the installation — as an integral part of the power plant — of a toy-size oil burner designed to automatically keep the coolant in the engine water-jacket at a constant temperature whether the engine is operating or standing idle.

Ward's Automotive Reports, first to report development of the device, describes it as a product of the engineering department of General Motors Truck and Coach division, and calls it "a forward step in automotive vehicle design potentialities of almost revolutionary scope."

With the tiny burner, using a virtually negligible amount of fuel, the engine will be kept warm, even if the car is parked out of doors all day or all night in the coldest weather. The warm engine means immediate vaporization of the gasoline; instant flowing of crankcase oil; greatly lowered oil dilution; longer life for bearings and pistons, and, of course, virtually no battery drain.

Aside from quick cold weather starting, availability of unchanging engine heat at all times means also an entirely new approach to heating and ventilating of cars, trucks and buses. With unvarying temperature in the interior of the vehicle, fogging and frosting of windows also should be eliminated.

The device, well beyond the experimental stage, already has been installed in some buses and is reported to be performing up to all expectations. It is described as adaptable with equal efficiency to either diesel or gasoline powered vehicles.

The US Labor Department estimates that 900,000 people moved from the US South to the North and West from 1940 to 1945.

**Navy Puts Big Oil Supply In Pacific Tanks**

HONOLULU, Dec. 24. (U.P.)—

Safe from atomic bombs, the United States Navy has a 250,000,000-gallon oil supply stored in its "Red Hill Underground," a vast Pearl Harbor "tank farm" buried under 200 feet of volcanic red ash.

This capacity, with 12 smaller surface tanks, can fuel the Pacific Fleet for the next six years.

Built at a cost of \$42,000,000 and the lives of 16 men, the "underground" was a war-time top secret project which some 4,000 men labored almost three years to build, but which the navy has now permitted a few outsiders to inspect.

The 20 tanks are each 250 feet high, or approximately the height of a 20-story building. Cylindrical in shape, they are steel with concrete lining. They contain 4,000,000 pounds of structural steel and 21,000,000 pounds of reinforcing steel. The project, lacking any precedent for design, was supervised by Lt. Comdr. Ben Rush, now Hawaii's territorial superintendent of public works.

Over 1,690,000 cubic yards of earth had to be moved for the project and much of the material was removed from a depth of 500 feet. The job was done by hard-rock miners from Colorado, expert tunnel men from Montana, Idaho and Nevada, and coal miners from Pennsylvania and West Virginia, aided by some 500 Japanese-Americans from Hawaii.

The nerve center of the "underground" is also buried deep beneath a lava ridge. Here, in a vault protected by massive bomb-proof doors, is the pump house. In this brightly-lighted command post, technicians man elaborate control panels which check on the flow of fuel through a three-mile tunnel linking the "underground" with Pearl Harbor piers.

To facilitate maintenance of the huge fuel lines, a small railroad carries workmen and equipment through the tunnel and about the big tanks.

Leaks in the tanks, which are 100 feet in diameter and spaced 200 feet apart, and in the lines can be instantly spotted with scientific detection apparatus.

The tanks are so big that when a leak in one must be repaired, the fuel is withdrawn and water is pumped in up to the level of the leak. Workmen descend in a small boat which is lowered from the tank's ceiling.

The last two fatalities occurred when a forced blast of air capsize a boat and the workmen drowned before aid could reach them.

*The Spirit of '46*

**Our Best Wishes To All.**

On this gay, spirited Christmas, our best wishes go to all our friends for the happiest and most joyous Christmas ever! And coupled with our sincere felicitations is a "thank you" for your appreciated patronage. A merry, merry Christmas to one and all!

**Southland Studio**  
219 1/2 Main Phone 1447



*A Merry Old Fashioned Christmas*

Tinkling sleigh bells and soft white snow... holly, wreaths and mistletoe... roasted turkey and pumpkin pie... the friendly handshakes of visiting friends and gay voices wishing you well... Blend all these together and you have our Christmas greetings! Good old fashioned greetings that mount in meaning each year as we say MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**CLUB CAFE**

202 E. Third

Phone 13

**Greetings**

Each joyful greeting we send carries with it good wishes to add to your Christmas cheer. Each lit candle and sparkling trimming on the tree reflects our fond thoughts of you throughout the year.

**Burris**  
115 East 2nd

**His Cards Invite Big Wigs To Swim**

PITTSBURGH. (UP)—Charles (Pop) Gerding believes in spreading Christmas cheer all around the world—and doing it early.

He is only an Oakmont swimming pool manager himself, but that doesn't stop Pop from sending his greetings to people of high stations in life as well as the lowly. In October and during the past months, he has mailed fancy Old English cards to Josef Stalin, King George of Britain, President Truman, Winston Churchill and Cordell Hull.

Season passes were clipped to the Yule greetings in case any of the international big shots care to take a dip in Pop's pool.

"The center of the earth" is the ancient name for Easter Island.

**Squirrels Give Clue To Birth Process**

CHICAGO. (UP)—A scientist claims that if the weather is too cold when a female squirrel is ready to deliver her young, she reabsorbs them in her body and then mates again.

This process of reabsorption is related to the problem of vitamins, according to Prof. George F. Simmons of Loyola University's school of medicine.

He believes that prolonged cold weather deprives the squirrel of vitamin B and E, which are important in the bearing of young.

Since 1931 Simmons has been studying squirrels, in search of an answer to the problems of the relative of sex to longevity, and like problems.

**Rhodes Scholarships Being Awarded Again**

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 24. (AP)—Rhodes Scholarships, blacked out in 1938 by war, are being awarded again this year to help—in their donor's words—bring about peace, enlightenment and uplift of humankind.

Announcement of the record number of 48 awards to outstanding students in United States colleges and universities was made recently by Dr. Frank Aydelotte, director of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. Dr. Aydelotte is also American secretary for the Rhodes trustees.

From the first award in 1904, when the scholarships were founded under the will of Cecil John

Rhodes, South African financier and statesman, 1,126 students of 211 American colleges have attended the University of Oxford, England.

Forty-one educational institutions have had 10 or more students selected by the Rhodes award committees.

Princeton heads the list with 61 Rhodes Scholars. Other leaders in order, are Harvard 46, Yale 43, Virginia 26, Brown 22, Dartmouth 20, Idaho 18 and Michigan 17. Arizona, Nevada, Washington (Seattle) and Wisconsin have had 15 each.

Dr. Aydelotte pointed out that one in every six Rhodes Scholars is included in "Who's Who in America." In the list of Rhodes Scholars are such men as: Oliver C. Carmichael, President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Robert P. T. Coffin, poet and Bowdoin College professor; Elmer Davis, former Director of the Office of War Information; James Fulbright, United States Senator from Arkansas; Stanley K. Hornbeck, Ambassador to the Netherlands; Erwin P. Hubble, Mt. Wilson astronomer; Carl E. Newton, President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, and Clarence K. Streit, President of the Federal Union.

The record for members of one family to receive Rhodes Scholarships is held by the three Morley brothers, Dr. Aydelotte said: Felix M., educator; Christopher, author and editor; and Frank W., publisher.

Dr. Aydelotte says that more than a third of the Rhodes Scholars have chosen educational careers. Among them are 25 former or present college presidents including:

Dr. Aydelotte former President of Swarthmore; Stringfellow Barr of St. John's; Paul S. Havens of Wilson; Frederick L. Hovde of Purdue; John W. Mason of Swarthmore, and Alan Van Lentine of Rochester.

Twenty per cent of the Rhodes men are in law and 13 per cent in business. Of the 350 Rhodes Scholars of war age, 250 served in the armed forces. In addition, 150 were in government or war industry.

Competition this year, Dr. Aydelotte said, is at its peak, with 850 applications received as compared with a previous high of 550.

Dr. Aydelotte said the United States was divided into eight districts, each including six states, for applications. The District of Columbia was included with Maryland.

The previous high in the number of annual scholarships was 32.

The Rhodes Scholarship stipend was set at 400 pounds (now approximately \$1,600) a year. It normally is awarded for two years, but may be held for three years if a definite plan of study acceptable to the trustees is presented.

Qualifications before the last war were that to be eligible, a candidate must be unmarried, male citizen, must have passed his 19th birthday on Oct. 1 of the year for which he was elected, but not his 25th birthday; must have completed at least his sophomore year at some recognized degree-granting American college or university.

However, this year, Dr. Aydelotte said, regulations have been revised. Men who engaged in any kind of war effort—whether the armed forces, war work, agriculture, etc.—will be considered with age restrictions waived. They also, may be married. The other requirements were not changed.

The successful candidates this year will begin their terms in October, 1947.

Rhodes Scholars are not restricted on course of study, and may take work in the various honor schools, and if properly prepared, may work for research degrees.

In considering the candidates scholarship, character, interest in sports, interest in fellow men and instincts for leadership are considered paramount.

**Network Television Promised By 1948**

DETROIT. (UP)—A construction program, based on the recently-devised co-axial cable, is underway in the Bell Telephone system which will make possible regular network television in the United States by the end of 1948.

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. disclosed the program in an announcement promising that such network broadcasts will be possible for Michigan by that time.

The system seeks to finish 12,000 miles of co-axial cable construction by late 1950 instead of the 6,000 to 7,000 planned originally. Earlier plans did not include a Detroit link until after 1950.

A Detroit-Toledo link will connect directly with others between Chicago and Cleveland and between Cincinnati and Toledo. From Cleveland, the network will continue eastward to coastal points and a Chicago-New Orleans link will connect with the west coast via a southern transcontinental route.

Television over a regular co-axial cable route was started between New York and Washington this year when Lincoln day ceremonies in Washington were televised.

The climate on Easter Island in the Pacific, is healthful but the soil's fertility has been destroyed by volcanoes. The only water is found in craters and that is brackish and shell fish are the only obtainable marine food.

**Yanks Bring Christmas To Japan**

AP Newsfeatures TOKYO.—This land of lotus blossoms, in which Santa Claus is a comparative stranger, will be a land of Christmas observances, festivals, Christmas trees and occasional celebrations as hundreds of Americans mark their first Yule season in Japan.

This is the second Christmas in this country for Allied occupation forces, but the first for hundreds of wives and children who began streaming out here immediately after the army cleared their way—and still are arriving.

Dependents are spread from



Hokkaido on the north, to Kyushu, the southernmost island; from bases along Japan's Pacific shoreline to camps fronting on the Japan sea.

Many are assured of snow for the "White Christmas" touch, but Hokkaidoans will have most. Snow on that island sometimes engulfs the houses.

Here in Tokyo there will be special midnight Masses, Christmas parties and fir trees sparkling with decorations.

The Red Cross, checking by telephone more than 150 army installations throughout Japan, reports Christmas and holiday plans being drafted—with emphasis on parties, religious observances, whopping big meals of turkey and trimmings, and many special gatherings sponsored by soldiers who will play St. Nick for Japanese children.

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented by joint American-Japanese choruses in many cities in which Americans are living. In Yokohama a 500-voice group will render the familiar Yuletide favorite.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Lone Star Chevrolet Co.**

"When You're Pleased, We're Happy"

Cliff Wiley

214 E. Third

Phone 697



**THE Season's Greetings**

1946-1947

We Have Appreciated Your

Business, And Many "Thank You's."



**BELL'S CURIO SHOP**

*All signs point to a Very Merry Christmas*

Wishing a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to each of our patrons and friends, and expressing our thanks for their loyalty and business.

**Bradshaw Studio**

203 Main

Phone 47

On this joyous occasion we want to wish one and all the very merriest of holidays and extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our kind friends who have been so patient during the difficult period of the past with the promise of better things to come in the near future.

**Marvin Hull Motor Co.**  
Chrysler and Plymouth Dealer  
207 Goliad Phone 59

Hang the holly high in every window! Trim the tree and place the mistletoe where it will bring the most cheer to everyone. For this is the Christmas season and our hearts are lighter than they were a Christmas ago.

To our many friends we say, "you've been wonderfully patient - and we wish you a wonderful Yuletide!"

**HILLTOP GROCERY**  
1405 Scurry Phone 824

## Watchmen Serenaded Before The Advent Of Carol Singing

**AP Newfeatures**  
Voices heard on the frosty air the night before Christmas go back to the Sixteenth Century, when the Waits made their rounds in England. The Waits actually were watchmen, or the nocturnal policemen of the day whose duties are defined in an old book of customs as those "who nightly pipe the watch within this court fever times."  
On Christmas Eve, the watchmen would collect and reap a neat profit from the expansive feeling of Christmas by playing tunes on

such instruments as clarigolds, lutes, viols, citterns, hornpipes, anones and harps—later by singing. The hat was usually passed for a gratuity which was divided among the players.  
Carols came later, and in rural England were heard first on Christmas morning usually starting at the manor house. These were mostly sung by well-mittened children carrying holly on the end of a pole.  
Carol is derived from the Latin 'cantare' to sing and 'role,' a joyful interjection. A vulgarization of



the two words produces the terminology as we know it today.  
The carolers on Christmas Eve usually were taken into the kitchen of the big house and provided with bread, cheese and small ale, before moving on to the next stand. By the time the evening's rounds were over, there was a full measure of spontaneity and cheeriness about the Christmas music.  
Carols were first noted in the United States before 1659 when the Massachusetts legislature, evidently influenced by the Puritans of England, passed a law forbidding any observance of Christmas. The feeling of derision manifested by the Quakers against elaborate observation of the birthday of Christ found expression in the sneer "Yuletide is Fooltide." But as in England, it was not long before the puritanical restrictions were voted out and Christmas became a festive season for rejoicing.  
At Boston it was the custom in early colonial times for the householders on Beacon Hill to place a candle in the window, and whenever the carolers saw a candle they stopped to sing. The serenad-

ers also were, at first, night watchmen, but as years went by trained bands of musicians took their places and the idea of the candle-in-the-window spread to become today an accepted Christmas rite and decoration.  
Carols in their earliest form were identified also with mummings, parades and even dances which has caused some historians to opine that all of the Christmas singing has a pagan background and that in some mysterious way Christmas rejoicing is a perpetuation of the Roman Saturnalia or the Goth's old festival connected with the winter solstice.  
In the Fifteenth Century dancing was allowed in the churches of Europe on Christmas Eve usually around cribs or manger scenes known to the French as "creches."  
The mummings were dressed in weird garb. The usual form was a Crusader who joined a Turk in mock battle and slew his foe.  
But there is admittedly a great deal about Christmas music and carolling which lacks a full understanding.

his 43 years of records.  
Babson says there are three things the country needs most of, because of the certainty of an atomic war: (1) decentralization, (2) self-contained rural units, and (3) camouflage of industrial establishments.

## Cities Doomed In Next War, Says Babson

**WELLESLEY, Mass. (UP)**—If you live in one of the ten big American cities and you value your life, you'd better start packing now for a move to the country, according to the advice of Roger W. Babson, 71-year-old economist.

The ten biggest cities in the United States will certainly be destroyed "when the inevitable third world war comes," Babson Institute head said in an interview.  
His theory—intelligent decentralization of business—has become "almost a religion" to him. "We must move our industries into the country. We must glamorize rural America rather than metropolitan America."

Several months ago Babson informed the world that he was offering an "atomic service" to businessmen who wanted to prepare for the atom war to come. In October, Babson, following his own advice, bought property in Eureka, Kan., tucked safely away in the hinterland.

Babson, who advises thousands of businessmen on economic problems, explained:

"Only a great spiritual awakening will prevent World War III. I can see no signs of such an awakening. Therefore, when war comes, the big Eastern cities, like Boston, New York, etc., will be destroyed within a few hours by atom bombs."

Asked how he happened to buy a three-story building in Eureka, Babson demonstrated his ideas about decentralization.

Babson says he set a large map of the United States in a parallelogram scaled approximately 2,850 miles across and 1,650 miles from north to south. Where the midpoints of these lines crossed, he found Eureka, Kan.—"the city nearest the center of the United States."

The rest was simple—he went out to Eureka, bought a big building with a "fine, deep basement," and plans to build atom-proof vaults here for duplicate copies of

Eureka is completely self-sufficient, he says. For camouflage purposes, he plans to build three office buildings on Eureka's outskirts which will look like ordinary Kansas barns.

"World War III can be avoided only by the United States renouncing some of its sovereignty," Babson said. "I don't believe that, we'll do that until we are hurt. Only another war can bring the United States to its knees, in my humble opinion."

"The kind of destruction which America's ten biggest cities will experience is nothing new. Look at Carthage, with its eight destroyed cities, one on the other. It is foolish to think that the United States is the only nation in history that will not suffer."

"The good book says, 'Those who conquer by the sword shall perish by the sword.'"

## Sporting Goods Men Turn Eyes To Next Year

The slogan made famous by a sage of the Brooklyn baseball Dodgers—"Wait until next year!"—had to largely stand good for the sporting goods dealers this Christmas season.

True, reconversion was accomplished in the industry but production was still limited due to a shortage of raw materials and the Armed Forces took a large portion of the available market. What was left had to be spread very thin in the stores throughout the country.

All in all, it was December, 1945, all over again. The dealers can ample quantities of some items, i.e., tennis shoes and tennis rackets, but there were disappointing shortages in most other lines.

The salesman was ready to write an order for baseball or baseball equipment and all but guarantee its delivery by the time the seasons roll around but, the gloves and uniforms he had to offer were still not up to par.

Fishing gear came at a premium, too, and top-flight equipment supply could not be had. The same thing applied to hunting arms. A nation that turned out rifles by the millions for its soldiers during war time was finding it impossible to stock the counters with enough weapons for the nimrods.

Golf balls were more plentiful but clubs were as hard to get as ever. The pellets were reportedly of better quality and, of course, cost more.

Boxing gloves, always a hard item to sell across the counter, were apparent as was all the allied gym equipment. On the other hand, good basketball stock was missing.

The archer could usually find what he wanted, if he didn't want too much.

Show cases were exhibiting an unusual number of games—dominoes, parcheesi sets, monopoly—obviously to cover up the dark corners left by the shortage of other sports equipment.

Spectator sports no doubt profited in the main from the general lack of equipment. Persons who found it impossible to find a club or a racket to swing manifested interest in the next best thing—watching those who had the cudgels make use of them



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

We bring you our good wishes for a happy holiday.

**Courtney's Newstand & Shine Parlor**

408 W. 3rd



Bounteous greetings and may hearty thanks to all our kind friends.

**BLISS LIQUOR STORE**

307 Runnels

Phone 30



On Christmas Eve, behold the sight:  
A single star is burning bright,  
With silver rays, to point the way,  
To warmth and love on Christmas Day.

**THE ARMY STORE**

205 MAIN

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

Be glad that it's Christmas because of the pleasure you derive in giving—and the delight you feel in receiving gifts that tingle with the spirit of this great holiday season.

\* \* \*

Be glad that it's Christmas because holly and evergreen, mistletoe and candlelight make a cheering sight—and greeting cards are a joy to collect! Here is our message to add to your collection—  
"Merry Christmas!"

## McEwen Motor Co.

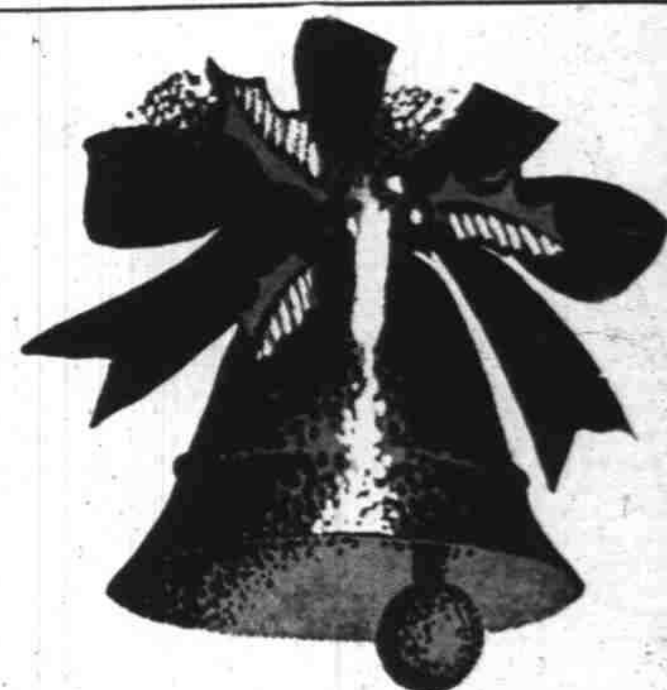
211 W. 4th Phone 848

## AND BEST WISHES

It is with the deepest sincerity that we extend our best wishes to all our friends this glorious Christmas. May your every wish be fulfilled and may the joys that fill your hearts serve as happy memories in the many months to come.

# PENNEY'S

42 PENNEY BLDG. 1946



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

From The



The Home of Mead's fine Bread



The Home of Mead's fine Cakes

## BAKERS

Of

MEAD'S

*fine*

CAKES

*And*

MEAD'S

*fine*

BREAD