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HO RUDOLPH, HO BLITZEN! — Around midnight tonight, or shortly thereafter, Santa Claus and his reindeer are expected to pull into the Hereford area. He'll bound down chimneys and through doors and windows to reward with toys and candy all the good little boys and girls. This replica of the expected sight is in the yard of the Faust Collier residence on the Dimmitt Highway. —Photo by Betty Koelzer

Resolution Is Rejected By Council

By MARSHALL DAY
Staff Writer

THE CITY commission rejected a resolution Monday for the establishment of a juvenile board in Deaf Smith County because the resolution, it said, gives the juvenile board unlimited financial powers over the city, school and county.

The city's rejection of the resolution came after both the school and county governing bodies both endorsed the same resolution. The rejection apparently will prevent the resolution from being sent to the state legislature by the first of the year, as had been planned.

The school board, when it adopted the resolution in its meeting Dec. 8, stipulated that its endorsement would be effective only if the city and county both agreed to the proposal. Roy Hartman, school superintendent, said the school board will now probably hold off on further action until changes are made in the resolution and all agencies adopt it.

The city commission authorized city manager Dudley Bayne to contact all county and school board officials about the city's rejection and the reason for it. The commission rejected the resolution because of the wording of Section 4 of the proposal which grants the juvenile board the authority to disburse money when and where it feels it necessary, without say-so from the city, county or school. The three governing bodies, under the terms of the resolution, all would share the expenses of the office equally.

THE JUVENILE board, if it is okayed by the state legislature, will be elected by the city, county and school with two representatives each serving two-year terms. And, although they are representatives of the three bodies, they would have the final word on whether to spend money.

The city commissioners voted unanimously at the beginning of the meeting Monday to endorse the resolution and the vote was entered into the minutes of the meeting.

However, after the commission had adjourned, city attorney Earnest Langley said he felt the commission had made a mistake in adopting the resolution and the meeting was then re-opened. A lengthy discussion followed and subsequently the commission rescinded its previous action and rejected the proposal.

Under Section 4 of the resolution, the city, county and school would each pay 33-1/3 per cent of all expenses of the juvenile officer. This would give the juvenile board an unlimited budget, if it saw fit to do so, because regardless of what they spent, the three governing bodies would have to pay the bill, the City Commission decided.

"IF THEY decided to go out and build the juvenile officer a \$50,000 office and hire him an assistant and buy him a Cadillac, we would just have to pay our share of the expenses," Bayne said. Bayne said he was against any form of board regulation because he felt there was no end to the power it would hold over anyone.

"If you decide to get a board, you can't fight them," he said.

LANGLEY SAID there was one such case where the county created a child welfare board which completely dictated the courts and everyone involved in child welfare. He said the board told the judges when a divorce would and should not be granted and how much child support should be paid, and this did not work out.

"Then as I understand it," said Mayor Jim Sears, "our main problem is that the board is not accountable to anyone for the money it spends."

With the delay, the three bodies will work on a revised wording of the resolution and present it during each's next regular meeting — Monday for the county, Jan. 4 for the city and Jan. 12 for the school.

THE RESOLUTION can be presented to the state legislature any time during its first 30 days of session which would mean it would have to be presented between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15, Langley said.

Lowell Sharp, chairman of the original juvenile screening board which appointed Billy Hodges to the post, said Tuesday that he could foresee no problems in changing the resolution to read where everyone is satisfied. Sharp is also a member of the school board.

The resolution as originally presented to the three boards was almost word for word with the resolution the Texas Legislature approved to establish a juvenile board for Moore County.

County Judge H. C. Williams received one guilty plea and one innocent plea Monday at arraignments for two persons charged with driving while intoxicated.

Charles Cleburne Boyd, 25, of 2680 10th Ave., Canyon, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and 30 days in jail. The jail sentence was suspended and the man placed on probation for eight months.

Santiago J. Gonzales, 47, of 215 Lake, Hereford, pleaded innocent. His trial date was tentatively set for a February court setting.

In County Court action last week, Albert Hal Tijerina, 19, of the Labor Camp in Dimmitt and Steve Gene Bruce, 27, of Route 1, Olton, both were arraigned on charges of driving while license suspended.

Religious Services Mark Holiday

Churches Celebrate With Caroling, Worship Services, Nativity Scene

By SUE COLEMAN
Staff Writer

Traditional Christmas Eve services in Hereford churches will climax the holiday celebration in its original sense, as a religious observance. Christmas morning worship is scheduled in two churches also.

Music of the season, joyfully commemorating the birth of Christ, with Nativity pageants and reading of New Testament accounts of the first Christmas, has been featured in numerous church programs of the past week.

CHILDREN HAVE had their pre-Christmas parties with trees and gifts and carols, receiving the special attention which churches give them as part of the holiday celebration.

Dating farthest back into church tradition is the annual midnight mass to be celebrated in St. Anthony's Catholic Church tonight by the Rev. Boniface Riedmann, pastor, and the Rev. Michael Graham, associate pastor.

It will be preceded by carol singing beginning at 11:30 p.m. Mrs. Jim Cramer and Mrs. Gene Zinser are organists and singers will include Mrs. Joe Reinauer, Margaret Schabas, Marilyn James, Larry Kuper, Art Reinauer, Barbie Last, Mrs.

Johnny Cloud and Ed Dziuk Jr., with the choir.

CHILDREN OF St. Anthony's School gave their program Sunday evening directed by Sister Genevieve, principal. Mrs. Suzanne Dziuk was pianist.

Christmas morning masses at St. Anthony's are scheduled at 8 and 10 a. m. and 12 noon.

Another midnight service is that at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, beginning at 11 p. m. Christmas Eve. The Rev. Fred Howard, vicar, will conduct the communion service, which ends at midnight.

A Christmas morning communion service will begin at 10 a. m., and a similar service the same hour Saturday morning. St. Thomas' members presented a live Nativity tableau on the church grounds Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. A Christmas caroling party for children of the congregation was held Sunday evening.

CHRISTMAS DAY worship hour in Immanuel Lutheran Church will begin at 10 a. m. Friday with the Rev. Herman J. Scheller, pastor, giving the sermon.

Both children and adults of Immanuel Church had parts in the Christmas worship service Sunday evening, titled God's Promises Fulfilled. Songs and

readings carried out the theme.

An annual event in First United Methodist Church is Christmas Eve communion for families. The church sanctuary will be open from 6 to 10 p. m. today with members and friends invited to come in family groups. The Rev. Clifford Trotter, pastor, and the Rev. Norman Cobb, associate, will conduct this service.

THE SERVICE of Carols and Candles, presented by all the church choirs under direction of Robert Wert, was held Sunday evening. A Nativity pageant was

a part of the program. Elaine Calkins was organist.

The old-fashioned Christmas party for families of the church was an event of Dec. 16.

First Christian Church plans its candlelight service for 7 p. m. Thursday. Carol singing by the congregation will be featured, and the Rev. Eugene Brink, minister, will read a Christmas story. At the close of this service each one in attendance lights a candle.

Youth of the church and the choir presented a pageant based on the story, Why the Chimes

Tickets for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, set for Jan. 14, are now on sale by chamber directors and at the chamber office.

The tickets, on sale since Dec. 16, are \$5 each for the event at which Lt. Gov. George Nigh of Oklahoma will be the principal speaker.

Bill Thompson, chamber manager, said ticket sales at this point are going very slow, but this is mainly due to the Christmas holidays.

Tickets will be on sale up to the date of the banquet and will not be sold at the door. Nigh, 42, has been involved in Oklahoma politics almost half his life. He was elected the youngest member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives at 22. In 1953, at the age of 30, he was the youngest lieutenant governor in Oklahoma's history and the youngest in that office then serving in the nation.

He was elevated to the office of governor in 1963, at age 35, to fill an unexpired term, and in 1967 he was re-elected to the office of lieutenant governor.

where he is now serving.

As an after-dinner speaker, Lt. Gov. Nigh has traveled extensively across the United States and has earned for himself the title of "Oklahoma's new Will Rogers."

A candle lighting service Sunday evening in the Presbyterian Church was a special Christmas event and music of the season was heard at the morning hour. The youth choir and chancel choir sang, directed by Charles Jones with Mrs. Jones as organist. The sermon was by the Rev. Russell Wingert, minister.

Younger members of the church gave a program of drama and music after the annual congregational dinner earlier in the month.

Jan. 14 Banquet Tickets Go On Sale At Chamber

Almost All Local Businesses Plan To Close Their Stores Christmas

Every business in Hereford, except for a few small grocery stores, will be closed Friday in observance of Christmas.

Many of the downtown stores and some at Sugarland Mall will close their doors for an extra-long weekend, beginning Christmas Day and lasting through Sunday. However, some of the downtown stores will close only for the one holiday then re-open Saturday morning.

The county offices at the court house will close at noon today and will not open until

Monday and the same is true of the city offices.

The First National Bank and Hereford State Bank will operate up to their normal closing time today and will not open until Monday.

Nolan Grady, postmaster said the Post Office will close at noon today but one window will remain open so people can pick up packages. The Post Office will remain closed through Sunday with only box service and special delivery to be handled.

He said special delivery will be taken care of on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



"AND THEY LAID HIM IN A MANGER . . ." — Members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church re-enacted the nativity scene Tuesday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. Live animals added authenticity to the scene.



HOLIDAY PARTY HOSTS — Mr. and Mrs. Homer Garrison were assisted by various members of their family as hosts for a Christmas open house Saturday evening, celebrating a wedding anniversary. Between the Garrisons in this photo are her mother, Mrs. S. M. Davis of Rule; their daughter, Mrs. Terry Mosley, and granddaughter, Michele Mosley of Plainview; and sons, Mike and Robert Wadseck, both students in Texas Tech.

Pre-Wedding Parties Compliment Miss Story

Parties in Hereford and Friona the past week were complimentary to Miss Jan Story, whose marriage to Jim Hudgens is to take place on Christmas Day.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Story, the bride-to-be is a special education teacher in Friona and has taught in Hereford schools.

Friends with whom she was associated as a teacher here, and some dating back to her own school days in Hereford High, were guests for a shower in the Community Room of First National Bank Monday evening. Mrs. Edward Allison and Mrs. Jackie Lee were hostesses.

Christmas decorations in the room made the setting for the refreshment table, appointed in the red and white colors Miss Story has chosen for her wedding. She was presented a corsage of red and white flowers.

Gift packages were opened as a part of the evening's entertainment.

On the guest list with the honoree were Mmes. Norman Kerr, Clyde Whitaker, Lynn Allred, Jerry Barlow, Larry Walterscheid, Lanny Bener, Billy James, Jonny Cloud, Mack Cansler, and Gary Garner.

Also Misses Jan Coffman, Pat Wagner, Patsy Giles, Mozelle Fillingim, Ann Warwick, Ann Prichard, Diane Ragland, Carol Lamb, Charlotte Smith and Doan Lusk.

Mrs. Garner invited a few close friends for an informal afternoon party Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beasley. Each brought a favorite recipe to add to the bride-elect's collection.

Spending an hour in casual talk were Misses Story, Fillingim, Prichard and Ragland.

Pre-nuptial parties at Friona included a lingerie shower last Thursday and a tea the preceding Tuesday.

Guest To Speak About India At Avenue Church

Experiences on a preaching crusade in India will be related by Herschel Moore of Amarillo as he speaks at the evening service of Avenue Baptist Church today. He will show slides of scenes from the crusade.

Moore, former Sunray resident who was an August graduate of West Texas State University, delayed entrance to a Baptist seminary so that he might go on the mission to India. He has also done missionary work in mountain areas of

West Virginia.

He will substitute in the pulpit of Avenue Baptist Church this morning and evening, while the Rev. Don Larkin, pastor, is on vacation.

For the Wednesday evening service, the Rev. C. W. Allen and the congregation of St. John's Baptist Church will be guests at Avenue Church and Rev. Allen will be the speaker.

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Garrisons Host Holiday Party

Candlelight and firelight gleamed a holiday welcome to guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Garrison Saturday evening when they were hosts at one of the gala parties of the season, celebrating a wedding anniversary.

Friends from Plainview, former home of the Garrisons, and from several other cities came for the party.

Family members from out of town were Mrs. Garrison's mother, Mrs. S. M. Davis of Rule; their daughter Melinda, Mrs. Terry Mosley, with Mr. Mosley and small daughter, Michele, of Plainview; and sons, Mike and Robert Wadseck, students at Texas Tech.

They assisted the host couple in entertaining callers. Mrs. Jack Wilcox served punch to early-comers and was followed in turn by Mmes. Elton Wilson, Jack Kunz and J. V. Cook, all of Plainview.

The buffet table had a fan arrangement of red carnations of white mums in the center. Holly wreathed the bases of candles which lighted the rooms. Three fat red candles on tall holders were placed in the entry hall and three more on the

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OPERATING FUNDS													
State & County Available	Local Maintenance	Trans- portation	Office Revolving Fund	Food Service Fund	Banquet Fund	Athletic Fund	Building Fund	Interest & Sinking Fund	Other Funds	Total			
CASH BALANCE	\$ (27,379)	\$ 97,441	\$ (22,425)	\$ 9,384	\$ 8,845	\$ 1,019	\$ 3,721	\$ 100,856	\$ 6,006	\$ 3,304	\$ 180,772		
RECEIPTS													
Local Sources		1,115,961	10,875	46,514	271,972	3,427	41,142	33,761	520,376		2,044,028		
County Sources		995									995		
State Sources	514,295	734,418	81,400		110,035			5,232		754,531	2,199,911		
Sale of Property		10,684									10,684		
Incoming Transfers		10,167									10,167		
Interfund Transfers		173,134						2,250		627,954	803,338		
Returned Checks		83			678						761		
Investments Sold		1,206,000			130,067			1,495,700	757,350		3,589,117		
Total Cash Received	514,295	3,251,442	92,275	46,514	512,752	3,427	41,142	1,536,943	1,277,726	1,382,485	8,659,001		
Total Funds Available	486,916	3,348,883	69,850	55,898	521,597	4,446	44,863	1,637,799	1,283,732	1,385,789	8,839,773		
DISBURSEMENTS													
Administrative		94,716									18,519	113,235	
Instruction	428,000	1,606,368									413,149	2,447,517	
Attendance Service											18,273	18,273	
Health Services		7,035									39,358	46,393	
Pupil Transportation			130,420								2,687	133,107	
Operation of Plant		163,897									11,626	175,523	
Maintenance of Plant		63,320									4,224	67,544	
Fixed Charges		24,440									1,560	26,000	
Food Service					333,416	3,262					47,854	384,532	
Student Body Activities		17,000		52,622			43,401					113,023	
Community Services		1,238									45,785	47,023	
Capital Outlay		55,904						569,206			3,496	628,606	
Debt Service									463,076			463,076	
Interfund Transfers		43,532						2,250			757,556	803,338	
Investments Purchased		1,276,000			140,067			985,700	818,850			3,220,617	
Prior Years Payable Liquidated		18,941						62,600			5,173	86,714	
Returned Checks		83			769							852	
Funds Returned to State		8,107										8,107	
Total Disbursements	428,000	3,380,581	130,420	52,622	474,252	3,262	43,401	1,619,756	1,281,926	1,369,260	8,783,480		
CLOSING CASH BALANCE 8-31-70	58,916	(31,698)	(60,570)	3,276	47,345	1,184	1,462	18,043	1,806	16,529	56,293		
Less: Accounts Payable		9,053						17,473			25,369	51,895	
UNENCUMBERED CASH BALANCE 8-31-70	58,916	(40,751)	(60,570)	3,276	47,345	1,184	1,462	570	1,806	(8,840)	4,398		
Add: Time Deposits & Acct. Rec.		80,015			20,141				257,000		357,156		
UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE 8-31-70	\$ 58,916	\$ 39,264	\$ (60,570)	\$ 3,276	\$ 67,486	\$ 1,184	\$ 1,462	\$ 570	\$ 258,806	\$ (8,840)	\$ 361,554		

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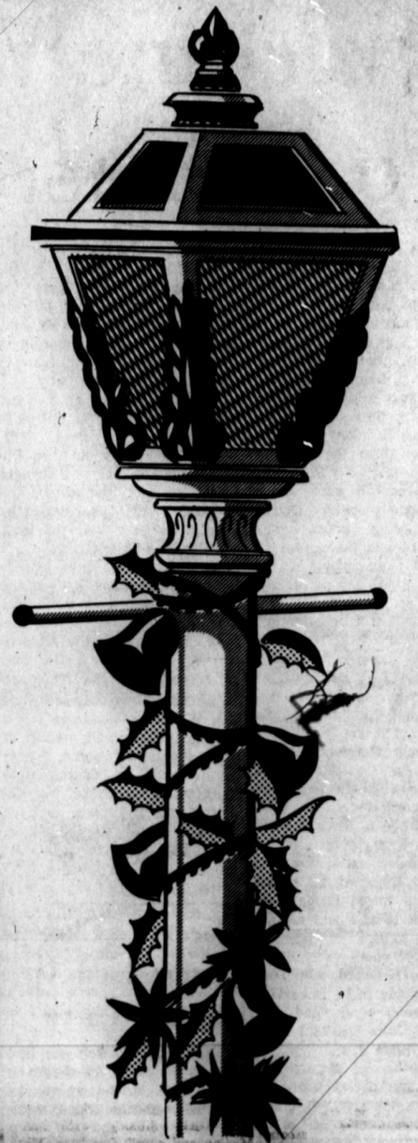
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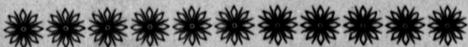
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Hereford Drops Overtime Verdict To Dumas, 59-56

By CHARLES RICHARDS
News Editor

Kim McLintock and Randy Willis, a pair of tall inside players, made an important contribution both in scoring and rebounding Tuesday night to give the Dumas Demons an exciting 59-56 victory in double overtime over their former Class AAA rivals, the Hereford Whitefaces.

Between them, the 6-6 McLintock and the 6-8 Willis scored 50 of Dumas' 59 points. Each got 25 points in the Demons' victory before their largest home crowd of the season.

Hereford's next game is against Canyon at 5:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Amarillo Civic Coliseum. It will be a preliminary game to a West Texas State University game.

AFTER THAT, Hereford will be in action in the Muleshoe Tournament Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 2. Lockney, whom Hereford defeated 81-38 in the season opener, is the opponent in the first round of the tourney.

Dumas had to come from behind in the last quarter for the victory, its second in three contests with Hereford this season. The game raised Dumas' season mark to 11-4 and dropped Hereford to 12-4.

Keith Kitchens scored 25 points for Hereford, with Dana Rush chipping in 12, Mike Wartes 6, David Myers and John McNeely 4, John Sparks 3 and Blake Arwine 2.

IT WAS the kind of game that neither team deserved to lose and both teams deserved to win. Only 23 fouls were called in the game, 9 against Dumas and 14 against Hereford.

Dumas took a nine-point lead in the first quarter 18-9 before Hereford roared back with a hot shooting performance in the second period to cut the Demons' halftime lead to only one point, 28-27. The Whitefaces then resumed their teamwork and eye for the bucket in the third quarter to jump in front by seven (41-34) at one point and led by six, 43-37, with 5:52 to

play. **DUMAS SCORED** five straight points on a pair of field goals and a free throw within a minute and 40 seconds, however, to cut the margin to 43-42 and it was breathtakingly close the rest of the way. Kitchens scored on a layup and Rush on two free throws to put Hereford in front, 47-43, with 2:44 to play but then Dumas reeled off six straight points on four free throws and an under-the-goal basket by McLintock to re-take the lead, 49-47 with 1:33 left.

Rush hit on a short jumper with just 52 ticks left on the clock to tie the score again, and things looked much brighter when McNeely leaped in front of a Dumas player for a steal with 30 seconds left.

A BAD scoreboard clock hurt the Whitefaces' chances for a victory in the closing seconds of the regulation game. A pass from Wartes to Sparks wide open under the basket was deflected out of bounds, and the clock apparently showed two seconds left. The referee thought so, too, and told the players two seconds were left.

THE FIRST overtime was a standoff, with Dumas and then Hereford losing the ball on a turnover their initial possessions. Both McLintock and Willis had a clear shot at the goal but both rimmed out and Hereford rebounded, but then the Whitefaces missed, Dumas missed and Hereford was called for double dribbling.

With 1:20 to play in that first three-minute overtime period, it was still 49-49. McLintock made a four-footer to send Dumas to a 51-49 lead and then came back with two free throws and a 53-49 lead with 32 seconds left when Kitchens fouled McLintock on a leaping steal attempt on the sidelines.

Kitchens quickly evened it up, however, with a 15-foot jump shot with 25 seconds left, followed by an 18-footer with 10 seconds left, after McLintock had been whistled for traveling. Dumas then was called for traveling again, with three seconds left in the overtime period, and the ball was relayed to Kitchens whose 25-foot jump shot bounded off the rim of the goal as the buzzer sounded.

WILLIS THEN sandwiched two field goals underneath the basket around a layup by Kitchens. Another Kitchens drive rolled around the rim and out and McLintock drove for a basket that put Dumas into a 59-55 lead with a minute left. Hereford lost the ball on a bad pass and McNeely then had to foul a stalling Dumas player with nine seconds remaining in the second

overtime. The free throw missed but there was too little time left. Kitchens drew a foul with three seconds left and made the first shot to narrow the count to 59-56, but had to miss the second one purposely to set up a possible three-point play before the final buzzer. But that didn't come off; Dumas grabbed the rebound and the buzzer quickly sounded.

IN A preliminary game, the Hereford sophomores lost to the Dumas junior varsity 64-61. Gary Hicks scored 16, Terry Scott 12 and Terry Champ 11 to lead the Hereford scoring. Mike Mayberry had 9, David Duvall 7 and Alan Cornelius 6.

Hereford led 50-44 with 5:17 left in the game, but Dumas rallied for five points in 10 seconds to cut the margin to 50-49 and then went on to take a 56-50 lead, running a scoring string to 12 points. With 1:58 to play, Dumas led 61-55 and Scott made a pair of field goals to make it 61-59 with 47 seconds remaining.

DUMAS hit a free throw and Hicks a field goal that put the score at 62-61 Dumas. Another goal with 28 seconds left provided the Dumas JV's with an insurance goal and the victory.

The last of the British witchcraft laws was repealed as recently as 1951. Only seven years earlier some Britons were tried under the witchcraft act of 1735.



McNEY SCORES — Hereford's John McNeely goes up for two points in a 59-56 loss to Dumas Tuesday night in double overtime on the Demons' home court. Dumas' Randy Willis (43) and Kim McLintock (45) come up too late to stop him. Photo by Charles Richards.

Roger Parmer's Funeral Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Roger Dall Parmer, 15, whose death occurred Friday evening when he was struck by a car while walking on Highway 60 two miles east of Hereford, were conducted Wednesday afternoon in First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Prentice Smith, pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church of which the youth was a member, was assisted in conducting the service by the Rev. Gerald Mann of First Baptist Church and the Rev. Don Larkin of Avenue Baptist Church. Burial was in West Park Cemetery, directed by Gilliland Funeral Home.

Surviving young Parmer are his mother, Mrs. Mary Kendrick of Hereford; his father, R. L. Parmer, U. S. Navy; two brothers, David Gene Parmer, stationed in Okinawa with the U. S. Marines and Michael of Hereford; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hargraves, Mr. and Mrs. David Parmer, all of Hereford.

THE HEREFORD MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CLINIC

will be closed from 12 noon
December 24 to 8:00 a.m. Monday
December 28, 1970 and again
January 1, 1971 to January 4, 1971

Funeral Plans Pending For Oren W. Jones

Funeral arrangements for Oren William Jones, who died Wednesday morning in a local hospital, are pending at Gilliland Funeral Home.

A resident of Hereford for a number of years, Mr. Jones was 73 years of age. His home was at 218 Ave. A. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was born Nov. 17, 1897 in Ada, Okla. Survivors include his wife of the home here.

Thursday Rites Scheduled For Mrs. Thomas, 20

The funeral of Mrs. Peggy Sue Thomas, 20, of 115 Ave. G, will be conducted at 10:30 a. m. today in Avenue Baptist Church by the Rev. J. C. Guinn of Grand Saline and the pastor of the church, the Rev. Don Larkin. Burial in Rest Lawn Cemetery will be directed by Gilliland Funeral Home.

The young woman's death in her home Tuesday morning was attributed to a heart attack. She was a native of Hereford, born here Oct. 10, 1950.

Survivors are a small son, David Thomas; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Drummond of Dawn; two brothers, Leslie and Gene Drummond of Dawn; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Mullican of Dawn and Mrs. Cora Drummond of Ama-

Ceramics Club Entertained At Holiday Party

Mrs. Hardy Benson was hostess in her home for Ceramic Arts Club's Christmas party, an informal occasion where members enjoyed tea and talk. Room decorations and refreshments were in the holiday motif.

Present were Mmes. O. H. Cuipepper, Sam Morgan, W.H. Awrey Sr., L. W. Norvell, Bill Stengel and Ray Carille.

Scouts Have Christmas Party

Cub Scout Den 4, Pack 51 and its leaders met Tuesday in the home of Vincent Gallagher for the Christmas party.

The group played games, were served refreshments and exchanged gifts. They also presented their hostess with a Christmas corsage.

Those attending were Felix Soliz, Barry Morgan, Roger Torres, Danny Romo, Gary Vogle, Craig Gallagher, Bobby Torres and Raymond Torres.

Service Slated This Afternoon For Fred Bell

Scheduled at 2 p. m. today, the funeral of Fred Freeman Bell, 80, will be conducted in Rose Chapel of Gilliland Funeral Home by the Rev. H. V. Fields, pastor of Grace Gospel Church. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery.

A retired farmer, Mr. Bell lived at 336 Ave. I. His death occurred Tuesday night in a local hospital after a long illness.

He was born Nov. 22, 1890 at Mount Pleasant and married Frankie Edna Mitchell there Feb. 16, 1929. She died in May of 1965.

The Bells came to Deaf Smith County in 1942 from Friona. He was a veteran of military service in World War I.

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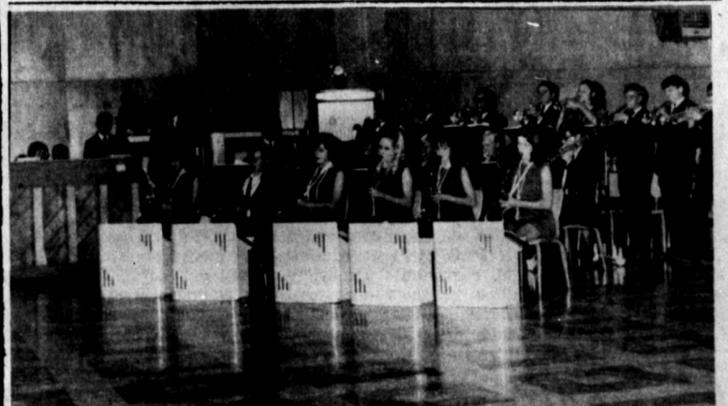
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STUDENTS OF MONTH — The Hereford Lions Club recently recognized six top students in the local school system. Standing behind Dale Young (seated) and to one side of Lions President Milton Adams are, from left, George Fuller and Carol Scott, high

school students of the month in December; Ike Graves and Nelda Norton, high school students of the month in November; and Deanne Miller and Hank Stringer, Stanton Junior High six-weeks honor students. —Photo by Betty Koelzer



STAGE BAND PARTY ENTERTAINMENT — Hereford High School Stage Band under the direction of Ben Gollehon provided entertainment at a Monday evening Annual Key Club-Kiwanis Clubs Christmas party and Ladies

Night in the high school cafeteria. Gifts were presented to Sweethearts Patty Nowotny, Kiwanis; Shan Banks, Key; and Sammie Vinson, Whiteface Breakfast Club. —Staff Photo

Christopher Wren designed more than 50 churches for London, but he favored St. Mary-le-Bow. Its famous steeple towers 222 feet high and is topped with a nine-foot dragon.

FILLS TWO JOBS
MINNEAPOLIS — Gary Cuozzo of the Minnesota Vikings is filling two jobs this season. He is the quarterback who replaced Joe Kapp, now with Boston's Patriots.

Dr. Cuozzo, who got his dentistry degree last spring and is studying orthodontics at Chicago's Loyola University, recently filled a tooth for his first patient.

"He was a youngster in the fifth grade," says Dr. Cuozzo. "I picked him up at his school and brought him out to the college. I worked all afternoon on that one filling. We had practiced on all kinds of teeth but it's a lot different when you get that first patient in the chair."

An old superstition has it that few snows will come if hornets nests hang low in the trees or perch swim closer to the lake surface.

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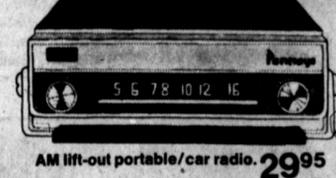
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GARDEN CLUB SEASON PROJECT Mrs. R. L. Ethridge, right, chairman of the Therapy Committee of the Hereford Garden Club, and Mrs. G. W. Newsom, co-chairman, distributed Christmas stockings filled with candy, peanuts and toys Tuesday morning to the trainable mentally retarded group of the Hereford Independent school system. —Staff Photo

By The Associated Press
It's a crisp, fresh Indian summer day in Texas. You amble down a country road, enjoying life.

But don't breathe too deeply. The air could be some of the most polluted that's ever invaded your lungs.

Take it from Robert Orton, state climatologist. Orton said the kind of weather that most often causes serious air pollution sometimes seems "quite fine and fair."

Indian summer, a mid- and late-autumn period characterized by unusually warm temperatures, clear skies, sunny but hazy days and cool nights is a favorable period for the accumulation of air pollutants, Orton said.

The climatologist explained in a Texas Business Review article that nearly all meteorological factors contributed directly or indirectly to the dispersion of air pollutants.

Among those factors are radiation, wind stability, precipitation, humidity and cloudiness.

A few of Orton's conclusions about air pollution in the Lone Star state:

—For Texas as a whole, the most serious air pollution is likely to occur in December and January, and for the northeastern sector, also in November.

—Serious air pollution episodes are least likely to develop

during the warmer months of the year.

—Texas, because of its "restless" climate, characterized by frequent changes in air masses and by numerous local and regional weather disturbances, does not favor objectionable concentrations of air pollutants most of the time.

But the factors that cause air pollution vary considerably seasonally and regionally. He explained how they work.

Winds of low speeds are conducive to the greatest pollution potential. Generally, winds at Texas stations are greatest in the spring and least in the late summer and early fall.

Air stability. Air stability is measured by vertical variations in temperature. The greater the cooling rate of temperatures as elevation increases, the more favorable for dispersion of air pollutants, since the temperature drop produces overturning and mixing of air masses. Air stability varies locally in Texas.

Precipitation and thunderstorms. Precipitation is like a cleaning agent for the air. Thunderstorms are the most effective cleaning agents since they deposit the heaviest amounts of

rainfall. They occur with the greatest frequency during the state's warm season, April through September.

Humidity, cloudiness and radiation. These factors are important to problems of air pollution in Texas because they affect temperatures and the chemical properties of air pollutants.

Topography. The transport and diffusion of air pollutants is complicated by terrain features. Generally, air pollutants given off in valleys and depressions do not disperse as readily as they would over a flat area. Except for the mountainous terrain of the Trans-Pecos region, Texas is relatively flat. While most of the land has eroded to a rolling-to-hilly surface, there are few deep valleys. This

feature helps account for the state as lower air pollution potential. Several major cities like Dallas and Houston, however, sprawl across shallow river valleys, compounding the pollution problem caused by industry and motor vehicles.

The combination of day sea breezes and night land breezes along the Gulf of Mexico exerts a dynamic effect on the states weather, thereby playing an important role in pollution dispersion. The stirring of air masses from the day-night breeze combination tends to dilute any concentration of air pollutants, mixing them into the larger body of air over the Gulf.

But most air pollution problems in Texas arise from increased urbanization and industrialization, Orton said. He said

agriculture, because of the increased use of pesticides, should also share its responsibility in air pollution.

And while the weather may exacerbate conditions, it certainly does not alone produce polluted air, the climatologist said.

Housekeeping Party Given Kay Lynn Ward

Best wishes for a happy marriage were written on a kitchen step-stool, a gift from the hostess, by guests at a house-keeping shower honoring Miss Kay Lynn Ward, Jan. 3 bride-elect of Royce Riggan, Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Steve Conaway, 116 Rio Vista Drive.

Gifts were opened and displayed under the Christmas tree as Miss Ward read helpful hints submitted on cards by each guest.

Co-hostess with Mrs. Conaway was Mrs. Coy Riggan. Among guests were the honoree's mother, Mrs. Clifton Ward, the prospective bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Charles Riggan, and Miss Donna Ward of Clovis.

Mrs. Riggan ladled hot spiced punch and Mrs. Conaway served gingerbread topped with whipped cream and a candied cherry.

The serving table was covered with white linen and centered with a blue and white carnation Christmas tree decorated with blue velvet ribbon and set in a silver bowl.

To each side of the tree stood

blue candles in small silver candle holders.

The honoree wore a red velvet, floor-length dress with red shoes and a corsage of silver and white bells on silver leaves.

Holiday Coffee Given

Entire families were invited to the Christmas coffee at which Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hoelscher were hosts Sunday morning in their home.

The Hoelschers asked friends to bring their children to the holiday party, and about 100 persons called. Informal conversation was the entertainment.

Christmas colors were in evidence, with a white-flocked tree as the focal point of decoration. A large arrangement of white poinsettias was in the living room, and the same flowers in crimson shade on the refreshment table.

Presiding at that table in turn during calling hours were Mrs. Richard Robinson, Mrs. Lee Drake, Mrs. Larry Walterscheid and Mrs. Lanny Bezner.

Aggie Party Set Saturday

The Panhandle Hometown Club's Aggie Christmas party will be held Saturday at the Villa Inn, 1-40 East in Amarillo. Charge will be \$5 per couple and will last from 8-12 p.m.

Look Who's New

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brewer are the parents of a daughter, Gay Lynn, born December 21. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Evers are the parents of a son, Russell Allen, born December 20. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs.

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Families of Messenger Home Demonstration Club members were entertained at the annual club Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bradley.

Supper and games of 42 followed a gift exchange in which secret pals were revealed by members. Guests sang carols, also "Happy Birthday" to Leo Webb.

Those present included Messrs and Mmes. Elmer Northcutt, W. N. Theatt, Webb, Tom DeShazo, Bill Page, A. P. Haga; Mrs. N. A. Brown and Sammy Brown.

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6-L.S.U.	16-Northwestern	26-Mississippi State	36-North Carolina
7-Michigan	17-Colorado	27-Oregon	37-New Mexico
8-Arkansas	18-Mississippi	28-Texas Tech	38-Purdue
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10-Arizona State	20-Dartmouth	30-Georgia	40-Kansas State

Saturday, December 26

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Wednesday, December 30

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Thursday, December 31

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Friday, January 1

COTTON BOWL: Texas 31 Notre Dame 20

ORANGE BOWL: Nebraska 17 L.S.U. 15

ROSE BOWL: Ohio State 24 Stanford 17

SUGAR BOWL: Tennessee 28 Air Force 13

Saturday, January 2

GATOR BOWL: Auburn 35 Mississippi 20

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HIGHLIGHTS

The Texas Longhorns did it, repeating as almost everyone's national champion in a very convincing manner. Never lower than second in our ratings all season, they were in first place five weeks out of ten, giving way occasionally to either Ohio State or Notre Dame. Nebraska's Cornhuskers, seven points behind the Longhorns, finished in the number two spot. Notre Dame's loss to Southern Cal dropped them from 3rd to 5th place, and Auburn moved into the #9 position when Ole' Miss skidded all the way to 18th after successive losses to Mississippi State and L.S.U. Twenty seven of last year's top teams are back in the group this fall.

Again a note about the ratings of the top forty teams: keep in mind that a team's rating is based on the average of its performance against all opposition throughout the entire season. A team's won and lost record has no bearing on its national position. Calibre of competition is a major factor in determining a team's rating.

The line-up of post-season bowl games is another group of crowd-pleasers with the top attraction possibly being the Cotton Bowl's re-match between national champion Texas and Notre Dame. With the explosive offenses of both clubs, the 11 points by which the Longhorns are favored could be by-passed by either team. A close second in crowd appeal will be either the Rose's Stanford-Ohio State struggle or the Orange's battle between Nebraska and L.S.U. The latter will be fantastic offense versus incredible defense!

For the fifth straight year, the Southeast Conference ranks Number One among the more than 65 football conferences in the country. Their margin over the Big Eight Conference, in second place, slipped from five points to just under three. These ratings are based on each league's power quotient average determined from the ratings of all teams in every conference. Here are the twenty strongest conferences in the nation:

1-Southeast Conference	99.96	11-Gulf States Conference	66.88
2-Big Eight Conference	97.01	12-Southland Conference	66.68
3-Pacific Eight Conference	95.21	13-Pacific Coast Athletic Conference	65.64
4-Southwest Conference	94.74	14-Ohio Valley Conference	64.35
5-Big Ten Conference	91.38	15-Lone Star Conference	61.84
6-Western Athletic Conference	82.99	16-Southern Conference	58.81
7-Atlantic Coast Conference	81.55	17-Big Sky Conference	57.89
8-Mid-American Conference	80.78	18-Southwestern Athletic Conference	54.89
9-Missouri Valley Conference	73.32	19-Yankee Conference	52.87
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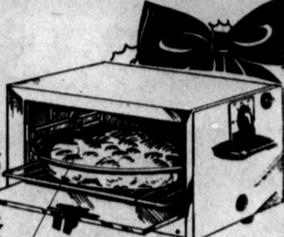


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Luke tells us what Christmas is all about in chapter 2, verse 14, when he shouts — Glory To God In The Highest, and On Earth, Peace And Good Will To All Men. It takes only two words to speak the Christmas Message, — "glory" and "Peace." These words express the glory of God as no others do. That historic babe, born in a manger, has transformed a whole world. His spirit means Christmas in the life of humans such as we. In Him is embodied the love, patience, and essential goodness of the best man who ever lived—Jesus. He is the true example of the God of power and righteousness. Men knew he was all-powerful but had never known He was all-loving. We must not wallow away Christmas Day by guzzling up our blessings in dismay. Let us give of our best in the spirit of Joy. Exchange gifts, if you may, in memory of Him who taught us that it is always more blessed to give than to receive.

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Highlights and Sidelights From Your STATE CAPITOL by Vern Sanford



AUSTIN, Tex. — Gov. Preston Smith has called for re-evaluation of Texas' water planning and possible restructuring of the \$9 billion statewide water plan proposed in 1968.

Smith told Chairman Marvin Shurbet of the Texas Water Development Board that he will block spending of all water study funds appropriated to WDB except those obligated under contracts. More than \$1.4 million was appropriated last year for topographic mapping, water studies and investigations. About a third is obligated under contracts.

Governor Smith called attention to the fact that Texas voters rejected the \$3.5 billion bond issue on August 5, 1969, that was designed to pay the state's share of the project's cost.

"In view of the critical shortage of state funds, additional expenditures for water studies and investigations would be inappropriate until we know that they would support whatever revised planning process we should decide to pursue," said Smith in a letter to Shurbet. "Accordingly it will be the policy of the governor's office to support continued outstanding efforts by the Board and its staff as we chart a new course in water resource planning."

One source said Smith feels that a long-range plan would get more support if citizens could see some concrete, short-term accomplishments in water development.

Smith reportedly may ask the Legislature to submit to the voters a bond program to finance aid to cities for sewage treatment.

Original study plan to bring surplus Mississippi River water to Texas was turned down by the voters. Consensus is that Texans as well as Mississippians look with disfavor on this idea.

At the DeCordova Bend Reservoir dedication on June 19 Smith declared that Texas cannot postpone development of water resources on a big scale until all controversies about the long-

range water plan are resolved.

COURTS SPEAK — State Supreme Court declined to hear arguments in a suit by several state employees, who hold minor or elective offices, to get their November paychecks which have been held up by the Comptroller.

High Court stuck by its November 11 ruling which upheld the constitutionality of part of the state's anti-obscenity law, although it declined to rule on much of it in a Wichita Falls theater case.

In other action the Supreme Court:

• Found Waco and the Waco Independent School district are authorized to levy taxes against Henry W. Stillwell Memorial Residence for retired school teachers in Waco. Home claimed exemption as purely public charity.

• Held against an El Paso firm which wanted to sue a professional auditing concern which failed to discover that a woman employee had embezzled \$40,000 during 1962-65.

BOUNDARY SUIT MOVES IN — Louisiana waited 92 years too long to claim its boundaries extend to the west bank of the Sabine River, Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin argued in a hearing on the boundary dispute.

Martin and former Gov. Price Daniel, serving as special counsel, argued Texas' case before Special Master (Senior Federal Judge) Robert Van Pelt of Nebraska in Houston. Ownership of hundreds of millions of dollars in oil and gas is at stake from wells in the Gulf of Mexico at the mouth of the Sabine River.

Former Gov. Sam Jones, first governor of Louisiana to stake claim to all of the river, argued as special counsel representing his state.

Texas claims its boundary extends to the middle of the Sabine River, including a disputed area of 36,000 acres on which \$2.6 million has been collected from oil leases for the permanent school fund.

Congress and the Louisiana

constitution agreed on the midpoint of the Sabine as the state boundary, Martin contended. However, Louisiana bases its claim on an 1819 treaty between the U. S. and Spain.

AG OPINIONS — Contract for a \$1.3 million first phase construction of Mustang Island fish pass which was agreed to (but not signed) on August 28 with Brown and Root Inc. is valid and binding, Attorney General Mar-

tin held.

In other recent opinions, Martin concluded that: "Insurance companies do not violate anti-trust laws by requiring political subdivisions to buy unneeded property damage liability coverage in order to get needed bodily-injury liability under the Texas Tort Claims act."

"Fact that ex-Governor Daniel's son serves in the Legislature does not bar the former chief executive from the State Supreme Court appointment under the antinepotism law. Governor Smith, who got an early look at the opinion, announced that Daniel will get the job on the High Court."

"A law providing that the county judge fill vacancies on the county commissioners' court is constitutional, and there is no authority for calling special elections to replace commissioners. Resignations of commissioners become effective on acceptance by the judge, even

though tendered for a future date.

"Matagorda County school superintendent's office still exists."

"Commissioners courts can reuse to furnish office space to county and district attorneys on finding their private practice of law is such as to prevent use of the space for public purposes."

"Department of Corrections can accept a contract to bind textbooks and periodicals for state agencies."

University of Houston is a "public school" in the sense that sale of alcoholic beverages can be prohibited within 300 feet of the campus.

OIL ALLOWABLE CUT — Texas Railroad Commission reduced the oil production allowable for January nearly 15,000 barrels daily, fixing the maximum market demand factor at 83.1 per cent.

Cut was the second straight,

although 10 of the 14 major purchasers requested the same amount in January as in December . . . 83.5 per cent.

New allowable will permit maximum January production of 3,813,125 barrels a day, compared with 3,827,904 in December. Actual production was estimated at 3,421,000 barrels a day.

APPOINTMENTS — Former Governor Daniel of Liberty was named by Governor Smith to succeed State Supreme Court Associate Justice Clyde E. Smith of Woodville, who is resigning.

Other recent appointments include: Judge Howard C. Davison of Lubbock as presiding judge of the Ninth Administrative Judicial District.

James Ellis of Lubbock as Chief Justice of the 7th Court of Civil Appeals and Max E. Ramsey of Andrews as Chief Justice of the 8th Court of Ci-

vil Appeals. Smith named Robert C. Wright of Lubbock as 137th District Judge to succeed Ellis.

Col. Willie L. Scott, native of Blue Ridge, as assistant adjutant general for Texas' National Guard Army.

Lt. Col. Leo E. Gossett to the board of the Employees' Retirement System of Texas.

Mrs. Velma Ruth Bedford of Dallas and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hinds of Plainview to the Teachers' Professional Practices Commission. Mrs. Alyce Marie Hamilton of Kilgore, Mrs. Newell Ann Burke of Freeport and C. J. Cartwright of Fort Worth were reappointed.

DRAFT QUOTA UP — Texas draft quota for January is 905, a sharp increase from 499 in December.

A total of 4,340 received orders to take pre-induction exams. January call will be filled by local draft boards from those lottery numbers had been

reached in 1970 but where not called.

SHORT SNORTS
Vernon A. McGee, special assistant to the governor for program development, has resigned and will be replaced by Jim Oliver, formerly of Caldwell.

Legislative Budget Board has raised its estimate of new taxes for 1971 to \$945.1 million. House committee has recommended a strong code of ethics bill for lawmakers.

Legislative panel recommends that schools change from the two-semester plan to a quarterly system with districts having the option of operating a full year.

Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr. was cited as Texas' "handicapped person of the year."

William Steger of Tyler has resigned as Republican state chairman and will sworn in as Federal District Judge on December 29.

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I KNOW I need a prostate operation. Some of my friends claim that the operation they had by surgery is better than the one where an electric needle is used. What do you think?

Mr. F. G. S., Rhode Island

Dear Mr. S.: I think you should stay away from your friends until your prostate problem is solved by your medical friend — your doctor.

I have repeatedly told my readers that well-meaning friends give medical advice that only serves to confuse and terrify — all within the framework of supposed kindness and concern.

Prostate surgery depends on many factors. The age of the patient, his general physical condition, and the particular type of enlargement of the prostate gland are all meaningful to the surgeon.

His choice, therefore, is an individual one, and is a conclusion he arrives at with care and fine surgical judgment.

Some patients benefit most by a one- or two-stage operation where the prostate is approached by an incision low on the abdominal wall.

Others are best treated by "transurethral resection." This electro-coagulation method is probably the one you refer to. It is performed through a cystoscope and is not an "open" operation.

The choice of surgery does not depend on the desire of the patient. That choice must be made for him only by the surgeon, who understands the greatest advantage and safety for his patient.

Let your doctor make the decision and spare yourself the anxiety of your well-meaning friends.

Are X-rays still used to get

rid of unwanted and superfluous hair on the face?

Mrs. S. L., Virginia
Dear Mrs. L.: Absolutely not. About 40 years ago, before the value and the dangers of X-rays were completely known, this method was used for "epilation," or the removal of excess hair.

It took 25 or more years before thousands of these patients developed cancer of the skin of the face which was directly attributed to the X-rays.

This unsafe method has been totally discarded. It must be emphasized that specialists use X-rays for a wide variety of conditions with great safety and control.

Modern methods of screening excess radiation almost completely eradicate the possibility of danger.

Does the recent outbreak of cholera in Russia and the Middle East threaten the rest of the world?

Mr. E. N., Louisiana
Dear Mr. N.: Cholera, an acute infection of the intestinal tract, is caused by a specific germ, the *Vibrio comma*.

The germ is harbored in infected and contaminated food. Air travel poses a threat to all countries when an epidemic exists. Vaccination against cholera is remarkably effective in preventing the international spread of this disease. Public Health officials can tell you if this is necessary in your community.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Cross streets carefully, especially at dusk and after dark.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

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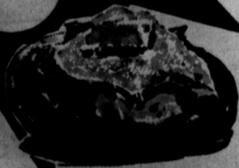


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The La Plata ninth and seventh grade basketballers collected second place trophies during separate cage tournaments last weekend.

The Maverick ninth grade took second place in the Muleshoe Tournament and the seventh grade won second in its own tournament here. The eighth grade competed in the Muleshoe tournament, but failed to place.

The ninth grade, after taking

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wins over Friona and Muleshoe, fell to the Morton team in the finals by a score of 48-43. They defeated Friona in the opening round, 58-37 then downed Muleshoe, 47-33.

The seventh grade won its first round game over Dumas, 34-18 then beat Friona, 34-28 to advance to the finals. It was in the finals where they fell to the Levelland team, by a whopping score of 55-37.

The eighth grade team had little success in the Muleshoe Tournament, falling to Friona in the opening round, 61-19. They bounced back however, to down Littlefield, 46-27 before falling to Dimmitt, 39-27.

The three teams will take a

break for the Christmas holiday until Jan. 11 and when they all day and will not play again meet Stanton.



TWO SECONDRS — Mike Crim, left, shows the second place trophy won by La Plata in the tournament here last weekend, and James Waits shows the ninth grade trophy won by that team in the Muleshoe Tournament.



VICA PRESENTATION — A check for \$25 was presented to the Satellite Day Care Center Tuesday by the Cosmetology Vocational Industrial Cooperative Association (VICA) of Hereford High School. Mrs. Maxine Thompson, teacher, left, is shown accepting the check from Linda Williams, treasurer, and Linda Sorrells, member, left. Also shown are Day Care Center students Donald and Steven. The money was raised through projects the first semester and will be used to purchase paints and colors for the center.

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By MELVIN YOUNG
A friend of ours from Lubbock was commenting recently about the wonderful touch-tone dialing system that is available for Southwestern Bell customers in Hereford, and lamenting the fact that Lubbock customers of the same company still do not have the service. He also pointed out that Lubbock did not get direct long distance dialing until a couple of years ago and Hereford has been using the direct dialing system for 13 years.

We took advantage of the opportunity to chide our friend a little and pointed out that Hereford folks have always done things bigger and better than those residing in other cities and it really wasn't much of a surprise that we were 11 years ahead on the direct long distance system.

Actually however, one of the reasons that Hereford was chosen for the direct dialing system so early was that our local system at that time was completely antiquated and we were sorely in need of a complete overhaul. You might say that

we just happened to be ripe for improvement just at the right time. Modern technology had again come through and Hereford was the right place and in dire need. If our memory serves us well, this was the first town in Texas to get the new direct dialing system and perhaps second or third, in the nation. Although most cities now have the direct dialing system, there are many cities which do not have touch-tone. And again, we were among the first to enjoy this new technical development.

But when modern technology takes over, you really lose something. After all, most of us can remember when we could call the local operator and ask

her to awaken us the next morning at such-and-such a time, and you could almost set your watch according to the time the phone would ring. And we've all heard stories about the operators who would inform the caller that she couldn't catch old so-and-so at home 'cause she just went over to her neighbors to deliver a gallon of buttermilk.

There are probably a thousand stories that could be told about the local operators however, but one of the best we've heard recently concerns the J. W. Barnett family, former residents who now live in Amarillo.

The Barnetts lived on Street — next door to the Lee Kents we believe, and it was not uncommon for Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Kent to visit back and forth during the day — or for that matter, stand out in the yard visiting.

One morning Mrs. Barnett had left the children sleeping and had gone next door to visit her good neighbor. She probably stayed a little longer than usual and when returning home she found the babysitter with the children.

To make a long story short, the children had awoken and not finding their mother at home, had picked up the telephone and called the local operator. "We want our babysitter," they

said. "We're at home alone." And as is so typical in small towns and with small town telephone operators, the lady knew who the regular babysitter was and called her. She assured the children that the sitter would be there presently. She was, and when Mrs. Barnett returned home, she found everything under control.

That of course, is one of the humorous stories. There are also many stories of heroic deeds done by telephone operators and telephone servicemen, and it would be impossible to estimate the number of lives that have been saved because of fast actions taken in emergencies by these fine people.

Certainly, when modern technology takes over, you gain a great deal. But you lose a little in the process as well.

—HB—
Joe Easley, whose varied interests run all the way from being owner of a haberdashery to operation of one of the largest feeding operations in Deaf Smith County, recently allowed that he really liked the new wide ties. "They're real nice. They look good and keep your stomach warm."

But he's now having some misgivings about the whole deal. "I thought that would be great. If you spilled gravy on your tie, at least you'd save the shirt. And then it

occurred to me that the tie cost more than the shirt." Oh well, you can't win them all.

—HB—
And as one sage said Tuesday morning (the first day of winter): "It's only 90 days until spring."

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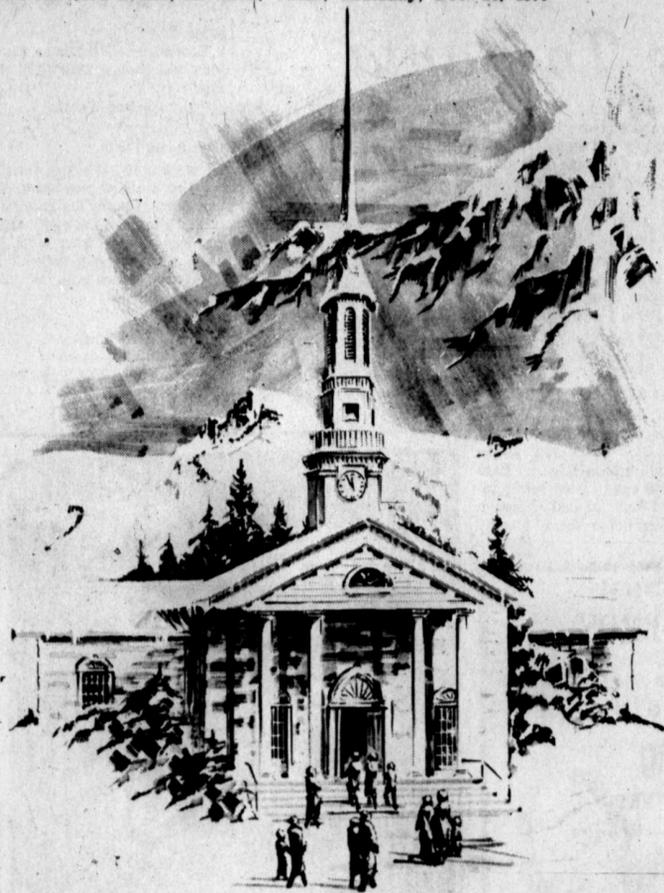


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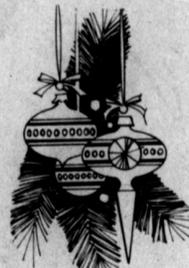
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A Happy Xmas Just The Same

Mary Scott put another pecan pie in the oven. She planned to finish the preparations, even if some of the food were left over until Christmas of next year.

She had been upset since Fred had called to say one of the children had come down with the flu and they would not be coming for Christmas dinner.

Jack's situation was different. He lived a thousand miles away. He had always brought his family to "grandma's," just as everyone else did. Coming so far to see his mother was one thing; to see his sister was something else.

Mary had known that it would all end when mother died. She and Fred and Jack had been close, all of their lives. Even after they had teenagers of their own, everyone returned to the old homestead each Christmas. It had been a tradition of many years standing. A tradition that now had apparently

ended.

It had ended of course, last Christmas. Mother had died in mid December. They had all agreed not to get together last Christmas, but everyone had appeared enthusiastic when Mary suggested they gather at her house this year. She knew now they just didn't want to say "no" at the time.

Kid Staff

Billy came bounding in with all the energy of a fourteen-year-old. "Say, mom, Guess what! All the kids are going to get together Christmas afternoon on Galt Hill with our sleds. We're going to have races and everything."

Mary laughed. "You feel real sure you'll get that sled for Christmas?"

"Sure, I will." He winked. "Old Santa hasn't let me down yet."

Ann, sixteen, entered. "You had better mend your ways, then, young man. You don't get

good presents when you've been a bad boy.

"Ah, you sound just like a sister."

"A sister who is not going to be on that hill with your wild children. Mom, some of the kids are planning a sleigh ride. Chaperoned, Billy Smith has asked me. Can I do?"

"When will it be?"

"Christmas night. Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas day."

The Idea

Later, as Mary was rearranging the lights on the Christmas tree, the words came back to her. "Everyone agrees we should be with our families Christmas Eve and Christmas day."

She had always been with her family, her entire family. That is the way it should be. There had never been a question, so long as mom had lived, as to where everyone would spend the

holiday. But, mom was gone. Fred and Jack would spend the Christmas with their wives and children. And, come to think of it, Ann and Billy and she and Bill would spend theirs together.

Last Christmas had seemed like a dream. The most pleasant memory was the quiet hours the four of them had spent Christmas Eve, the walk through the snow to church, the children's delight upon discovering the presents under the tree when they returned home.

Mary suddenly realized that, even though she had been looking forward to seeing her two brothers and their families, she had, on one or more occasions, thought about the quiet hours her own family would share before they arrived.

She met Bill at the door.

"Fred called. Tommy has the flu."

Bill put his arm around her shoulders. "Well, dear, then

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Caice Hendrix and I am 2 1/2 years old. I want a doll and some candy for Christmas. And I want a doll buggy.
I will leave you some cake and milk on the kitchen table.
Love Caice

Dear Santa
Please Bring me a Snuggle Softie Doll, Baby Buggy, and a Baby bed.
Love
Donna Kay Nichols

we'll just spend a quite, happy Christmas, the four of us."
"Yes, it will be happy, family Christmas just the same. We can do our visiting some time other than Christmas."

Dear Santa Claus,
Would you please bring me a little dog for Christmas, I would also like a doll some dishes and a table and chairs. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Love
Jody Loveall

Dear Santa Claus
Will you bring me play u l Patty and a football game.
Cathy Warden
Merry Chistmas

Dear Santa
I am almost 3 years old and have been a good girl (most of the time). Would you please bring me a baby Luv and Care doll, doll buggy, stove refrigerator and sink set and oh yes a new pair house shoes. Mer r y

Christmas to you and happy new year.
Love
Jana Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
We live at 122 Hickory. I want a stear-and-go. My little brother wants a gun and a rope.
Love,
Kreig and Kris

Dear Santa
Would you bring me play u l Patty and an Electric Football

game.
Remember all the boys and girls and have a Merry Christmas.
Cathy Earlene Warden

Dear Santa Claus.
I'm going to tickle you when I see you, because you smile at me. Thank you for the little bitty doll you gave me at a party you came to the other night. I want a book and a present. I need toys. Please bring M a r k something too.
Love,
Stephanie Richards

Read the classified Want Ads

DPS Officers Will Keep Busy

Christmas decorations are a familiar sight for anybody driving around any town or city in the Panhandle.

And for those who will be on the highways during the Christmas holidays, there will be another familiar sight.

Highway patrolmen.

Sgt. Bill Wells of the local station of the Department of Public Safety said Saturday that all available patrol units and patrolmen will work around the clock to see that the highways are as safe as possible.

The DPS hopes to put so many units on the road that a driver will not drive very far without coming upon one.

"The patrolmen will be watching, in particular, for the drinking drivers, drivers who are in a hurry and drivers who disregard the rules of safe motor vehicle operation," Wells said. "Drunk drivers will be removed

from the highways."

Having to spend the holidays in jail would be bad, "but causing the death or injury of others would be worse," he went on. Wells said the highway patrolmen will be out to get the unsafe drivers off the highways before they have a chance to cause an accident.

"Operation Holiday" will begin at 6 p. m. Christmas Eve and continue through midnight Sunday Dec. 27. The New Year's "Operation Holiday" will run from 6 p. m. New Year's Eve until midnight Sunday Jan. 3.

"Christmas is the season of joy and good cheer, the season for being thankful for our loved ones and our many blessings. But too often it is the season for careless, irresponsible actions on the part of many drivers," Wells said. "We plan to get these drivers before they get someone else."



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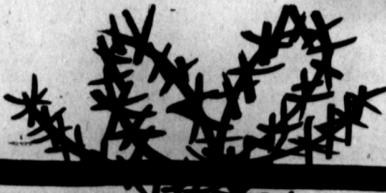
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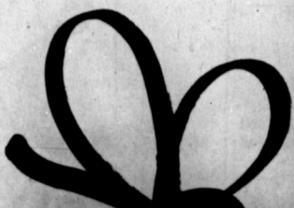


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Enrollment Starts For New Session At State Technical

Enrollment is now in progress for daytime classes at Texas State Technical Institute at Amarillo for the Spring trimester that begins Jan. 4.

TSTI Offices will be closed through Dec. 27 for Christmas holidays and will reopen Dec. 28.

A limited number of students are being accepted for enrollment in the seven programs of instruction being offered at State Tech.

The enrollment schedule for daytime students begins at 9 a. m., Jan. 4, with orientation for all new students. Official enrollment for new students will be held beginning at 9 a. m., Jan. 5.

Enrollment for evening classes and fulltime night students will begin at 7 p. m., Tuesday, Jan. 5, says Verdell Turner, State Tech Registrar.

Courses in which students can enroll for the Spring trimester, says Dr. J. N. Baker, State Tech general manager, include:

Aircraft Mechanics, a one-year course, in which students are trained to service, repair and maintain various types of aircraft, except for the engines (Aircraft engine or Powerplant Mechanics will be offered beginning in September 1971). The course is approved by the Federal Aviation Agency and is approved for GI training.

Agricultural and Industrial Equipment Mechanics, one-year course, in which the student is taught how to repair, service and maintain all types of engines (gasoline, butane and diesel) as well as a large variety of farm and industrial machinery and equipment.

Building Construction, one-year course, teaching the skills necessary to perform construction work and the knowledge needed in the building trade. Students will spend 60 to 70 percent of their classtime in laboratory using construction tools and applying actual theories of construction.

Commercial Art and Advertising, a two-year course, teaching the use and application of art techniques and ideas as pertaining to the world of advertising. The course includes instruction in various phases of art, photography, writing and printing.

Graphics and Design Technology, a two-year course, requiring a high school diploma as an entrance requirement. During the first year, students are taught the basics of drafting. During the second year the student can choose either a mechanical design or aeronautical design specialty.

Livestock and Ranch Operations, a one-year course, in which students receive instruction in both practical experience and the theory pertaining to all phases of livestock work, with special emphasis on feedlots. Students spend between 20 and 25 hours each week at ranches, feedlots and packing plants in the area.

Technical Communications (Secretarial skills), a one-year course, teaching basic and advanced typing and shorthand, office machines and other skills needed by the technical secretary such as blueprint reading and drafting.

Ample housing facilities are available at reasonable rates for both single and married students attending State Tech's Mid-Continent campus. There are also a large number of recreation facilities available to students, including swimming pools, baseball and football fields, picnic areas and a fully-equipped gymnasium.

The State Tech Student Center houses the school's cafeteria, where inexpensive meals are served three times each day, and the school bookstore. Also within the student center are color televisions, table tennis, pool tables and other equipment.

For the religious life, there is also available at State Tech, a modern, non-denominational chapel where services are held each Sunday as well as other



POPULAR GIFTS — Children at Hereford Day Care Center gleefully received gifts of stuffed toys, made for them by girls of junior high Future Homemakers chapters, and hugged the cuddly, colorful animals which a group of the girls took to the Center Monday afternoon. Flop-eared dog, yard-long alligator or plaid gingham turtle, the toys were immediately claimed and games with them started

on the floor. There were dozens of the attractive toys, more than one for each child, and adult workers at the Center predicted that they would give the children many happy hours at playtimes. The girls made the gifts in homemaking classes, under direction of Mrs. Joe Bradley at Stanton Junior High and Mrs. M. T. Burel-smith at LaPlata Junior High.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and any other toys you want to bring me. And my brother Randy wants some toys for boys. Thank you,

times during the week.

Any student needing financial assistance is asked to contact J. W. Solis, TSTI Manager of Student Activities. Several different types of scholarships, grants, work-study programs, and part-time employment are available to prospective State Tech students.

"Learn to earn at State Tech, where we are teaching tomorrow's technician today," Dr. Baker said.

For additional information on course offering, enrollment procedures, financial assistance or housing, contact the State Tech Registrar. Write to P. O. Box 4228, Amarillo, 79105, or telephone Amarillo 335-1663.

My name is Connie Villarreal. I am 6 years old.

Santa Claus
I want a bike and if you have enough things for everybody I want one more thing Barbie Clothes
Love Dawna

Dear Santa

I have been good. Kristin has been good too. I would like a pair of shoe skats and watch and a talking barbie Please. Kristin would like a baby ten-

49-YARDER SETS RECORD

LAS CRUCES, N. M. — Pat McTeer booted a 49-yard field goal in New Mexico State University's 1970 football opener against Colorado State U. to break a school record. The old record of 46 yards was held by Roy Gerela against New Mexico in 1968.

der love and clothes for the doll and a candle and a lunch box Please.

Have a Merry merry Christmas
Love Kelli
(P.S. I wear a four in a half in skats.)

NOW THEY'RE EVEN
LAS CRUCES, N. M. — Colorado State and New Mexico State split a back-to-back college football series.

NMSU edged the Rams in the 1969 season-ending game, 21-20.

Colorado State opened its 1970 season with a 28-9 victory over NMSU. Both games were played at NMSU.

Leonardo da Vinci was the illegitimate son of a peasant girl.

Community Calendar

JANUARY

8 — Sugar Beet Growers business meeting.

9 — Sugar Beet Growers annual banquet at Bull Barn.

14 — Chamber of Commerce Banquet

22 — Father-daughter Camp Fire Banquet, Bull Barn, 7 p. m.

24 — Community March of Dimes

FEBRUARY

7-13 — Boy Scout Week

12 — Kawadi Dancers

13 — Community Concert

15-16 — Water Inc. annual convention.

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Harrell Cattle Company, 71 Merc.; Harry Coffin, 71 Winstead; Robert Veigel, 71 Buick; Autry Ivins, 70 Chev.; Hertz Vehicle Management, 71 Ford Clarence Behrends, 71 Ford pkp. Leon Sandaval, 70 Ford; Eddie Maldonado, 70 Ford; J. Kendrick, 71 Ford pkp.; D. H. Perrin, 71 Cadillac; A. R. Latham, 71 Chev. pkp.

WARRANTY DEEDS

Rosa Lueb, George and Margie Ford to A.B. Lueb lots 5 and 6, blk. 14, Mabry Addition. Raymond Gerk et ux to Howard Spratt et ux lot 36, Hare Addition, blk. 14, Welch Addition.

J. D. Poarch et ux to Douglas Nix et ux S. 100 ft. of lot 31 and N. 20 ft. of lot 32, Green Acres Estate.

Douglas Nix et ux to J. D. Poarch et ux N. 20 ft. of lot 35 and all lot 36, blk. 1, Westhaven Addition.

Douglas Nix et ux to J. D. Poarch et ux lot 1 and 2, blk. 13, Whitehead Addition.

Ray Cowser et ux to Tomas Torres et ux lot 29, part of blk. 4, Mabry Addition.

Helen Douglas Pitman to John Douglas Pitman blk. 51, 53, 54, and 55, Evants Addition.

Roy Duncan et ux to Mountain States Investment Corporation lot 50, Hare Addition.

Billy Jack Williams et ux to August Miller E. 1/2 of Sect. 58, blk. K-8.

Lillie Pearl Strain to Catarino Hernandez part of lot 8, Rickets Addition.

Robert Nichols et ux to Hylton Brown lot 16, blk. 5, Sunset Terrace Addition.

Gerald Hamby et ux to Julian Tijerina et ux lot 32 of blk. 1, Hamby Addition.

Andrew Kershen et ux to Kershen Land Company S. 300 acres of E. 1/2 of Sect. 11, blk. K-8.

Virgel Merriott et ux to Mesa Enterprises Inc. N. 18 ft. of S. 52 ft. of lot 39, Tierra Blanca Addition.

Mesa Enterprises Inc. to Virgel Merriott et ux N. 18 ft. of S. 53 ft. of lot 40, Tierra Blanca Addition.

Deaf Smith County Storage Inc. to A. T. Jones lot 5, blk. 4,



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT SHIRLEY SCHOOL — These pre-vocational students at Shirley Elementary proudly display decoupage craftwork created during classtime. These students of Mrs. Pruda Fults

are Linda Cortinaz, Rudy Garcia, Estella Martinez, Fred Gomez, Charles Johnson, Mario Cortinaz, Oscar Guerrero, Lupe Badillo and Sammy Garcia. —Photo by Betty Koelzer

Stark Addition.

J. F. Messer et ux to Jack Nelson White et ux 9.8636 acres out of SW part of E. 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sect. 39, blk. K-3.

Marie Cline to Marple Cline lot 14, blk. 43, Evants Addition.

Collin Gromatzky and Floyd Cline et ux to A. L. James et ux lot 14, blk. 43, Evants Addition.

Beulah Garrouette and Robert Dial to Robert Dziuk N. 55 ft. of lot 6 and S. 5 ft. of lot 7, blk. 11, Engler Addition.

Floy Jenkins Cottingham to Blue Water Garden Apartments blk. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Mitchell's Subdivision of blk. 13, Mabry Addition.

Nellie Dea Stanford to Jesse Diaz et ux E. 75 ft. of W. 150 ft. of N. 150 ft. of blk. 71, Hereford and Additions.

DEEDS OF TRUST
Howard Spratt et ux to Mountain States Investment Corporation all lot 36, Hare Addition, subdivision of blk. 14, Welch Addition.

Tomas Torres et ux to Ray Cowser et ux lot 29, Ralph Smith subdivision of part of blk. 4, Mabry Addition.

Gustavo Gonzales et ux to Mountain States Investment Corporation lot 50, Hare Addition.

Frank Moya et ux to Lonzetta Walcott lot 7, Evants subdivision of blk. 17, Evants Addition.

Richard Addition.

Virgel Merriott et ux to Lomas and Nettleton S. 44 ft. of lot 3 and N. 26 ft. of lot 4, Wayne Wallace Subdivision of blk. 45, Evants Addition.

Vernon Odell Lewis et ux to Walter Warren et ux lots 5-12, blk. 19, Ricketts Addition.

Hylton Brown to Robert Nichols lot 16, blk. 5, Sunset Terrace Addition.

Paul Ramirez Jr. et ux to American Mortgage Company N. 55 ft. of lot 6 and S. 22 ft. of lot 5, blk. 2, Braly First subdivision of blks. 5 and 12 and S. 10.65 ft. of blks. 6 and 11, Mabry Addition.

Charlie Seeds et ux and Decker Development Company to Bank of the Southwest all Hereford Industrial Park.

Blue Water Garden Apartments to Advance Mortgage Corporation blks. 1, 2, 3, 4, blk. 13, Mabry Addition.

Jack Nelson White et ux and Kenneth E. White et ux 9.8636 acres of Southwest part of E. 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sect. 39, blk. K-3.

Robert Felix Dziuk to Beulah Garrouette Dial N. 55 ft. of lot 6 and S. 5 ft. of lot 7, blk. 11,

Maxine Williams Is Star Kegler

Maxine Williams went 30 pins over her average to win Bowler of the Week honors in Kings and Queens play.

She also had the high Queens handicap game of 220 while Stella Varner had the Queens high scratch game of 177. Harvey Milton had a 204 for the Kings high scratch game and Hap Arnold had the Kings High handicap game of 220.

Vance Hall Sporting Goods had the high team series of 2242 and the high team game of 803.

Converting splits were Ray Williams, 5-7; Frank Lopez, 3-10; Dale Moore, 5-7; and Ione Taylor, 2-7 and 2-5-7.

Reeves Chevrolet won three from Hereford Janitor Supply, Circle 3 won three from Team No. 7, Vance Hall Sporting Goods won three from Strickland Shell and Big Daddy's Restaurant and Bob's Hickory Pit postponed their match.

Standings have Hereford Janitor Supply, 29-19; Circle 3 28 1/2-19 1/2; Vance Hall Sporting Goods 27-21; Bob's Hickory Pit, 26-18 (incomplete); Strickland Shell, 25-23; Big Daddy's Restaurant, 21 1/2-22 1/2 (incomplete) Reeves Chevrolet, 19-29; and Team No. 7, 12-36.

Amman, Jordan stands on the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Philadelphia.

Texas Vets Get Special Training In Hog Cholera

COLLEGE STATION — Sixteen Texas veterinarians have completed a special diagnostic course on hog cholera at the National Animal Disease Laboratory, Ames, Iowa.

These veterinarians, said W. W. Bailey, Extension livestock and meats specialist, are now on duty in different parts of the state and their specialized training should materially aid in the Hog Cholera Eradication Program.

The announcement of their return to duty was made by Dr. E. S. Cox, veterinarian in charge, Animal Health Division, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture and Dr. H. Q. Sibley, executive director, Texas Animal Health Commission.

The special two-week course which they completed is a highly technical study of hog cholera, a virus caused disease that affects only swine. In its acute form, it is regarded as a killer with death following soon after infection.

However, in recent years, veterinarians have increasingly recognized a chronic form of the disease that causes low death rates over an extended period of time. In this form, Bailey said, hog cholera can be extremely difficult to diagnose.

Swine herds infected with the chronic form pose a serious threat to national goals of the State-Federal Eradication Program aimed at finding and stamping out all hog cholera in the Nation by December 1972, the program leaders told Bailey. The diagnostic course is specifically designed to help veterinarians recognize symptoms of the more insidious chronic form of the disease.

Bailey said these specially trained veterinarians will be a big help to Texas swine producers and program officials as they move forward in their fight to eradicate hog cholera before the December 1972 date.



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Louise Springer	Mary Kay Wagner
John Dunn	Lavon Leon
Gary London	Pick and Mary
Revella Skypala	

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Brought Together At Xmas

Cissie Brown wasn't bashful. Everyone in the office knew what she wanted for Christmas. "Just get me a man," she said, "and I'll be thankful for the rest of my life."

The trouble with Cissie, everyone knew, was that she had some far-out ideas about the kind of man she needed. Cissie was looking for a knight in shining armor or, his modern counterpart — rich, handsome, intelligent, and all of that. Cissie had been looking for him for most of her 30 years, and, according to the girls in the office, had overlooked better-than-average-type men in the process.

Ted Kagle was one. Everybody knew that Ted had been in love with Cissie for years. He was too quiet, too reserved to say anything about it, but you could see it in his eyes every time he looked at her. It wasn't unusual that no one ever kidded Ted about it. Everyone liked him and everyone knew he was

the sensitive type.

But One
Fred Watson had never said anything where others could hear, but he had gotten in a word or two from time to time. Whenever he caught Cissie alone he would say something nice about Ted. He also had kind words for Cissie whenever he was with Ted and no one else was near. He never suggested anything. He was too smart for that. He just passed a complimentary remark.

The office Christmas party was scheduled this afternoon, however, and Fred's mind was elsewhere. He needed something to "spike" the punchbowl. He had done so for ten years and everyone knew about it, even the old man. He'd never complained, because there were two punch bowls and everyone just waited until Fred had his first glass of punch before deciding where to fill their glass.

Fred's phone rang. It was the wife, saying company was com-

ing by for a visit before dinner. "I'll take care of it right away," he said, happy for an excuse to run his errand. "Going to shipping for a minute," he said to no one in particular.

After an hour or so, the party was off as usual. It seemed a little happier than in previous years, for some reason. There was more singing, laughter, joke-telling. Even the old man seemed more in the spirit of things.

Playing Santa
Things were running more true to course when the time for opening gifts arrived. The old man played Santa, as usual, commenting on each gift. "Say, that's nice, isn't it? Who had your name this year, Sam?"

When he came to Cissie's gift, he said, as he always did, "Let's see, now young lady. I'll bet there's something nice in here for you."

Everyone knew what Cissie was going to say, as she had each year, "That's a small

box. Maybe it is a gift certificate for a good man."

No one expected Fred to say anything. But he did. "You guessed it, young lady. It's a gift certificate for dinner and dancing at the Purple Ballroom. All paid for. Made out to Mr. Ted Kagle and Miss Cissie Brown."

You could have heard a pin drop. The old man cleared his throat. "Fred, you haven't..."

"I haven't, sir, nary a drop. On my honor, sir..."

Cissie was waving the "certificate" before the audience. "Did you ever see such a novel gift? Thank you, Fred. As for you Ted, I warn you. I like to dance for hours."

Ted had found his voice, too. "I'm not very good, Cissie, but you'll find I'm willing, and long-lasting."

Everyone applauded. Fred said, "Let's have another round of punch."

They did, hardly anyone taking notice that Fred was not

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

Greetings Sent From Thailand By AFS Student

Greetings to Hereford friends from Chokeedee (Dean) Navigamool, student from Thailand who attended Hereford High School last year, were sent in a card addressed to The Brand, with wishes for "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 1971."

The writer included a note to The Brand staff, "Always feel thankful to you and all Hereford people. Hope to come back again."

A colorful scene on a Thailand river bank, with a boatman selling his wares to residents of a houseboat, decorated the card which was mailed from 227-1 Arun Ammarindo Rd., Bangkolee Yai, Thonburi, Thailand.

Navigamool resided with the Jack Nunley family while he was in school here during the 1969-70 term, a student in the American Field Service program.



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HERE COMES SANTA! — The singing stopped and the cheering started Friday night when Santa Claus made his entrance at a party for children staged at the Community Action Agency in the Labor Camp. CAA coordinator Lorenzo Granada said the turnout at the party was far beyond ex-

pectations. Students from West Texas State brought candy and presents over for the kids, who filled the CAA building to overflowing. One hundred children were expected and about two to three times that many showed up.

—Small Talk—

By SUE COLEMAN
Women's Editor

A pleasant way to entertain a lot of holiday company is to have some of the visitors this week, some next week. . . and that is what the Keith Jordes have been doing. If some of the visits overlap, the more the merrier.

MR. AND MRS. C. L. Whitehill and children of Minneapolis have been guests of the Jordes this week. Jo Ellen's brother, John Johnson, with wife Helen Ann and their three children are to be here from Dallas on Christmas, then the day after Christmas the Ed Hasbroucks and children of Albany, Minn., are to arrive.

There have been other visitors earlier in the month, all entertained by the Jordes and their friends to add to the generally partyfied atmosphere of the holiday times.

AN AHEAD-OF-TIME Christmas celebration has taken the Bill Hutsons to California where they visited her sister and family, the Victor Puttys, at

Long Beach. The trip was made by air and there was a good deal of traveling around while they were out on the West Coast, and lots of fun, Bea reports.

But that was just the preliminary, and now the Hutsons will have their sons and families in their own home for Christmas Day.

OTHER RESIDENTS who will have holiday visitors and also make holiday trips are Kathryn Benefield and Ruth Budlong. Their brother came up from Corpus Christi, and with some out-of-town friends who have joined them for past Christmas trips, they will spend the weekend at Las Vegas.

Saturday evening Sue James said she had enjoyed the day, cooking for expected visitors of her family, the Sears. The guests will include the Wheeler Sears, who moved from Hereford not too long ago and will be here to see not only family members, but as many of their friends as possible.

And Gwen Sellmeyer will be

in Cleveland, Ohio, for Christmas with her son and his family.

IF THERE HAD BEEN a nice ice to break at Mary and Homer Garrison's party Saturday night it would certainly have been broken by the youngest of their family members who were helping act as hosts. That was tiny Michele Mosley, the granddaughter from Plainview.

No guest could have felt unwelcomed when Michele grabbed him about the knees and hugged. She circulated impartially among the guests during the early part of the evening and was the most popular girl at the party.

After the party Mary found a lipstick, comb, purse size tissues and such objects scattered about, and suspected that Michele had succumbed to the normal impulse to check on a guest's bag. Some hard thinking about who was there early with a tote bag that she set on the floor — and sure enough it was

Ann Prichard.

"I had to remember who it was, and get those things back to her," Mary explained Monday morning. "It was up to me to clear my granddaughter's reputation!"

WITH ALL THE notices we had that it was coming, here is Christmas right upon us and is anybody ready for it yet? Oh well, all those things we were going to do before Christmas aren't going to get done now, so it's best to relax and enjoy the day.

And a mighty merry Christmas to everybody!

JOBS GROWING

FRANKFORT, Ky — Despite a freeze on unessential job hirings ordered last year by Gov. Louis B. Nunn, the state payroll has been growing by 2 percent. Personnel officials attributed the rise to new federal programs which require Kentuckians to staff.

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Londons Relate Early Christmases To 1970



Mr. and Mrs. A. B. London . . . recall early Christmas days

By JANIE REINART
Staff Writer

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas in 1970 without a tree in every home but in the early 1900's it didn't take any joy out of Christmas not having one.

"We didn't have trees or nativity scenes nor burn candles in our homes. We just hung our stockings over a chair, on a doorknob or stuck in on the wall.

"Then we were told to go to bed and the next morning we found Santa had left a gift and fruit and candy in our stockings," said Mr. and Mrs. Boyd "Pack" London.

"Things have changed alright," said Mrs. London. And, with a grin, "We've come a long way, baby!

"We always enjoyed it and had a lot of fun. It seems it snowed more often then than it does now because most of the time we had a white Christmas and would walk to church in the snow . . . on Christmas morning."

London recalled the only tree to be seen was in the church on Christmas eve when people took gifts there to be distributed later that evening by Santa.

"My family was poor," London explained, "and we usually got something we needed like clothes. I got a lot of hand-me-downs since I had two older brothers. One year the three of

us got a sled and that was all we got."

At Mrs. London's house they "usually got a big doll."

"We didn't see a Santa on every corner like they do now," said Mrs. London. "There was just one.

"I remember when my sister and I sang, Up On The House-top in a program. I was six years old and scared of Santa. When we came to the part 'click, click, click' I spied Santa in the back of the room and came in way behind my sister in the song."

London recalled, with a smile, the time he and the late Ralph Smith (well-known in this area) were eight years of age. "We sang a duet that went something like 'Santa Claus is coming, we shall welcome him with glee. . . ."

London feels Christmas joy is much the same now as it was before Christmas became so commercialized.

"You still feel close to God at Christmastime and the only difference between then and now is now it is modernized.

"For example, you used to get a rather expensive present for a dollar and now it costs more like twenty dollars and is electric.

"On Christmas Day we didn't go to the store and buy a turkey. We bought a live one from a farmer, killed and dressed it ourselves and ate vegetables from the garden.

"Relatives got together in large numbers at Christmastime. Now our family is gone so reunions are smaller," he said, followed by the advice, "enjoy them while you can."

"We haven't spent Christmas at home in a long time," said Mrs. London. "The kids feel it's easier for us to come there than for them to get off work and come here and that's true.

"We're leaving in the morning to spend Christmas weekend with our sons, Jack and Bill, in Dallas and Corsicana, near Dallas."

Jack and his wife Gratchen have three children, Cheryl, 18, Stephen, 14 and Melanie, 12. Bill and wife Catharine have five children, Boyd, 18, attends Texas A&M, Susan is 18, Cathy 12, John 8, and Margaret 6. Both

sons were born and reared in Hereford.

Mrs. London came to Hereford in 1901 from Cook County in a covered wagon. London came in February of 1903 from Ardmore, Okla. at age six and a half and remembers stepping off the train into a snow blizzard.

He barbered for 50 years and

owned his own barber shop until 1948. It stood where Dick's Auto Store is presently located.

"I sold cars for McCullough, T. E. Seigler, and Kinsey Motor Companies at different times and as a youngster worked on a ranch and farm. Before I became barber I worked in a tailor shop."

Along with barber, tailor, farmer, rancher, car dealer, etc., London claims the titles "hunter and fisherman."

"I still try to get down to the coast and fish once a year. You know, in 1903 I caught fish in Tierra Blanca Creek which was then filled with natural spring water — a good place to fish and swim. Now, well, you know how it is."

Mrs. London is fishing companion to her husband "as long as we don't have to go out in a boat."

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TIME OF DRUMS

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Few writers have the ability to emblazon and project an authentic past the way John Ehle has done, and few have his narrative skill.

In this new novel he has presented the American Civil War in such a way that it shows the shape of time to come; his characters go on living after the book is closed, and its action continues after its final events.

The novel, touching, honest, brutal, funny, sad and sometimes glorious, recounts the fall of an era as seen through the eyes of Owen Wright, a colonel in his thirties, a soldier in the Army of the Confederacy. This is his personal account-

ing for his feelings and actions during six months of his life: time spent in winter camp in 1862, time spent at home with his family — where he falls in love again, this time with a widow-girl of nineteen whom he fears he cannot have and cannot forget — and time spent at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg leading his regiment of mountain soldiers.

For its authentic portrayal of the Civil War and its compassionate portrayal of love and family, this novel is a powerful, living achievement.

TOWER OF GLASS

by Robert Silverberg
It is the year 2218. Above the Arctic tundra rises a glass tower, conceived by magnate Simon Krug, who is intent on answering signals from deep space.

Krug spurs the construction of the tower, but is unprepared for an impending crisis. Unknowingly, he has become a god,

with a god's responsibilities. Krug has been defied by androids of his own making. Chief among them is Thor Watchman, who is Krug's top assistant and secretly the leader of a religious movement based on the relief that out of decency and compassion for his creatures, Krug will in time plead the case for android equality before the powers of earth.

As the tower soars higher, the crisis mounts, for Krug's own son is shrewdly enlisted in the android cause to force a thrilling confrontation with his father.

Exciting and suspenseful, this novel by one of the masters of science fiction raises key questions about man's wisdom and conscience.

According to folklore, a bad winter is foretold when the holly is thick with berries, the dogwood smothered in spring blossoms, or the pine tree sheds more needles than usual, so the extra heavy snow will fall off before breaking branches.

Courthouse Records

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ramiro Dabolos and Millia Melendrez 12-18.

Jerry Travis Criswell and Mary Lynn Short 12-17.

Domingo Aldere Zepeda and Blanca Nieves Sanchez 12-17.

Canney Ross White Jr. and Davida Leah Reno 12-17.

Robert Dewayne Williams and Ilajeane Brinkman 12-16.

John Wayne Bagley and Mildred Sue Strain 12-16.

Jose Villarreal and Jesusa Sustaita 12-14.

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J. B. Carrithers' Secret

I remember how scared we were, as we made that long walk up the driveway on a late winter's afternoon. There were no lights showing through the windows. I think we both breathed an inward sigh of relief with the idea that he might not be home and we wouldn't have to go through with our plan.

Every community has its own candidate for the title, "Meanest man in town." Clear Valley was no exception. J. B. Carrithers was a solid choice, among young and old.

I hate to add the part about him living in a big, old house some folks contended was "haunted." But, it's true. The old mansion stood back away from the road and, in the summer time, was well obscured by trees and shrubbery. The kids called it the "Devil's Dormitory" because it was built along the same Colonial style as the dormitory of a junior college a few miles down the road.

Old man Carrithers was a hermit. No one ever saw him. At least, none of the kids around town. A few bragged they had slipped up near the house and watched him, but they never had anyone with them to back up their claim. Most of the kids gave the place a wide berth, mainly on account of the stories their parents told them, about people who died strangely in the house, and all kinds of eerie noises one could hear inside.

Pause
We stood before the door, looking at one another, both hesitant to reach up and grab the huge brass knocker. It was not yet too late, but somebody had to suggest we give up the idea.

Johnny knocked on the door

with his fist, timidly. There was no sound from inside the house. He knocked again and we waited. We both knocked, loudly. And then Johnny was punching me in the ribs and pointing to a nearby window.

We waited for what seemed like an eternity and were ready to run for our lives when the door finally opened.

He was a tall, graceful old man, dressed in a butler's suit. He bowed low and then rested his hand on the doorknob, as if the effort had tired him. "Yes, gentlemen?"

"Mr. Carrithers?"
"Mr. Carrithers? No. I am Jarvis, the butler. Mr. Carrithers is away . . . on an extended vacation."

"We wanted to ask him if we could shovel some snow in trade for a Christmas tree," I said.

"We like that tree over by the iron statue by the gate," Johnny added.

The man stroked his beard. "Ah, that tree. Well, gentlemen, I think I can speak for Mr. Carrithers on this matter. That tree is his favorite of all the trees on these spacious grounds. He would never part with it. Besides, if he gave you a tree, wouldn't every child in town be here soon after you, asking for a tree?"

"We hadn't thought of that."
"Nah, I guess we didn't have such a good idea, after all. Thanks anyway, Mr. Darvis."

"Jarvis. And, goodbye to you. The door closed softly.

One Look
We were nearly out the gate when Johnny said, "Wouldn't be any harm in our just looking at that tree, would there?"

It was the most perfect shaped tree in the whole world. And, just the right size. Johnny

touched it, almost reverently and we were turning away when something on the ground caught our eye.

It was a small, oblong iron marker. I brushed the snow aside to read the inscription:

J. J. B. CARRITHERS
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Johnny looked at me. "Know what this means? Old Man

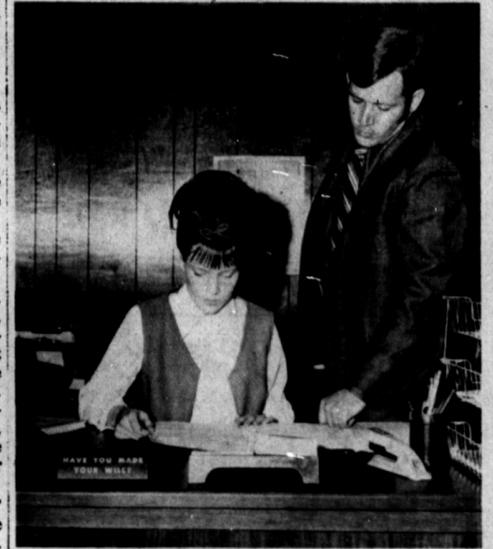
Carrithers has been dead for 30 years."

"And, all this haunted stuff is just something grownups tell for fun?"

"Or, to keep kids away from this place."

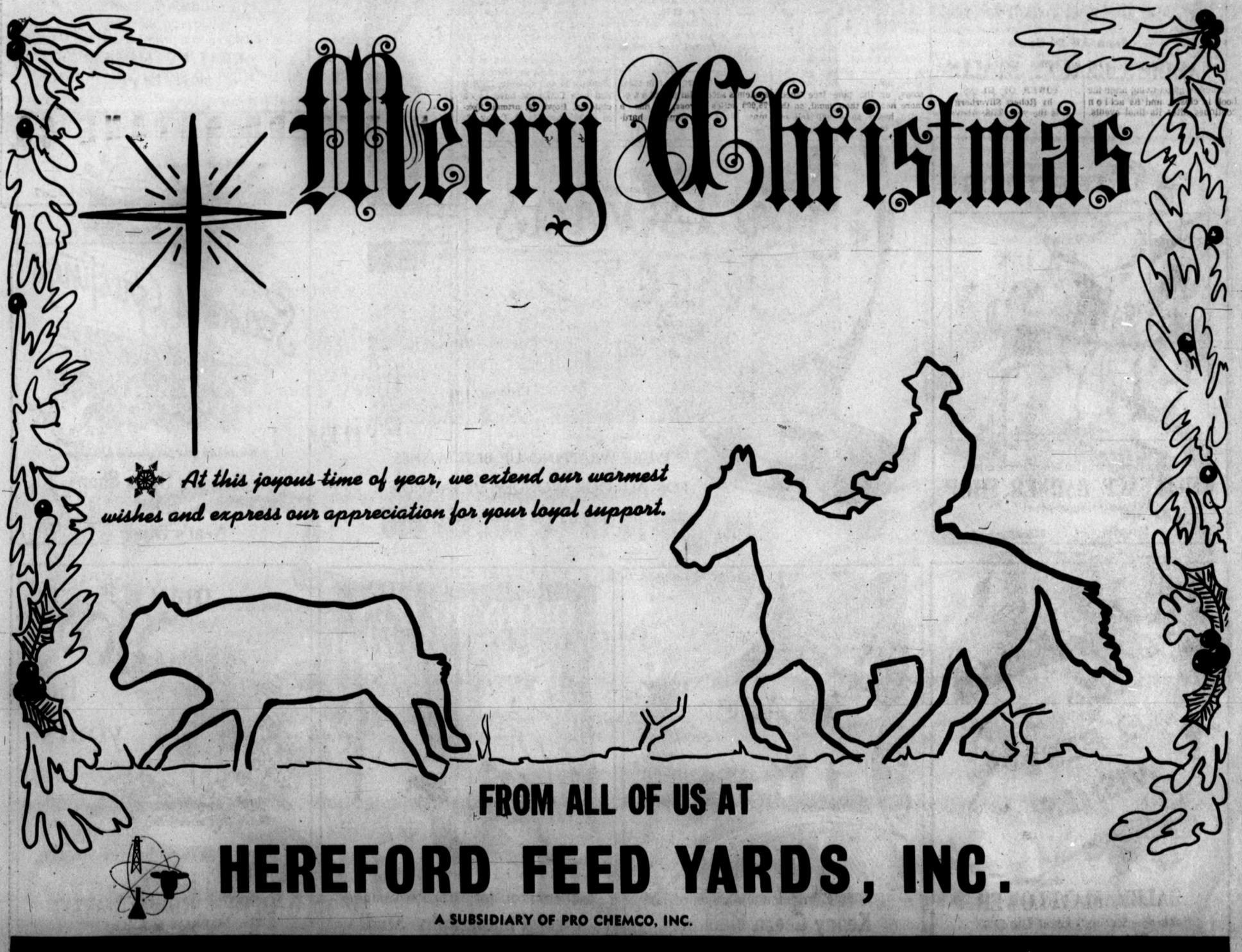
"Yeah, let's get away from here."

Some bird calls are too high or too low for human ears.



VOE STUDENT OF THE WEEK — Miss Kathleen Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Birkenfield of 421 Avenue K, has been selected Vocational Office Education student this week. Miss Warren, secretary for Tubb, Lowder and Easterwood Attorneys plans to continue her training as bookkeeper and typist at her present station. She is a senior at Hereford High School. Miss Warren is shown above with her employer, Don Lowder.

—Staff Photo



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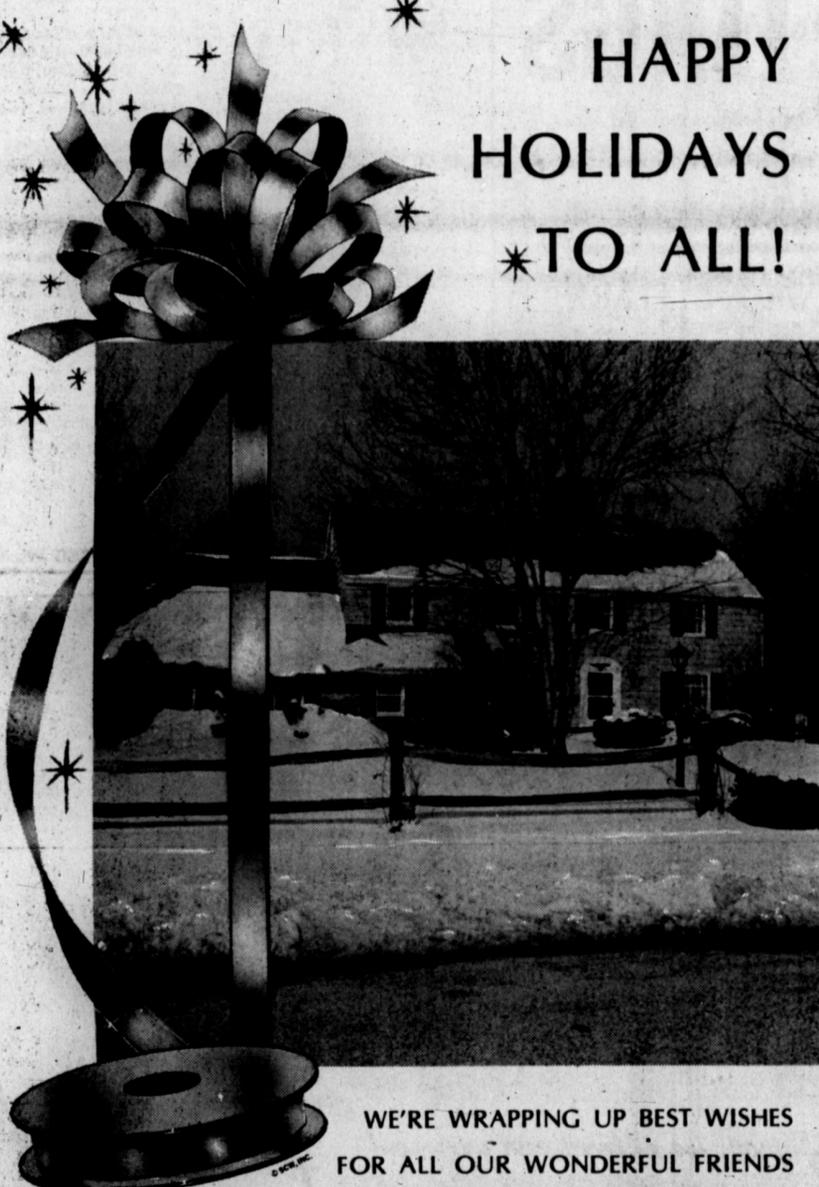
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Sam Smith Finds A Christmas Friend

Darkness closed in on the park, shutting out everything but the circles of light around the street lamps in the distance. The snow was falling heavily now, soft and wet. Sam Smith sat on the bench, alone, looking at, but not really seeing the snow that whirled about the lights on distant avenue.

It was Christmas Eve, a lonely time in the park. Everyone had something to be doing, somewhere to go. Everyone but Sam. This was the thing he had dreaded for months. The first Christmas. He had told himself that it wouldn't be this way. He had made plans, had thought about how he would prevent it from happening. But, none of them had worked out. Everyone else had plans of their own. He knew it would be that way. When you have someone to look after, or when someone looks after you, there is something to do. When you're all alone, it's different.

Almost eighty years old — who wants to go to a movie — alone? Who enjoys dressing up and going to make fancy restaurant, to make conversation with a waiter, perhaps?

No, there's nothing. Christmas is no good at all. Not without people. And Sam Smith had no one.

A Wish
Sam came to his feet with effort and slowly began to walk. It was always Christmas where Mary was, like it had always been Christmas when she was alive.

("I wish I were with you," he said). And, he said it over and over again.

He was walking now along the avenue. People stepped aside to let him pass because his path was straight and his eyes turned neither to right or left.

He walked on, unseeing, unaware. Then, suddenly, roughly, his arm was captured in a strong grasp and he was halted.

"Hey, dad, you all right? You been drinking or something?" Sam shook his head. A blue uniform. The flash of a badge

in the reflected lamplight. "Me-me? No, no, officer. I... I'm alright. Nothing wrong with me. Just taking a short walk."

The image came into focus now. A big, smiling man. Funny, thought Sam, if he had heard he could pass for Santa Claus.

The policeman laughed. Even laughs like Santa, Sam concluded.

"Now look, dad. Maybe you ain't been nipping. But, if I had not grabbed your arm you would have stepped right in front of that delivery truck. Wouldn't I have stepped right in front of liver to your family? Bringing you home in a box?"

No One
Sam straightened his shoulders. "I have no family. There is no one. I'm alone in the world."

Sam saw a glint in the man's eye. "Alone, are ye? No fam-

ily? I have no family. Lost a wife and child to the sickness. But, I'm not alone. No one is ever alone."

"I am. I have no one."

"You have the whole world. Look at the people you see around you. Think of the people you see and know. They care about you. Some more than others. Some sincerely, some with indifference. But, it's hard to be all alone in the world. Even if you try." The policeman waved his arms. "All these people you see around you. They're my friends. I don't know them all by name, but they are my friends until I know differently."

Sam smiled. "You're saying that I don't have to be alone?"

The policeman waved his arm again. "Somewhere, where you live, where you walk, in the church you attend, someone is just as lonely as you, just as ea-

ger to make a friend. Go make yourself a friend, friend."

"Yes, a friend." Sam turned and walked away, toward the bright lights and the sounds of Christmas music on every corner. He wondered if the folks at the rest home had missed him yet. Maybe he would go back after he found his friend.

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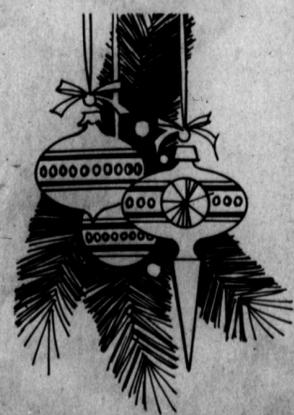
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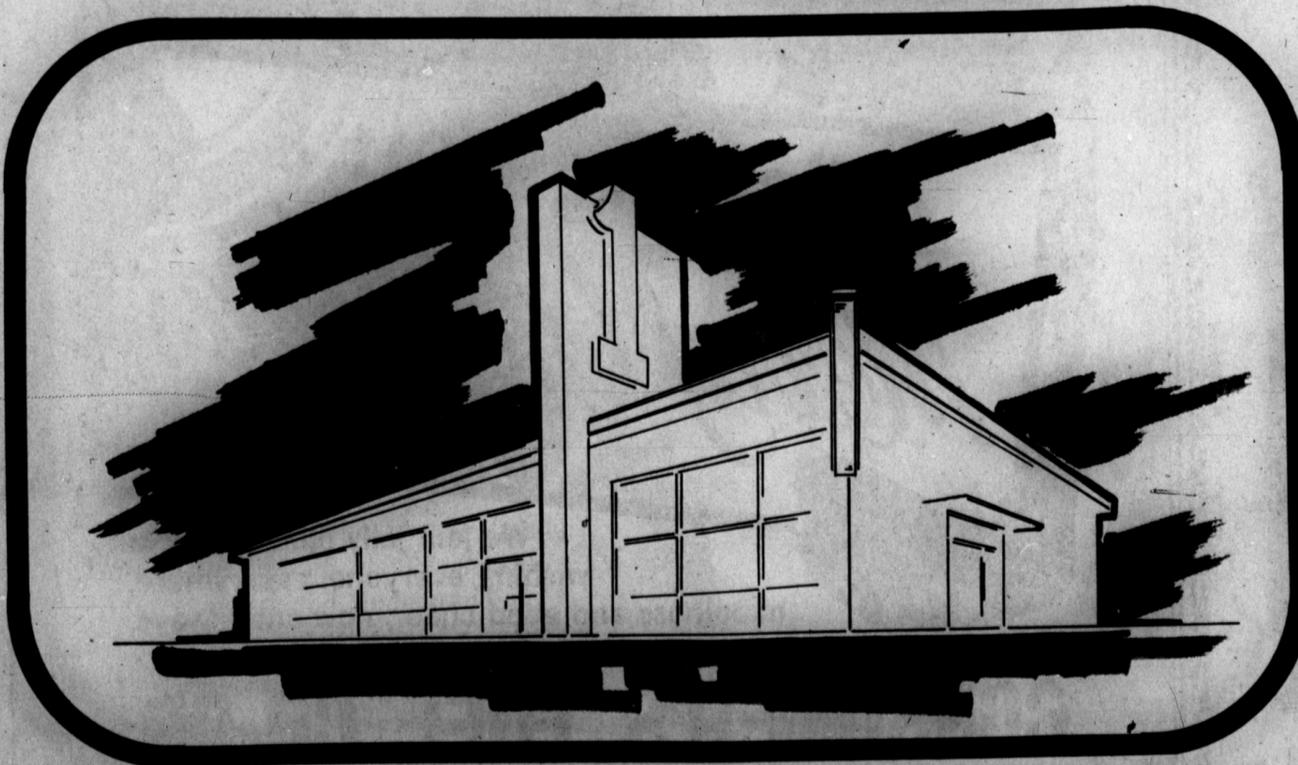


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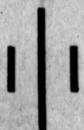
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The Miracle At Derrick, Texas

by LUISE PUTCAMP, Jr.
 THE LAST PLACE in the world you'd choose for a miracle was Derrick, a little town surrounded by Texas dust and wind. All you could see for miles around were mesquite and oil wells and the town's one skyscraper, the Derrick Building. Both the town and the building were more or less named for Gus Derek, the man who owned all those oil wells.

Off to one side of Derrick sagged the Orphanage, an old house that a strong blue norther could blow over. It looked like a poor relation tagging at the heel of a rich oil man. The old eyesore, the people of Derrick called the Orphanage, if they thought about it at all. But the people of Derrick, Texas mostly thought about themselves.

It was a wonder Christmas even came to Derrick. That's what Fred Ketchum muttered as he stood in the middle of the town square, wearing a red Santa Claus suit and ringing a bell. He'd been standing there all morning and he hadn't collected one dime.

"Oh, oh, customer — maybe," said Fred, ringing the bell a little louder. But it was only Mrs. Bittrell, mincing along and sniffing loudly.

"Morning, Mrs. Bittrell," said Fred. "Doin' your Christmas shopping early?"

She stopped, and her frumpy hat quivered. "Haven't given a Christmas present in thirty years, Fred Ketchum," said Mrs. Bittrell. "And what's more, I'm not about to. Why aren't you up at the Drug Store? What you doin' in that regalia?"

"It's gettin' along Christmas time," said Fred, holding out the cap. "We've got to remember the poor folks."

But Mrs. Bittrell ignored the cap. "I declare," she said suddenly. "There's Gus Derek himself. Mornin', Mr. Derek!"

Gus Derek stopped and reluctantly touched his big hat. "How do, ma'am, he said. He had on hand-tooled boots that folks said cost a fortune. And you never saw him without his solid gold derrick cuff links.

"You fixin' to give that big prize for the carol festival again?" said Mrs. Bittrell.

"Yes, ma'am."

"How much money you throwin' away this year?"

"Prize is ten thousand dollars," he said.

Mrs. Bittrell made a clucking noise. "Oil well business must be goin' along," she said. She

turned and started off, but her voice carried back on the cold wind. "Folks say Gus Derek gives that money every December so's he can take it off his income tax in March!"

Fred and Gus watched her go cackling down the street.

"Old she-buzard!" said Gus Derek. "Hello, Fred. Where's the masquerade party?"

"No masquerade party," Mr. Derek," said Fred. "Civic Club is collectin' money for the poor folks this Christmas and it's my turn." He held out the cap, but Gus Derek hastily looked the other way.

"Well if it ain't old Banker Skrink," he said in a loud voice. "Howdy, Skrink."

Skrink was bustling past, hunched up in his gray overcoat, but he stopped short. "Hello, G. D.," he said, pleased as punch. "Sure come up a norther, eh G. D.?" Then Skrink looked at Fred Ketchum and his voice changed.

"Hello Fred," he said. "What you got up as?"

Fred opened his mouth to tell him, but Skrink had turned his back and was talking to Gus Derek again.

"Say, G. D.," he said, looking around like a spy in a movie. "You heard what we're plannin' to do about that dratted Orphanage?"

"Cain't say as I have," said Derek. "What?"

"We're plannin' to get rid of the old eyesore, once and for all," said Skrink, his voice squeaking with glee. "And the orphans too!"

"Sounds like a pretty big job," said Derek.

"Not the way we've got it planned," said Skrink. "Now here's what we're going to do."

"THE IDEA started with Ed Grimes," said Skrink. "He's the building inspector, you know."

"Sure, sure," said Gus Derek impatiently.

"Well, Ed's going to write those Orphanage women a letter and tell 'em their building is condemned. Yes sir — condemned! Goin' to say they've got to get out, come the first of the year, so we can tear it down!"

"Supposin' they build a new building to take the place of the old eyesore," said Gus, rubbing his chin.

"Not a chance," said Skrink. "They don't have a dime."

Derek looked absently at his gold derrick cuff links. "Then those two old biddies have been runnin' that outfit an awful long time with no money," he said.

"Well," said Skrink, "you

know what folks say. They say the Orphanage was started by some old scoundrel that got rich on oil and then got religion. He still sends 'em a check every month."

Derek snorted. "Must be a mighty small check!"

"That's what I mean," said Skrink. "We're gamblin' that there ain't really enough money behind 'em to help. Let the state take care of those kids anyway. Probably be better off —"

Fred Ketchum edged in, ringing his bell again and holding out his red Santa Claus cap. "Say look, boys — Skrink! Mr. Derek! What say we pitch in for the poor folks this Christmas?"

But Skrink and Derek turned their backs and walked on down Main Street.

"Now G. D.," Skrink was saying earnestly, "that land under the Orphanage has never even been tapped for oil, and they'll have to sell out cheap. . ."

Fred Ketchum threw up his hands as he looked after them. All morning he'd been standing in the cold, windy square, trying to collect money without any luck. And now this!

"I tell you," he said to himself, "it would take a miracle to bring Christmas to this town. Why if they just knew, over at that Orphanage. . ."

But over at the Orphanage, they were thinking only about Christmas. Nobody there noticed the drips from the holes in the roof, or the drafts through the warped boards in the walls. The big bare living room gleamed with stars cut from tin cans, and paper chains pasted from colored paper.

The orphans, in their patched pinafores and faded overalls, were making Christmas presents for each other. They had already drawn names, as they always did.

Freckle-nosed Joe was whittling out a little wooden doll. Doty held a red handkerchief close to her near-sighted eyes as she sewed big white stitches into a hem. Ann wound an absent minded finger through her chrysanthemum-petal hair and looked up from the picture she was drawing.

"What are we going to sing at the carol festival this year?" she asked nobody in particular.

"You know we always sing, 'O Come, All Ye Faithful,'" said Joe.

"Do you know what the prize is?" said Doty excitedly. "It's ten thousand dollars! Mister Derek is giving ten thousand dol-

ars this year."

"That's a lot of money," said a big boy with a serious face, who had just walked up.

"Oh Tom," began Ann. Why?"

But just then little Peggy's nose popped up from the big, battered song book on the table. She swung her stubby pigtail around.

"Somebody, what's a miracle?" she said.

The others came to peer over Peggy's shoulder. She followed the words with her finger, because she was just learning to read.

"The wise-men travel deserts wild To see the mir-a-clee of the Child." "Silly, that word is miracle," said Ann.

"But what is one?" asked Peggy.

They all looked at each other and then they looked at Tom, because he was the oldest, and he was always reading books. Tom thought hard for a minute, tugging at one of his overalls straps.

WHEN TOM finally answered, the words came out slowly and carefully.

"A miracle is something very wonderful," he said. "It happens only once in a long, long time. Nobody can explain how."

"But what makes the miracle happen?" pressed little Peggy.

"God does," said Tom solemnly.

It was very still while their thoughts reached out around the idea of God and miracles. Then Peggy spoke again, in a very little voice.

"Has a miracle ever happened right here in Derrick, Texas?" Tom laughed, then, and look-

ed out the window. They looked, too, at the dust and the mesquite bushes and the oil wells that Mister Gus Derek owned. Everything was the color of dust, even the sky and the far-away hills.

"I guess Derrick, Texas is the last place in the world for a miracle to happen," he said.

"But why couldn't one happen here?" persisted Peggy.

"It sounds nice."

Tom just rumbled her hair.

"It would be a miracle if we

won the prize at the carol festival this year," he said.

Near-sighted Doty spoke up. "I heard Mrs. Motherwell say the Orphanage has never won the prize, not in all the fifteen years Mister Derek has been giving it."

"And this year it's ten thousand dollars," reminded Joe.

"Mister Derek must own an awful lot of oil wells," said Ann.

"And he must like Christmas carols an awful lot," said Peg-

ey.

"I just wish the judges would like our Christmas carol," said Joe. "Just one time."

"Mrs. Motherwell says the money isn't the important thing," said Doty primly.

"Why not?" said Joe.

"I don't know. It's just something she says."

"But the carol festival is fun," said Peggy, her eyes shiny.

"It just wouldn't be Christmas without practicing our carol. It goes with the paper chains and the tin can stars, and making presents for each other, and —"

"Why do we always sing 'O Come, All Ye Faithful?'" asked Ann.

"It's a tradition," said Tom.

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wisely. "What's a tradition?" asked Peggy. "Is it anything like a miracle?"

"It's a thing you do," he said, "like having a Christmas tree, or —"

But Peggy wasn't really listening. Another question was bothering her more.

"Why does Mrs. Motherwell look so worried lately?" asked Peggy. "And Miss Princh, too?"

The orphans looked at each other, and everyone could tell that everyone else had been noticing it, too.

"Do you suppose they're worried about Christopher, the new boy?" Doty lowered her voice and squinted at the corner as she said it.

But Christopher wasn't there. He was a thin little boy with big sad eyes that never looked at you. He never smiled, either, but mostly sat on a little stool in the corner.

"He's been here ten whole days and he hasn't said anything to anybody!" said Peggy.

"And he never plays with anybody," observed Joe. "Even when they ask him to."

"Where did he come from, anyway?" said Ann impatiently. "What's he doing here?"

"Where did any of us come from?" asked Tom gently. "Why are we here?"

They thought about it for a minute.

"Well I heard Mrs. Motherwell says to Miss Princh," said Doty, "that Christopher came from the oil fields."

"Out where all the derricks are?" said Peggy.

"I didn't know they had children out there," said Ann. "Just funny machines and men with tin hats and big boots."

"I heard her say it," insisted Doty. "The night Christopher came here."

"I DECLARE, Julia," said thin Miss Princh. "With all we have got to worry about, I do believe you're still fretting about that boy."

Mrs. Motherwell turned her round, worried face back from the window. "I can't help it, Addie," she said. She shook her head. "Poor little tyke — no mother, and now no father. . ."

Miss Princh made a wry mouth. "Nothing wrong with any of our children," she said, "that a mother and a father wouldn't cure. What I want to know is:

what are we going to do about

But Mrs. Motherwell wasn't paying any attention. "I can't forget the night they brought him here," she said softly.

Neither could Miss Princh. The banging had sounded on the door late of a cold, dark night. Mrs. Motherwell and Miss Princh had huddled, sleepy and startled, before the two big men in their doorway. Between the men was a tiny boy.

"And you say he has no mother?" repeated Mrs. Motherwell, still rubbing her eyes.

"No ma'am," said one of the men with heavy patience. "She died when the little feller was born."

And Miss Princh said: "But his father?"

"That's what we're here to tell you, ma'am. He got killed in the oil field last week."

"Had an accident on the drilling rig," said the other man, "and Big Chris got killed."

Mrs. Motherwell turned to Miss Princh. "And this close to Christmas, too!"

"I guess you'll want us to fill out papers, and all like that?" said the first oil field man.

"This isn't that kind of an or-

phanage, mister," said Mrs. Motherwell. "Let's have a better look at the boy."

He might have been seven. He had on overalls and a man-sized sweater, clumsily rolled up to fit him. All you could see was the top of his dark head, because he wasn't looking any higher than the scuffed-out toes of his shoes. As he stood there, he shivered.

The second man clapped the boy on the shoulder. "His name's Christopher," he said gruffly.

"The good Lord only knows how we'll feed another mouth!" murmured Miss Princh. But Motherwell was already kneeling in the cold doorway with her arms out.

"Come on in, Christopher boy," she was saying.

So in he came. Miss Princh took a blanket from her own bed, and Mrs. Motherwell gave up her helping of stew the next day, and life in the Orphanage went on much the same.

But at night Christopher huddled under his blanket as if nothing would ever keep him warm again. And all day he hung back while the other children played their noisy, makes hiff

games.

"If he'd just once smile —" Mrs. Motherwell was saying now.

Miss Princh gave her a little shake. "Julia," she said starkly, "how can you fuss about just one boy, when we're all in such a pickle?"

Mrs. Motherwell nodded sadly. "You mean the letter that says our check won't be coming in any more," she said.

"From the old scoundrel," added Miss Princh.

"Addie!"

"Well, he was an old scoundrel, rest his soul," said Miss Princh. "It's just a shame his big beard and his big bank account both gave out at the same time. After all these years!"

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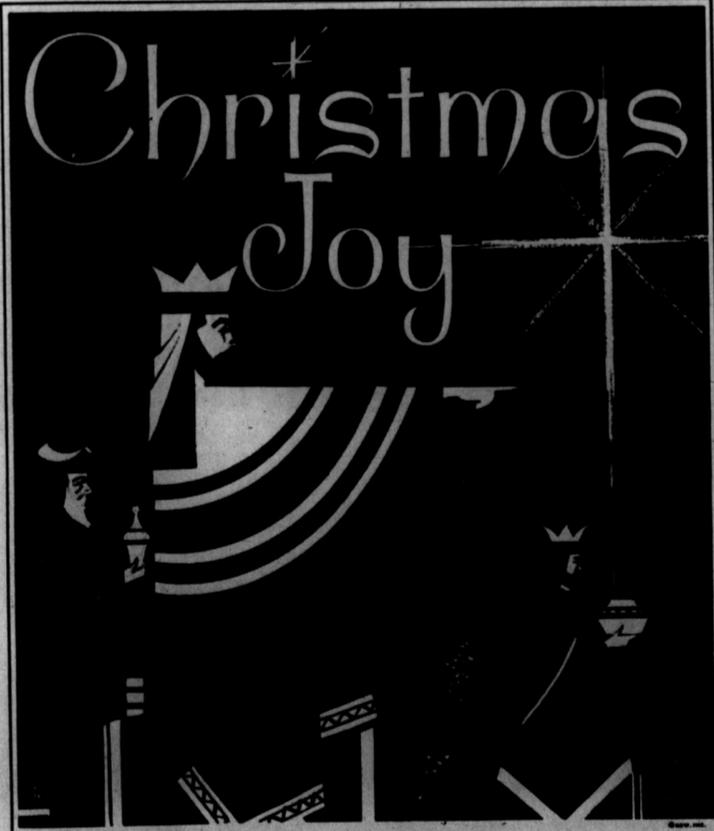


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him?"

"We might find ourselves another old scoundrel," said Miss Princh, pursing her thin lips thoughtfully. "Plenty of 'em around Derrick, Texas."

"Oh Addie," said Mrs. Motherwell, "you know how they feel about us here."

"Never give us any help," nodded Miss Princh. "Act like they're always afraid we're going to ask for it."

They listened to the hopes and wind outside, and thought. Then Mrs. Motherwell jumped up like a little girl.

"Addie!" she said. "We could go a long time on ten thousand dollars, couldn't we?"

MISS PRINCH SNIFFED.

"You're not thinking about that ten thousand dollars Gus Derek is giving at the carol festival this year?"

"Yes — yes!" said Mrs. Motherwell in rising excitement.

"Addie, you know our children have been singing in the carol festival every Christmas for fifteen years," said Miss Princh, "and we've never won the prize yet!"

"But Julia, you ought to hear the children this year. You just ought to hear them!"

"You don't mean they're good," said Miss Princh.

"Good? They sing like little angels. In this whole town, there just couldn't be better!"

"Well, I've never seen an angel in patched overalls or a dress that's been let down for the third time. But if you say —"

"I do say. I declare, Julia, you've been so worried about that old letter, you haven't even heard them practice yet. And it's almost time now."

The two women hurried down the drafty hall to the big room where the children were getting ready for Christmas. "Ten thousand dollars..." Miss Princh what saying to herself.

"Well, dears," said Mrs. Motherwell, bustling through the door. "Let's show Miss Princh what good singers we are!"

The orphans put aside the r

paper chains and tin stars, and the presents they were making for each other. They lined up neatly in the middle of the room. The tallest — Tom and Joc and Ann — stood in the back and the smallest — Dotty and little Peggy — in front.

Mrs. Motherwell sounded a thin note on the pitchpipe and raised her hand.

"O come, all ye faithful," the orphans sang, their faces lifted up like the faces of little birds waiting to be fed. "Joyful and triumphant —"

In a minute Miss Princh was turning her head to nod at Mrs. Motherwell. Her eyes were bright. "What if they did make 'O come, let us adore Him' sound-kind of like a football yell? They were far the best choir the Orphanage ever had!"

But Mrs. Motherwell didn't see Miss Princh's nod because she was looking at Christopher.

From his corner, he had come close, to watch the children hungrily. His thin hands were clutched tight to his chest, and wonder of wonders, Christopher was almost smiling.

"Wait — children," said Mrs. Motherwell.

They broke off in the middle of the second verse and turned to look at Christopher too.

"Christopher — would you like to sing with the other children?" asked Mrs. Motherwell.

For a minute Christopher looked as if he would run away. Then he nodded his head, hard.

"Well, then," said Mrs. Motherwell happily, "you stand right here beside Peggy. If you don't know the words, you can soon pick them up. Now!"

Once again the pitchpipe sounded, and Mrs. Motherwell's hand began waving. "O come, all ye faithful," sang the orphans again. But what a difference there was — what a ter-

rible difference!

It was Christopher. His voice sounded like the croaking of a little frog, and he couldn't carry the tune, not to save his life.

WHEN THE DOOR closed behind Christopher, the loud silence stayed. Then Miss Princh said "Mercy on us!"

Peggy spoke up excitedly. "Christopher just sings awful, Mrs. Motherwell! Doesn't he just sing awful, Miss Princh?"

He sings just awful —

"Awfully, Peggy," corrected Miss Princh automatically.

Mrs. Motherwell was still staring at the door, shaking her head. "Poor little thing!" she said.

"Well," began Miss Princh, "you were certainly right about the children, Julia. But it looks as if —"

"We don't have to let him see MIRACLE, Page 5



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(Continued from Page 4) sing with us any more, do we?" said Peggy.

Now Mrs. Motherwell looked at the orphans. Her face had a soft look, as if firelight were shining on it. "Peggy — children," she said, "that's the first time I've seen Christopher smile. Have you ever seen him smile before?"

The orphans all had to nod their heads no. "No, Mrs. Motherwell," they said.

"But we want him to smile again, and keep on smiling, don't we, dears?" said Mrs. Motherwell earnestly.

"Yes, Mrs. Motherwell," said the orphans.

Mrs. Motherwell leaned toward them, and lowered her voice. "Then we'll pretend that Christopher can sing just as well as anybody," she said. "We will let him practice with us every day, and we'll never let on for a minute."

The orphans looked at each other, sidelong. "Yes, Mrs. Motherwell," they said, rather faintly.

"Well," said Miss Princh tartly, "I wish all our problems could be solved as easy!" She gave Mrs. Motherwell a meaningful look.

"But Addie," said Mrs. Motherwell, "it's just while we practice . . ."

"Hmmp!" was all Miss Princh would say.

After Mrs. Motherwell and Miss Princh had gone, the orphans talked about it.

"Poor little boy," said Doty, "if it makes him happy to sing with us, I don't mind, I guess."

Joe shrugged and said it certainly didn't matter to him. And Tom said he felt that way, too.

Ann said: "But I'm glad I have a pretty voice!"

Peggy wanted to say: "But Christopher always spoils the song!" But with the others talking the way they were, she didn't like to say it loud. It would sound mean. Still, down in a dark, cobwebby corner of her heart, Peggy wishes Christopher didn't have to sing with them. Even at practice.

The days before Christmas went by in a hustle and bustle. The orphans took turns marking them off on the big oil company calendar in the hall. The pile of bright tin stars and gay paper chains rose higher and higher in the box, ready for trimming the tree. One by one the children finished their presents for each other, and tucked them away.

And they practiced for the carol festival. Mrs. Motherwell and Miss Princh, listening, though they sang better every time. Surely, here was the choir that could win the ten-thousand-dollar prize Gus Derek was giving. Except, of course, for Christopher.

But after all, they kept telling themselves, Christopher wouldn't be singing the really big time, the night of the carol festival.

So in spite of their worries, the two women couldn't help feeling like Christmas. Mrs. Motherwell's big worry had always been Christopher, anyway. And with Christopher halfway happy, so was she. And sometimes Miss Princh didn't think about the money pendant for hours at a time. Sometimes she even had a feeling everything

was going to turn out all right. But nobody at the Orphanage knew what old Banker Skrind was plotting uptown in Derrick, Texas.

WHEN BANKER SKRIND ran into Gus Derek at Ketchum's Drug Store, he had the letter in his pocket it was all ready to send, but he was still going around town showing it off.

"Mornin', G.D.," said Skrind to the oil man. "Have a seat, G.D." Then he called over his shoulder: "Two coffees, Fred."

As Fred Ketchum drew the coffee from the steaming silver urn, he listed to Skrind, and shook his head sadly.

"Got the letter all done," said Skrind, fishing it out with a flourish.

"What letter?" said Derek,

hooking the heels of his hand-tooled boots over a rung of the stool.

"You know, G.D. — that letter that's going to get rid of the Orphanage. The one I was telling you about — says that old eyesore of a building is condemned."

"That so?"

"Here's the good part," chorled Skrind, reading as if he

didn't know it by heart: "It says the building is condemned because it's 'unsafe, unsightly and unsanitary!'" He rolled the words around on his tongue once more. "Ain't that a good one?"

Fred set the cups down hard on the counter and stood there looking at the two men. "When you going to start tearing down the Orphanage?" he asked. "Christmas Eve?"

"Now Fred," said Skrind impatiently, "you know we can't get around to it that soon. Besides —" Then he saw Ketchum's wry smile. "We're giving 'em till the first of the year to get out," he said coldly.

"Where do you suppose they'll go?" said Fred.

"Go? How do I know? Who cares?"

"Seems like they've been here

for a spell," said Gus Derek. "Since the old boom days, at least." Derek dated everything from the boom days, because that's when he'd started making his money. And his reputation as a good man, of sorts. Anyway, this year Derek had raised the prize for the carol festival to ten thousand dollars — biggest prize yet.

"That Orphanage never did anybody any harm," said Fred Ketchum, energetically mopping at the clean counter with his cloth. "They've never asked anybody for anything."

"Wonder is," snorted Skrind,

"that they've kept going this long. Wonder if it's true they get a check every month from some rich old timer with a guilty conscience?"

"No telling," said Derek, finishing his coffee and getting up to go.

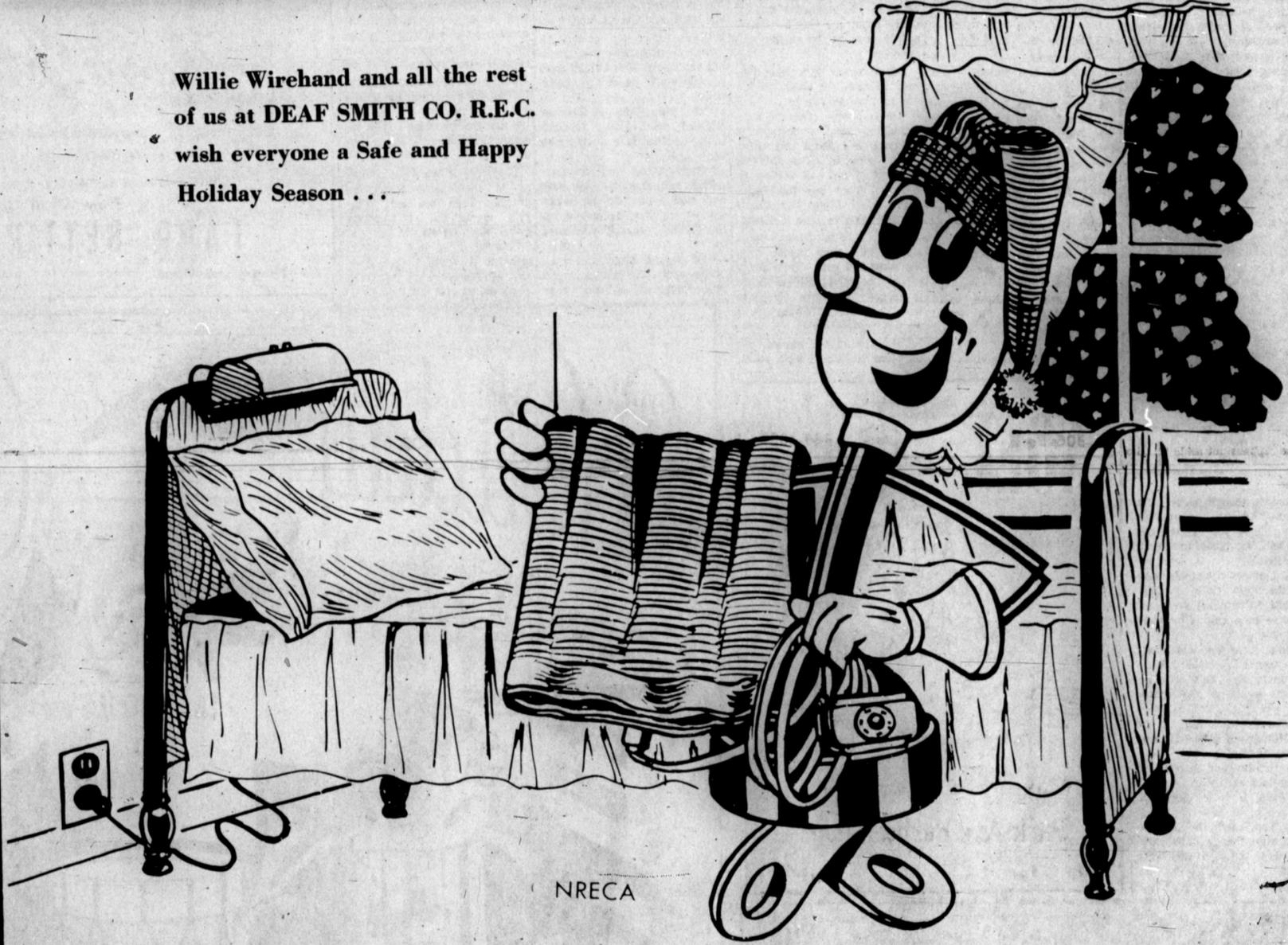
Skrind hastily got up too. "See you around, G.D.," he said. He plunked two dimes on the counter for Fred Ketchum.

Fred leaned over the counter. "It's not right, Skrind," he said. "Just before Christmas, and all."

"Man, don't be a fool," said See MIRACLE Page 6

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The Miracle At Derrick, Texas

(Continued from Page 5) Skrink. "Folks will rise up and shout hallelujah when we tear down that old eyesore. Might build a city swimming pool there. Or an oil well!"

He went off chuckling across the street, and Fred could see him into the Post Office and walk importantly up to the window, flourishing the letter.

"They'll get it tomorrow, over at the Orphanage," thought Fred Ketchum.

And all the tinsel and holly berries stuck up around the drug store looked tired, now, and kind of faded out.

MISS PRINCH WALKED slowly across the creaking Orphanage floor.

"Why ever in the world," she said, "would the City of Derrick, Texas be sending us a letter?"

Mrs. Motherwell straightened up from her dusting. "We've already had one bad letter this month," she said. "Maybe this one is good!"

There was the crisp sound of tearing paper, and in the gray light from the window, Miss Princh began reading aloud:

"— to inform you that the Orphanage building has been condemned as unsafe, unsightly and unsanitary — Her voice stopped and Mrs. Motherwell, hovering behind her, went on:

"— and must be vacated by the first of the year so that demolition proceedings — oh, Addie!"

"Oh Julia!"

They looked at each other for a long minute, and through the thin walls they could hear the orphans, laughing about some Christmas secret.

"On the day before Christmas!" said Mrs. Motherwell. "How could they do it?"

Miss Princh made a wry face. "If they knew about that other letter, they'd be jumping with joy," she said.

No need to look at the other letter again — the one that said their benefactor was dead, and there wouldn't be any more check from him. They knew that one by heart.

"Now there's more reason than ever why we have to win the ten thousand dollars at the carol festival," said Mrs. Motherwell.

A sudden thought struck Miss Princh. "Addie," she said urgently, "have you told Christopher he's not going to sing in the festival?"

Mrs. Motherwell got very busy with the dust cloth. "Julia," she said, "I've never seen such a change in a boy! Why you'd never know —"

"Addie, have you told him?"

"Of course," said Mrs. Motherwell, "he's still not quite as lively as the others, but —"

Miss Princh leaned toward Mrs. Motherwell so she couldn't escape. "Addie!"

Mrs. Motherwell stopped dusting and her head dropped. "No, Julia, I haven't told him yet."

"But land sakes, Addie," exploded Miss Princh, "the carol sing is tonight! This very night!"

"I know," Mrs. Motherwell al-

most whispered. "But—" "No buts!" said Miss Princh, her thin mouth even thinner than usual. "I'm going to get Christopher right now. And you've got to tell him."

She hurried out. Mrs. Motherwell sat down slowly in the chair she'd been dusting. She put a hand over her eyes. There was a soft knock at the door and Christopher came in scuffling his shoes like a little old man. He stopped in front of her chair.

"Christopher," said Mrs. Motherwell, "I want to talk to you. About the carol festival tonight."

He looked up, then. For a minute his face was almost like any other little boy's face. And as Mrs. Motherwell looked at him, thoughts came.

She thought of the night the men from the oil fields had brought Christopher shivering to the door. She thought how he always sat in a corner, staring at his toes, until carol practice time. She thought then of the croak of his voice — and the wonderful light on his face — when he sang.

Then Mrs. Motherwell couldn't find the right words to say. So she said instead:

"Christopher, we'll all have to sing our best tonight. Our very best."

Christopher nodded very hard and scuffed out the door. He was hardly out before Miss Princh came hurrying back in, her face anxious.

"I couldn't," said Mrs. Motherwell. "Julia, I just couldn't do it."

Miss Princh stepped back. "Addie," she said solemnly, "we've been working together here for more than twenty years. But I —"

"Don't you see, Julia," said Mrs. Motherwell, "it would break his little heart to tell him."

"You're favoring one boy

against all the other children," said Miss Princh relentlessly. "But Julia—" "With him singing, they don't have a chance at that ten-thousand dollar prize. And they don't even know what we're up against."

"Then I'll tell them," said Mrs. Motherwell, almost in tears. "And I'll ask them what they would do."

AS THE CHILDREN lined up for their last practice before the carol festival, Mrs. Motherwell had a big hope. It was the hope that this time Christopher's harsh little voice would come out soft, and stay on the tune. It wasn't that she expected him to sound good. But if only he wouldn't sound so much worse than the others!

Mrs. Motherwell blew the pitchpipe and raised her hand and the singing began. The orphans' voices rang against the cracked windowpanes. They all knew that they had never sounded better. Except for Christopher, Mrs. Motherwell winced at his shrill soprano on the final "Christ, our Lord!" Then she and the others watched in silence as Christopher went out of the room, the way he always did as soon as the singing was over.

For a minute Mrs. Motherwell twisted her hands in her apron. Then she spoke.

"Dears," she said, "I have something very important to tell you. It's about this house we're living in. The City of Derrick, Texas has written us a letter. They say this house isn't safe. After Christmas they're going to tear it down."

For a minute there was a silence that rang louder than the song had rung. Then Dotty raised her hand as if she were in school. "But Mrs. Motherwell," she said. "Where will we go?"

Mrs. Motherwell smiled but somehow it didn't look much

like a smile. "The state has places for people who don't have any other homes," she said. "Nice buildings and —" But she couldn't go on.

Tom, the oldest boy, spoke up in a voice that wasn't as loud as he thought it would be. "We could fix up this house," he said. "Joe and I could take hammers, and —"

Mrs. Motherwell put out a hand. "But dears," she said, "it takes money for lumber and nails and boards. And we don't have any money."

Joe began bouncing up and down, like someone who has a wonderful idea. "Mrs. Motherwell," he said. "Mrs. Motherwell — you know Mister Derek is giving ten thousand dollars at the carol festival this year?"

They all looked at Mrs. Motherwell, nodding their heads.

"Children," she said "you know that Miss Princh and I think you're the best carol singers the Orphanage has ever had."

A few smiles came back.

"We think you're good enough to win the ten thousand dollars Mister Derek is giving away," she went on. "Except for Christopher."

And then nobody was smiling any more. Miss Princh gave a little sniff, as if she has a cold.

"The only time Christopher smiles," said Dotty thoughtfully, "is when he's singing with us."

"That's right," said Joe. "He still doesn't play with us," said Tom. "But he comes up and watches, instead of sitting in the corner like he used to."

"Yes," said Ann. "He spoils the song," said little Peggy in a little voice.

"He always spoils the song," but nobody seemed to hear. "Children," said Mrs. Motherwell, "would you want to tell Christopher he can't sing with us tonight, after all?"

THE ORPHANS stood where they were, not looking at each other. They hardly saw Mrs. Motherwell and Miss Princh go out the door. They hardly heard the door creak shut.

Ann went over to the big table where the paper chains lay ready to put on the tree. She held one up carefully, as if she weren't sure whether it was long enough.

"Do we have enough stars?" asked Dotty busily. "Peggy, how many did you make? Joe?" She shook the box with the tin can stars and it made a hollow metal sound.

Joe wrinkled up his forehead like someone working on a hard long division problem. "Now let me see," he said loudly. "Was it ten or was it eleven?"

Tom picked up the big battered song book, the one that had the words to "O Come, All Ye Faithful". It was the same song they sang every year at the carol festival, but now it looked as if Tom were afraid he'd forgotten the words.

Peggy stared around at them. "Nobody's saying anything about Christopher," she said. "I thought we had to decide about Christopher singing with us."

They all frowned at Peggy as if she'd said something naughty. Then Tom said: "Peggy's right." But still nobody looked anybody else in the eye.

"Maybe if we just forgot to mention it again," said Ann. "Mrs. Motherwell could just have to go ahead and tell Christoph-

er herself. Then we wouldn't be the ones. . . ." her voice trailed off.

Joe said: "After tonight, after the carol festival, we won't be singing any more anyway. Then what will Christopher do?"

Dotty said: "If he doesn't sing we might win the prize. We might win Mister Derek's ten thousand dollar prize."

They all nodded. Peggy had been watching each face earnestly as each child spoke, her eyes and her mouth getting rounder and rounder.

"Why, you're saying the very things I've been thinking to myself, all the time," she said. "But I was ashamed to say them out loud."

There it was. And all at once Dotty looked at the paper chains and the tin can stars and they didn't look bright any more. She wondered how they would look

on the tree tomorrow if Christopher were off someplace alone. Maybe crying.

Joe thought back to when he'd first come to the Orphanage. How long it was before he'd smiled — and how nice it was finally to feel at home.

Tom was still holding the song book, but suddenly the wonderful words to "O Come All Ye Faithful" looked just like any other words. In side his head Tom was hearing them sung without Christopher's

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The Miracle At Derrick, Texas

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Peggy sobbed again. "We all feel the same way about Christopher's singing. If we all changed our minds about it, that would be almost a miracle!"

They all looked out the window, at the dusty hills and distant oil derricks around Derrick, Texas — the town that was the last place in the world where a miracle could happen.

Ann had been half listening to the others and half wondering what her Christmas present would be. She usually thought only about herself. But all at once she said a funny thing.

"We all drew names for Christmas presents," she said, "but nobody drew Christopher's name, because he hadn't come yet."

"That means he won't get any secret Christmas present," said Peggy. Unless—

And then the orphans knew what they wanted to do. They looked at each other, and each one felt all warm and prickly, as if he weren't himself at all, but somebody much nicer.

The feeling lasted all the way to tell Mrs. Motherwell and Mish Princh what they'd decided.

FRED KETCHUM, arriving early in his good blue suit turned on the lights in the High School Auditorium and looked around. You could sure tell it was the big night. The ladies on the decorating committee had done themselves proud this year.

Big green branches crowded the corners and bright bits of holly hung over the doors. All the lights had red bows on them and there was a good smell in the air—the smell of Christmas.

Behind Fred the front doors opened. He straightened his tie and turned around to greet the first comers to the carol festival.

"Howdy, Fred!" they said. "You usherin' again this year?" and "Evenin', Fred. How's things down at the drug store?"

The women smiled and the men slapped him on the back.

For the first time since that day he'd played Santa Claus in the cold town square, Fred Ketchum began to feel Christmasy. Even in Derrick, Texas — the place where he'd said it was a wonder Christmas ever came.

But Fred still felt bad about that Orphanage deal. Mi g h t y bad.

Fred watched folks hurry down the aisles and settle into the hard seats and squirm out of their coats and look around to hello the ones they knew. It was a funny thing, he thought. Some came to the carol festival every year to hear the singing. But some came just because it was the thing to do, or to get in out of the cold, or because they didn't want to sit home one more night looking at each other.

You take old Mrs. Bittrell. Here she came now. "Evenin', Fred," she said. "Where's your Santa Claus suit?" She cackled all the way to her seat. She came, Fred thought, because she was afraid she'd miss something if she didn't.

Or Banker Skrind. "Fred," he nodded, passing by. Fred nodded too, and looked after Skrind as he marched down, several paces behind Mrs. Skrind. He came every year just because she made him come.

And oh man—there was Gus Derek, all done up in his solid gold derrick cuff links and his fancy boots and his big hat. Derek came because he was giving the big prize. When a man gives away ten thousand dollars, he wants people to see him do it. Derek took a solitary seat in the front row.

And then, Fred thought, some people came to hear their kids, or neighbors' kids.

There were four schools trying for the prize. There was the Driller's Dell Grammer School, where the rosy-cheeked children of the oil field workers learned their ABC's. There was the Gusher Heights Grammer School, on the side of town where the reek of oil was richer than anyplace else. There

was the High School. And then there was the Orphanage.

Of course nobody in Derrick, Texas ever came just to hear the orphans. Nobody even cared if the orphans sang at all. Maybe, thought Fred, that's why the Orphanage had never yet won Gus Derek's prize at the carol festival, not in fifteen years.

The lights in the auditorium went down and the hubbub of voices hushed abruptly. Fred Ketchum closed the doors and slid into a seat in the last row.

In this moment, just after the lights went down and just before the worn velvet curtains swung back on the stage, it always seemed as if something important were about to happen.

But what could be more important than the carol festival in Derrick, Texas with ten thousand dollars as the prize?

THE CURTAIN in the High School auditorium swept back slowly. There was a spatter of hand-clapping as Mrs. Credenza bounced onto the stage. Everybody knew Mrs. Credenza, of course — a jolly, overblown woman who always milked the most from her brief moment behind footlights.

"Ahemmmmm!" began Mrs. Credenza. "Dear fellow townspeople of Derrick, Texas. Ahemmmmm!" she beamed about her for a moment before she went on: "We, the choir of Driller's Dell Grammer School, are going to bring you our interpretation of —"

She paused impressively, and then she said: "Santa Claus is Coming to Town!"

She beckoned and the children trooped onto the stage. There were a few whispers in the audience that this was hard to what you'd call a Christmas carol. But the children did it with a lot of spirit. Everybody knew they wanted the ten-thousand-dollar prize money for a new gymnasium, and everybody clapped like mad at the end.

Next came Miss Sonata, stalking regally across the stage in her black dress and pearl choker.

er. She'd worn them every year since the carol festival started fifteen years ago. Everybody was a little awed by Miss Sonata. She was the last word on culture in Derrick, Texas.

"You are all familiar," said Miss Sonata sternly, "with the work of the Senior Music Society of the Gusher Heights Grammer School. Tonight we bring you our arrangement of 'God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.'" She adjusted the glasses on her nose. "Notice the pause after the word 'merry,'" she admonished everybody. "It is not, as is popularly supposed 'God Rest Ye, pause, Merry Gentlemen.'"

While Miss Sonata was on her last words, the Gusher Heights children had quietly filed in and lined up behind her as neat as apples on a grocery store counter. Now they sang, in perfect time, every word so clear that even deaf old Gandpa Wise, in the back row, could tell that the pause came after "God Rest Ye Merry." Folks, applauding, began to whisper that surely these were the best.

But they'd reckoned without the High School choir. This year the older children had a surprise in store. The lights went out, and they came marching down the aisles in white robes, carrying candles. They were singing an old French Christmas carol, and in the original French, mind you! Of course, nobody could understand a word. But it was the idea of the thing, bless their hearts. The High School choir beamed as applause burst around them. Here was the choir that would win Gus Derek's ten thousand dollars!

When the orphanage choir crept onstage, a lot of people were getting up to leave. After all, it was just those orphans. And word had got around town that, thank goodness, they probably wouldn't be here next year.

The orphan didn't wear snowy robes. But their patched overalls and their skimpy pinafores were painfully clean. They blinked at the footlights, and

at the faces staring up at them out of the vast gloom.

Tom's knees felt funny and so did Joe's. Ann reached up to smooth her hair, and Doty started to bite her nails, but remembered in time. Little Peggy looked over to see if Christopher standing beside her, were scared, too. As usual, Christopher was looking at his toes, his dark head down so you could see only the part in his hair. He didn't even know how awful he sounded when he sang! And no one would ever tell him.

Mrs. Motherwell said: "This is the orphanage choir. We are going to sing 'O Come, All Ye Faithful.'"

She looked over at Miss Princh standing in the wings. She thought how it would be when Christopher started singing, and closed her eyes tight for a minute.

Miss Princh sounded the pitchpipe. It made a tiny peep in the silence.

MRS. MOTHERWELL lifted her hand for the singing to begin.

"O come, all ye faithful!" sang the thin, sweet voices of the orphans, all starting at once, all close together like the silver pipes of an organ.

As they sang, they listened for the hoarse voice of Christopher. And as they listened, the miracle happened at Derrick, Texas.

One voice climbed above the others with a sound like bells, like birds never heard before, the sound that starlight would make if light had sound, the voice of love if love had a voice.

Out in front, the people who were standing took no step, and the people who were still sitting

and there was a manager, and a little wax Baby with a bright face.

Banker Skrind thought with a kind of surprise that he never wanted the carol festival to end. It was better than sleeping on the couch after Sunday dinner — even better than foreclosing mortgages. Why was it he'd never wanted to come before?

And Gus Derek, in his hand-tooled boots and his solid gold derrick cuff links, passed a hand over his eyes. He thought of the thing he'd tried for years to forget, the thing nobody else in Derrick, Texas knew.

"Why man," he told himself, "you used to be a little underfed orphan kid, just about like that one singing up there!"

For a minute after the song

ended, there was a breath-holding silence. Then people began stirring like people waking up from a dream, and they began clapping as if they had gone crazy.

Fred Ketchum stood up excitedly and said to anybody who would listen: "I've never heard anything like it! I've been usherin' at these carol things for fifteen years, and I tell you, I've never heard anything like it before!"

The judges were hustling up to tell Mrs. Motherwell that for the first time since the carol festival began, the Orphanage choir had won the prize.

Mrs. Bittrell wanted to get a better look at that boy who sang. His face reminded her of

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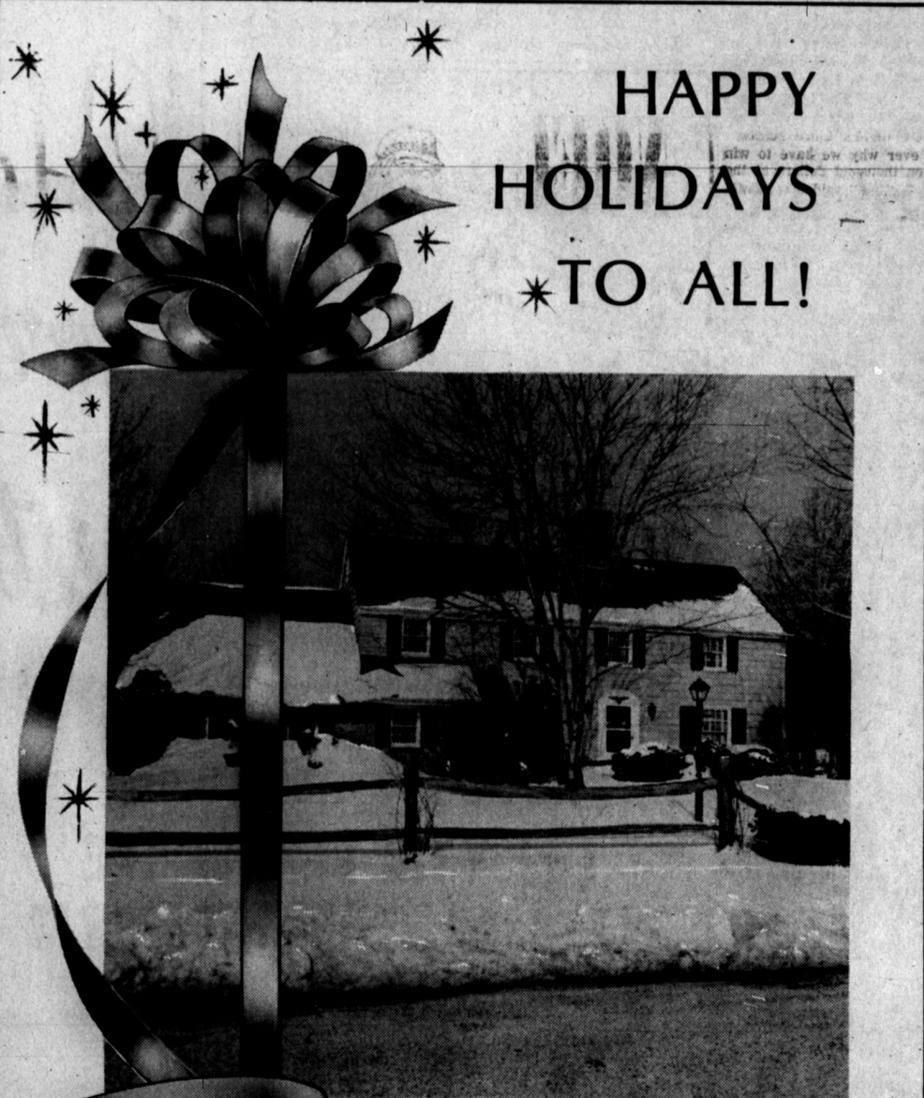
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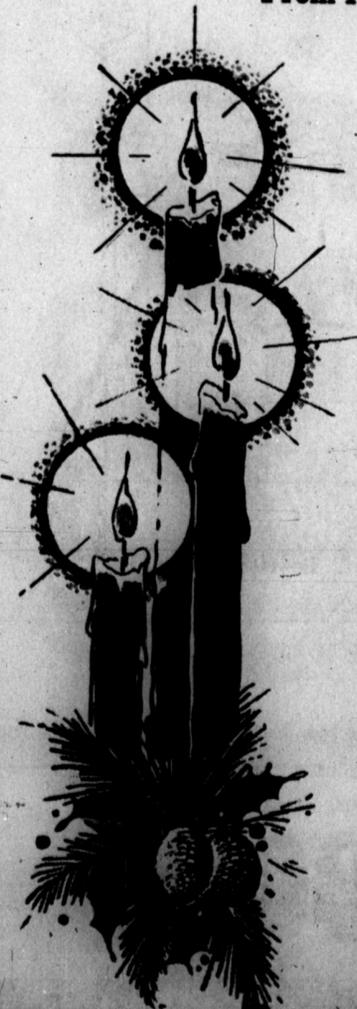
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¼ teaspoon salt
A large egg
½ stick butter
One-third cup dark molasses
¼ cup sugar

Heat 3 cups of the milk until bubbles appear around the edge — remove from heat. Stir together in a small bowl the cornmeal, salt and remaining cup of milk. Pour into scalding hot milk, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil over moderate heat, stirring constantly — cook until thickened, about 5 minutes. Beat egg and vigorously stir a little of the hot cornmeal mixture into the egg. Stir egg mixture back into cornmeal mixture, add butter, molasses and sugar. Pour into a buttered 1½ quart casserole. Set casserole into baking pan with hot water within an inch from top. Bake uncovered in preheated 375 degree oven for about three hours; top will be a rich caramel color. Puffing may be served warm or chilled — it will remain soft in texture and will not whey.

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Yours truly and Loving
Lenna McGuire

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the little wax Baby's face. Banker Skrind was trying to catch up with Gus Derek, and ask if Derek didn't think they'd all been a bit hasty about condemning the Orphanage building.

And Derek, bounding up the stage steps, was waving his check book and saying: "Hang the ten thousand dollars! How much would it cost to build a

whole new orphanage building? And fill up these kids with T-bone steaks besides?"

Onstage, the orphans and Mrs. Motherwell and Miss Princh were clustered around Christopher, all hugging him and each other and all talking at once.

And Mrs. Motherwell and Miss Princh were saying: "But Christopher, why didn't you

sing that way before?" There was a little hush as they waited for his answer.

Christopher's face was still puzzled, but it glowed like a candle as he told them.

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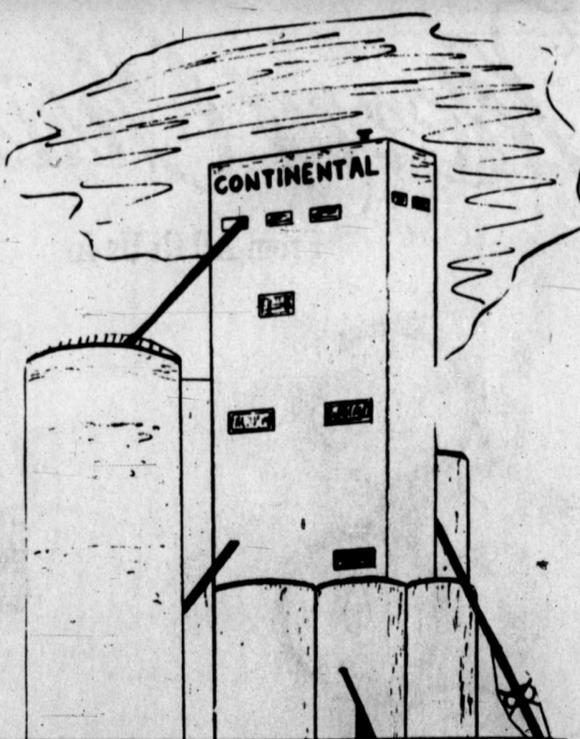


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LONELY TRAVELER

By M. D. BENNETT

The bus station was crowded with lonely Christmas travelers. They were easily separated from the small groups of people who had come to the station to welcome someone home. The greeters were animated, full of conversation. Most of the travelers were tired and weary. Some read listlessly. Others rested their heads on shoulders or against the high, curved back of a bench.

Billy Halliday wasn't waiting for a bus, or for anybody. He had arrived two hours earlier, before word came that snow in the mountains had brought service almost to a standstill. Buses were late, some of them had turned back to Junction City and to other spots. It was the worst Christmas storm in history.

The big snow had put a kink in Billy's plans. Rather, perhaps, it had made it difficult for him to make up his mind about where he was going to spend this Christmas Eve.

He had stepped on the bus at Junction City with the idea that he could be taking a bus ride because he had nothing else to do. Once he got here, if he wanted to do so, he could step on another bus and go back to his hotel at Junction City.

Now, the buses were running late or not at all. It had been ten years but, if he hung around much longer, someone would recognize him. He was fortunate that no one had before now. He had seen Susie Johnson and had turned the other way. Bill Brown had walked by and he had turned his back. Once spotted, he couldn't do anything but go through with it.

Announcement

And then the word came over the public address system. No more buses until snow plows clear the roads. That could be hours. Billy Halliday walked out the side door and turned his steps toward Elm Street. Cars went by, but no one looked his way. He was just another soldier home on Christmas leave.

Everything looked the same, he thought, even in the darkness. Mrs. Cable still kept her entire house lit up. Old Man Dabney still had lights on every tree in his spacious yard. And there was Ann's house, set back away from the street, the lights of a Christmas tree blinking through the huge picture window.

He was remembering ten years ago. Ten years ago tonight, he had walked down this same street, toward the bus station, one small suitcase in his hand.

That was the night he thought he had said goodbye to Hillvale forever. Nobody, not even his parents, seemed to care about him or his ideas. They didn't like his beard, his clothes. They had kicked him out of school. Most of his friends, even Ann, had shunned him. She would have taken him back — on her terms, but he hadn't liked the terms.

Decision

He had walked out that Christmas Eve, telling only his parents that he was leaving. He thought he owed them that much. He remembered how his mother had pleaded, had tried to make him see things her way.

He remembered how dad, having long given up trying to change him, had only grasped his hand and wished him luck.

That had been all of it, except for the one letter. He had written from New York to tell them he was all right. One letter had arrived before he changed his address and decided to make the break clean. He still carried it in his shirt pocket.

"Dear Son:

I don't know where we went wrong or, perhaps, more truthfully, why things went wrong for the three of us. I know you had to go. You have our love, always. Your mother says she will burn a candle each Christmas until you return. She thinks one day you will come back to us. I hope that she is right.

Your dad."

He stopped now before the house. Lights were on here and there — the livingroom, the kitchen and upstairs. His room. There was a light in his room. Had they thrown all of his old stuff away and used the room for something else? Maybe they no longer lived here. Maybe. . .

But, there it was, in the hall window, burning faintly. He came slowly to the porch and carefully lit a cigarette. There wasn't much of the candle left. It would barely last through the night. He wondered if there had been only one candle.

He could hear the soft strains of Christmas music coming from upstairs, from his old room. Could it be the same, he wondered. Mom had always told him that he would "wear it out" if he played it every hour of the day.

He tried the door handle. It was open. He had thought, now they were older, they would at least lock their door at night. Impulsively, he picked up the candle. The saucer in which it rested was warm to the touch, but he hardly noticed.

Halfway up the stairs, he realized he had failed to shut the door. "Don, I do believe the wind has blown the door open. Please go and shut it. It might blow out my candle." The voice caused him to pause, off-balance, one foot reaching upward.

"You and your candle. I think that candle has probably burned itself out by now. But, I'll humor you."

Meeting

There he was at the top of the stairs. He hadn't changed much. A little more gray in the hair, perhaps. He looked at Billy and a smile turned at the corners of his mouth. But, he didn't say a word. He just motioned for Billy to come up the stairway and stepped away from the door. But not so soon Billy didn't see the glimmer of a tear in his eye.

She was sitting before a Christmas tree in the corner, adjusting lights here and there.

"Mom, I have your candle here. I . . ."

In that first moment of recognition, he thought he saw the brightness of a thousand holiday lights in her eyes.

"Billy . . ." It was all she could say, but nothing else needed to be said.

He crossed the room, reaching down to tenderly take her by the hand and raise her upward, feeling as he did her arms crushing about him.

"Billy . . . Billy."

And then dad was there, too, pounding him on the shoulders. "Look at you, will you. Look at him, mom. Just take a good look at that son of yours."

Discovery

Finally, they set him free. His eyes took in the familiar things about the room. Nothing was changed. Except for the Christmas tree, the room was as he had always known it. No, there was one other thing. There, in his favorite chair in the corner sat a very pretty girl.

"Ann?"

"Yes, Billy. It's me. Just paying my annual Christmas visit to your folks. I do it every year."

"Every year on Christmas Eve," mom said. "We play a little game, as if you were here, as it used to be."

"I'm here," Billy said, not knowing what else to say.

Dad reached down and picked up a Christmas gift from beneath the tree. "You're here, so you get to open the first present. This one is for you, from Ann."

Billy hesitated. The gift was preferred again. "Open it, son, we have a Christmas to celebrate. Later, we'll talk. Now, we'll have our Christmas."

Billy tore the wrappings away. "O.K.," he said with a jaunty air. "Now, let us have our Christmas."

As he sent the ribbons and paper flying here and there, Billy Halliday felt ten years younger. He wondered if he had ever been away at all. He was aware suddenly of the blinking lights on the Christmas tree — on and off, on and off. It made him think, for some reason, that life is stop-and-go, with warning lights at points where decisions were to be made. He wondered about Ann, about what life had brought to her in the last ten years. He wondered if the buses were running on schedule again. He thought that, at least for this moment, he was completely happy. He was no longer a Lonely Christmas Traveler.

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Chamber Warns Old Mail Order

Expensive variations on the old start-your-own-mail-order-business scheme have been brought to the attention of the Deaf Smith County Cham-

ber of Commerce, Bill Thompson, Manager, reported today. The Council of Better Business Bureaus, of which the Chamber of Commerce is a

member, said a number of complaints have been received from persons who invested in such mail order promotions. One example, said the BBB,

is a mail order business offer to beginners by Nelson James, Inc., a California firm operating as Spectrum Pens Division, San Mateo, and Tiffany Writing Instruments, Inc., Burlingame. Both are controlled by the same two persons, Glen M. Nelson and James S. McGraw.

Under their plan, according to the BBB, a mail order novice, called an associate distributor, signs a contract requiring an investment of \$1,147 for an initial mailing to a list of 2,500 "exclusive computer selected" business firms for the purpose of soliciting orders for ball point pens.

A fruit bowl, with red and gold apples, oranges, tangerines, pears and grapes, makes a colorful Christmas decoration that can be eaten, too. Add an extra touch of holiday cheer with frosted grapes. Beat an egg white until frothy and sprinkle it over small bunches of grapes. Dust with granulated sugar and let dry.

Fruitcakes are always holiday treats, but can be even more delicious with a corn syrup glaze topping. Mix equal parts of water and corn syrup. Boil vigorously for one minute then pour over the cake. Decorate the cake with candied cherries, pecans or other nuts, then glaze the top again with the hot corn syrup mixture.

Seaweed, used as a poultice nearly 5,000 years ago, still is placed under bandages to promote healing. It also is used in making cough syrups and other medicines, as well as surgical thread that dissolves and does not have to be removed.

For his investment, the associate distributor receives a list of 2,500 prospects, the same number of sales brochures, envelopes, sample pens and other incentive-stimulators. Besides his investment, he also has to pay for postage, labor and other additional costs involved in mailing the promotional material.

In addition, the contract requires three more mailings a year, even if the returns on the first mailing are negligible.

The BBB's received complaints charging that the "market directors" who sign up the associate distributors assure prospects that profits from the first mailing will pay for the second, even though the contract does not specify any mini-

mum return. Complainants reported receiving from no orders to less than 10. Of those who got a response, their total return varied from \$9 to \$200, a range that in most cases failed to cover even postage charges of \$150 for one mailing — far short of their total investment.

The "computer selected" lists were said to be from a well known credit reporting agency. Complainants found that the lists sent to them contained such businesses as filling stations, barber shops, churches, lawyers and even individuals. The BBB learned that the relationship had been severed by the agency last March. Company literature implies that distributors will receive

lists of firms "in their area," making it possible to follow up a mailing through personal contact. Instead, lists include the names of firms several states away.

The promoters emphasize the need for repeated mailings to ensure success in mail order

operations. The BBB says that may be true in some direct mail promotions, but that repeated mailings of the same offer to the same list after such disappointing initial returns would not be considered by a professional mail order operator.



FACTS AND FANCIES THAT HAVE GROWN WITH THE FESTIVE TREE

One of the most joyous elements of the Christmas season is the Evergreen tree. Yet it is a fact that they were first brought into homes at a time of fear. And primitive man thought that they harbored beneficent spirits.

In the North, primitive man watched with mounting terror the decline of the life-giving sun. Lengthening winter nights carried the threat of unending cold, darkness and hunger. Frozen fields held no promise of another harvest. Fruit trees stood bare, apparently lifeless, deserted by the spirits.

Alone in the bitter cold and gloom, the evergreens stood as a document of faith in the revival of the sun god and the return of light and life to the frozen world. Living conifers in tubs were brought indoors to prop the householders' courage and to shelter the sylvan spirits. These earliest trees of the winter solstice ritual were not ornamented. They were a testament of life, not mere decoration.

The frivolous elements in the social observance of the Christmas holidays came not from the North but from the Mediterranean countries. In Rome, the celebration of the winter solstice was an imagined return to the simplicity and brotherly goodwill of the Golden Age. During the week of the Saturnalia which began on Dec. 17, all class distinctions and rules of decorum were suspended. No official business was transacted, children were released from school and truces were imposed on battlefields. Houses and public buildings were garlanded with flowers and evergreens. Gifts were exchanged, feasts were rampant and masks and mummery roamed the cobbled streets.

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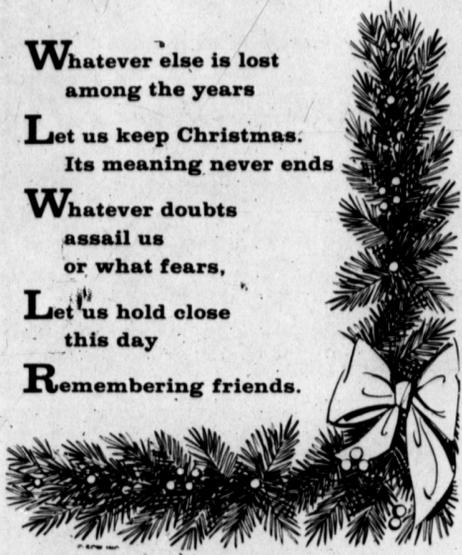
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among the years
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Whatever doubts
assail us
or what fears,
Let us hold close
this day
Remembering friends.**



Fruit cake Enjoyed by Old Romans

One of the most-favored delicacies of the holiday season is the Fruit-cake.

Many a loving homemaker will start months in advance and make the cake from an old family recipe, wrap it in a rum- or brandy-soaked cloth and store it until the Great Days come.

Most of us envision a dark red-brown cake so filled with fruit and nuts that it can hardly be cut... so aromatic with spirits that we could stand over it all day and 'drink in' its redolence.

However, the term "good fruitcake" has as many variations as the singers of its praises.

Such discrepancies arise, says an expert in bakers' matters, "because no one appears to have decided exactly what constitutes fruitcake." Not even a super-fussy Department of Agriculture of a certain state has attempted to define the delicacy.

It's not difficult to see why. Over the years, fruitcake has had as many recipes as eaters. To the ancient Romans, according to a well-known cookbook, it was Satura, a mixture of a well known barley mash, dried raisins, pine kernels and pomegranate seeds "laced with condiments and honeyed wine."

To Elizabeth of England it was spice cake, containing, according to a recipe of the time, "good ale barme... eight eggs with two yolks... aniseeds bruised... (and) a little rose water."

Most modern recipes appear to descend from the old Pennsylvania Dutch cake and British plum pudding cake. The latter was notable for its considerable brandy content, an ingredient missing from many commercial products.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I'm two years old! I've been trying to be good this year! What I want most for Christmas is a red wagon, also a Raggedy Ann doll that plays music!

I want a table & chair set and a doll house, too! Santa, since I've been a good girl, I'm asking for a jump-o-lean and a bead set that you string. Love,
Delayna Sue Duggan
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Dear Santa Claus,

I am being good. And I don't cry very much. Santa I would like a show-and-tell t. v. That's the only thing I would like from you. How are all your elves doing in their work? Please give our dog a bone or two. He'll have a stocking just like ours. But put it in the right one. It will have her name (Peanuts). I will have some cookies for you and Rudolph. I better go

and help mother with the house.

By:
Yours truly,
Gina Acton

Dear Santa,

I'm a little boy four years old. I've been good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a bicycle with training wheels, a snoopy airplane, and a talking clock. My little sister wants a rocking horse, a doll and a set

of guns. Thank you very much.

Your friends,
Mark & Manda Lytal
Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa Claus,

I have a bunch of toys. So there is not much I want for Christmas. But there are a few things I want for Christmas. Here is just a few things I want for Christmas: A living Barbie,

A chinese jump rope, A lariat rope and one more thing. A real horse. And thats all,
Rhonda Kay Teague

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a real good boy all year.

Please bring me a bike, spurs, chaps, and some cowboy boots.

Thank you!
Gary Paul Hathaway

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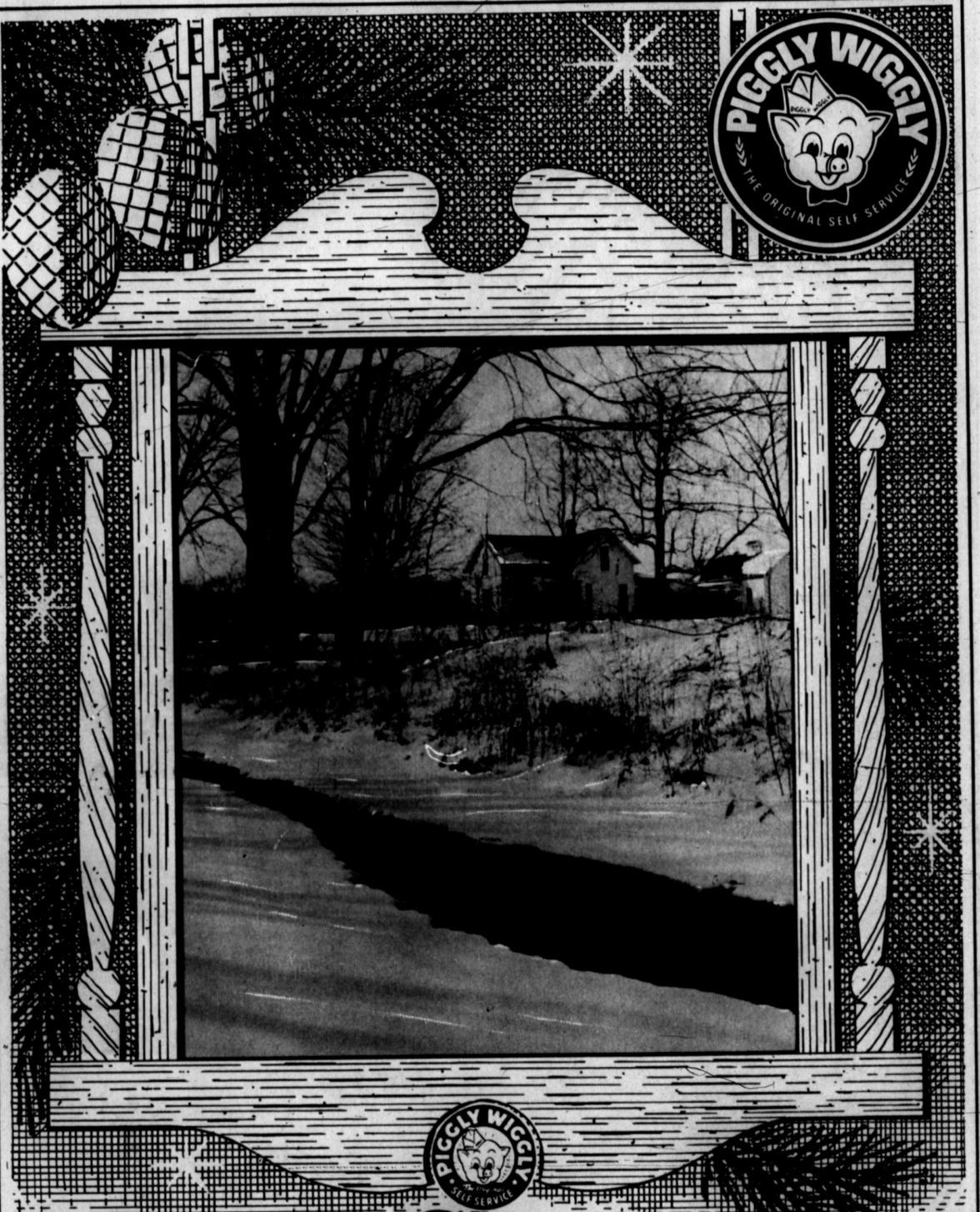
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