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Tommy and Nathan Cox Injured--J. B. Ray Killed Brownfield Counts their Dead as Shattering Explosion Kills Four

On Wednesday morning Brownfield counted its injured and mourned for its dead following one of the worst catastrophes in the history of this section—four dead and 160 injured when a butane truck exploded following a collision with a pickup.

And, one of the dead was J. B. Ray, a former resident of Ropes, having been employed by Edd Russell for a long period of time as driver of his butane truck. He and his family moved to Brownfield from Ropes last September.

The Sheriff's Department at Brownfield told the Plainsman, "We don't know how the accident happened, but it was almost a head-on collision."

According to reports given the Plainsman by Robert Hall, who was accompanied

by Rev. John Cole, of the Ropes First Baptist Church, went to the Ray home immediately following the report of the death of Mr. Ray, he was shaving when the fire alarm sounded, and he said to his wife:

"Come on, let's see where the fire is."

The two of them departed in the family car. On arriving at the scene of the wreck he told his wife: "I'm going to see if I can help."

He started toward the wrecked truck with Mrs. Ray begging him not to go. It is evident that he had barely reached the truck when the explosion occurred.

Fire shot hundreds of feet into the curtain of night and for a moment lighted the scene with crimson, then debris commenced to fall, flaming particles which covered the cars and people.

Mrs. Ray backed the car up, went home and got her children and came back to hunt Mr. Ray. She did not find him.

When Robert and Rev. Cole arrived at the Ray home he still had not been found. Robert started to search for him. On going to the police station he found several firemen.

"They were pitiful looking," said Robert. "They were burned, their clothing was scorched, and their faces scratched... Here I found the billfold of Mr. Ray, and one of the firemen told me he had been taken to the Brownfield Funeral Home. There I found the body. If they had not found identification on him I would not have known who he was."

A deputy sheriff told the Plainsman: "I helped pick up the

body of J. B. Ray. He was blown all to pieces."

Two firemen, Jim Cousineau and Monk Parker, and the driver of the truck, Rueden Johnson, were also killed in the explosion.

The accident, preceding the explosion, happened at about 10:45 Tuesday night.

A loaded butane Plains Gas Inc. truck out of Lubbock was involved in a collision with a pickup on the Brownfield-Seagraves highway in the southwest edge of Brownfield near the American Legion Hall. A nearby Phillips 66 Service Station was set ablaze in the collision.

Firemen rushed to the scene and were trying to free the truck driven from the butane truck. While they were working to free the man the butane truck exploded, shaking the town

for a mile away.

Phillip Thompson, a fireman at the scene, said: "There was a collision between a large butane truck and a pickup truck on the four-lane divided highway in south Brownfield. A fire started, a small one, in the overturned cab of the butane truck."

"It was a small fire; the truck driver was trapped in the cab of the truck."

"We were standing beside the highway, about 20 of us firemen, when suddenly there was an awful explosion. Then the butane tank was lying upside down in the middle of the highway. It exploded. There was a terrible roar. It seemed like the whole sky was on fire."

Thompson continued: "On one side of the highway there was a crowd of several hun-

dred people. Most of them were standing within 100 feet of the tank. On our side of the highway was a smaller crowd of spectators and the firemen.

"The explosion knocked me out. But I came to right away. I wasn't hurt. It was a miracle. Pieces of steel from the tank truck ripped through the crowd. And flames from the truck set a number of people on fire. When I came to, I was running."

"I put out fire on several people. On some, I had to rip their clothes off."

Folks in Ropes, who were awake around 11 o'clock, knew something had happened. Sirens shattered the silence of the night, and then racing cars on the highway attracted their attention. The flash of the explosion was seen by some, while others distinctly felt the shock of the explosion.

In a telephone conversation with Mrs. Ray Abney, a former resident of Ropes, she told us:

"We live four blocks from the scene of the accident, and when the explosion occurred we thought the house was going to cave in on us. The flash was as bright as that of an electric welding torch, and fire rained from the heavens. Parts of the tires blown from the truck fell in our yard."

A later report told us that Tommy and Nathan Cox of Ropesville, who are employed in the Goodpasture grain Elevator garage, at Brownfield, were barely burned.

From information we can gather the boys were working in the garage late and when the accident occurred they rushed to the scene and were endeavoring to help get the driver from the cab of the truck when the explosion occurred.

Tommy is in the Brownfield hospital and is said to be in serious condition. At the time this is written we have been unable to contact any of the relatives to learn how seriously he is hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pointer, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rawls and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jackson were in a bowling alley this side of Brownfield and when the explosion occurred it was plainly heard and the building shook.

However, when they reached the scene of the accident they were turned back by police.

J. C. said that on the way home they met five ambulances coming from Lubbock.

The Brownfield hospital was filled to overflowing with the injured. They were placed in the halls and a call for cots and blankets was sent out. The Reese Air Base at Lubbock responded with the needed items. All doctors in Brownfield came forward to lend their assistance in treating the injured. Many of the patients were sent to Lubbock.

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Right now, that is our greeting to our readers — it's that time of year, you know.

Instead of Christmas being just around the corner, it is right here, and we hope that each of you enjoy it to the utmost. And, close on the heels of Christmas comes the New Year, 1959. It is our hope for you that during the coming twelve months you will have fulfillment of your most cherished dreams; that health, happiness and success will attend you.

Even if Christmas is over-commercialized, it is still a momentous day in history, commemorating an event that changed the history of the world — the birth of Jesus Christ in the village of Bethlehem. This little stranger, who was born in a barn and used a feed trough for a crib, came at a time when the world was without belief in anything — man was totally lost — even graven images and idols had lost their meaning. The Roman empire had conquered the world and the Roman citizenship was without conscience, without love and without mercy, as is demonstrated by the "games" put on by Roman rulers and Romans who sought office—games which took as high as ten thousand human lives in three days, as well as the killing of twenty thousand beasts, and in the pause between acts, from ten to twenty women were tied to wild horses and dragged to death for the entertainment of the citizenship.

There was no regard for human life, and if there ever were any morals among the Romans it was forgotten. The tax collectors, backed by Roman soldiers, took from the poor and gave to the rich.

It's not a very pretty picture, but that is how it was when Jesus Christ was born. And, that Jesus might be kept alive he had to be spirited away to Egypt to escape King Herod, who ordered all babies put to death that were born at the time he was told Jesus was born.

Jesus came, and He brought a revolutionary teaching into the world: "Turn the other cheek. . . Love thy neighbor. . ." Such a thing had never before been heard of, and by some he was thought to be crazy, but seemingly the world was tired of blood and death, tired of incessant killing, and men and women in all walks of life listened and believed. They knew that such a man, a man who raised the dead, a man who healed the sick and cast out demons, had never before walked on the face of the earth. They marveled when He fed the five thousand; they looked on with awe as He restored the sight of the blind, and they listened without understanding when He talked of His Father and the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is needless to say that the Jews were disappointed in Him. They expected an earthly king who would sweep all opposition before him and restore the Jews to power. It was for this reason, and the reason that He condemned the priests in the temple who were waxing fat off the common people, that His actual acceptance had to be by the Gentiles instead of His chosen people.

We do know that no star has ever blazed with such brightness across the firmament as did He — He not only left the impression of His feet on the sands of Galilee, but His influence and

NAZARENE CHURCH

Rev. Dan D. Jones, Pastor

The Christmas season should be a joyous one to all of us for Christ the Saviour came on this day, to bring deliverance to a lost world. Therefore, the wise men sought Him out and worshipped Him. We should be wise and follow their example, and really celebrate a religious Holiday in love and service to Christ and our fellow man.

Our program Sunday night was well attended and every one seemed happy. The entire congregation joins the pastor in wishing for you a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our regular services are unchanged:

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning worship	11 AM
NYPs, Juniors	6:30 PM
Evening Service	7:00 PM
Midweek Service	7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS STORY

Once again we have before us the Christmas story, the greatest love story ever told, the story of the love of God in giving to the world His dearest Gift—His only Son—to redeem that lost world from sin and ruin!

According to the prophecies of Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 11:1; and Micah 5:1-5, the Messiah must be a descendant of David and be born in Bethlehem. But how could this be brought about? Mary lived at Nazareth and it seemed most probable that her child should be born there. God brought about His purposes through no less a person than the emperor of Rome! "There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled for taxation, each man going for that purpose to the town of his fathers. Thus Joseph and Mary, descendants of David, went to Bethlehem. Thus Jesus was born as appointed.

"And she brought her first born son, and wrapped him

First Methodist Church News of the Week

The services last Sunday and Sunday evening were dedicated to the Christmas Holiday Season. The pastor preached on a Christmas theme at the Morning Service, while the Evening service was a program by the Youth Choir and the Children's Division. A Christmas tree and Old Santa seemed to be the main attraction for the small fry of the Church. Billy Odom is both the Sunday School Superintendent and the Choir Director, and was leader for the Christmas program. Mrs. Travis White and the Youth class decorated the tree. Mrs. Joyce Shannon, the Children's Division Superintendent, and her corps of teachers arranged the program numbers.

Old Santa distributed the gifts which included exchange gifts, a sack of fruit for all, and featured was a jar of cash for the pastor. An offering was received for the Methodist Home at Waco, Texas, which totaled \$95.00. This was one dollar over twice as much as the Church contributed last year.

BEGINNING WITH the New Year, Methodists of Texas will institute an evangelistic campaign for inspiring the membership of the Church to a more loyal attendance upon its services. In the Brownfield District, a count will be taken at each service between the New Year and Easter and a report made to the District Reporter. Leader for this Campaign is Rev. Lester L. Hill, District Secretary of Evangelism. The District Reporter is Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor at New Home.

THIS YEAR has been a good one in many respects for our Church. Among the attainments since last De-

cember have been three additions on Profession of Faith, several by certificates, new location for the Parsonage, paving north of Church for parking, a stove and sink for our Church kitchen, and new robes for our Choir which was also organized this year, also a new living room suite for the parsonage.

THE PASTOR and family thank any and all who in any way has contributed to the success of this Calendar Year for the Church and who has in any way brought a ray of sunshine and happiness to the parsonage situation.

REV. RUFUS KITCHEN, long time pastor in our Northwest Texas Conference who retired at the last session of the Conference, died early last Friday morning at his home in Quanah. Rev. Kitchen's last pastorate was four years at Whiteface and was leader in erecting a beautiful new Sanctuary. He was also a great leader in the Youth division of the Church, working with your local pastor in Camps and other phases of the work. He was laid to rest Sunday afternoon at Quanah. He is not dead, he lives among us in the marks he left as he labored here and now lives with the Master he loved and served.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Christine and Mrs. Weldon McCormick. Rev. McCormick is pastor of the Methodist Church at Denver City.

TAYLORS LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Taylor left this week for California where they will visit over the holidays.

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"We Hew to the Line—Let the Chips Fall where They May".

LANCASTERS VISIT THE WEATHERLYS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lancaster, of Southland, visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Weatherly. Mr. Lancaster is a twin brother of Mrs. Weatherly.

STORES TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS DAY

From reports given the Plainsman, all business places in Ropesville will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th.

BILL BERRYS IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Berry left Sunday for California where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

MRS. C. PETTIET VISITS ROPES

Mrs. C. C. Pettiet was a pleasant caller at the Plainsman office Monday. A part of her business in Ropes was renewing her subscription to the Plainsman.

NEW ADDITION BEING ADDED

Tommy Cox is this week adding two new rooms to his home in Ropes. Nathan Cox is putting in most of his time on the carpenter work.

LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Boots Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cain left this week for California where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

29 GATHER AT WINSTON JONES'

The Christmas gathering of the Jones family was held this past Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Jones, and twenty-nine persons were present.

Those attending were: Mrs. Clay Wharton, Hollis, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Jones of Hollis, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Jones Sr., all of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones of Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jones and Linda, and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Jones.

VISITORS IN STORY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Story of Plains, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCullough of Brownfield, and Mrs. Bruce Story of Seminole were callers in the Story home last week. Jim is a brother of Frank Story, Mrs. McCullough is a sister and Mrs. Bruce Story is a sister-in-law.

SOSEBEES GO TO CALIFORNIA

The Plainsman is informed that Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sosebee will leave shortly for California where they will spend Christmas holidays.

It is also stated that Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Cain will spend the holidays in that state.

HERE FROM WELLMAN

Mrs. Mozella Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Baker, Donna and Stan, from Wellman, were welcome visitors for the Christmas Program and in the parsonage. Mrs. Trotter and Mrs. Baker are mother and sister of Mrs. Story.

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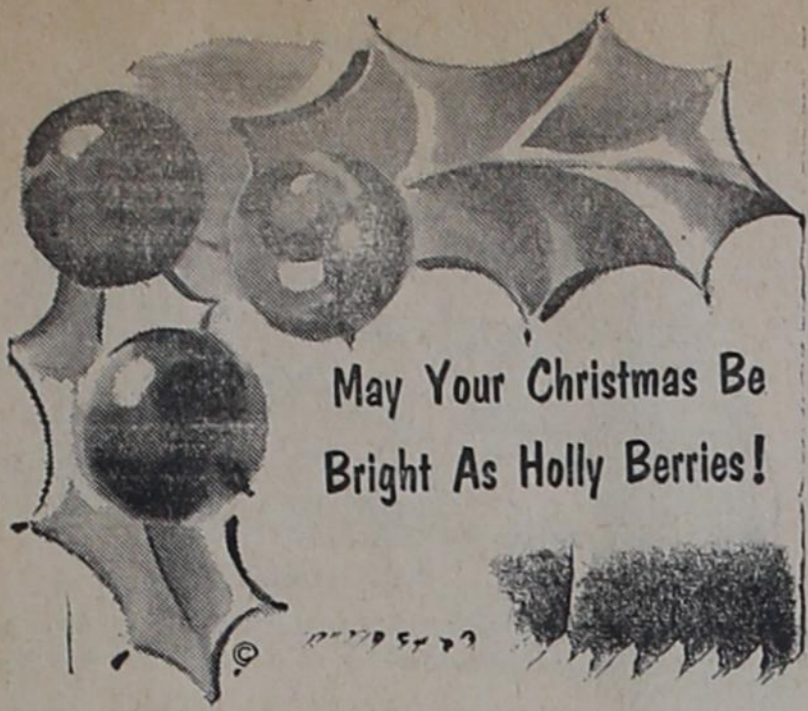
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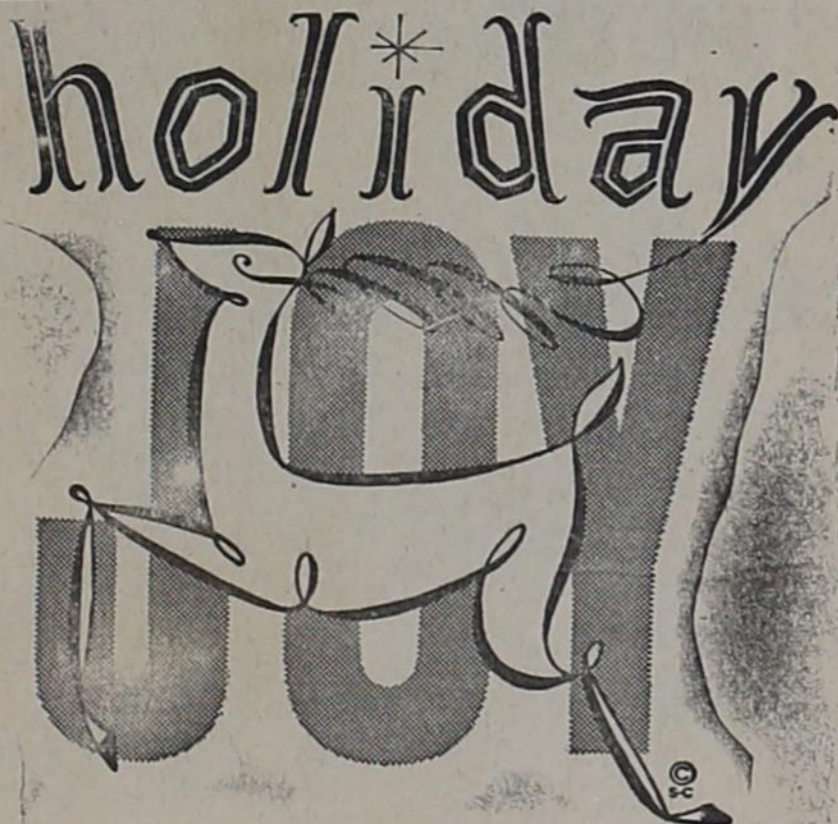
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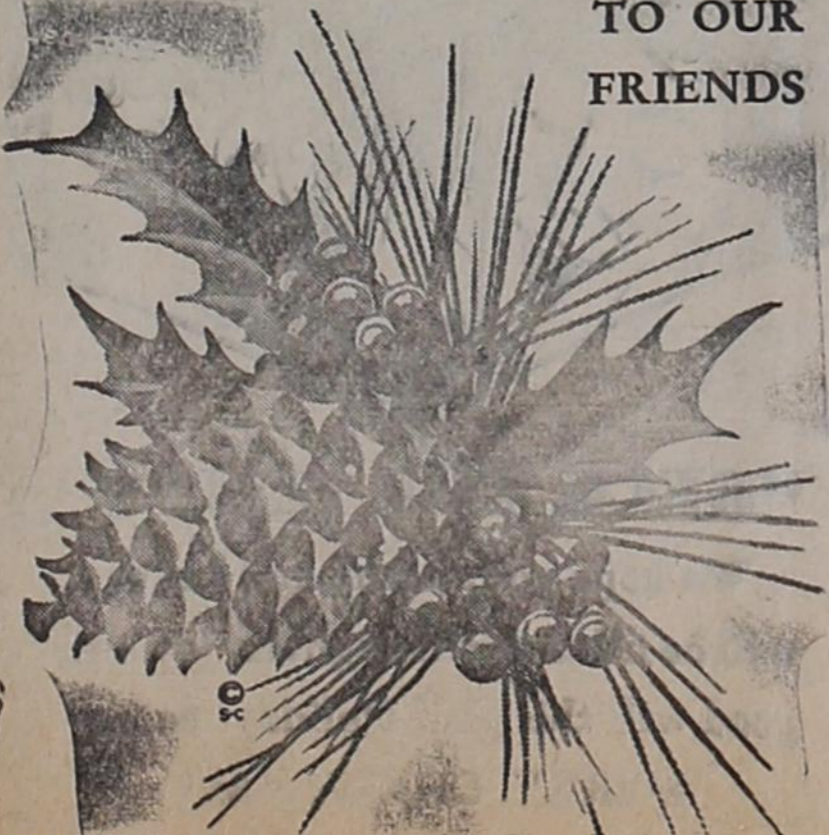
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Rev. Hitt, father of the groom, using the double ring ceremony, said the words which united them in holy wedlock.

The bride wore a street-length dress with long tapered sleeves, a short illusion veil. For something old she wore a garter which she received from Mrs. F. E. Weatherly, for something new she wore a pearl necklace, for something blue she wore a blue bouquet, and for luck she had a penny in her shoe which carried the year of her birth.

Billy Ray Martin, twin of the bride, acted as best man, while the bride had as her maid of honor her sister, Helen, and as bridesmaid her cousin, Frances Littlefield, the two wearing identical dresses as the bride except that they were blue.

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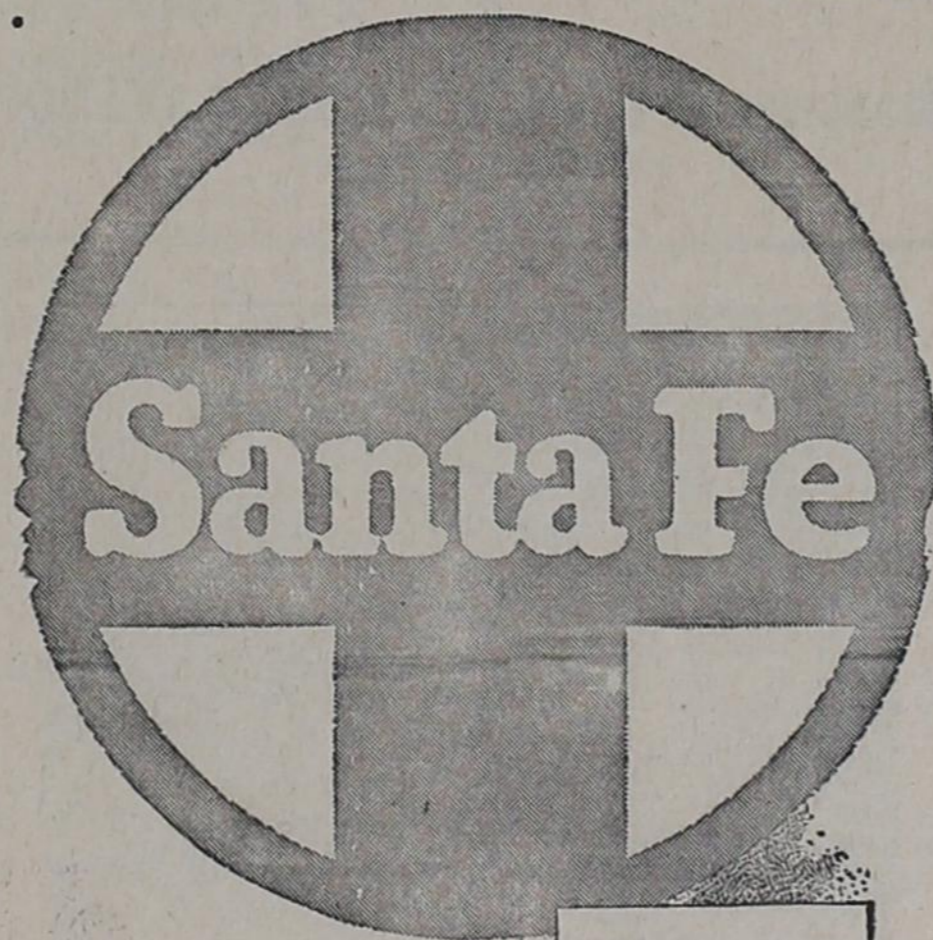
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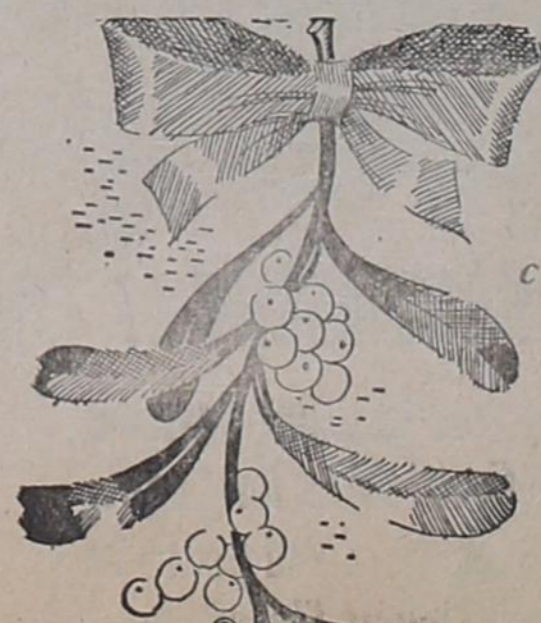
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Ropesville; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Lorange of Farmersville; and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Whitehead of Brownfield.

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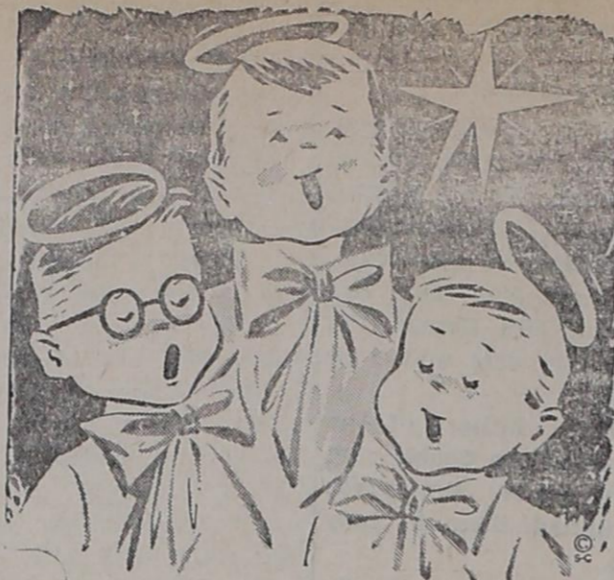


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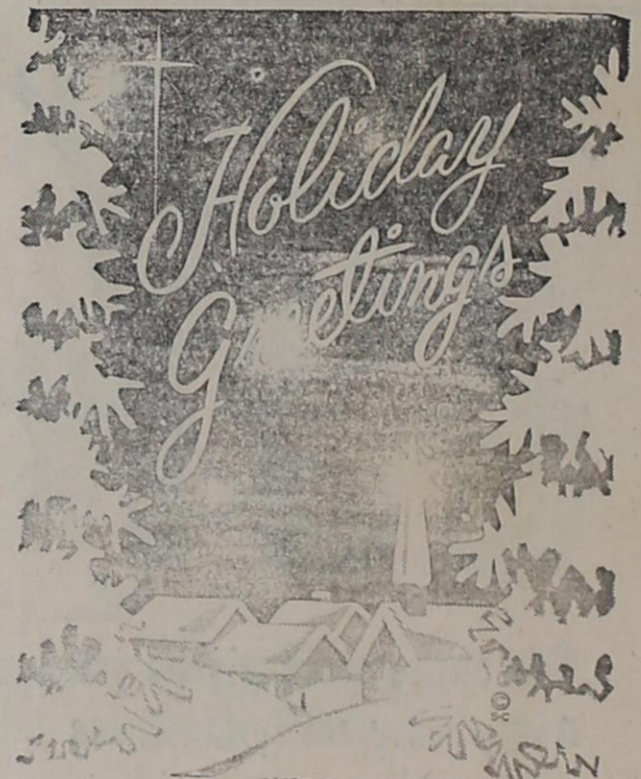


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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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His teaching reached out and touched the entire world.

It is this Man's coming that we celebrate on Christmas. But for Him the world would still be in darkness and human kind would be little better than savages — so we say, Hail, to Christ the Saviour of mankind.

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CHRISTMAS STORY

in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger." God's Son, born in a manger! What a lowly birth! And what a stumbling A H Yet encouraging to the poor and friendless among us!

Why was He born in a stable? "Because there was no room for them in the inn." And so it has been through the centuries. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock," He says. But the hearts and minds of most men are filled with selfish thoughts, and He whose birthday it is is crowded out. God grant that He may in very truth have His rightful place—first place in our hearts, our thoughts, our affections, our deeds!

Why was so great a revelation given to such humble and unimportant folk as shepherds? Perhaps Luke 10:21 gives the answer: "Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father . . . that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent (prudent in the eyes of men), and hast revealed them unto babes (guileless, humble of mind, sincere, and full of faith)." Revelation comes not to the worldly wise, but to hungry hearts and pure minds!

God grant that more men today will react to the "good news" as the shepherds did. They acted upon what they heard. They obeyed the truth, and it led them to Christ. Having found Christ they returned to their sheep. But they were changed men. They went "glorifying and praising God for all things that they had heard and seen."

—Evangel.

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RONNIE CHITWOOD

SUFFERING FROM SCARLET FEVER

A report given us Monday stated that Ronnie Chitwood is suffering with the scarlet fever.

Scarlet fever in the community is gaining alarming proportions, as it is stated there are several cases — more than usual for the season.

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CHRISTMAS TREES

AT METHODIST, NAZARENE CHURCHES

Christmas trees and programs were held at both the Methodist and Nazarene churches Sunday night.

Both events were attended by large crowds, and all were made happy by receiving Christmas gifts.

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SCHOOL CLOSED

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Ropes Public Schools turned out Tuesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays.

Classes will be resumed on the 5th of January.

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S. WILHELM

IS RECOVERING

Sam Wilhelm, who underwent surgery in the Phillips-Dupre Hospital in Levelland some three weeks ago, is reported to be slowly recovering.

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WALLS HAVE

VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wall will have as their Christmas visitors their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGee and children, of Longview.

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ETHRIDGES VISIT

IN ROPESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ethridge, from Corpus Christi, are here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Fuller.

Mr. Ethridge was principal of Ropes High School before moving to Corpus Christi.

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L. R. WATSON

VISITING SON

L. R. Watson, of Oklahoma, is here this week visiting in the home of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Watson.

Mr. Watson is a former resident of the Ropes community.

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JAMES PIERCE

AMONG THE ILL

James Pierce and son, Randy, have started off the Christmas holidays by being confined to their rooms with illness.

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NOTICE

We wish to announce that in the future the Ropes Laundry will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.

Mrs. Arzie Martin.

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VISITORS IN

WILKISON HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilkison had as their guests this past week Mrs. Mae Alexander of McCaulley, Mrs. M. L. Wilkison and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkison, of Lubbock.

VISIT IN

ROPESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Strickland had as their guests on Sunday night Mrs. Bettye Moore and two children, of Hobbs, New Mexico.

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HAVE YOUR

CHILDREN HAD

SCARLET FEVER?

If your children have had scarlet fever and you have a polio insurance policy, it is likely that this disease is covered.

Tyree Martin states that he will be glad to examine any polio policy, without charge, and tell the holder whether they are insured against scarlet fever—it does not matter whether the policy was written by him or not.

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RAY TUSSY

BUYS STATION

A deal was completed this past week whereby Ray Tussy became the owner of the R. & P. Shamrock Station in Ropes, buying out Sid Price and Dennis Rasberry.

Mr. Tussy now has charge of the station.

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CARD OF THANKS

We desire to take this means of thanking the folks of the Ropes community for the nice business given us during the time we operated the R & P Service Station.

We have sold the Station to Ray Tussy and bespeak for him a continuance of your patronage.

Sidney Price,
Dennis Rasberry.

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Children sometimes tear it up, but they never break up a home.

SPRADLINS VISIT

IN ROPESVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spradlin, of Mission, are here this week visiting friends, and also their son and family, Ernest Wayne, who reside at Seminole.

They are former residents of Ropesville.

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SID PRICES

HAVE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Price had as their visitors this week Mrs. Margaret Turner and Parks. The Turners live in Lubbock. They also visited other friends while here.

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TEXAS HIGHWAY

The Texas Highway Department will spend \$9,200.00 for U. S. and State Highway betterment in Hockley County during 1959, D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, has announced.

At the December meeting of the Texas Highway Commission, funds were appropriated for improvements on U. S. and State Highways over the State. Not only surface and base strengthening but also shoulder improvement is included in the work which specific U. S. and State Highways are scheduled to receive, Greer stated. This is in addition to the regular construction and maintenance program already programed for the counties concerned, the State Highway Engineer said.

Projects for the county are:

Highway No. S. H. 51, in Levelland from S. H. 116 to F. M. 300; 1.8 miles; seal coat; Cost, \$4,500.00.

Loop 44, in Levelland from S. H. 51, west and north; 2.0 miles; seal coat; Cost, \$4,700.00.

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Our entire staff wishes you
a very merry, merry Christmas

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And a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

May The Holidays Just Ahead
And The Following Months of
1959 Bring You Happiness
And Success

Riojas Dept. Store

We Give S. & H. Green Stamps--Double Stamps With \$2.50 Purchase Tuesdays



**OH, SILENT
AND HOLY NIGHT...**

...here's a prayer that our Savior's
message..first told so long ago..
will bring comfort and peace to
all mankind at Christmas...

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

Happy New Year

That is our wish for you - - May this be your happiest
Christmas - - May the New Year bring the full and
complete realizations of all your dreams.

WE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

**WOODROW JONES
MARY JONES**

**BILLY RAY MARTIN
MARY LOU MARTIN**

WE GIVE S. & H. GREEN STAMPS

THE ROPES FOOD STORE