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Season's Greetings



IT'S CHRISTMAS . . . 1953! And all over Slaton, children like Carol, Mark and David Todd, pictured in the upper left corner, left to right, will be playing around their Christmas tree early Christmas morning with the toys left there by Santa the night before. Carol and Mark are twins, five and one-half years old, and David is three and a half. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Todd, Jr., 1045 W. Lubbock.

Typical of the Christmas decorations adorning Slaton homes this Yuletide season are the bells on the door at the H. T. Swaner home, 1055 W. Garza. They are pictured in the upper right.

In the lower right corner is the Nativity Scene displayed this year on the City Hall lawn in downtown Slaton. Sponsored jointly by the Slaton Chamber of Commerce and various organizations and individuals in Slaton, the display has been lighted each night for the past two weeks. In addition to the display, nightly programs of Christmas music have been held on the City Hall lawn, and broadcast over loudspeakers.

Another of the decorative displays is that at the Cecil Scott home, 900 W. Lynn. Pictured in the lower left, the display consists of a Santa Claus standing at a decorated door. Not pictured here is Santa's Sleigh and Rudolph, his Red-Nosed Reindeer, which are waiting for him on the lawn.





YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS . . .

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that is no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa! Thank God he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.—Author Unknown.

SEEKERS OF CHRISTMAS

Recent years have seen the spread of a widely publicized nondenominational campaign to "Put Christ Back Into Christmas."

The very zeal of citizens in some 200 cities to push the campaign this season indicates their hunger for the true meaning of Christmas.

Possibly the current use of signs in busses, and posters and nativity scenes in store windows and homes, if presented with proper beauty and dignity, may help to focus public attention on the original significance of the holiday.

But when—as has been reported—lapel badges similar to political buttons, special Christmas seals, and radio and TV programs also undertake to "popularize" the campaign, it seems to assume aspects of high pressure salesmanship offensive to some. Yet even these may be willing to base final judgment on results rather than methods.

If the merchant who sets up a nativity scene in his store window is thereby sufficiently reminded of the meaning of Christmas to become as considerate of his employees as he is of his customers;

If the civic leader sporting the Christmas slogan on a lapel button so takes it to heart that he resolves to put the welfare of his community ahead of all personal ambition;

If families listening to radio and TV Christmas programs are thus inspired to practice daily within their own home circle the brotherhood exemplified by him whose day they celebrate;

Then will modern campaigners in search of Christmas find themselves not far from what they seek.—Christian Science Monitor.

John L. Hooper of New York, the first advertising agent, began business in 1841.

Puritans Outlawed Yule as Frivolous

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

It is observed religiously in the churches and as a day for family reunions and social gatherings, in contrast to the lavish feasting and boisterous merry-making of olden time.

Merry-making and gift-giving come in for their share, however, on December 26 which is Boxing Day. The origin of Boxing Day antedates Christmas and can be traced to the custom of gift-giving during the Roman festival of Saturnalia.

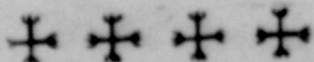
In Christian liturgy December 26 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeymen and apprentices were in the habit of levying upon their masters' customers, "Christmas Boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's day.

Members of a Chinese Secret Society, formed to rid China of foreigners, were known as the "Boxers."



May the glory of Christmas remain in your heart throughout a bright New Year.

Champion Jewelry



Report Shows Texas Timberlands Growing More Wood Than Is Used

TRINITY—After more than a century of constant use, Texas timberlands today are growing wood faster than it is being used. The statement is made in a new report, "Texas Forest Facts," now being distributed through the Texas Forest Industries Committee headed by Paul F. Hursey of Trinity. The committee is composed of woodland owners and representatives of wood-using industries.

New Handbook
"Texas Forest Facts" is a segment of a new Forest Resources Handbook which contains complete information on the nation's forest resources, together with reports on the industry-supported Tree Farm and Keep Green programs. Copies are being distributed to

state." Farmers and other small land-owners—almost 58,000 of them—own about 84 per cent of Texas forestlands, the Texas report shows. This ownership is largely in tracts of 50 to 100 acres. The remainder of the private forestland is owned by industries and other non-farm owners. "Texas Forest Facts" was published for the state committee by American Forest Products Industries, Inc., national sponsor of the Keep Green and Tree Farm programs. Copies may be obtained by writing the Texas Forest Industries Committee, P. O. Box 832, Trinity.

Good Management
"This shows what can be done through wise management of our timberlands," said Mr. Hursey. "It points up the fact that timber is actually a crop and that its production must be encouraged—especially with the small woodlot owner—if timber is to keep its great importance in the economy of the

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Butter consumption per capita has dropped almost one-half during the past several years while milk consumption has increased almost 10 pounds per person per year during the same period.

Washington Irving, the author, was named for George Washington.

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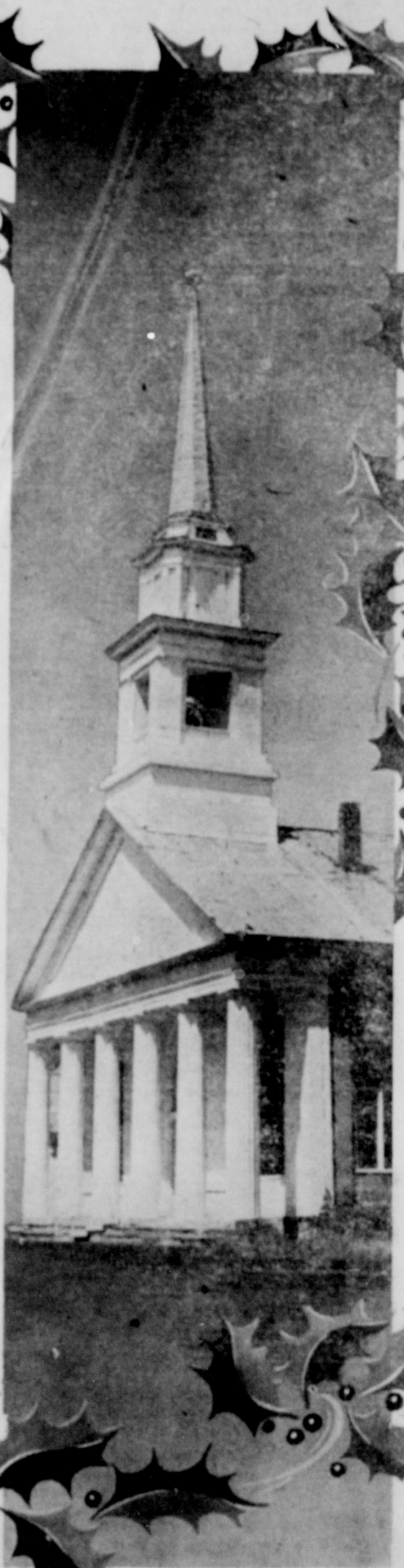
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Greetings OF THE SEASON

What greater gift has been bestowed upon mankind than the capacity to revere anew the blessed spirit of this joyous season. In turn, the most precious gift we can extend our brothers is the bright example of Christian living enjoyed by those who cherish the spirit of Christmas in their hearts throughout the year...

A Joyous Christmas and A Happy Year to All



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Dr. Clement Moore Was Ashamed of His Famous Poem

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas," and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 30 years. Today, the poem which begins—*Twelve the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse!*—is one of the most beloved of all Christmas writings. Dr. Moore was an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York. He wrote the poem on Christmas Eve 1823 and read it to his seven children. He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting in Moore put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father put it in a newspaper. Other newspapers printed the poem and they quickly became known all over the country. The aged Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath him to be the author of children's songs. Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under the same for the first time.

Christmas Tree Industry Is Big Business in U.S.

The Christmas tree industry is big business in the United States—better than \$50,000,000 annually. The majority of our trees come from New England, New York and Pennsylvania, the north Middle West, and the Northwest Pacific regions. In recent years, New Jersey has annually marketed around 100,000 trees. Most of the trees for Christmas sales are cut early in the fall and the trees are kept green with plenty of water until shipped to distribution centers. Some mass producers, however, cut trees early in the new year, and treat them with preservatives and coloring solutions for storage in chilled warehouses.

Major and Mrs. L. M. Garrigues and children, Steven and Margie Lou, will arrive in Slaton Monday after Christmas for a visit with Major Garrigues' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Garrigues. The L. M. Garrigueses spent Christmas in Houston with Mrs. Garrigues' parents. Major Garrigues is stationed at Pierre, South Dakota.



(SLATONITE STAFF PHOTO)

EVERYBODY'S WORKING fast and furious trying to get the morning's mail sorted. Members of the Slaton post office staff pictured working the last of one morning's mail last week are, left to right, Barry Ford, John

Gordon, Bill Wright, Benrice Davis, John W. "Curly" Martindale, and Clyde Patterson. The racks between Davis and Martindale are crammed with letters and Christmas cards for Slaton residents.

Make Gifts Attractive

Make your Christmas package attractive because half of the pleasure of the gift is the wrapping and opening a beautiful package. Use plenty of ribbon and gay colored paper. Add bells and Christmas ornaments to the bows. The ribbon about the corners and put the bows off-center to make the packages distinctive. A little disguising by putting small boxes in larger ones before wrapping adds to the mystery of the gift.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . . Full of Yule good fellowship, "Bingle" tries to arouse some ditto in the feline heart of "Ginger." Ginger, goodwill season or not, can't get over her distrust of dogs.

Glyndon Dawson, a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Berkeley, Calif., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dawson.

Mrs. Herschel Crawford and Tracy are spending Christmas in Houston with Mrs. Crawford's sister-in-law, Mrs. Earl Smith.

News Of Slaton Men In Service



Ted Fondy

Pvt. 2 Ted Fondy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Fondy, 310 W. Dickens St., has recently completed an airborne course at Fort Benning, Ga., that is designed to train volunteer officers and enlisted personnel from all arms and branches of the service as qualified parachutists. Students are required to make jumps from an airplane in flight. One of the five required jumps is made with full equipment.

The airborne course is but one of 21 at The Infantry School open to officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, Organized Reserve and National Guard. Courses range from training recruits to become parachutists to training regimental commanders and division general staff officers.



Lloyd N. Green

Lloyd N. Green, son of Mrs. P. L. Williams, is taking his basic training at El Paso, Texas. Before his induction into the army, Green was teaching at Evans High School, where he was head of the biology and chemistry department, basketball coach for the boys' B team, director of the drill squad, head of the dramatics department, a cappella choir director, Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 300 which is sponsored by Evans High School, and a Sunday School teacher at the Triumph Mission Baptist Church. He has been employed at Evans High for four years and is a former student of the school.

His address is: Pvt. Lloyd N. Green US54130091, Btry B, 11th Tng. Bn., A.A.A. R.T.C., Fort Bliss, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smith and Wade of Houston will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Smith, Sr.

NEW ARRIVALS IN SLATON

Born on Dec. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Golden, Rt. 2, Slaton, in Mercy Hospital, a girl weighing 5 lbs., 4 3/4 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 17 to Mrs. Juanita Martinez, P. O. Box 503, Slaton, in Mercy Hospital, a girl weighing 7 lbs., 7 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 17 to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hamton, Star Rt., New Mexico, in Mercy Hospital, a girl weighing 7 lbs.
 Born on Dec. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hlavaty, Rt. 6, Lubbock, in Mercy Hospital, a boy weighing 8 lbs., 12 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Perez, Rt. 1, Post, in Mercy Hospital, a boy weighing 8 lbs., 12 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. James Patton, 635 So. 5th St., Slaton, in Mercy Hospital, a boy weighing 7 lbs., 14 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stevens, Plainview, a boy weighing 8 lbs., 12 1/2 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reissig, Slaton, Rt. 1, a boy weighing 7 lbs.
 Born on Dec. 20 to Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Schuette, Rt. 1, Idalou, in Mercy Hospital, a boy weighing 7 lbs., 3 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Thomas, Slaton, Rt. 2, a boy weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Rodriguez, Rt. 1, Slaton, in Mercy Hospital, a boy weighing 7 lbs., 2 ozs.
 Born on Dec. 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Teodoro Ybarra, Rt. 1, Box 101, Slaton, in Mercy Hospital, a boy weighing 6 lbs., 4 ozs.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
 I am a little girl two years old. I have tried real hard to be nice. I want a walking doll, a rocking chair and a baby brother. Please don't forget all the other boys and girls, especially those overseas.
 Thank you,
 Cathy Jayne Biggs

Mrs. M. M. Reagan and children, Tommie and Phyllis visited with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Jecoat over the week end. They live at Lakeview, Texas.

Slaton Decorator and Gift Shop

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

I want to thank each and everyone of my friends and customers for your business, and to wish you and yours the best ever in the future.

Stan's Garage

New 1954 Chevrolet

COME SEE IT!

First and only low-priced car to bring you all these new features and advantages!

<p>New!</p> <p>POWER BRAKES First in the Low-Price Field!</p> <p>Chevrolet Power Brakes make stopping wonderfully easy and convenient. Optional at extra cost on Powerglide models.</p>	<p>New!</p> <p>AUTOMATIC WINDOW AND SEAT CONTROLS More Chevrolet "Firsts!"</p> <p>Touch a button to adjust front windows or seat. Optional on Bel Air and "Two-Ten" models at extra cost.</p>	<p>New!</p> <p>NEW POWER IN "BLUE-FLAME 125" ENGINE Most Powerful in its Field!</p> <p>Most powerful Chevrolet passenger car engine ever built! Teamed with Powerglide, optional at extra cost.</p>
<p>New!</p> <p>NEW POWER IN "BLUE-FLAME 115" ENGINE Out-Powers All Other Low-Priced Cars!</p> <p>In gearshift models, the more powerful "Blue-Flame 115" engine also gives you finer performance with money-saving gas mileage!</p>	<p>New!</p> <p>NEW STYLING IN BODY BY FISHER Another Chevrolet Exclusive!</p> <p>All around the car, and from every angle, you see new beauty in the only Fisher Body in Chevrolet's field.</p>	<p>New!</p> <p>FINEST, MOST COLORFUL INTERIORS In the Low-Price Field!</p> <p>Here are the most luxurious interiors on any low-priced car. New interior color harmonies are keyed to brilliant new exterior colors.</p>

Now you can have smooth, thrifty Powerglide on any model. Teamed with the "Blue-Flame 125" engine, it's optional at extra cost.

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More things more people want, that's why **MORE PEOPLE BUY CHEVROLETS** than any other car!

Doc Crow Chevrolet

126 NORTH NINTH PHONE 478

Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks . . . and Wise Men followed their Star . . . a Babe was born in Bethlehem almost two thousand years ago. Today, as then, His message of Peace and Good Will shines brightly in the hearts of men . . . a beacon of hope to light the way to a better world for all. In the true spirit of that message, age-old yet ever-young, we wish for everyone, everywhere, a Christmas rich in the joy of blessings received . . . bright with the promise of happiness, deep and abiding, through all the years to come.

O. Z. BALL & CO.

"Where Well Dressed Men Dress Up"

Phone 16 Slaton

Christmas OUT

By Shirley Sargent

ABSOLUTELY refuse to cook another Christmas dinner," Sarah Kilbry announced firmly, hardly daring to look at her startled husband.

But Paul didn't argue at all. "We'll go out," he agreed, "I'll bet you spent four or five hours in the kitchen when we had the relatives for Thanksgiving. You missed all the fun."

"You mean go to a restaurant?" Ten-year-old Peter made the words sound evil. "Guy, who wants to do that?"

"I do," his seven-year-old sister, Jean, rallied unexpectedly. "Then I won't have to set the table!"

Sarah picked up her three-year-old. "Would you like to go to a restaurant for Christmas dinner, Kit?"

Kit stared soberly at her. "Do they have drumsticks?"

"Sure."

"Okay, I'll go."

"Looks like you're outvoted, Peter," Sarah smiled.

"Yes, I do. It won't be like Christmas to eat out."

"You just like the easy part, son," Paul said, "and mother has



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all the hard work to do. This year we'll make it a real holiday for her."

Christmas was on a Thursday and, that afternoon, long after the last exciting package had been opened, the Kilbrys drove to a nearby restaurant.

Peter looked across the table. "Sure seems funny not to have Uncle Tom and the rest of the family with us."

"The rest of the family" adds up to fifteen people," Paul remarked dryly, "at \$3.50 per plate."

Peter didn't say any more, but Sarah knew how he felt. It did seem odd, almost lonesome, to see only five of them around the table and she missed watching Paul carve the turkey. When their orders came, the turkey slices were already on their plates, although Kit had his drumstick.

"I wanted white meat," Jean said, "and they gave me dark meat!"

Quickly, Sarah gave Jean some of her white meat. The turkey was good, but the dressing wasn't nearly as moist as she could make and the gravy seemed a trifle greasy. Neither Paul nor Peter ate as much as they would have at home.

"Just think," Sarah said cheerfully, "no dishes to wash and wipe."

"No leftovers either," Jean complained.

"Yeah, no turkey sandwiches or anything," Peter growled. "Golly, mom, you could make better pie than this."

"At \$2.50 a plate," Paul said loudly, "and you kids have the nerve to complain!"

"Shhh, quiet, dear," Sarah tried to hush him. "people are looking at us."

"It's like eating in a goldfish bowl," he said quietly.

Just then Kit's pie went flying off the table and he let out a howl that echoed around the dining room. Now everybody was looking at them, and laughing with Paul and Sarah. But Peter and Jean were blushing, embarrassed to be the center of so much attention—good-natured or not. Only Kit really enjoyed the confusion as the spilled pie and brought him a new piece.

A la mode, this time.

"Hey, look," he yelled delightedly. "I get ice cream too!"

Again the people at surrounding tables laughed, but Sarah was as repressed as her children. "Honestly," she spluttered. "I'd known."

"Next time," Paul interrupted grimly, "we'll get a private dining room."

"Next time, I'm staying home, even if I hafta eat shredded wheat," Peter said defiantly.

Sarah laughed. "There isn't going to be any next time here. Peter was right, it doesn't seem like Christmas to eat out. There's nothing to look forward to, nothing left over and it isn't as good as home cooking. Next time, we'll have all the relatives at our house."

"But the work," Paul protested. "Oh, nuts to the work, I hardly know what to do with myself this morning. What do you say, kids?"

Jean just grinned, but Peter said, "I say fine, I'll even help with the dishes."

Junior Brashears of Fontana, Calif., is spending the Christmas holidays in Slaton. He will return to California Dec. 28.

The Christmas Dinner

Dorothy Boys Kilian

YOUNG Mrs. Frank Sanderson hung up the telephone receiver and stared bleakly at the beautifully set dining table. The Santa Claus sleigh centerpiece filled with red and white striped candy canes, the sprig of holly at each place setting, the gleaming silver—was it all to be for nothing?

"I'm so terribly sorry," her mother had just said over the phone. "We simply aren't going to be able to make it for Christmas dinner. The roads are just a sheet of ice."

"Oh, Mother!," Eva had exclaimed. "It won't seem like Christmas at all without you here. And Frank and I were so excited about it being our first time to have the family."

"I know how disappointed you'd be, Eva," Mother answered. "But Dad says it's just impossible."

"Oh, Frank!" Eva was close to tears. "It's going to seem so queer without Mom and Dad."

"I know how you feel, honey," Frank put an arm around her comfortingly. "And what's more,



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what about all that food sitting around in the kitchen?"

"We'll just have to find somebody to eat with us," Eva wiped her eyes and looked thoughtful. "Let's see, can you think of any of our friends here in town who hadn't planned anything special for today?"

"Well," Frank said, "the Springers are eating with the folks, the Albright's left by train yesterday for Detroit, the McCalls—oh, you know as well as I do that everybody's dated up. You just don't leave Christmas dinner to chance."

"Frank! What about the Aarongards? You know that fisherman and his family who live in the cottage down by the docks?"

"You mean that tall, quiet guy with three or four tow-headed kids?"

"Yes; and I heard someone in the post office yesterday saying they've been having a struggle lately—the river's been so ice-blocked that he can't get his boat out to the lake, and there's nothing coming in for them."

"Honey, that's a swell idea!" Frank agreed heartily. "But what'll we tell them?"

"Why, just the plain truth, that our folks couldn't make it at the last minute and we'd be so glad if they'd substitute for them."

"Maybe they won't believe it," Frank said. "They've got their pride you know, people like that don't want charity."

"Just try anyway, Frank," Eva pleaded. "Go ahead and phone him right now."

"O.K., here goes." And Frank went to the phone.

A minute or two later Frank hung up the receiver and shook his head. "Just what I was afraid of," he sighed. "When I first started to talk, and wished him Merry Christmas he seemed tickled to death that we'd thought of them, but the minute I mentioned the invitation he froze up and said very politely that they had their own plans. He just didn't believe the story."

Eva looked crestfallen. But after a moment's silence she suddenly said, "Let me have that phone."

"Mr. Aarongard, this is Mrs. Sanderson. We're so sorry you can't come to dinner here, it would have meant a lot to us. But I'm calling this time to ask a favor of you."

"I understand that you go inland to Brinkville every week or so to deliver some fish orders. I just wonder if, the next time you go, you'd be kind enough to take my family's gifts to them—their farm is right on your way."

"—Yes, all their things are under the tree here. We naturally expected them to pick them up when they came to dinner, but—"

Eva began to smile as she listened, and then said cordially, "Oh, fine, we'll expect all of you at about three o'clock. Good-bye 'til then." And she hung up the receiver.

"They guess they'll come after all, if we don't mind their changing their minds," she reported happily.

"You're a smart little wife if I do say it myself," Frank grinned. "Come on, let's shove that bird in the oven."

On Nov. 4, 1923, Lt. Al Williams flying a Navy-Curtiss racer raised the world's speed record to 266.59 mph at Mitchell Field, Long Island, N. Y., bettering the record set by Lt. Brown only two days before.

Porter Residence Gets First Place In Yule Contest

Winners in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas decorating contest were announced Wednesday morning as follows:

First place: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Porter, 550 West Garza, \$25.

Second place: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott, 900 West Lynn, \$10.

Third place: Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Holt, 755 S. 13th, \$5.

Preliminary judging was done on Monday night, and judging was completed on Tuesday night.

There were 18 entries in the contest, according to Mrs. R. D. Bisbee, Chamber of Commerce secretary-manager.

Six judges scored entries on the following basis: general artistic effort, 50 per cent; originality, 20 per cent; ingenuity in utilizing surroundings, 10 per cent; conformity to Christmas spirit, 10 per cent; size, 10 per cent.

E. J. Raschke of Colorado City, Tex., is spending the Christmas holidays in the Edwin Bednarz home as a guest of Walter Lee Bednarz.

Christmas Candles Are Traditional For Many Peoples

To learn your luck for the year they say, Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day. If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear, Good luck will be yours through the year.

This old verse is believed in many lands around the world and is said to be one of the reasons that candles in homes are traditional around the world.

The custom is believed to have started in Ireland. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe." And it is the custom that the candle can only be snuffed by one named Mary.

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle," burned in the window on Christmas Eve, is according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in stonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

"Give a woman an inch and she'll buy a girdle."—Galen Drake



LANA TURNER and Kirk Douglas form the explosive romantic team of M-G-M's "The Bad and the Beautiful," story of a Hollywood tycoon who makes a star of an obscure girl and causes her to fall hopelessly in love with him. The picture opens a two-day run on Sunday at the Slaton Theatre with an all-star cast, including Walter Pidgeon, Dick Powell, Barry Sullivan, Gloria Grahame and Gilbert Rowland.

Yule Seal Idea Was From Denmark

This year millions of Americans have received a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

The idea was conceived by a Danish postal clerk. He thought of the idea in 1903 while mailing Christmas packages and letters.

The clerk was Einar Holboell. He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

An outbreak of infectious bronchitis in the chick flock usually means that from 10 to 20 per cent of the chicks will be lost. The egg production drop in a laying flock is rapid and income losses are heavy. The disease spreads rapidly and prevention is more effective than known controls.

WIN ONE CLASS MEETS FRIDAY

The Win One Class of the First Methodist Church met in the basement of the church, Friday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. for an annual Christmas meeting with Mesdames J. R. Thompson, Elbert Wilson and Nola Waldrop as hostesses.

This being the Christmas season, the church was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Yule tide spirit. Mrs. J. E. Rucker, 1st president, presided. Roll call was by the secretary, Mrs. George Taylor.

A very appropriate devotion was given by Mrs. E. R. Legg. Mrs. T. Pinkston read an interesting paper on "How the Christmas Carols Came to be Written." Leona Meals. Several Christmas carols were sung by the group.

An exchange of gifts was held. Mrs. J. T. Pinkston closed the meeting with prayer. Refreshments were served to members.

Accepting government aid is still taking drugs—pleasant at first habit-forming later, damning last.—Journal, Beaumont, Tex.

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Two presidents have received the Nobel Prize. They were Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, and Woodrow Wilson in 1919.

The man who won't act his age often is married to a woman who won't tell hers.

The Christmas tree can become a fire hazard. Anchor it with sand and rocks in a bucket or small tub and keep the sand moist. This will reduce needle shedding and help keep the tree fresh. The use of flammable decorations is not advised.

ONE-STAR Agriculture

Released by The Texas Department of Agriculture

By John C. White, Commissioner

Letter To Santa

Note: Because of the warm response to the following letter released by the Texas Department of Agriculture last year, it is being issued for re-print this Christmas season. The author is Miss Lois Weekes, society editor of the San Antonio Express which first published the letter in 1951.

Mr. Santa Claus
c/o Childhood Hearts
North Pole

Dear Mr. Claus:

I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long time. You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files.

The last time I wrote you, I spelled bicycle with a "k"—and I've seen singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and it's worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nicer to ME then" from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see, and I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank you" for other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against the countle frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key noels and the hushed hymns, the street-corner replicas of you, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that—and especially to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all that it is a Birthday we are celebrating and not just an expensive respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you

make sure that we'll never outgrow you—that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll be staging it always?

Sincerely yours,
Lois

Pecan harvesting costs have been reduced from a third to a half by growers who use mechanical harvesting equipment. Plans for constructing a pecan tree shaker may be obtained from the office of the local county agent.

The post of Chief of Naval Operations was established by Congress in March, 1915.

Most Beloved Carol Is 'Silent Night'

The most beloved carol of the many that are sung in all parts of the world is "Silent Night" that simple and tender German song.

Its origin was unknown for many years. Recent research, however, disclosed that it was written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

The poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the carol for the first time on Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church in 1818.

The night it was sung the small church's organ was out of order and the choir sang to the accompaniment of a guitar.

Since then the carol has been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world and in the languages of nearly all men.

The Slaton, Tex., Slatonite
Friday, December 25, 1953

Quartet Entertains Slaton Rotarians

Some lively quartet music by Bill Baker, Dorsey Gentry, Bill Moseley, and Mrs. R. A. Thompson featured the Dec. 17 luncheon of the Slaton Rotary Club.

Quartet members were introduced by Truett Boudns.

Luncheon guests included Edwin Forrest, Lubbock; J. S. Edwards, Jr.; and Mrs. Gordon Tompkins, representing the Slaton public schools faculty.

Small grain fields infested with winter grain mites take on a silvery appearance and during severe attacks, leaf tips turn brown and the plants become stunted. Eventually the entire plant may die.



Greetings

In harmony with this joyous season...we extend our best wishes for the happiest holiday ever.

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The Christmas wishes we send you are meant to last as long as the green of the evergreen. And may it extend to all those you love, too.

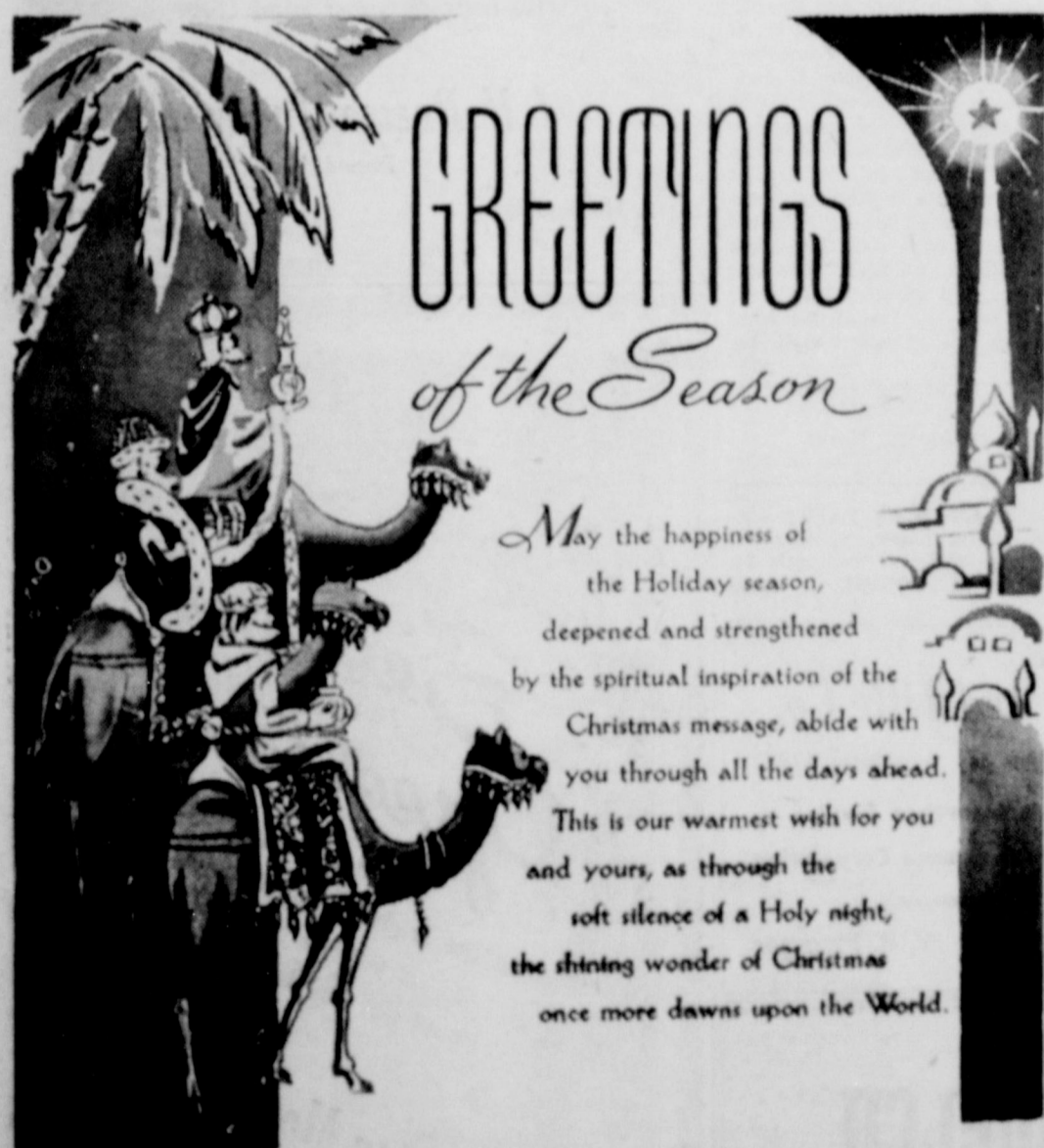
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O, come all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Christmas remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

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GREETINGS of the Season

May the happiness of the Holiday season, deepened and strengthened by the spiritual inspiration of the Christmas message, abide with you through all the days ahead. This is our warmest wish for you and yours, as through the soft silence of a Holy night, the shining wonder of Christmas once more dawns upon the World.

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Season's Greetings

For us, each new Christmas seems to hold an added significance...a deeper meaning... it's because we realize that whatever we accomplish from year to year is made possible through the cooperation and good will of our patrons and friends. We are grateful for this manifestation of loyalty and confidence and it is with full sincerity that we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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 Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Commission of Slaton, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Slaton, Texas, until 5:00 p.m., January 11, 1954, for furnishing and erecting one 420,000 gallon Steel Water Storage Reservoir for the City of Slaton, Owner, and at that time will be publicly opened and read.
 Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company payable without recourse to the City of Slaton, Texas, in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bond and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.
 The successful Bidder must furnish bond on the form provided in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety.
 All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's interest.
 Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.
 Attention is called to the provisions of the Acts of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas, page 91, Chapter 45, (Article No. 5159A Civil Statutes 1925) concerning the wage scale and payment of prevailing rate of wages as established by the Owner. Said scale of prevailing minimum rates of wages is set forth in the specifications.
 Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and other contract documents are on file in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Slaton, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Consulting Engineers, 1414 Avenue J, Lubbock, Texas.
 Copies of the Plans and Specifications may be secured from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Consulting Engineers, 1414 Avenue J, Lubbock, Texas, upon deposit of \$10.00 as a guarantee of the safe return of the plans and specifications. The full amount of the deposit will be returned to the Contractor on submission of a bona fide bid on the work, with such Plans and Specifications, or upon returning the plans and specifications prior to the date for receiving bids; otherwise, the deposit shall be forfeited.
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MRS. FRANK SMITH

Elmer Lee Wuensche and Marvin Umlang who are attending Concordia College at Austin are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wuensche and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Umlang.

Howard Cook was in Houston last week attending funeral services for his brother, Ray Cook, who died Wednesday of a heart attack.

The primary department of the Baptist Sunday School was entertained with a Christmas party on Monday afternoon at the church. The children brought socks for the children's home at Round Rock instead of exchanging gifts. Twenty-two children were present. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Frank Schneider, Howard Cook, R. T. Moore, E. R. Petty and Pat Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Mahurin visited with Mrs. Mahurin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rogers, in O'Donnell Sunday.

Messrs. and Mesdames Luke Coleman and family, Claude Coleman and Grover Coleman enjoyed a Christmas dinner in the home of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Coleman, at Ackerly on Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kahlich went to Big Spring Monday to take Mrs. Kahlich's brother, Ernest Hillen, to the Veterans Hospital. Mr. Hillen who recently underwent surgery is ill again.

The Adult Class of the Baptist Sunday School was entertained with a Christmas party Monday night in the home of Mrs. Elmer Blankenship. Gifts were taken for the children's home in Round Rock. Refreshments were served to Mesdames G. T. Galneau, Judson Hewlett, Lloyd Mears, J. F. Earwood, Jack Bishop, Erwin Sander, Earl Cummings, D. A. Brown, Clyde Moore, Floyd Heck, Royce Skinner, Truman Baxley, Cecil Fields, Pete Rhoads, Gryder, Tobbin and Blankenship.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Dockray and family of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Purdue of Slaton visited

in the E. J. Moore home Sunday.

Mrs. M. G. Bruedigam and family and Miss Evonne Preston attended the Christmas program at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lubbock Sunday night.

Miss Grace Bulgier of Beaumont arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her aunt, Miss Lois Ware.

Fred Davidson returned to Fort Bliss Friday after a fourteen day leave spent with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Davidson and his sister, Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewlett and son, Randy, visited with Mrs. Hewlett's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ardis Montgomery, in Lubbock on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Womack and family of Odessa spent Sunday with Mrs. Womack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Savage and family of Smyer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Moore. The Savages until recently have resided at Portales, N. M.

Monroe Talkmitt, Leonard Dube and Mrs. Oswald Dube went to Stephenville Thursday. Mrs. Dube stayed for a visit with her daughter but the two men returned home Friday.

Mason Davidson who is attending A&M arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Davidson.

The St. Paul's Lutheran Church held its annual Christmas program Friday night. Mesdames P. W. Heckmann, Cecil Wied and Carl Herzog directed the games for the children. Refreshments were served to about forty.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Fuller and son had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Troutt and son of Slaton, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Fuller of Ropesville and Miss Evonne Fuller of Canyon.

Mrs. John Heck entertained the Wilson Sewing Club with a Christmas party at her home Wednesday afternoon. Sandwiches, congealed salad, fruit cake, tea and coffee were served to Mesdames Ross Williamson, Pat Campbell, R. T. Moore, H. C. Fountain, L. G. Full-

er, George Parker, John Hamilton, Miss Eva Williamson and Mrs. Heck.

Miss Marce Dean Swope who is attending Texas Tech in Lubbock visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Swope Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brannon and son of Lubbock visited with Mr. Brannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brannon, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Owen and family returned Sunday after a stay of several weeks in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. John Shepard of Lubbock spent the week end with Mrs. Shepard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benak, Jr., and daughter, Marilyn, of Lubbock visited Mrs. Benak's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Crowder, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Peterson and daughter, Pat, of Olton visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jeeter Fagan and Mrs. Hautence Parker on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bartley of Levelland spent Thursday night with Mrs. Bartley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tunnell of Tahoka visited with Mrs. Tunnell's mother, Mrs. H. C. Fountain, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talkmitt entertained with a Christmas dinner Sunday. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Byron Talkmitt and family of Lamesa, Monroe Talkmitt and daughter, Jeff Talkmitt and son and Arthur Gicklhorn and son.

The W.S.C.S. of the Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Grover Coleman for its annual Christmas party Friday. Mesdames Clarence Church, Derrell Ward and Sam Gatzki had charge of the program. Following the dinner the business meeting was held and gifts opened. Those present were Mesdames Charles Campbell, Alice Davis, Chester Swope, Claude Coleman, Luke Coleman, Elmer Rice, Clarence Church, Glen Ward, F. B. Riney, J. O. King, C. A. Coleman, Joe White, John Hamilton, J. W. Lamb, W. J. Hancock, W. C. Huffaker, Arlis Guinn, Jim Coleman and Gini Kay Gatzki.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith had dinner with Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Martin Donley, and Mr. Donley in Lubbock Tuesday night.

The Junior Class of the Meth-

odist Church School was entertained with a Christmas party at the church Wednesday night. Miss Ethel Summerlin and Mrs. Charles Campbell, teacher and assistant teacher, had charge of the entertainment. Those present were Doris and Carol Lamb, Bobby and Larry Riney, Sue Colegan, Joe Hewlett, Rev. and Mrs. Lynward Harrison, Mesdames Alice Davis, Robert Lamb and F. B. Riney.

A junior MYF of the Methodist Church was organized Sunday night with Miss Ethel Summerlin and Mrs. Charles Campbell as sponsors. Officers elected were Doris Lamb, president; Bobby Riney, vice-president; Sue Coleman, secretary, and Carol Lamb, treasurer. Joe Hewlett was made song leader.

Mesdames Virgil Henderson, Homer Campbell, Sr., Charles Baker and Willa Wakeland and Miss Gladys Kirtley entertained the Intermediate department of the Sunday School with a party at the church Saturday night. Those present were John Henderson, Donald Gryder, Laston Eakin, Eugene Gryder, Jimmy Eakin, Kenneth Moore, Nita and Dixie Hewlett and Shirley Campbell.

Mrs. Earl Cummings entertained her Sunday School class with a party at her home Friday night. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of hot punch and fruit cake were served to Nancy Cook, Willie Pat Baxley, Shirley Gary, Joan Walker, Daisy Standefer and Elmer beth Parker.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Blake Gregston and daughter, Cecelia, of Lubbock visited Mrs. Gregston's mother, Mrs. Mattie Whittington, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Clary and daughter, Carolyn, visited in Lubbock and Slaton Sunday night. In Slaton they visited with Mr. Clary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Clary.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swann and sons of Plains visited with Mr. Swann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Swann, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Henderson and family of Lamesa visited Saturday night with Mr. Hender-

son's sister, Mrs. Mattie Whittington, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blevins and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Swann visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swann at Idalou Friday night.

Mrs. Edward Craven and two children and Mrs. Matte Whittington and daughter, Janice, spent Friday night in Woodrow with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Angerer and family.

Mrs. W. C. Church of Slaton and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church of Olton visited in the Clarence Church home Sunday.

Mrs. Lynward Harrison is in Tye this week visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Weldon Newton, Mr. Newton and family.

Rumania more than doubled in size and population after World War I.

Freddie England who is attending Baylor Dental School in Dallas is spending the Christmas holidays at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred England.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Womack will have as guests during the Christmas holidays their daughter, Mrs. Elton Wyatt, Rev. Mr. Wyatt and their family of Mobeetie and their son, Rev. Royce Womack, and family of Coahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stevens of Plainview are announcing the arrival of a baby son, Robert Alvin, on Saturday, Dec. 19. He weighed 8 lbs. and 12 1/2 ozs. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are former residents of Slaton.

"Pa." is the proper abbreviation for Pennsylvania.



Greetings

No Christmas would be complete for us without an expression of the warm feeling that we have for our many loyal and appreciative friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Davis Motor Co.
Slaton, Texas



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- Butane - Propane
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A COMPLETE AUTO SERVICE FOR WILSON

Holy night

In the hush of a mid-night clear,
the herald angels
sang out to praise
the new-born King.
May His message of peace
and good will lighten your
heart and brighten your
home this Christmas and
all through the New Year.

Lloyd & Harold Tucker

MANY THANKS to the persons and organizations listed below, for the wonderful cooperation they gave the Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring and erecting the Nativity Scene on the City Hall lawn this Christmas season.

- Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wilson
- Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitehead
- A Friend, Lubbock
- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Teague III
- Mr. and Mrs. Max Arrants
- Mr. and Mrs. George Jones
- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Merrill
- Dr. and Mrs. M. J. McSween
- Dr. and Mrs. Glen Payne
- Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pember
- Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Plinke
- Mr. and Mrs. Clark Self
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- Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Young
- Mr. and Mrs. Claude Anderson
- Claude Cravens
- Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vardy
- Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Payne

Religious Groups:

- Baptist Brotherhood
- Church of Christ
- First Christian Church
- Methodist Men
- Westview Men's Class
- Assembly of God Church
- Baptist Women's Circles
- Catholic Daughters
- Church of God
- Church of the Nazarene
- Methodist Loyal Workers
- Methodist W.S.C.S.
- Methodist Wesleyan Service Guild
- Presbyterian Council
- Lutheran W.M.S.

Industries:

- West Texas Gas Co.
- C. R. Anthony Co.
- Citizens State Bank
- Southwestern Public Service
- King's 5 & 10

Miscellaneous Organizations:

- Chamber of Commerce Directors
- American Legion
- Elementary P-TA
- Rotary Club
- V.F.W.
- Woodmen's Ladies Circle
- W.O.W.

- Athenian Study Club
- Bluebonnet Club
- Civic and Culture Club
- Daughters of the Pioneer
- Home Demonstration Club
- Junior Civic and Culture Club
- Mes Amies
- Masonic Lodge
- Slaton Art Club
- Auxiliary to Volunteer Firemen

Donations of Service and Material:

- F.F.A. Boys
- Verl Woodfin
- J. B. Huckabay
- George Willis and Assistants
- Elbert Wilson
- Southwestern Public Service
- J. E. McKinney
- Joe Van Ness
- Clyde Green
- Rev. Louis Bowerman
- Jack Berkley
- Adair Music Co.
- Slatonite and Staff
- Magnus Klattenhoff
- L. C. Strube

Santa Fe Employees:

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- B. of L. F. & E.
- B. of R. R. Trainmen
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- Aux. of B. of R. R. T.
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- Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tanner
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred England
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green
- Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hagerman

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**HUSER
ATCHERY**

"The Store With The
Checkerboard Sign"

JOYFUL Holiday Greetings

In the warm and cheerful atmosphere of this wonderful Christmas season when families are gathered together — when spirits are refreshed, hearts uplifted and all the world is suddenly full of smiling people — we want to offer to one and all our very best wishes for the happiest holiday you've ever enjoyed.



SLATON PHARMACY

Chamber of Commerce Directors

**CHAMBER BANS
U. S. AID PLEAS**

Putting "the good of the country as a whole ahead of sectional interests," the Denver Chamber of Commerce has adopted a policy of refusing to ask Federal aid in building public structures or expanding welfare projects. The directors announced also that they will not support other organizations in such requests.

The directors adopted a resolution saying they would stick to their policy "regardless of what chambers of commerce in other areas decided to do."

— WANT ADS GET RESULTS —



BIKINI CHRISTMAS . . . They may not have snow, but it's Christmas in Miami Beach, too. Hilda Esteves gets into the Yule spirit by decorating a pool-side tree. Helper is Ellen Sweet.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old and I would like to have a big doll with hair also some dishes and some cowgirl boots. My little sister Debby is 2 years old and she wants a baby doll and tricycle. Be sure and go see my Grandmother and Grandad Barnes out in Avondale, Arizona and don't forget Patsy an Tommy, my little aunt and uncle and Arvil Joe Cooper my little cousin all of Slaton.

Try to remember all the little boys and girls everywhere.
Thank you
Judy and Debby Barnes
P.S. Santa don't forget that I have moved from Slaton to Levelland.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 4 1/2 years old and I am trying real hard to be a good boy.

I would like for you to bring me a black cowboy suit and hat, Roy Rogers guns, holsters and spurs, a black board, tool chest, a walkie talkie, and an ambulance.

I would also like for you to bring a lot of nice toys for my little cousin, Tracy Middleton. He lives in Tulsa, Okla., and I live in Odessa, Tex., but we will both be visiting with our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Middleton in Slaton at Christmas time.

We will be looking for you.
Love,
Gil McCain
635 So. 14th St.
Slaton, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a doll about 16 in. tall that has a baton and ice skates and roller skates and clothes and a suitcase.

Love,
Frances Dooley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a arch set or a pelgun and a conbe set or a bashball. Don't forget the eather letter boys or girls.

Your frind
Darral Jenkins

Dear Santa,
I want a quawdresses and a makeup-kit and a box of stationery and some new shoes.

Your friends,
Carol Ann Pennington

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a pair of guns. A carruns game and the other 85 games that go with it. A real picture of you. Two real good matching lamps to give to my mother. A nice white shirt with French cuffs for my daddy. A rubber ball for my dog Sandy. A nice shirt for Russell. A TV for the family. I forgot I need a pair of shoes size 3 1/2 and some socks. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus and a Happy New Year.

Your friend,
Roger Cummings

Der Santa,
I want a doll it name is Tiny Tears. I went to Slaton but they did not have them and I were to Lubbock when I got there I were to some store but they did not have any then I sent to Sears



NO. 1 GRANDCHILDREN . . . Grandchildren of President Eisenhower get a look at Christmas dolls. They are (left to right) Susan, Barbara Anne, and Dwight David. The children spent last Christmas with their grandparents at 60 Morningside Drive, New York.

Roebuck and they said they did have some but they wear out but the lady said she would write you and see if you had nay more.

Yours only
Gayle Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle for Christmas. My brother wants to twicks. I have to be going now. By

Yours truly,
W. H. Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas and a watch and a ironing board. I want the doll to have a suitcase and I want the watch in a case also. Well by now.

Sencely yours,
Jo Ann Wiley

Dear Santa,
I want a tiny tears doll that cries real tears. And I want a wide belt with a shinning buckle. And a sock full of candy.

Yours turley,
Linda Reed

Dear Santa Claus
I want a dor. set.

Gerald Merck

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am fine. I would like a doll with clothes for Christmas. I would like a Majorette suit for Christmas and hope you can come to see me on Christmas Eve.

Your friend,
Mary Elliott

Dear Santa
Thank you for the things you gave me last year. I would like a fountain pen and a train. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Jimmy Ayers

I want a walking doll and a squaw dress. And don't forget the other boys and girls.

Love,
Judy Ann Smith

Dear Santa Clus,
My name is Janice Kay Hill and I would like to have a 16 inch walking doll. This is the last doll I want. I have 4 dolls and this will make me 5.

Your truely,
Janice Hill

**Joseph Proved His
Love for Mary,
Mother of Jesus**

Joseph, the bible relates, had to prove his faith in and love for Mary before they were married. It is one of the great love stories of all times.

When Joseph thought of Mary, he forgot the difference in their ages: she was the girl he had waited for, his beloved. They were espoused—or, as we would say, engaged—which was almost as official as being married. His heart soared on wings of the approaching wedding day, and then . . .

What Mary insisted had come to pass, simply could not be! Joseph wanted desperately to believe Mary, but such things just didn't happen, and if they did, they happened to somebody else.

Much as he loved Mary, Joseph was a righteous and God-fearing man and while he couldn't even think of making her a public example, he had just about made up his mind to put her away privily. That is, he thought he had made up his mind. In his heart, he knew he couldn't; what would become of her . . . of her child . . .

Then one night, after he had exhausted himself with tortured thinking, he fell asleep and the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream: saying

"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not . . .
And when Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had bidden him, and took Mary as his lawful and cherished wife.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto Joseph.

"Fear not," the angel had declared unto Mary.

"Fear not," the angel spoke unto the shepherds of Bethlehem

On Sept. 10, 1954, the USS MIDWAY was placed in commission which introduced a new type carrier of 45,000 tons in the U. S. Navy.

Approximately 40 per cent of apparel and accessories worn in the U. S. are manufactured in New York City.

**Ez Corley Wins
McMurry College
Football Award**

ABILENE (Spl.)— Ezra Corley, former star footballer for Slaton High School, was one of four freshmen to receive varsity football awards last week at McMurry College. McMurry's complete list of football lettermen included 24 players, Wilford Moore, athletic director and head coach at the Methodist college, reported.

The 6-1, 197-pound Corley lettered three out of the four years he played end at Slaton High School. He was captain of the team in his senior year, and also participated

in baseball and basketball. Corley was given honorable mention for all-Texas Conference honors last week in Dallas, by the five coaches of member-schools of the conference. He is now playing on the McMurry B squad basketball team.

The freshmen end wound up the 1953 season as a starter on McMurry's championship ball club, and contributed a great deal to the Indians successful season. McMurry won 8 games, tied 1, and lost 1, to gain a tri-share of the Texas Conference title with ACC and Texas A&I.

Low producing Bermuda and Johnson grass pastures can be improved by a renovating program. A combination of tillage, fertilization and seeding will do wonders for pastures on the down grade.

Sake is a Japanese liquor made from rice.



Season's Greetings



Emzy Pieratt
District Clerk

**WE HOPE THAT THIS
CHRISTMAS WILL BE
A JOYOUS ONE
FOR ALL OUR
FRIENDS**

**Fondy's Shoe
and
Leather Shop**

Cecil Long's Garage
1120 South Ninth

GREETINGS
May love and joy surround you at this time. May the Season's blessings be yours.

Henzler Implement Co.

MERRY Christmas

Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and good-will . . . and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

Layne Plumbing

Happy Holiday

To all our friends we'd like to say: Good Tidings for the Holiday! We hope it finds you blithe and gay!

Harry Bryant Cotton Buyer

Greetings

Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year.

It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.

Williams Buick Co.
Closed noon 24th to Monday, 28th.

SLATON MERCHANTS DO APPRECIATE THEIR CUSTOMERS

Slaton merchants and business men this week have taken time out from their regular advertising of merchandise and items in their stores to send to You, the people of Slaton, their greetings and wishes for a joyous holiday season. In expression of their appreciation for your patronage throughout the year, they have taken advertising space in this week's Slatonite to let you know that they are thankful for your consideration in trading with them.

Kuss Electric
Layne Plumbing & Electric
Pounds Oil Co.
Pierce Service Station
J. O. Eckles Blacksmith
O. K. Rubber Welders
Cecil Long's Garage
Bruce & Mary Lou Blair
Arnold Ice Co.
Union Grocery & Market
Union Compress & Warehouse Co.
Red Arrow Cafe
Clifford & Ethel Young
Posey Gin
Berkley & Haddock Grocery
Teague Drug
Schuette Service Station
Southwestern Public Service Co.
Piggly Wiggly
W. T. Joines Dairy
Roy Boyd
Emzy Pieratt
George S. Berry
Louie Moore
Grady Harrist
Walter Davies
Waggoner Carr
C. R. Anthony Co.
White Auto & White House Furniture
Payne's
Hilton's
Slaton Theatre
West Texas Gas Co.
Home Furniture Co.
Decorator & Gift Shop
Slaton Chamber of Commerce
Stan's Garage
First Methodist Church
Slaton Motor Co.
O. Z. Ball & Co.
Slaton Pharmacy
Brewer Insurance
The Slatonite
Doc Crow Chevrolet Co.
Sherrill Boyd
Slaton Lumber Co.
Hoyt's Body Shop
Henzler Implement Co.
Pete Grandon Garage
Arrants Wholesale Meats
Kirk's Drive In

Little Flower Shop
Slaton Butane Co.
Brush Motor Freight
Vivian Grocery
Williams Funeral Home
Pember Insurance
Whittington Service Station
Harry Bryant
Butler Monument Works
Loyd & Harold Tucker
Joe Schmaltz
Slaton Furniture Co.
Ted & Juel's Garage
Slaton Implement Co.
E. B. Custer
Henzler Grocery
Marinell Studio
Slaton Butane & Appliance
Cudd Implement Co.
Huser Hatchery
C. & W. Service Station
Angerer Texaco Station
Champion Jewelry
Drive In Food Market
McWilliams Dry Goods
Kertan Studio
Gulf Oil Corporation
Davis Motor Co.
George Green, County Commissioner
S. & J. Upholstery
Wilson Bakery
Walton Drug
Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.
Howard & Heard Gin
Citizens State Bank
Slaton Farm Store
Forrest Lumber Co.
Fondy Shoe Shop
Campbell's Gin
O. D. Kenney Auto Parts
Thompson Furniture
Browning & Marriott
Self Service Station
S. & J. Cleaners
Webb's
Artcraft Studio
Brasfield Plumbing
Kessel's 5 & 10
Bain Auto Store
Williams Buick
Ely's 8 'Til Late Grocery



By Papinta Knowles
ANN didn't lift her head when Jerry laid the work on her desk.

"I'm sorry to rush you, Ann," he said, "but this should be finished by three this afternoon. Banes will drop by for it."

His voice was gentle; it implied sincerity of his regret in putting the rush work before her. There was no doubt of it, Ann thought.

"Shall we go now, Jerry?" Beth Jenkins spoke at her shoulder.

"If you wish," Jerry said. "Ann kept her eyes on her work. She heard them close the office door.

They were going across the street to Tony's for a smoke and coffee.

With the sound of their steps fading into silence, Ann stopped working and looked idly at her hands. From somewhere along the street below Silent Night came softly from a radio, and she heard a venter chant, "Holly . . . mistletoe . . . cheap. Just two days till Christmas . . ."

Snow fell softly past the office windows, making a little mound on the sills. She had wanted a white Christmas. And until last week, she thought, I had planned on having a happy Christmas. With Mom, her kid brothers Joe and Bill, Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reema. Christmas had always seemed complete before. Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reema lived with them, and they were together on Christmas.

And somehow there had never been anyone outside the little circle that Ann cared to share



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their fun with. Not anyone she was interested in. But now—

There was no use denying her thoughts about Jerry Laws. He disturbed her the moment he stepped into the office last week as new manager of Rankin Real Estate and Loans. And in spite of her effort to push him out of her mind he had occupied her thoughts since. With Beth Jenkins working there too, she knew it was folly to think of him. Beth had a way with men.

Beth was working only until she could find someone who would give her a ring and a home. She used her salary to buy expensive clothes to set off her blond attractiveness. While I, Ann thought, fill a man's place at home. It took money for Mom, Joe and Bill. Any money left over from her salary had to be saved for a rainy day, and when she bought something new to wear it had to be conservative.

I can't compete, simply can't, Ann thought. Why, then, do I keep thinking of him? She heard the vender's chant from the street again and she thought, he'll buy her something for Christmas. This is only the beginning—for Beth.

She checked her thoughts with the sound of their returning steps on the stairs and turned to her work, grateful that she had so much to do. She wouldn't have time to think.

Shortly before three o'clock she walked into Jerry's office with the finished work.

She smiled and laid the work on his desk. "I hope I've made no errors, Jerry," she said.

"You haven't. Thanks, Ann," he said.

She turned from his desk.

"Ann—"

Ann turned back reluctantly. "Yes?" If he was going to praise her for her efficiency, she didn't want to hear it! It had been all right from others before Jerry, but from Jerry—

"Ann—" he repeated, "you know, I suppose, that this should have been Beth's work."

"No, I didn't know," Ann said, and a little wave of anger went over her. Tears stung her eyes. She was hurt.

He had made her a goat for Beth!

Jerry smiled. "I discovered soon after I came," he said, "that you'd be the one I'd have to depend on for important work. And I discovered, too, something else. Someday I'll tell you, Ann, there's a grand Christmas show this evening at the Alden. May I take you?"

For a second Ann didn't answer. When finally she said, "I'd love to go," she could have sworn the vender's chant coming from the street was not "Holly . . . mistletoe . . . cheap."—it was, "Happy Christmas . . . happy Christmas!"

A newspaper survey shows that America's working wives put in 79 hours a week on their jobs and home work. They spend 39 hours cooking, dishwashing, cleaning, and marketing.



(SLATONITE STAFF PHOTO)

IT'S A HEAVY LOAD—And this isn't all! Jack Carr, carrier for Slaton's Rural Route No. 1, is shown working part of his mail for delivery this week. Pictured is only a portion of the papers and Christmas cards which came his way. Several carton boxes of Christmas cards were beneath the counter, having already been worked. This season's mail was described by postal workers as the "heaviest ever."

Germans First Lighted Christmas Tree Here

German immigrants, homesick for the traditions of their native land, were the first to decorate Christmas trees in their homes in the United States, according to tradition.

Historians believe it was about the end of the Revolution that the practice began to grow in the colonies.

Before that the Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. And a Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

Historians also believe that Martin Luther was the first to decorate and light a tree. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Keep Trees Green

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

Hunters can make their experiences in the field and woods more enjoyable if they'll follow a few simple rules. Ask for permission to hunt and treat your host fair and square; always be safe; use your head and save your life; play fair with hunting regulations for they are made to protect the best interests of all.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blaylock of 1205 W. Garza Street will have as guests for Christmas their children, Major and Mrs. Hugh F. Blaylock, Elizabeth, Freeman, Leroy, Judy, Janeice and Charlotte. Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Holloway of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Blaylock of Muleshoe and Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith of Slaton.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 99th District Court of Lubbock County, Texas, on a Judgment rendered in said Court, dated the 10th day of November, 1953, in Cause Number 22753 entitled LOVIE RECORD vs. OSCAR RECORD, I did on the 19th day of December, 1953, levy upon the following described lot, tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Lubbock, State of Texas, as the property of said OSCAR RECORD and LOVIE RECORD, to-wit:

Lot Three (3), Block Four (4), H. A. Scott Addition to the Town of Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas.

(Being one town lot of land out of said addition which is out of Survey 19, Block 24, H. E. & W. T. Ryc. Co., Lubbock County, Texas.)

And on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1954, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the Court House door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said OSCAR RECORD and LOVIE RECORD in and to said property.

Dated at Lubbock, Texas this 22 day of December, A.D. 1953.

GRADY HARRIST
Sheriff of Lubbock County,
Texas.

By Verlie Shearer, Deputy
9-3tc

The Slaton, Tex., Slatonite
Friday, December 25, 1953

Mrs. Schnell, 87 Is Buried Monday

Mrs. Frank Schnell of Wichita Falls, Texas, died Saturday, Dec. 19, at 6:30 at the home of her daughter after an illness of several years. She died in her sleep. She had had a lengthy illness but was not confined to her bed at the time of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schnell formerly lived in the Gordon community, where they had farming and ranching interests. About 16 years ago they moved to Wichita Falls. Mr. Schnell preceded his wife in death three years ago. Since that time Mrs. Schnell has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Hellman, in Wichita Falls. She was 87 years old.

She is survived by five children: C. F. Schnell, Slaton; Joe Schnell, Lubbock; Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Lubbock; Mrs. Ed Hellman, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Henry Ritchards, Austin; 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Wichita Falls; burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Small Towns First to Light Outdoor Trees

It was a small town that first thought of lighting an outdoor community Christmas tree.

Four communities are believed to have thought of the idea about the same time—as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Arcauria.

The first national Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. The event is now televised every year for all parts of the country to see.

The most spectacular outdoor displays in the United States are at the White House and Rockefeller Center in New York. The New York display is possibly the most elaborate in the world.

But it was the small towns that first thought of the idea.

Today, nearly every community in the land has some kind of Christmas decorations. Many communities string colored lights across the street and decorate light posts with evergreens. Many suspend bells and stars at street intersections and have dazzling community trees.



Joyful Wishes

It is with unbounded pleasure that we extend to all our friends our sincerest wishes for a glorious holiday.

Red Arrow Cafe
George & Vivian Jones

The Employees of West Texas Gas Company Wish You a Merry Christmas



HAPPY HOLIDAY . . . A parade makes it a happy holiday for children. Every year Macy's of New York has a gigantic pre-Christmas parade. Here excited youngsters watch the gay spectacle. They are having the time of their lives and the scene will be repeated in hundreds of towns throughout the country this Christmas season.

Little Indiana Town Owes Fame To Unusual Name

The little community of Santa Claus, Indiana, owes its fame to its unusual name. And at Christmas time its small post-office is swamped with mail from throughout the world by people who want their letter postmarked Santa Claus.

In addition, thousands of letters are received at the post-office addressed to "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Ind."

The notes range from the wistful to the desperate, requesting such things as a mama doll, a sled, a sweater, or a pair of overshoes.

They come from countries all over the world—small villages in Canada and big cities in Europe.

Christmas Today Is Too Commercial, Many People Believe

Today we hear many people say that Christmas has been "commercialized" and has lost its true meaning.

Has it? Is it wrong this one time in the year to make the dominate theme one of giving, rather than receiving?

Giving has always been a major part of the Christmas theme—the giving of joy and happiness to others whether it be spiritual or material.

It is true that economically no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. The holiday has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and Christmas specialties for the next year.

Giving will remain one of the great joys of Christmas for all time to come. Christmas has survived through the centuries and nothing will ever stop it.

What, after all, brings more joy than seeing people happy; than watching children and loved ones open gifts and express their thanks in words and deeds?

It is, essentially, the Christmas story.

Door Decorations

In the last few years it has become more and more popular to decorate doors and doorways with bells and tree ornaments instead of the conventional wreath.

Your door and window frames can be made bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. You can hang the ribbon in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide saab bows for colorful effect.

A. N. Rickses Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 17



(SLATONITE STAFF PHOTO)

PHOTO OF Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Rickses taken Dec. 17, 1953, as they celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding day with Open House at their home at 430 West Garza Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Rickses, 430 W. Garza, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Thursday, Dec. 17, with Open House at their home.

Guests registered in a white and gold anniversary guest book, and were served fruit cake and coffee from a table laid with an ecru lace cloth and centered with poinsettias. A daughter, Mrs. Arthur Husted of Clovis, N. M., poured.

The house was decorated with cut flowers and pot plants. Displayed on a table along with the couple's wedding picture was a clock they have had for 60 years that still keeps perfect time.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickses were married Dec. 17, 1893, at Nevada, Tex., when he was 25 and she 19. An episode of their wedding day has become one of those family memories that evokes a chuckle with each retelling. They both remember well the pig that followed their buggy on their wedding day.

The Rickses' children are Mrs. J. T. Loke of Dallas, Tex., and Mrs. Arthur Husted of Clovis, N. M. They lost a daughter, Mrs. Jerry Leverett. They have three grandchildren, Mrs. Russell Saunders of Roundup, who attended the anniversary celebration, Mrs. Vincent Cox of Marlin, and Bobby Husted of Clovis. They have two great-grandchildren, Stephen and Dwayne Cox of Marlin.

The couple has lived here since November of 1923, and in their present home since 1927. Mr. Rickses is a retired farmer, has been in the produce business, and was a druggist and mayor of Nevada when they left there.

Five years ago this month Mrs. Rickses broke her leg and hip and has been an invalid in a wheel chair since that time, but she still enjoys life and she hasn't lost her sweet smile.

WHAT'S NEW

Push-buttons to be punched according to code, replace conventional ignition key on a car; make it virtually impossible for automobile thieves to start the engine.

An Eastern bank is using television for more efficient operation. When a customer presents a withdrawal slip, the teller gives the account number into a telephone. Then the TV screen shows the name, bank balance, and signature.

Charles Goodyear was the first to manufacture rubber overshoes.

Empress Eugenie set the vogue for hoop skirts.



PHOTO OF Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Rickses taken Dec. 17, 1893, on their wedding day.

Christmas Card Idea Originated By Englishman

Christmas cards are so much a part of the modern Yule season that one seldom stops to wonder how the idea originated and by whom.

This simple idea of wishing your friends a Merry Christmas brought honor and knighthood to the originator, Henry Cole, a middleclass Englishman.

Cole mailed his cards on a December day in 1846. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas custom of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

He had a thousand of the cards struck off by a lithograph. They were such a success that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

The cards we send today, however, a far cry from those mailed by Cole. The cards you send and receive this year will be designed by famous names in contemporary art.

An American shopping for cards this year may select scenes painted by such famous people as Winston Churchill, Britain's prime minister and famed amateur artist, and Grandma Moses, one of America's most famous artists.

The demand for cards is so great that many companies spend their entire time in designing and producing them for the holiday season.

Vanilla, in its natural state, is a green, elongated bean.

That Reindeer Is Becoming a Tradition

That reindeer is becoming an American tradition.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chlie Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

Guests expected to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blaylock during the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jones of Houston and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers of Lubbock.

Exercise Mariner, held recently in the North Atlantic, was the greatest peace time massing of naval power in history. It involved some 300 warships, 200 merchant ships and 1000 planes of nine NATO navies.



Hello

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

Walter Davies

County Judge

Home Furniture Company

215 West Lubbock
SLATON, TEXAS

December 25, 1953

Dear Customer:

With the arrival of Christmas and the holiday season, it is fitting, we believe, to stop and give consideration to the things that make this season of the year particularly enjoyable, among them the privilege of living and being able to do business in a fine country and with people such as you here in the great independent South Plains region.

We are particularly thankful for the good friends and customers we have made, for without such folks as you we could not have prospered. We have done our best to fill your needs in home furnishings. We are striving daily to better our services to you and will continue to do so as long as we are in business.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely,

HOME FURNITURE COMPANY
Bland Tomlinson

Christmas WISHES

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

Pierce Service Station
855 South Ninth

Peace and Happiness for Christmas

May this Holy Season bring to our many friends all the rich blessings that will make for happiness and joy throughout the year.

Williams Funeral Home

Greetings

As "it came upon a midnight clear," may the message of Peace and Good Will dwell in your heart at Christmas.

E. B. Custer
Slaton, Texas

A Season's Greetings

In the spirit of the season we send you warm-hearted greetings and best wishes for a joyous Holiday.

Schuette Service Station

Greetings OF THE Season TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Butler Monument Works
S. O. Henry J. B. Butler

Proper winter protection for machinery will prolong its useful life and cut repair and maintenance costs. Machine sheds are a sound investment.

A time and labor saver is the bumper gate. Plans for constructing such equipment may be obtained from your local county agent. Ask for plan 20, "Bumper Gates."

Artificial pearls were first made in 1680, by Jacquoin of Paris.



We'll go along with Santa in wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

Walton Drug
Phone 92
Slaton, Texas



Season's Greetings

May happiness and good health be yours throughout this Christmas season.



Waggoner Carr
State Representative, 97th District, Place 1

DO YOU REMEMBER?

One Year Ago in Slaton
Taken from Dec. 26, 1952

Rev. P. J. Burns, pastor of the First Christian Church, is leaving Slaton. Effective the first Sunday in February, Rev. Burns will become pastor of the First Christian Church in Kerrville.

One local farmer says that perhaps castor beans can be made a profitable crop on the South Plains but it's going to take a lot of persuading to get him to grow them. His mother planted some for decorative shrubbery when he was a boy and he spent a good part of his youth chopping castor bean plants from around the cow lot. "Never thought any one would be foolish enough to want castor beans," he said, "much less pay money for them. They spread worse than careless weeds."

The employees of the C. R. Anthony Co. had their annual Christmas dinner at the Club House Friday evening, Dec. 12.

Frank Todd, who is teaching at N.T.S.C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Todd.

Mrs. Lee Green left Dec. 23 for Corpus Christi to visit her son, Harry N. Green and his family. She also will visit Mrs. Arthur K. Green and her children of the same city. Mrs. Green will return to Slaton about Dec. 31.

Mr. Edd Caldwell accompanied T. Sgt. and Mrs. T. T. Fenley of Lubbock to Dallas Saturday to attend the State Championship game between the Lubbock Westerners and Baytown. They returned on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Eaves and Mary Beth will leave Christmas Day for Corpus Christi where they will visit Mrs. Eaves' brother, Cecil McLaurie and his family. They plan to do some fishing while there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams had their family Christmas dinner on Saturday night. They planned to leave Wednesday for Perryton to spend Christmas with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Emma Glasgow.

Five Years Ago in Slaton
Taken from Dec. 24, 1948

At the request of area farmers and of flower growers and gardeners in Slaton, Mayor Wootton reports that he has secured some poison to kill sparrows and that it is available at no cost to those who wish to put it out where the birds will get it. Mayor Wootton said that the poison is harmless to chickens, dogs, cats and to all birds that have a craw but will kill sparrows, geese, ducks, and other species of birds that do not have craws.

Pete Pearson, industrial power

safety manager for this area for the Southwestern Public Service Company, reported this week that the hookup with the new Denver City power plant has been completed and that Slaton and all of the towns on the new hookup will not likely have power cut-off of any length of time regardless of weather conditions or accidents.

After a long delay the steel girders that were needed for the completion of the West Ward School building arrived this last week and they have been installed and the roof put in place. The contractor kept his workmen on the job by electric lights until after ten o'clock last Tuesday night in order to complete the pouring of the Vermiclite roofing that is applied like cement and must be done without stopping until complete.

People of Slaton were treated to a veritable feast of music Sunday evening when cantatas were presented at the Methodist and Baptist Churches. The churches were crowded at each presentation and many expressions of appreciation have been voiced for the privilege of hearing this beautiful music.

Silver wedding bells hanging from an archway of fern, white roses and white carnations formed the background for the wedding ceremony which united Miss Reta Fred Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Stephens, and James Dillard Traugott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Traugott of Versailles, Ky. Rev. W. F. Ferguson read the double ring ceremony at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Elder are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Nanna Lou, to Mr. A. C. Ethridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ethridge of Wilson.

Mrs. George Hilbers was honored with a surprise birthday party on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, at her home. She and Mr. Hilbers had spent the afternoon visiting a friend in a Lubbock hospital. When they arrived home she found the table set with her best silver and china and a huge white cake in the center. A birthday supper was prepared.

On last Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, Mrs. Edwin Haddock entertained honoring her son Michael's 11th birthday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Kenney was the scene of a family reunion of Mrs. Kenney's family last Sunday. The nine brothers and sisters of the Nowell family were present and all members of their families with the exception of three.

Ten Years Ago in Slaton
Taken from Dec. 24, 1943

Briggs Robertson, director of the Rationing Board here, says that all business connected with this office should be done by today noon, as the young ladies working in the office are way behind on their Christmas shopping and that the office will be closed at noon today in order that boy friends will not be neglected or disappointed.

Mrs. R. H. Bailey says she has received the best Christmas gift that she could possibly have re-

Birth of the Savior Was Greatest Event in World's History

Pleasant as it is to dream of a "White Christmas" with its carols and gifts, feasting and merry-making, the sparkling eyes of children delighting in Santa Claus and the wonderful Christmas trees, these things never can symbolize the tremendous significance of the day.

The birth of the Saviour was the greatest event in the history of the world. In spite of all the backslidings, Christian peoples have pressed forward steadily.

However vicious and corrupt, the world today is far better than the world of pagan times; familiarity with the cross and crucifixion has abolished legal tortures and much cruelty—and, if given a chance, might shame us into banishing the curse of international viciousness for the sake of Him who became the Saviour of Mankind.

ceived and it was a postcard from Moulmein, Burma. It was written by her son, First Lt. Eldon W. Schmid, who reported that he is a prisoner of the Japanese, and that his brother, Tech Sgt. Ellis Schmid is also a prisoner. The boys are twins and were both captured by the Japanese on Java.

As a courtesy to Mrs. Kenneth Kimbro, who is leaving soon to join her husband, Mrs. Gus Robertson and Mrs. Sug Robertson entertained with an informal tea Friday afternoon at the ranch home of Mrs. Gus Robertson.

The Yuletide theme was carried out in the "42" party given by Mrs. C. F. Anderson last Friday evening. Games were enjoyed and refreshments of Christmas salad, cake and tea were served to Mesdames Clifford Simmons, R. H. Todd, Bill Layne, J. M. Hannah, W. R. Lovett, Frank Merrill and Miss Claudia Anderson.

Visitors in the J. H. Brewer home this Christmas are their son, First Lt. J. H. Brewer, Mrs. Nolan Whitlow and daughter, Carol Ann, of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDavid and son, Terry, of Waco and Mrs. E. W. Marriott of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pearson and two daughters, Janet and Donna, are spending Christmas in Gruver with Mrs. Pearson's parents.

Mrs. W. J. Klattenhoff and son, Bill, are spending Christmas in Blackwell with Mrs. Klattenhoff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Fowler.

"Strange Interlude" the play by O'Neill ran from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. with an hour's intermission for dinner.

Hunting Fatalities Up To Nineteen

AUSTIN—The latest tabulation of Texas hunting season fatalities shows a total of nineteen from both gunfire and drowning, according to the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

The last previous report made in late November showed eleven fatalities.

Six of the eight additional deaths were from drownings of

duck hunters. Two hunters, a father and son, drowned in North Concho Lake near Abilene. Two men drowned while hunting in Galveston Bay. A Dallas man drowned while hunting in Breckenridge city reservoir. A 17-year-old Weslaco boy drowned in trying to retrieve a wounded coot.

The gunfire deaths involved a Waco railroadman shot in the back and killed when he apparently stepped into the line of fire of a 22 rifle held by a 14-year-old boy, who was shooting at a rabbit, and a Duman pharmacist who shot himself with a .22 pistol apparent-

ly while climbing over a fence to shoot at a coyote.

Gunfire had caused the deaths of eleven Texans previously listed as hunting casualties this fall.

The carryover of cotton by the end of the present harvest season will be the largest for any post-war year. Cotton farmers will vote on marketing quotas on Dec. 15.

The Navy's oldest newspaper, the "Newport Navallog," celebrated its 51st anniversary last month at the Newport, R. I. Naval Station.



Joy... Peace... at Christmas

Once more we pause to welcome to our hearts the spirit of this blessed season.

May it renew the great warmth of reverent love in the hearts of all men, and may this Christmas Day herald the fulfillment of all our prayers for joy and peace to all our brothers throughout the world.

Slaton Farm Store



CAROL

We cannot bring to Thee Frankincense... treasure... Angel songs filling earth With heavenly measure... Out of our yearning hearts We proffer only: Wonder in children's eyes... Love for the lonely... Laughter to lift sad hearts... Warmth for the stranger... Bless these, our gifts to Thee, Child of the Manger!

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY



Season's GREETINGS

All the joys that go with a Holiday full of heart-felt happiness—these we wish you this Christmas Season.

Slaton Lumber Co.

Warm Wishes at Christmas



May this happy Yuletide season brim over with all good things —with surprises as merry and pleasing as the findings under your Christmas tree. To all our friends, both old and new, go our warmest and sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

Thompson Furniture
Your Frigidaire Dealer

DODD FUNERAL HELD TUESDAY

Funeral services for Homer William Dodd, 64, a former Slaton resident, who died in Garza Memorial Hospital Sunday, were held Tuesday, Dec. 22, in Post. The Rev. Roy Shahan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Post and the Rev. Glenn Roentfeldt, Lubbock, officiated. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery, Slaton.

Dodd had lived in Slaton for about five years before moving to Post, where he was operator of a bus station and cafe for the past seven years. He worked as a carpenter in Slaton and for three years operated the Triangle Cafe. He was a native of Alabama and had lived in Lorenzo.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mrs. W. D. Ganus, Mrs. O. B. Landmon, and Mrs. W. R. Bennett, all of Slaton, and Mrs. H. C. Shipley, Ringold; two step-daughters, Mrs. James C. Long, Fort Worth, and Mrs. A. E. Windham, Midland; two sons, W. H. Benjamin, and O. L. Lubbock; and 19 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were R. J. Blacklock, T. B. Harmon, F. J. Claborn, John Sutter, E. J. Hodges, and J. W. Crider.

Warder Services Held Saturday

Final rites honoring the memory of Clarence E. Warder, longtime Slaton resident, were held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, Dec. 19, at the First Baptist Church here.

Warder, 80, of 325 S. 5th, died early Friday morning, Dec. 18, in Mercy Hospital following a long illness. He was a retired railroadman.

Rev. J. T. Bolding, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated, and was assisted by Mr. M. E. Blake, local church of Christ minister. Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under direction of Williams Funeral Home.

Mr. Warder had been a Slaton resident since 1922.

Survivors include his wife; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Herndon of Sarasota, Fla., and Mrs. E. S. Moore, Russellville, Ky.; and two brothers, Frank Warder, Russellville, and Claude Warder, Enid, Okla.

Hold Final Rites For Mrs. Davies

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 19, at the Southland Baptist Church for Mrs. Arthur F. Davies of Southland, who died suddenly about 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, following a heart attack.

Mrs. Davies, 69, was a former Southland school teacher. She had lived in the Southland community since 1907.

Burial was in Southland Cemetery under direction of Williams Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Winston Davies, New Home, and Kenneth Davies, Southland; seven daughters, Mrs. Fred Davis, Perrin, Tex., Mrs. Josephine Spikes, Lubbock, Mrs. Grady King, Southland, Mrs. Margaret Lockier, Linwood, Calif., Miss Eula Lee Davies, Lubbock, Mrs. Ollie King, Karlsraug, Germany, and Mrs. Willie Mae Martin, Spade; three sisters, Mrs. Willie Lockwood and Mrs. Eula Parish, Lubbock, and Mrs. Matt Kirksey, Lorenzo.

Sixteen grandchildren also survive.

Hold Rites For A. B. Gustavus

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22, at the First Baptist Church here for Ancil B. Gustavus, 56, of 200 So. 4th St.

Mr. Gustavus died at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in Lubbock Memorial Hospital following a short illness. He had been a Slaton resident since 1928, and was the operator of Guss' Laundry.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Mrs. Annie Lewis, Norman, Okla.; and two brothers, A. Gustavus, Bryan, and Arthur Gustavus, Houston.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under direction of Williams Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Dr. J. D. Snider, James Cole, Pete Williams, Ray Wilson, Buford Winchester, and Wesley Reed.

SAILOR VISITS

Bobby Jack Stracener has returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending 30 days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stracener. Jack is on the USS Cowell and recently has returned from Korea. Jack is due to get his discharge the latter part of 1954.

From all of us to all of you... a very



Merry Christmas

PRICES EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
CLOSED FRIDAY & SATURDAY

KLEENEX 300 Size **17¢**

Cocoanut Baker's 1/2 lb. bag **25¢**

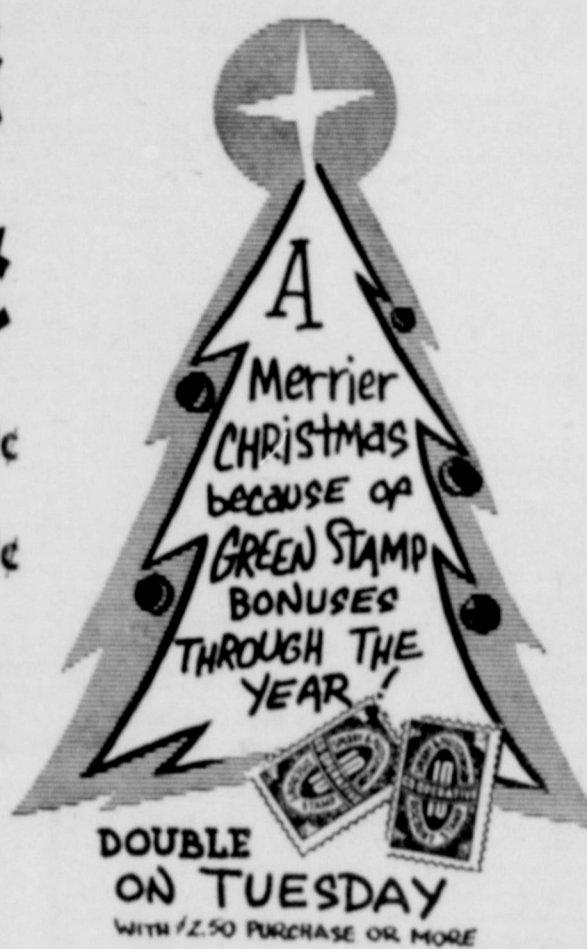
Giant Size **TREND** **49¢** Towie Marischino, bottle **CHERRIES** **29¢**

Remarkable, no. 2 1/2 can **PEARS** **33¢** Wearever Foil **ALUMINUM** **29¢**

PECANS Shelled Pound **73¢**

PUMPKIN, Libby's, 303 can **2 for 25¢**

Aunt Ellen's **PI-DO** **17¢** Planters, 8 oz. **PEANUTS** **35¢**



Shampoo, \$1.00 Size **LUSTRE CREAM** **69¢**

JUICE Libby's 12 Oz. **PINEAPPLE** 2 For **25¢**

Snow Crop **PEAS** **13¢** **STRAWBERRIES** **25¢**

Tropicana **ORANGE JUICE** **12 1/2¢**

Welch, 24 oz. **GRAPE JUICE** **39¢**

Hunt's, No. 2 1/2 can **APRICOTS** **25¢**

U. S. GRADED QUALITY MEATS

HENS (HEAVY - 59c) **49¢**
Light, Frosted

CHEESE, Velveeta, 2 lbs. **79¢**

Std. **OYSTERS** **69¢** Chuck, Choice, lb. **ROAST** **53¢**

HAMS Wilson's Armour's Rodeo 1/2 or whole, lb. **67¢**

FRUIT COCKTAIL, Hunt's, no. 1 tall can **22¢**

Dromedary, Pitted **DATES** **25¢** Light Crust, 10 lbs. **FLOUR** **79¢**

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

PECANS Paper Shell Pound **29¢**

BANANAS, lb. **12 1/2¢**

APPLES, Delicious, lb. **19¢**

WALNUTS Diamond Almonds Pound **39¢**

CELERY, Green Stalk **7 1/2¢**

Bayer's, 15c size **ASPIRIN** **10¢** Tooth Paste, 50c size **GLEEM** **30¢**

CRANBERRY SAUCE Ocean Spray Fine with Chicken or Turkey, Lb. **18¢**



Society Clubs

Rusty Kitten, Society Editor

Phone 200



FLANKED BY HER official tasters, daughters Jan and Jill, Mrs. Cecil Scott places homemade candy on a candy dish she made from three crystal compotes topped with a candle that she moulded in an oatmeal box and placed in a novelty dish brought to her from London by the late V. P. Williams.

Slaton Women Give Their Favorite Tested Recipes

Mrs. Cecil Scott chooses never-fail candy recipes for publication in the holiday season. If they are all as delicious as the chocolate fudge sampled by Slatonite staff members, they'll never be set aside for holiday use only, but will be used throughout the year.

Divinity

Boil until there is a crackling sound when dropped in cold water; then pour slowly over the stiffly beaten egg whites. Add nuts and flavoring. Beat until it begins to hold shape. Pour in buttered platter and cool. Balls may be made of this divinity and rolled in pecan meats.

Mrs. Scott has lived here 22 years, ever since her marriage. Her husband is senior clerk at the Slaton post office. They have two daughters, Jan, 6½, and Jill, 3½.

Mrs. Scott is a member of the First Methodist Church, and has worked in the kindergarten department of the church school.

She is room mother of the first grade at West Ward and second vice-president of the Elementary P-TA. She is a member of the Daughters of the Pioneer Study Club and of a Friday Bridge Club.

She has painted in oils, water colors and pastels, but at the present her hobbies center around cooking, sewing for the girls and trying all the new ideas like making candles, Christmas Socks, etc. She has made beautiful hand decorated Christmas stockings for her daughters, and was busy designing the Scott's entry in the Christmas decorating contest on the day she gave these recipes.

Fudge
½ lb. marshmallows (32)
¼ cup water
Melt in double boiler and in another sauce pan mix:
2½ cups sugar
¼ lb. oleo
1 - 6 oz. can evaporated milk
¼ t. salt
Boil for 8 minutes. (Timing starts as soon as mixture starts boiling.) Then to boiled mixture add 1½ pkgs. semi-sweet. Stir and add marshmallows, then add ½ cup nuts. Pour into greased plate.

Date Nut Roll

4 cups sugar
1 cup milk
1 lb. dates
1 lb. nuts
Mix milk and sugar, and when the mixture begins to boil, add the dates. Boil until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Take from fire and add nuts. Stir until mixture is hard enough to roll on to a damp cloth wrung out of cold water. This makes two short rolls.

ART CLUB HAS YULE PARTY

The Slaton Art Club Christmas party was held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, in the home of Mrs. A. E. Whitehead, with Mrs. S. H. Adams as co-hostess.

Roll call was answered with each member giving her favorite Bible verse. Mrs. C. M. McClure brought the story of "The Other Wise Man." Refreshments were served.

Friends Entertained At Christmas Party

Miss Edith Ann Holloman entertained a group of her friends with a Christmas party at her home on Golf Course Road, Sunday evening. After an enjoyable evening, gifts were exchanged.

Girl Scout Troop II Has Christmas Party

The Girl Scouts presented "The Christmas Story," under the direction of Mrs. Byron Johnson. A gift exchange of presents they made was held.

Refreshments were served by the troop committee of which Mrs. Troy Pickens is chairman.

Troop leader is Mrs. Ed Hadcock; co-leaders are Mesdames H. E. Isbell, Johnny Shelton and Byron Johnson.

ROYAL SERVICE PROGRAM HELD DECEMBER 21

Nineteen members attended a Royal Service program in Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church on Monday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m., with the Lottie Moon Circle in charge of the program.

Those taking part in the program, "The Gift of God's Love," were Mesdames Walter Smith, Ed Myers, Alvin White, J. R. Robertson, Joe Teague, Jr., T. E. McClanahan, and Harry Stokes.

Jerry Lemon, a ministerial student at Waco, and guest at the meeting, spoke on his mission work.

BIRTHDAY CLUB CELEBRATES

The Birthday Club of twelve members that was organized twelve years ago this month, celebrated by having their husbands as guests at a turkey dinner on Friday, Dec. 18, in the home of Mrs. Gib Elkins.

Each member brought a gift for the person whose name she had drawn. After dinner the group enjoyed an afternoon of bingo.

EARLY DEADLINE

Next week's issue of the Slatonite will again be published early in order that it may reach subscribers before the New Year holiday.

Society deadline will be 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Jordan for the week end were Mrs. Jordan's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Taylor of Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hendrix and Mrs. Ida Bolton of Colorado Springs, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pitts of Matador.

Civic Culture Club Christmas Luncheon Held In Legg Home

The annual Christmas luncheon for the Civic and Culture Club was held last Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the home of Mrs. E. R. Legg on West Garza Street with Mrs. R. E. McReynolds, Mrs. Bessie Donald and Mrs. A. C. Strickland assisting Mrs. Legg with hostess duties.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the house with a large Christmas tree in the living room from which gifts were exchanged. A menu consisting of baked turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry jelly, waldorf salad, green beans, candied yams, hot rolls, coffee, boiled custard and fruit cake was served.

Mrs. H. O. Wagner opened the program with a medley of Christmas carols concluding with "Silent Night" which was sung by Mrs. R. H. Todd and Mrs. Francis Perry. Mrs. R. G. Shankle, leader for the afternoon, gave a Christmas story using as her subject, "The Christmas Spirit."

DORCAS CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

The Dorcas Sunday School Class had a Christmas party and turkey dinner in the home of Mrs. Dudley Berry, Thursday, Dec. 17, with Miss Ida Montgomery as co-hostess.

Mrs. L. O. Lemon, teacher, presented each class member with a hand made apron. The class presented her with a gift. The president, Mrs. Roy Parks was surprised with a handkerchief shower. Members exchanged gifts and Christmas carols were sung by the group.

Dinner was served to 20 members and two guests, Miss Margaret Owen and Mrs. J. T. Bolding. Miss Owen gave the Christmas story of "The Uninvited Guest."

Each member brought a gift of food to fill a basket for a needy family.



The Slatonite Society Staff

INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wilke, who have lived on their farm eight miles west of Slaton since 1909, will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary Wednesday, Dec. 30, with Open House from 2 to 5 p.m. in their home. Their friends are cordially invited to attend.

PARTIES HONOR BRIDE ELECT

A bridal shower honoring Miss Betty Henry, bride-elect of Everett Hodge was held Friday, Dec. 11, from 7:30 until 9 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Brian Sartain, 1005 W. Lynn St.

Mrs. Sartain greeted guests at the door and presented them to Mrs. S. O. Henry, Miss Betty Searcy Henry, Mrs. Delma Hodge, and Miss Sue Hodge in the receiving line.

The table was laid with a cut-work cloth and centered with a styre foam easle framed in blue lace with the couple's names, the date of the wedding and silver wedding bells. It was flanked by white candles in crystal holders. Crystal appointments were used throughout. Other table decorations were a bridal doll and miniature bridal bouquet. Mrs. G. T. Brown poured.

The house was decorated with pyracantha and evergreen. Mrs. Jack Clark, Mrs. George Harlan and Mrs. Charlie Whalen registered guests and showed gifts. The hostess gift was a white minuet bedspread.

Hostesses were: Mesdames B. A. Hanna, J. C. Powers, H. M. Crumbly, Don Hatchett, Willie Heinrich, C. B. Teftiller, George Harlan, J. B. Butler, Brian Sartain, Lute Sloan, Jack Clark, Dudley Berry, Mickey Blake, G. T. Brown, A. J. Hoover, Charlie Whalen, Leon Kenney, Roy Williams, Melvin Brustner, Clark Self, A. H. Grigsby, J. L. Reed, D. T. Reed, J. C. Smith, Jr., and Wayne Liles.

Receives Certificate

Miss Betty Searcy Henry received a marriage certificate of lifetime membership in the Order of Rainbow for Girls at the Rainbow Mother-Daughter Banquet held on Dec. 14 at Masonic Hall.

Honored by S. S. Class

At the annual Christmas party of the Intermediate Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church, Miss Betty Henry was presented a nylon gown as a wedding gift from members of the class.

Homemakers Hold Christmas Party

The Homemakers Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church held a Christmas banquet Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall. There were thirty-nine present for turkey dinner served from tables decorated in the Christmas motif.

A gift exchange was held around the Christmas tree. On the program were Christmas carols and a Christmas story, "My Son," given by Mrs. Harry Stokes.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Mayhew, Charlene and J. L., will spend Saturday, the day after Christmas, with Mrs. Mayhew's sister, Mrs. I. C. Raley, in Big Spring. The Mayhews will meet other members of the family in Big Spring for a family celebration.

Farm families desiring building and equipment plans should ask their local county extension agents for information on this phase of farm and home management. The agents have a catalogue of the many plans which are available without cost.

Mrs. W. V. Leet of St. Paul, Minn., is in Slaton spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. M. A. Pember. Mrs. Pember and Mrs. Leet will spend Christmas in Portales, N. M., with Mrs. Pember's son, Royce Pember, and family.

Miss Charlene Mayhew is spending the holiday season with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Mayhew. Charlene is a student at McMurry College in Abilene.

Rainbow Banquet Is Held December 14

Ninety-three mothers and daughters attended the Rainbow Mother-Daughter Banquet held Monday, Dec. 14, at Masonic Hall. Turkey dinner was served by candle light. Tables were laid with white cloths and decorated with greenery and snow Santa Clauses with sleighs and reindeer.

Ova Sue Wilson was master of ceremonies. The Chapter Dad, Mr. B. A. Hanna, gave the invocation. The welcome was by Ova Sue.

"Christmas Customs Thru the Ages," was presented with Barbara McGinley as reader. Singers were: Peggy Kenney, Janice Schwartz, Dorothy Gravell, Shirley Saage, Annabelle Gentry, Glenda Lou Kitten and Carol Sue Meurer.

Mrs. J. C. Foster presented "What Rainbow Means To Mother and Daughter." A talk and awards were given by the Mother Advisor, Mrs. Dudley Berry. Misses Lena Schmidt, Melba Potthast, Donita Dowell and Barbara Jochetz. Majority certificate life memberships, and a number of marriage certificate life memberships were given.

Mrs. Charles Walton and Mrs. Jud Thomas had charge of decorations.

Mrs. E. E. Culver and Miss Nancy Clifton were at the register. Mesdames B. A. Hanna, Fannie Patterson, H. L. Marsh, J. B. Butler, Bruce Pember, Douglas Wilson, R. L. Smith, and A. L. Clifton had charge of serving.

After the dinner a stated meeting with record attendance was held. Lucille Wyatt and Opal Willis were initiated. Election of officers was held. New officers are to be installed at the Club House on Jan. 11. The public is invited to attend the installation ceremonies.

Gifts of food were brought to the meeting for Santa to distribute to a family.

This Tastes Good IN TEXAS

Recipe Of The Week

Cranberry Eggnog

6 eggs
¾ cup sugar
1 pint heavy cream
2 pints cranberry juice
Ground cloves

Be sure all liquids are well chilled before you start mixing your eggnog. Now separate the eggs, beat the yolks until frothy; add ½ cup of sugar and beat again until you have a smooth mixture. Beat whites until they shape up into soft peaks; add remaining sugar and beat again until you have a smooth, shiny meringue. Fold yolks into whites; pour in cream and juice. Stir. Serve with cloves on top.

Let's Eat This Christmas Day

Breakfast

Grapefruit
Whole Wheat Cereal Cream
Sugar Toast Ham
Preserves
Milk Coffee

Dinner

Roast Turkey
Bread Dressing Giblet Gravy
Buttered Broccoli Relish Plate
Holiday Salad Sweet Potatoes
White Fruit Cake
Coffee

Supper

Cold Turkey
Ambrosia
Milk

For Friends Who Drop In Mid-Afternoon

Cranberry Eggnog
Salted Nuts
Assorted Cookies

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tompkins, 325 S. 9th, will spend Christmas in Amarillo with Mrs. Tompkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hollingsworth and Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Timmins, all of Plainview, were week end visitors here. The Hollingsworths were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swanner, 1055 W. Garza, and the Timmins were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swanner, 725 S. 11th.

MRS. O'KIEFE GUEST SPEAKER AT GUILD MEET

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist Church entertained the Grace Haynes Guild of the First Presbyterian Church with a dinner in the home of Mrs. Francis E. Perry at 325 So. 10th St. on Monday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.

The Perry home was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas holiday spirit. The dinner was served buffet style and each table had a centerpiece of red candles and holly.

After dinner, Mrs. B. G. Christian gave the Christmas story according to St. Luke.

Mrs. Bertha O'Kiefe, guest speaker for the evening, presented colored slides made in foreign countries four of the six years she spent overseas. Among them were slides she made in the Holy Lands, which included "The Little Town of Bethlehem."

Twenty-seven members were present.

Mes Amies Club Has Christmas Dinner

Mes Amies Club held an annual Christmas dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rhoads on Wednesday night, Dec. 15.

The evening began with a delicious dinner of ham, vegetables, salads, various desserts and coffee. After dinner the group gathered in the den to receive amusing or useful gifts from under a beautiful Christmas tree.

Games were enjoyed by the following members and guests: Mrs. Gordon Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cook, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neugebauer, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walton, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Haliburton, Mr. and Mrs. C. May, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walton, Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Talbert, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mullins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eblen, Dr. and Mrs. Joe Belote, Jr., Mr. Allen Ferrell, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rhoads.

Rehearsal Dinner Held December 19

A rehearsal dinner for the Henry-Hodge wedding party was held in Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church, Saturday evening, Dec. 19. Hostesses were Mesdames George Harlan, David Reed and Frank Weathered.

Present were: the Rev. J. T. Bolding, Miss Betty Henry, Everett Hodge, Sue Hodge, Sue Teftiller, Valetta Polk, Charmaine Heinrich, Ronnie Henry, Jack Pearson, Clark Self, Wymon Ritchie, Jerry Hodge, Nanette Henry, Mrs. John Sims, Patsy Hogue, Jeanette Alderson, Mr. and Mrs. Delma Hodge and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Henry.

Demonstration Of Gift Wrapping Given At Club

On the night of Dec. 18, the Junior Civic and Culture Club was entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Lois Merrell.

The program consisted of a demonstration of package wrapping given by Miss Cora Sealy and a record presentation of the story, "The Littlest Stork," by Mrs. Haskell Lasater.

Reception Held

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in Fellowship Hall. The table was laid with a white cutwork cloth and centered with a three tiered wedding cake

topped with a miniature bridal couple. Arrangements of white carnations and crystal appointments completed table decorations. Mrs. James Wallace served cake; Mrs. Frank Weathered poured punch.

Miss Patsy Hogue presided at the bride's book. In the house party were: Mesdames A. J. Hoover, Leon Kenney, George Harlan, David Reed, Brian Sartain, Horace Crumbly, Frank Weathered, James Wallace, and Misses Nancy Mosely, Karen Deaver, Patsy Hogue and Helen Ann Norris.

For traveling the bride wore a baby blue poodle cloth suit with black and pink accessories. After a wedding trip to New Mexico, the couple is at home at 1025 W. Lynn St.

The bride is a student at Slaton High School and is a member of the Order of Rainbow and of FHA. She has attended schools in Kentucky and Arizona. The bridegroom is a graduate of Slaton High, a junior pre-med student at Texas Tech, and is employed part-time at the Slaton Food Mart.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Taylor and Betty of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butler of Seminole and Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace of Clovis, N. M.



Mrs. Everett Hodge

(Kertan Photo)

Henry-Hodge Vows Read December 20

Before an arch of lemon leaves flanked by bouquets of white carnations and candelabra, Miss Betty Searcy Henry became the bride of Everett Allen Hodge, at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 20, at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. J. T. Bolding officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Searcy O. Henry, 1025 W. Lynn St., Slaton. Mr. and Mrs. Delma Hodge, 835 So. 10th St., Slaton, are parents of the bridegroom.

Father Gives Bride

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a ballerina length dress of white chantilly lace, the floral design decorated with rhinestones and pearls, over tulle. A buttoned bolero jacket with long sleeves coming to a point over the hand and buttoned at the cuff, topped the fitted decolage. The skirt was draped in handkerchief

points of chantilly lace joined to nylon tulle. She wore slippers of silver brocade over white. Her veil of nylon net was joined to a small fitted cap and trimmed with pearls and rhinestones. She carried a white Bible topped with an orchid.

Tradition Observed

In carrying out the tradition, she wore a blue garter made by Mrs. Brian Sartain. For something old and borrowed, she carried a 46-year-old handkerchief edged in Italian lace, borrowed from Mrs. Sartain. For something new she wore pearl earrings. She wore a penny in her shoe for luck.

Miss Sue Hodge, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She wore a ballerina length dress of aqua nylon net over satin with a net stole. Bridesmaids were Misses Sue Teftiller and Valetta Polk. Their ballerina length dresses of nylon net over taffeta in Nile green and yellow were topped with short sleeved boleros. The attendants wore small net bandeau type caps trimmed with rosettes and carried bouquets of carnations in pastel colors.

Candlelighters were Nanette Henry, sister of the bride, and Jerry Hodge, brother of the bridegroom.

Flower girl Charmaine Heinrich, wore a dress of blue net over taffeta. Ronnie Henry, brother of the bridegroom, was ring bearer.

Jack Pearson acted as best man. Clark Self and Wymon Ritchie were ushers. Mrs. John Sims, organist, played traditional wedding music and accompanied Donald Sikes as he sang, "O Promise Me," "Because," "I Love You Truly," and "The Wedding Prayer," at the close of the ceremony.

Joerita Kitten To Spend Christmas In N.Y.C. - New Jersey

Miss Joerita Kitten will spend Christmas holidays in New York City and New Jersey. She left Dec. 19 with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kitten and Janet, who took her to Amarillo where they met a plane bringing their son, Douglas, from St. Joseph's School for the deaf for the Christmas vacation.

She accompanied the Hank Handley family to New York. While there she will act as bridesmaid in the wedding of Miss Betty Rose Handley and Frank Dell'Aglio at Our Lady of Liberia Church, West New York, New Jersey, on Dec. 27. Miss Kitten and the Handleys will begin the drive home on Dec. 29.

Hallmark Greeting Cards, Slaton Gift Shop.

Joy at Christmas

Now is the time for all good holiday wishes... may we wish to all our friends the best of health and joy for Christmas and the New Year.

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AND ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR THE
New Year

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**Announces Prices
On New Pontiacs**

Pontiac, Mich.— Prices for the 1954 Pontiacs were announced last week by R. M. Critchfield, general manager of the Pontiac Motor Division.

The new, bigger and longer Star Chief Series will sell for approximately \$90 over the comparable car in the Chieftain line, Mr. Critchfield disclosed.

At the same time, he said station wagons in the Chieftain line have been reduced approximately \$30. List prices on all other models in the line remain unchanged. The 1954 models went on display at dealers Friday, Dec. 18.

Prices for the four models in the Star Chief series, all on a 124-inch wheelbase and almost a foot longer than the Chieftain models, were announced as follows:

Deluxe Four-Door Sedan, \$2,097; Custom Four-Door Sedan, \$2,184; Custom Catalina, \$2,335; Deluxe Convertible, \$3,403.

List prices for comparable cars in the Chieftain line on a 122-inch wheelbase are: Custom Catalina, \$2,244 and Deluxe Four-Door Sedan, \$2,009.51.

The Chieftain Special 2-seat Station Wagon with eight cylinder engine has been reduced \$91.61, from \$2,317.61 to \$2,226. The Chieftain Deluxe 8-cylinder Station Wagon has been reduced \$91.61 from \$2,447.61 to \$2,356. Prices for other station wagon models in the eight and six-cylinder lines were similarly lowered.

It was also announced that power steering, which is available as optional equipment on all models has been reduced \$40, from \$165 to \$125.

Prices for new accessories in the 1954 line are as follows: power brakes, \$35.50; Comfort Control front seat, \$39.80; electric window lifts, \$49.50.

**TEACHERS HEAR
TSTA REPORTS**

From High School paper
Members of the Slaton public school faculty met in Lubbock Dec. 7 to attend a meeting of the Lubbock County Teachers Association at O. L. Slaton Junior High School.

A panel discussion presenting "Echoes of the State Convention of the Texas State Teachers Association" held in Dallas during the Thanksgiving holidays was the feature of the meeting.

Dr. John Carrol, head of the Education Department at Texas Tech, served as moderator. Supt. P. L. Vardy was the only one from Slaton on the panel.

About 200 county teachers attended. Special music was provided by a chorus directed by Mrs. Elois A. Elliott and Tim Magness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson of Littlefield spent Wednesday night in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Weldon Martin, Mr. Martin, Linda and Judy.

**Saltgrass Taking
Huge Quantities
Of Area Water**

By Jim Compton

On the South Plains, where water is the bread and butter of the land, virtually thousands of gallons are wasted each day by a group of plants known as the phreatophytes.

Though this group numbers about 50, there is only one which really wastes much water in this area. It is saltgrass. Saltgrass is a pumping plant which transpires large quantities of underground water into the atmosphere each day. Principally, the roots of this plant do not use soil water, but reach on into the water bearing material and take moisture from the water table. It then dispenses this water into the atmosphere.

If this plant is allowed to thrive on South Plains farms, it will usually lower the water table beneath it several feet per year through its transpiration activities. It is a plant that cannot live from soil water alone; thus the long roots. Though the plant does not pump water in the sense one usually thinks about, it does cause the loss of much water from the underground reservoir each year. Water in the atmosphere will not help produce a crop.

Saltgrass is of very little good. Being used only for early grazing, it is a coarse grass and has little nutritional value. Baling is costly, and animals find it unpalatable.

It grows any place it can establish. It will grow in altitudes ranging from sea level to 8,000 feet. It will grow in sandy or clay soils. Once it is established on the land it is hard to eradicate.

As a general rule, the shallower the water table, the higher the rate of use of water by this "waster." Saltgrass commonly grows only where the depth of the water table does not exceed six to eight feet. It has been observed growing, however, in places where the

water table depth was 12 feet. There are many farms on the South Plains where water is less than 12 feet from the surface.

Even mineralized water, known to stop the activity of many of the phreatophytes, will not halt the water wasting activities of saltgrass, once started. It has a high tolerance for mineralized water.

Reduction of this consumptive waste may be accomplished by lowering the water table in the area of the evapotranspiration, either by pumping or by drainage. In order to be effective, however, the lowering should be rapid; otherwise the plant roots may keep pace with the declining water level and keep the plant alive until conditions again become stable.

Burning does no good. Saltgrass, after having been burned, was ob-

served to have tall growth again, after six months.

Lowering of the water table immediate to the saltgrass area, would not interfere with irrigation. On the South Plains, where saltgrass is growing (there is some in every county), no economical

crop should be planted until the phreatophyte is removed.

Dates for the annual Texas 4-H Club Roundup have been set for June 8-10, 1954 and it will be held on the campus of Texas A&M College.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we extend the Season's Greetings to all our many friends.

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At this happy time we wish all our friends and neighbors a Merry Christmas, replete with all the season's joys!

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of the SEASON**

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Greetings

May the joys of the Season and all its friendly cheer brighten your home at Christmas and abide with you all through the year... This is our warm Holiday wish for you and yours.

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Each Family Has Its Own Traditional Observance Of Christmas Holiday

"How is Christmas observed in your home?"
Dr. and Mrs. Joe Belote and two children, Billy, 8, and Betty Jo, 1. "We celebrate Christmas very much in the usual way. We put up a tree for the children about two weeks before Christmas. This year

Billy decorated it all by himself. The children hang stockings which are filled with little surprises, small toys, fruit and candy. On Christmas eve night, Santa comes and leaves gifts. He usually comes while the family is in town. On Christmas day we have our family

dinner; turkey is traditional. We always have fruit cake. This year we made a clothesline of ribbon and hung our Christmas cards. We've enjoyed them so much that way."

Mr. and Mrs. Tirso R. Dominguez have a daughter, Gertie, 24, who is married and lives next door, and a son, Rudy, 15. Gertie's children, Hector, 6, and Nancy, 5, spend much of their time in their grandparents' home "We put up a Christmas tree two weeks before Christmas and the grandchildren do most of the trimming. We have a small nativity scene in our home. We make tamales on the 24th and on the 25th we have a Christmas dinner of chicken or turkey. The whole family will go to midnight Mass this year because we have our church, 'Our Lady Of Guadalupe.' Before we had the church we gathered at one of the homes and had a Christmas observance in which a replica of the baby Jesus was put to sleep and prayers were said, including the rosary, and hymns sung. Then the group ate

tamales together. The baby was not taken up until Jan. 6, when a similar neighborhood gathering and observance was held. Some years we had a pageant, and a piñata for the children—a container of candy, fruit and nuts that is broken in a game, and then the children pick up the candies and eat them."

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kunkel have a 2-year-old daughter, Wanda. "We go home for Christmas. Our folks live only 38 miles apart and we visit both families. There will be a tree at both homes and a gift exchange. We don't talk too much about Santa Claus. We're trying to teach Wanda the real meaning of Christmas. She receives her gifts from members of the family, not from Santa, but she likes to find pictures of him in magazines. The manger scene downtown has helped to teach her the story of Christmas more than anything else, even more than the pictures in her Sunday school book. Turkey on Christmas Day is a tradition in our family."

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Blair's children are Marie France, 7½, Chantal, 6½, James Patrick, 5½, Jo Ann, will be 4 in March, Yvonne will be 2 Jan. 27, and Jean will be 1 Jan. 4. "We put up a tree two weeks before Christmas. My husband and children decorated it this year. The children don't hang stockings. In France, when I was a child, we placed our shoes in front of the fireplace and Santa was supposed to come down the chimney and fill them. There we all went to midnight Mass together and then opened our presents after we returned. Here I try to adapt to the American way. I brought 2 little flea size crib scenes from France, but the infant is missing from both so we don't put them up. We have our gift exchange around the tree with relatives, so we wait until they all arrive. That is usually on Christmas day. Until that time the children try to guess what is in their packages, and they are good guessers. There is no emphasis on Santa in our home. The children know their parents provide for Christmas. We tell them the real story of Christmas. I go to midnight Mass and take the children to the late Mass Christmas morning. Later I will take the older children with me to midnight Mass, but I could not take all of them by myself, and don't want to keep the little ones up so late."

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Blake. "We celebrate Christmas not as a religious service because the New Testament does not so instruct, but in the spirit of giving and thoughtfulness for others, which we think should be the spirit of all people especially Christians throughout the whole year. We like to be at home for Christmas. We follow the old German custom of lighted tree and opening of gifts on Christmas morning. There are always gifts that everyone wanted, and hinted for months before Christmas. We still love to find our socks stuffed with goodies too. We cherish the candy canes and decorated Christmas shaped cookies hanging on our tree. Then all day we love having friends drop in for a friendly chat, and a cup of punch with fruit cake and cookies. This Christmas a little red bell on the tree will ring unheard by its owner for the first time in his life. Jack Edward, aged 19, is in the Navy in San Diego. He will call home that day—we think we will ring his bell so he can hear it over the telephone. Our little niece aged 5 is with us this year, so there will be a dollie and squeels of little girl delight. We always carol with the young people of the church before Christmas, and pack and deliver Christmas boxes for

DARRE L. GRANGER IS WITH "HOUR GLASS" DIVISION IN KOREA

7th Div. Korea—Army Pvt. Darrell R. Granger, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Granger, Rt. 1, Wil-

son, Tex., recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 7th Infantry Division.

Men of the "Hour Glass" division are undergoing intensive training to maintain the peak combat efficiency displayed by the unit from Pusan to the Yalu river. Private Granger, a survey specialist, entered the Army last June and completed basic training at Fort Sill, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ty Cobb of Weslaco spent Wednesday of this week with Mrs. Cobb's sister, Mrs. Eugene R. Legg, and Mr. Legg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brewer and little daughter, Phyllis Jo, of Grand Prairie will spend Christmas with Mr. Brewer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Inman of Oklahoma City are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Inman's mother, Mrs. F. A. Cunyus and Mr. Cunyus at their home at 300 S. 10th Street.



It's Christmas!

FOR NOW...FOR ALWAYS... may the joys of this Holiday Season surround you and yours, and may you dwell amid the blessings of peace, health goodwill and happiness...

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Season's Greetings

May the "Peace that passeth all understanding" enter into your heart at Christmas. In the spirit of Him, whose Natal Day we celebrate, may you find the hope, faith and courage to hold steadfast to the bright promise of a world in which peace and good will shall reign forevermore.

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Card Of Thanks

With this Christmas season so close at hand, it is with humbleness and prayerfulness that we give thanks to God and those who had a part in the help given us during the serious illness of our little son and grandson, William Alan Wendel. No matter what the outcome, we shall accept it, as God knows what is best for us all. Maybe some day we will be able to return it by helping to give some other child a chance to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mosley
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wendel

Mrs. Evelyn Gordon and her children, Janeice and Dale Simmons and Barry Gordon, of Hobbs, N. M., spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. G. A. Taylor on West Lynn Street. The children remained for a visit until Wednesday with their grandmother who will take them home and spend Christmas with them in Hobbs.

SLATONITE MOVING JOB SET TO BEGIN AFTER CHRISTMAS

GOOD TURNOUT FOR FREE CHRISTMAS MOVIES

Close to 3,000 residents of Slaton and the surrounding area attended the merchant-sponsored free movies shown at the Slaton Theatre on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17-18, it was announced this week by Bern Wilson, theatre manager.

Sponsoring merchants were C. R. Anthony Co., Piggly Wiggly, Bain Auto Store, Citizens State Bank, O. Z. Ball & Co., Slaton Pharmacy, Southwestern Public Service Co., Western Auto Associate Store, Self's Service Station, The Slatonite, Slaton Lumber Co., Slaton Bakery, Thompson Furniture, Ely's 8 'Til Late Grocery, and Vivian's Grocery & Market.

The Slatonite plans to move from its present location at 175 Texas Avenue to new quarters adjoining C. R. Anthony Co. between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Present plans call for the "front end" to be moved on Monday, Dec. 28.

The New Year's edition of the Slatonite will be printed in the present building, and heavy equipment will be moved to the new building on Thursday, Dec. 31.

Jeff Graham, Lubbock heavy equipment mover, will handle the transfer of printing equipment. Office supplies and other equipment will be moved by Brush Motor Freight of Slaton.

The big 10-ton Miehle press on which this newspaper is printed each week poses the biggest moving problem. The double doors at the rear of the new Slatonite building are 72 inches wide, but the 20,000-lb. press is 89 inches wide. Thus it will be necessary to tear out a small portion of the rear wall to permit moving the press into its new quarters.

Special wiring and gas lines have been necessary at the new building to facilitate the approximately two dozen machines required for the operation of a newspaper and job printing shop in a city of this size. All Slaton utility companies have given excellent cooperation in making these arrangements ahead of the moving date so that normal operations may be resumed as quickly as possible.

The switch from one building to another will be made without missing an issue of publication.

Among the new installations is a photography darkroom, which includes approximately \$1600 worth of developing and enlarging equipment. The darkroom will enable the Slatonite to develop pictures more quickly and thus to provide more timely photo coverage of newsworthy local events.

In addition to several planned improvements in the newspaper's mechanical department, plans call for the expansion of the Slatonite's office supply department to include top lines of office furniture and equipment, and a more complete stock of staple items.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace King and family of Floydada are spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. King and his sister, Miss Gertrude.



YOUNG AND TOUGH—Scrappy little John L. White wears a derby that vaguely recalls the era of the "Great John L." of a few decades past. The five-year-old lad recently won the New York Police Athletic League's annual mosquito-weight boxing title.

Posey Items

R. L. Boyd

Gerald Clifton of Shallowater was a Sunday visitor of J. W. and Robert Boyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy German of Galveston have been spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Maeker and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Fullingim of Petersburg were visiting Sunday with Katherine and Vivian Boyd.

C. B. MacGowan has been working with the mail service during the holidays.

F. E. Cornett has recovered from recent illness.

A good well for irrigation has been drilled on the Bob Schultz farm.

Billy Don Boyce of Fort Worth has been visiting relatives at Posey and Lubbock.

Bud Adams has gone to Hereford to spend Christmas with his parents.

Tom Harris of Brownwood has been a recent visitor of his cousins, Mert and Sam Gentry and Wm. Boyce.

Katherine Boyd visited Mrs. Raymond Boyd and Mrs. Lillian Moss Monday.

James Vannoy has been working as a bookkeeper at a gin on South College Avenue near Lubbock.

L. R. J. Schuette, Jr., is now stationed in Japan with the Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Dancer of Lubbock were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mayo has recently been given release from the Navy. He was stationed at Sanford, Florida.

Use the Want Ads.



With joy and thankfulness
in our hearts
we send to all our
friends the Season's
best wishes.



Arnold Ice Co.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like a Betsy McCall doll, some clothes for her and some patterns for her. (I want the doll that smiles.) Also I would like a bicycle. That's all for this year.

Love,
Linda Walker

Dear Santa,

I'm a little girl five years old. I've tried to be good. Please bring my brother Keith, 9, a B-B gun and Patsy, 11, a squaw dress. I want a doll also some candy and nuts. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Nita Kaye Campbell

Dear Santa,

I am 13 mo. old and would like a doll and doll buggy for Christmas.

I wave to you every day when I see you on television. I have been a good girl this year.

Love,
Marilyn Davis

Dear Santa,

I want some boxing gloves, and some bananas to eat and some nuts, rifle gun that has a handle on it and some boots for Marilyn. Two guns and holster.

I am three years old and don't forget Martha, Judy and the other boys and girls. I've been real good. I help with my little sister Marilyn.

Thank you, Santa.
I love you,
Tom Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper are having their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Basinger and sons of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cooper, Midland, home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neilon will have as Christmas guests, Miss Myra Neilon of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neilon, Mrs. Tonnie Neilon and Jimmy and Misses Ernestine and Ruth Neilon, all of San Angelo.

Mrs. Joe Teague, Sr., and Miss Myrtle Teague of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Sanders and family of Morton will spend the Christmas holidays in the Joe Teague, Jr., home.

Mrs. W. L. King of Hobbs, N. M., and her son, Jack, a student at Texas Tech, were Sunday visitors in the L. C. Odom home. The Odom's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Guy James of Hobbs were week end visitors in the Odom home. Mr. and Mrs. Odom will spend the New Year week end in Hobbs with the Jameses.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell and son, Fred, of Monahans came Saturday for a visit in the home of Mrs. Mitchell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Whitehead. Mr. Mitchell returned to Monahans Sunday but Mrs. Mitchell and son remained. They will be joined by Mr. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Griffen and little son, Steven, of Lubbock to spend Christmas with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kenney of Levelland will spend Christmas Day with Mr. Kenney's brother, O. D. Kenney and family.



In the true spirit of this most joyous of holidays, we wish all our friends and neighbors a full measure of happiness, health and prosperity.

Roy Boyd and Maud Dean
County School Superintendent's Office



GREETINGS

The loyalty of our many friends gives to us added confidence and much promise for the future. We wish a Joyful Christmas and Successful New Year to all.

Browning and Marriott



CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Age-old, yet ever new, the true spirit of Christmas brings good cheer to every heart, new sparkle to every eye.

May you and your loved ones experience, in fullest measure, all the joys of the season, and may its happiness spread its glow throughout the New Year.

TEAGUE DRUG



Best Wishes for Christmas

When the wise men followed the guiding star from out of the East...they found a beautiful and awesome sight at the end of their journey...

May the spirit of the first Christmas brighten your home with its joy and lighten your heart with its promise of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

The First Methodist Church
of Slaton, Texas

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Kenney and Peggy Sue, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kenney and Diane and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Kenney spent Sunday in Quanah where they attended a reunion in the home of Mrs. Kenney's brother, L. A. Nowell. There were fifty-nine members of the family present.

Christmas Gift Exchanges Not Legally Required Of Merchants

The season for returning Christmas gifts to stores for exchange is now upon us. Most business estab-

lishments are as cooperative as possible about this annual American pastime, but before getting into any arguments with a reluctant clerk or manager, better take a look at the legal situation involved. You may find that persuasion is more in order than demands for adjustment.

Department stores are under no legal obligation to take back a purchase and refund your money or deliver other goods in exchange just because you changed your mind. Most stores do make refunds and exchanges, but that is because it is their policy to do so—not because they are required to.

However, a promise to refund or exchange merchandise made by the store or the salesman should be honored. Similarly, if a store misrepresents the quality of certain goods or if the goods are defective, you are justified in expecting a satisfactory adjustment. But you have no more legal right to expect a store to refund or exchange because you change your mind about a purchase than the store has to ask you to give back the goods that were sold to you because it didn't want to sell them after all.

Suppose you buy a coat in one store and find that another company has it on sale for five dollars less. Must the store where you bought it take back the coat and give you a refund, or refund the difference in price? The seller is under no obligation to refund the difference, any more than he could make you pay the difference if he discovered that a competitor offered the same coat at a higher price than he had charged for it.

Much the same rules apply to the refund of deposits. Unless it is the policy of a store to refund deposits on articles, or at least apply the amount on the purchase of some other item, the buyer is obligated to go through with the terms of the contract, even though he has changed his mind about the purchase.

When one selects, orders, and deposits money on the purchase of an article, the store is under obligation to deliver the article in accordance with the terms of the sale. If the buyer refuses to accept the article or pay the remainder of the purchase price, the seller can take legal action against him, according to the terms of the contract.

The same principles apply to a trade-in allowance on used merchandise towards the purchase of a new article. Such a trade-in allowance is considered the same as a deposit.

Mrs. W. F. Martin of Olmstead, Ky., arrived Monday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. Floyd Jordan of 355 S. 10th. The Jordans and Mrs. Martin will spend the holidays with relatives in Grand Saline and in Houston with the Jordan's daughter, Mrs. N. S. Box. Mr. Box and little five-month-old son, Neil Stuart.

TIGER TEAMS TAKE TROPHIES IN RALLS CAGE TOURNAMENT

TO PRINT NEW YEAR ISSUE ON WEDNESDAY

The New Year's Day edition of the Slatonite will be published and distributed on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30.

Chief reason for departure from the normal Thursday afternoon printing schedule: the Slatonite will be moving into its new quarters on the west side of the square during Dec. 28-Jan. 2, and the earlier publication date will facilitate the moving job.

Early submittal of copy will help a great deal to meet the early publication schedule. Society copy deadline is 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Webb will have as guests Christmas Day, Mr. Webb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Webb and Sonny and his aunt, Mrs. Esther Baxter, of Post.

Bump Ralls

Slaton High School basketball teams came away with a pair of runner-up trophies and placed two players on all-tournament teams in the invitational cage tourney concluded Saturday at Ralls.

The S.H.S. girls took an easy opening round victory over Ralls, edged past Crosbyton in the semi-finals, but fell victims to a powerful Idalou aggregation in the finals. Slaton's Martha Allred was named to the all-tournament girls' team.

The Tiger varsity trounced Ralls and O'Donnell to reach the tourney finals, but melted away under a torrid Roosevelt offense in the finale. Darrell Wiley was elected to the all-tournament boys' team.

Jerry Reynolds and Harold Troutt canned 13 points apiece to pace the Tigers to a Thursday night win over a surprisingly potent Ralls Jackrabbit quintet, 49-40. Felix Wylie had 9 points for the Bengals, and Darrell Wiley and Tommy Shearer had 7 each.

Earlier in the season, the Tigers had thumped Ralls, 67-41. In the Saturday afternoon semi-finals, Darrell Wiley found the range for 16 points to lead the Tigers to a 50-45 win over a strong O'Donnell aggregation. Troutt had 10 points, and Shearer and Reynolds had 9 and 8, respectively.

In Saturday night's finals, the Bengals were unable to cope with a blistering Roosevelt offense that scored almost at will, and dropped a 75-49 decision.

It was only the second defeat of the year for the Tiger five. The Bengals have won 11.

Martha Allred, a sophomore who has shown considerable improvement from last year, paced the S.H.S. girls to a 43-24 opening round win over Ralls, looping in 19 points. Sue Corley followed closely with 15.

In a game that was nip-and-tuck all the way, the Tiger girls edged Crosbyton in the Friday night semi-finals, 36-34. Allred's 18 points paced the winning attack, and Corley had 13.

A smooth-as-glass Idalou sextet overpowered the S.H.S. girls in the tourney finals on Saturday night, piling up an impressive 71-44 victory. Allred scored 19 for the Tiger cause. Corley and Ova Sue "Red" Wilson had 9 each, and Barbara Felty had 7.

Upcoming Tiger cage dates: Thursday, Dec. 31, Crosbyton here.

Friday, Jan. 1, Southland here. Tuesday, Jan. 5, Petersburg away.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7-9, Floydada tournament. The Tigers open district play here on Tuesday night, Jan. 12, against Tahoka. District play continues through Feb. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wild are spending Christmas in Dallas with their daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Stone, Mr. Stone and little daughter, Sharon Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCain of 930 S. 11th Street will have as guests for Christmas her son, Sgt. Billy G. Greer and Mrs. Greer. Mrs. McCain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mann of Hale Center and her daughter, Mrs. Don Kendrick and Mr. Kendrick of Slaton.

Juvenile Drivers Are Interviewed

From High School paper
Juvenile drivers in Slaton who are 14 or 15 years old, who want to secure drivers' license do not have to go to Lubbock to appear before the Lubbock Juvenile Drivers License committee, that is if they can show a need to secure a drivers' license.

A group with Rev. Louis Bowerman as chairman will meet each first and third Monday afternoons from 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m. This was established through the efforts of the Citizens Traffic Commission of Slaton. If more applicants should appear than can be interviewed in the allotted time the committee will stay in session longer. This should help the Slaton juvenile drivers get their drivers' license.

SHS SENDS 11 TO BAND CLINIC

From High School paper
Eleven SHS Band students were selected Monday, Dec. 7, to play in the Texas Tech Band clinic Friday, Dec. 11. Eight were selected to occupy specific spots and three were chosen for alternates.

Students who occupied specific chairs were Barbara McGinley, clarinet; G. W. Wiley, saxophone; Lindie Grigsby, baritone; Arlie Hoover, trumpet; John Richey, clarinet; Joe Ross, tuba; Felix Wylie, trombone; and Billy Earl Caldwell, cornet.

Students who went as alternates were Joan Pember and Ova Sue Wilson, clarinet; and Jeannette Burrell, tenor saxophone. G. W. Lindie, John, and Felix tried out for All-State Band on the same date.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark and children of 1030 W. Crosby Street will leave Christmas eve and spend until after noon Christmas Day in Post with Mr. Clark's mother, Mrs. Carl Clark and family. From Post they will go to Burleson where they will spend the remainder of the holidays with Mrs. Clark's mother, Mrs. H. C. Gordon and relatives.

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—WANT ADS GET RESULTS—



Christmas Greetings

May the true spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and in your heart throughout the year.

Campbell's Gin

Christmas Cheer

With holly, mistletoe and Holiday cheer, may your Christmas be a merry one, your joy complete.



C. & W. Service Station

Along with our warm Christmas Greetings we send to you and those dear to you every good wish for a joyous season filled with good health, good cheer, and contentment. And may your Holiday happiness extend throughout the New Year.

W. T. JOINES
Slaton Distributor of Bell's Dairy Products
We Deliver Phone 992-J-2



Merry Christmas

May your heart sing out this Christmas in tune with all the happiness of a Joyous Holiday Season.

Brasfield Plumbing

GREETINGS
and Best Wishes to Everyone

May your Christmas be a merry one and may you recall all its happy memories throughout a bright New Year.

McWilliams Dry Goods
We Give Green Stamps
Phone 755 166 W. Garza

GREETINGS to All
May all the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours through all the New Year.

Drive-In Food Market

Merry Christmas

The Little Flower Shop
625 South Twelfth Phone 117

Samsonite
for the whole family's Christmas gifts!

A	Journeyer	\$27.50
B	Two-Sulter	25.00
C	Quick-Tripper	19.50
D	V.I.P. Case	19.50
<i>(a suitcase and overnight bag in one)</i>		
E	Train Case	17.50
F	Ladies' Wardrobe	25.00
G	O'Nite (Regular)	19.50

*All prices plus existing taxes

Anthony's
C. R. ANTHONY CO.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sikes and Sikes' father, J. C. Knox in Kerrson, Jimmy, visited with Mrs. ville last week end.



FREDRIC • MARINELL
154 South Eighth Telephone 631

Authorize Economic Disaster Loans Throughout All Counties Of Texas

Authority to make Economic Disaster loans in all counties of Texas has been received by L. J. Cappelman, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration. The effect of the designation, Mr. Cappelman explained, is to continue the making of Production Disaster loans throughout the state during 1954 and to authorize the making, for the first time, of Economic Disaster loans.

There is a difference in Economic Disaster loans and aid in the case of production loss. The farmer who has suffered crop losses because of drought, floods, insects or other natural causes is eligible for a Production Disaster loan if he is unable to obtain operating funds elsewhere. If the farmer is a sufferer from the effects of insufficient income and excessive operating costs he is eligible for an Economic Disaster loan if unable to get needed credit from local sources.

Production Disaster loans were first made in Texas in 1949, following the disastrous freeze in the Rio Grande Valley and the tropical hurricane which swept the rice area in October of that year. Later, the loan authority was extended to the entire state because of drought, insect infestation, and adverse weather conditions.

In announcing the new loan, Cappelman said that the \$11,850,000 fund allotted Texas for crop production loans is now practically exhausted, although \$3,000,000 was added in the closing days of November.

He pointed out in addition to the disaster and economic type loans that funds are available in the form of Special Livestock loans to established ranchmen to carry on their operations. Funds of this type already advanced to ranchers total \$7,800,000, he said. Ranchers, in addition to borrowing for operating expenses, may obtain funds to restock their ranches and replace herds depleted by effects of the drought.

Dairymen who need to replace animals to build up dairy herds to normal may obtain funds for such purposes, he said. Disaster loan funds, advanced primarily for crop production purposes has passed \$6,000,000 total.

Special Livestock loans provide emergency credit at 5 per cent to ranch operators who are unable temporarily to obtain from recognized lenders the credit needed to continue their operations and have reasonable prospects of working out of their difficulties.

Applicants certify in writing the extent of damage they suffer and the fact that they cannot obtain the needed credit from other sources. Their eligibility is determined in all cases by a County Committee familiar with the conduct of farming and livestock operations.

Production loans are approved for a wide variety of purposes

Army Seeks Nurses Offers Advantages

The U. S. Army is still offering appointments to qualified registered nurses, it was announced today by Captain Joseph R. Green, Commanding Officer, U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station, 312 East 5th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

"Our all - commissioner Army Nurse Corps," said Captain Green, "provides opportunities for graduate nurse education and professional advancement; for travel and recreation; and for retirement."

Commissions in the Reserve are also offered to qualified nurses who wish to continue in their civilian nursing posts.

"Military nursing rates high in the annals of that profession and for active duty or Reserve, the Army Nurse Corps need nurses now," said Captain Green.

All interested persons are urged to contact Captain Edythe M. Dyer, Army Nurse Corps, Personnel Procurement Division, who will be at the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station, 312 East 5th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas on January 15, 1954.

There is still time to plant a winter cover crop. For the sake of the soil give it protection during the winter months.

GREETINGS

May the season's joys follow you throughout a happy New Year.

Pounds Oil Co.
Phillips "66" Products

Noel

For now... for always... Joy to our friends and neighbors, Peace to our nation, Good Will to all.

Kessel's
5c & 10c
Slaton, Texas

Greetings

From all of us to all of you— a Merry Holiday Season, filled to the brim with joys of the Yuletide.

CONTINENTAL OIL CO.
Joe B. Schmaltz

MERRY Christmas

We greet our friends at this happy time and wish them well, now and always.

Pete Grandon Garage
110 North Seventh

GREETINGS

May we add our very good wishes to the hosts of sparkling greetings fondly given and gladly accepted during this, the joyous Holiday Season of Good Will to All.

Cudd Implement Co.

Christmas Blessings

Wherever the spirit of Christmas remains, there we find that peace and brotherly love can never be forced from the hearts of men.

A joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year to all!

Forrest LUMBER COMPANY
EVERYTHING FOR THE BUILDER

Season's Greetings

At this heartwarming season, we extend to everyone our wishes for a joyous and bountiful Christmas... a happy and prosperous New Year.

Gulf Oil Corp.
C. C. Kirksey, Consignee

MERRY Christmas

The Yuletide season is a wonderful time. With it comes fun and laughter for the children, good cheer and pleasure for the grown-ups. May all the happiness that comes to you and your dear ones this Christmas continue throughout the New Year.

Pember Insurance Agency
"34 Years Your Agent"

Merry Christmas

To everyone at Christmas time comes the joy of giving and receiving. It is our pleasure now to offer our sincerest wishes for a very cheerful Holiday to all our friends.

Angerer Texaco Service
Slaton, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BERKLEY AND HADDOCK
Fine Foods
PHONE 197 WE DELIVER



Local Anthony Company Employees Due 1953 Christmas Bonus Checks

C. R. Anthony, president-founder of the C. R. Anthony Co. stores announced this week that all 1953 employees' Christmas Bonus checks have been mailed to the stores for distribution to the employees before Christmas.

Mr. Anthony commented that the total dollar amount of the Christmas checks this year was in excess of \$40,000, a sum considerably greater than that in 1952. He further explained that all employees in the company participate in the Christmas bonus, and

that the checks varied from \$10 for the first year of service to more than \$150 for many of the old timers.

The Christmas Bonus check plan was inaugurated in the '30's, with the amount of the first year's checks reaching about \$5,000. Since first begun, Anthony said that the company had distributed about a half million dollars in the Christmas Bonus checks.

Mr. Anthony pointed out that in addition to the Christmas bonuses, the Anthony Co. carries on other

company benefits for its employees. One is the company group insurance plan, which is paid jointly by the company and employee, both contributing equal amounts. The group insurance policies cover health, accident, hospitalization and death benefits.

In addition to this, the company's retirement plan benefits the employee with a monthly income which begins at age 65, and life insurance, from the time the employee has been with the company for five years.

Richard Vardy who is a student at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vardy and James.

RANGERS NAME NEW OFFICERS

Charlie Yates was named president and a complete new slate of officers for 1954 was elected at a Friday meeting of the Slaton Rangers, local sheriff's posse which has won considerable fame for itself and for Slaton.

Other officers elected include W. T. Joines, vice-president; Tommy Joines, secretary-treasurer, and Bob Elbert, wagon boss.

Named as directors were Aubrey McNeely, Elbert Custer, M. E. Bruedigam, J. B. Riney, and W. J.

"Beak" Shafer. M. C. Eakin is the outgoing president.

The Rangers made trips during 1953 to celebrations at Post, Lubbock, Ralls, Crosbyton, Hereford, Morton, Brownfield, Lamesa and Albuquerque, N. M.

At least four members of the posse plan to make the "Old Salt-Grass Trail" ride from Brenham to Houston, beginning Jan. 31. The ride is expected to take three days. Those planning to make the trip are Charlie Yates, M. E. Bruedigam, W. J. Shafer and James Harvey.

Henry Purcell, English composer is buried beneath the organ in Westminster Abbey.

● SHORT ● GRASS

by gpt

There are a lot of things written about Christmas. The following—Henry Van Dyke's "Keeping Christmas"—is my idea of one of the better ones:

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, now and then, by the great clock of humanity which runs on sun time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas.

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people,

and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas. Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weaknesses and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough, to bear in mind the things that other people

have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke; and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day?

Then you can keep Christmas. Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love?

Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?

But you can never keep it alone.

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But you can never keep it alone.

Napoleon instituted the French Legion of Honor.



Merry Christmas!

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones will share in every Christmas pleasure.

And may the New Year be one of good health and contentment for all our many friends.

Vivian Grocery

Sincerest wishes...

It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

POSEY GIN

Posey Ph. 994-J-2

Greetings

and best wishes for a

Christmas that will be memorable for the happiness

and enjoyment it will bring to you and your dear ones.

White Auto

MR. & MRS. C. C. COX

WHITE HOUSE
FURNITURE
CLIFTON COX

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The Old Timer Says!

"You've got to keep both feet on the ground, sure enough. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't use 'em to get some place in the world."

On Nov. 3, 1931, the rigid dirigible USS Akron made a 10 hour flight out of the Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J., carrying aloft 207 persons, the largest number of individuals ever carried into the air by a single craft.

Just how good a dairy year 1954 proves to be may depend on how well dairymen balance their herd operation. A well-fed, well-managed herd of well-bred dairy cows will yield the most milk per cow and at the lowest cost.

"Gossip is making a mountain out of a molehill by piling on the dirt." — Myron Cohen.

Eighth Graders Plan Christmas Activities

From High School paper
The eighth grade has taken on the Christmas spirit in a big way. They are planning to decorate the hall on the first floor with a large tree with all the trimmings that reminds one of the approaching season.

On Friday, Dec. 18, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the old gym, the group will enjoy a party under the direction of the room mothers, Mrs. T. E. McClanahan, chairman; and Mesdames J. H. Slone, C. J. Martin, E. A. Kercheval, S. R. Murphy, and O. T. Lovelady.

Games will be played and refreshments served. Students will exchange gifts.

MERCHANTS TO TAKE THREE-DAY HOLIDAY

Slaton businessmen have voted in favor of a three-day break.

In addition to closing for Christmas Day on Friday, most local merchants will keep the locks on their doors until Monday morning, Dec. 28.

A majority of the business firms have agreed to the plan, according to Mrs. Lee Green, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association.

Marine aviation had its beginning in May, 1912 when Lt. Alfred A. Cunningham, USMC, was ordered to the Annapolis Aviation Camp at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., for "duty in connections with aviation."

The Old Timer Says!

Idle dollars are like a new auto without a motor. Fine body, no power!

Farming is a business and deserves the best managerial practices. Complete records on every unit on the farm or ranch will show what operation is paying and which should be expanded or curtailed.

An Ohio man got 10 years in jail for putting an obstruction on a railroad track. Obstruction was his installment-due automobile. Train hit it.



By Vern Sanford
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN, TEX.—There was renewed rustling in the hustings this week as a prospective candidate for governor drew the line against a congressional race.

Rep. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., of McAllen declared he would not seek re-election to Congress, and political observers pointed out he was leaving the door open to run for governor.

Governor Allan Shivers' unannounced intentions seemed to be the key to Bentsen's plans, as well as those of other potential candidates.

Bentsen apparently eliminated himself from a possible race against Senator Lyndon Johnson when he stated that he and his family "want to live the year-around with our Texas friends."

House Speaker Reuben Settrif of San Saba, a political ally of the governor during legislative sessions, was already making speeches as a candidate.

At Lubbock, he laid out his middle-of-the-road, conservative views on government, stating that "left-wing socialism is more dangerous than communism in Texas."

Then, on a radio hookup, he injected a potential hot issue into the campaign by attacking the muddled methods of fixing telephone rates in various cities.

Possibility that John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture, will be a candidate for Governor appears stronger as 1954 approaches. He is listening attentively to urgings that he run.

Ralph Yarborough also appears as a likely contender. He reports receipt of considerable mail urging that he enter the Governor's race.

Meanwhile, Texas Republicans have been accused of scheming to snare Democratic votes by claiming that Demo candidates also may be listed on the GOP primary ballot, with the candidate's consent or by his request.

Wallace Savage of Dallas, state Democratic chairman, charged that this cross-filing rule is a Republican admission that they have no candidates of their own.

It is an attempt to make the GOP look good in the total number of votes cast by drawing off Democratic votes, Savage charged.

A Republican spokesman, Carlos G. Watson of Brownsville, replied that cross-filing by individual Democratic candidates in the GOP primary would be perfectly legal.

But, he added, the Republicans have no plan for mass cross-filing of Democrats.

Warring factions of Texas Young Democrats will submit their differences to a state convention Feb. 26 at Mineral Wells.

A committee representing both sides had been called by senior party Chairman Savage and Mrs. H. H. Weinert of Seguin, national committeewoman.

After the battle of rules had been decided on the conservative side, the committee voted unanimously to invite Adlai Stevenson, last year's presidential candidate, to address the convention.

Each local club was directed to

hold an open and fair meeting in January to select delegates to the convention.

Governor Shivers spoke out against extremist splinter parties, attesting that he believes firmly in the two-party system.

Addressing the Executives Club of Chicago, Shivers said he hoped that efforts to establish a third major party would continue to fail.

"I hope that our two major parties will be able to save themselves from their own extremists," Shivers told the club members.

What's to become of old folks living in substandard nursing homes?

Inspections are to begin soon, and establishments that fail to provide suitable food, quarters, sanitation and safety must be closed according to law.

Disposition of the aged persons thus displaced is "a real problem," said Dr. T. E. Todd, head of the state health department's new convalescent division. "We can't bring them to Austin," he added.

More old folks were getting help from the state than ever before.

In its annual report to the governor, the public welfare department said that 220,980 persons were on the old age assistance list as of Sept. 1 this year, as compared with 219,119 persons on the same date in 1952.

More than \$5 million for construction and repair was approved by the State Board of Hospitals and Special Schools.

But there was some wrangling among contractors as to whether public works should be awarded on a general or divided contract basis.

"Mechanical and electrical con-

tractors prefer to bid on their own jobs," explained J. Rutledge Hill, board chairman and a Dallas contractor.

Decision of the board was that bids on future projects costing more than \$1 million must be submitted both on general and divided contracts.

SMILES
"So you're a painter?"
"Yep."
"Paint houses, I presume?"
"Nope, paint men and women."
"Oh—I see, an artist."
"Nope. Just paint 'Men' over on door, and 'Women' over the other door."

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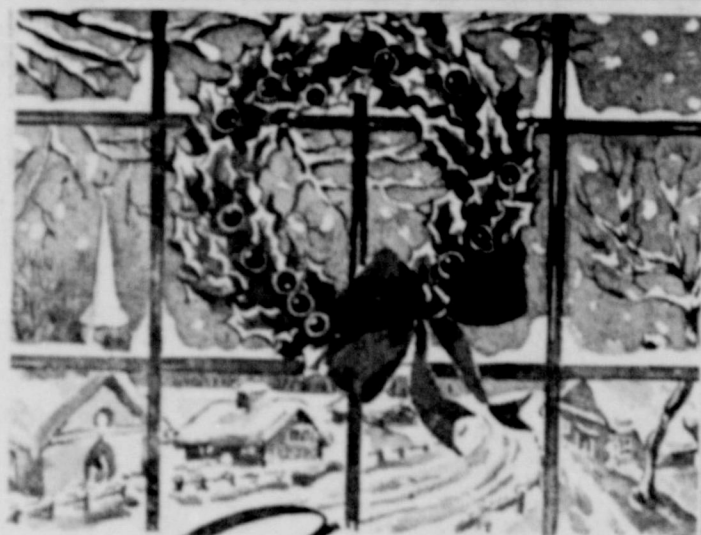
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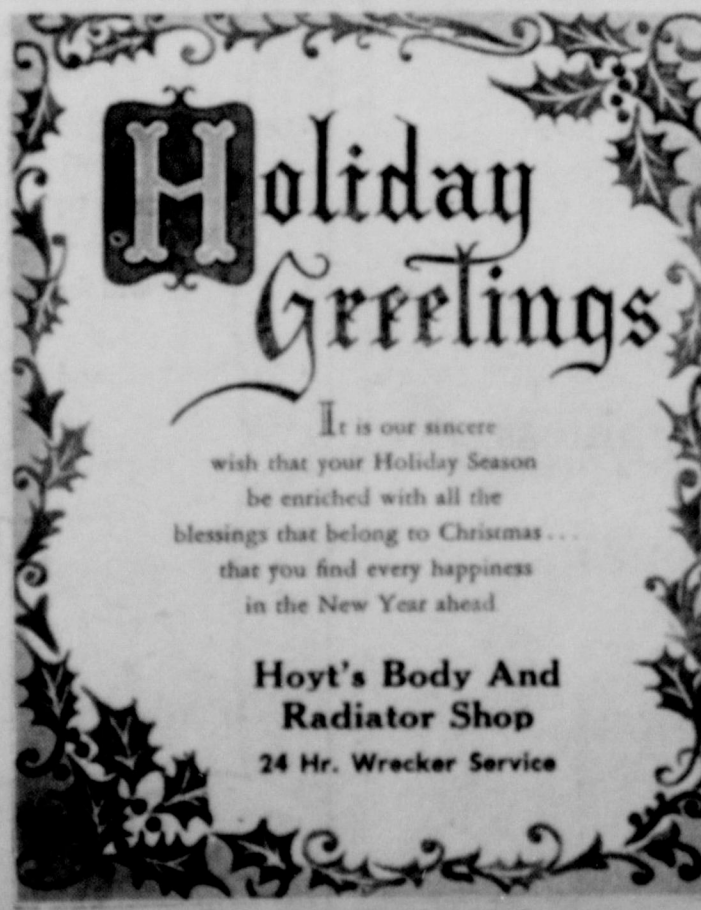
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be enriched with all the
blessings that belong to Christmas...
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in the New Year ahead

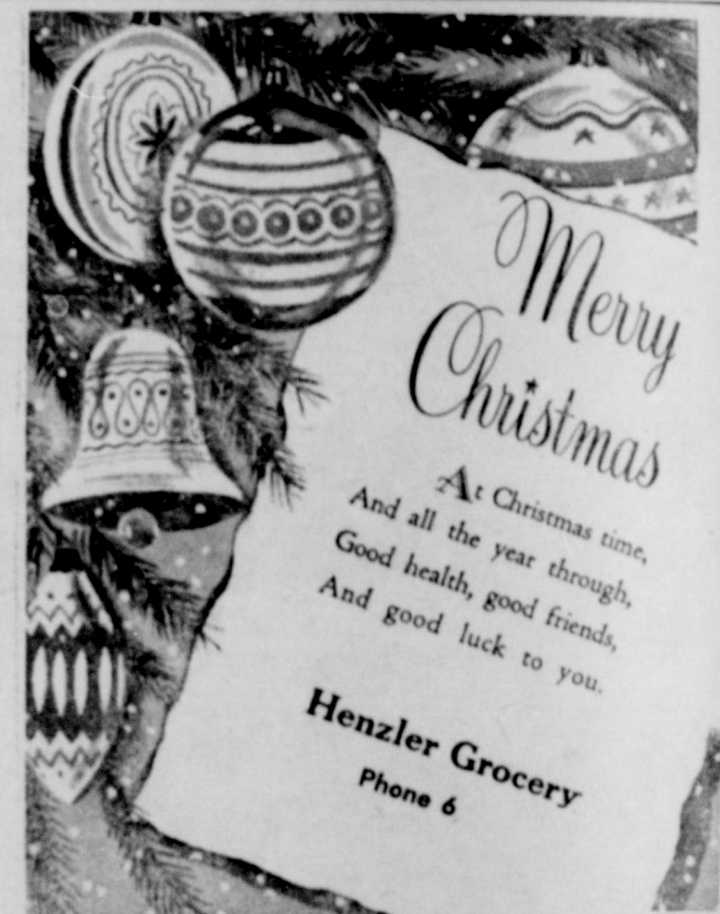
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Fill your heart with abounding joy
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