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Merry Christmas



What do we wish for you? We wish you the best . . . a real old-fashioned holiday, enjoyed in the warm circle of your loved ones and dearest friends . . . a festive season bountiful with joy, the warmth of fellowship, good health and high happiness.



Consecration Service For First Methodist Church Sunday, Jan. 4th

With all things having been made ready, the people of First Methodist Church in Gorman look forward to Formal Opening And Consecration Services to be held in the newly complete plant on Sunday, January 4th. The program will begin with church school at the regular hour of 10. The worship service at 11. Bishop William C. Martin, Bishop of the Dallas-Fort Worth areas of The Methodist Church, will do the preaching. Also Dr. A. A. Peacock, District Superintendent of the Cisco District, of which the Gorman church is a part, will appear on the program. A part of the 11 o'clock program will consist of the Formal Consecration Service. Also here for the special services will be Mrs. William C. Martin and Mrs. A. A. Peacock.

Lunch will be served at twelve-thirty in the new Fellowship Hall of the church plant. It will consist of Bar-b-cue furnished by the Friendly Fellows Sunday School

Class and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The lunch will be served free and we take this opportunity to cordially invite all our friends to come and have lunch with us. The afternoon program will consist of an open house from two to five. At this time the entire church facilities will be open and attendants will be in each room to show visitors around.

The newly completed church and education building is a red brick structure sitting on a corner lot at 317 W. Roberts Street where the Methodist Church has been for as long as the town. It's architecture is a mixture of colonial and Greek, built on an 'off L' design with a 70 foot very imposing steeple. It's space covers 8700 square feet, centrally heated and air conditioned and built at a cost of approximately \$66,000.00. It's inside structure consists of 10 class rooms for a

graded church school from nursery to adult. A church parlor, rest rooms, kitchen, a fellowship hall to seat and feed 150 to 200, storage room and pastor's study, two wide hallways for easy entrance and exit. Also, a nave (sanctuary) to seat 176, a choir area to seat 24, a church nursery where mothers can see the services and hear the services but cannot be heard, a room which we hope to be a prayer chapel in the future and a wide narthex for entrance.

The design of the nave is altar centered with a large imposing cross on the back wall, indirect lighting, and very comfortable upholstered pews.

We invite all of our friends to come out and visit with us for all or part of the January 4th services.

The builder with W. C. Williams and the architect was Frank McLure.

The Church And Christmas

With the expanding influence of the Christmas season each year on society, it might be well to review or view the relationship of the season to the church.

Actually Christmas is the birthday of Christ, thus making it the birthday of that force or forces which brought about the establishment of the church. There-

fore, when we think of Christmas we should think of the church and thank the church, in that it serves and preserves those things of Christ.

Therefore, when we look at Christmas we should look very closely. So closely that we may be able to see through that manger scene and see Jesus. The Jesus who walked the dusty roads of Galilee, who preached the immortal sermon on the mount, who reached down a helping hand to the poor, the crippled, the blind, the sick. The Jesus who, with others, took up the angel's song, in other words and under other conditions but the same song of "peace on earth, good will to men."

Then as we look at the church, radiantly bright now with the Christmas spirit, let us look on so closely, and keep looking until we be able to see there also the Christ, and His will for our lives.

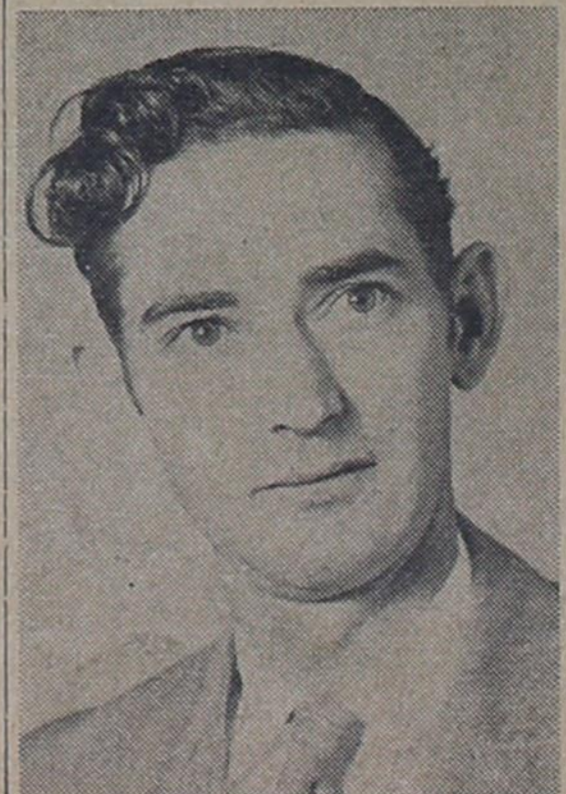
Throughout this Hoilday season and the New Year to come, attend the church of your choice.

Robert Haynes, Pastor
First Methodist Church



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A Dream Come True



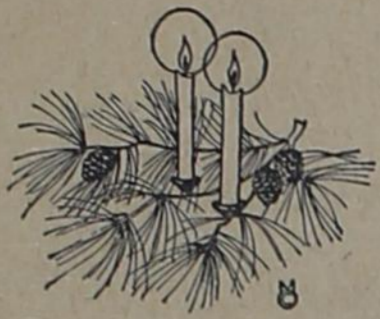
Merry Christmas Greetings to all



Season's Greetings

Sincere good wishes for a bright and happy holiday season, from all of us to all of you.

The John Kirks



Christmas Greetings

May the joyful spirit of Christmas light the way to many years of good health and happiness for you and your loved ones. Have a wonderful, merry Yuletide.

The Check Smiths



Best Wishes

Have a stocking-full of holiday cheer at this wonderful Christmas season! May you and all your loved ones enjoy a bright and happy Yuletide.

The Aaron Henslee Family



Our greetings and good wishes go to all Santas . . . everywhere. May your own holiday happiness be as great as the joy that you have spread.

Excelsior Club

May the spirit of this joyous, merry season ring in your heart all the year 'round! Have a most happy and cheerful Christmas.

Mrs. Vera Hamrick

Merry Christmas



We hope that visions of sugar plums come true for you at this most happy of seasons! We wish all of you a wonderful holiday and the best of everything.

Alice King



MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the sweet melodies of Christmas gladden the air, we extend to you our warmest season's greetings and sincere wishes for your good health and high happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mehaffey and family



Yuletide Joy

May the true spirit of Christmas inspire renewed hope and faith among peoples of all nations. We wish you a happy holiday.

The Jimmie Heaters



SEASONS GREETINGS

At this grand and glorious holiday time, we'd like to offer our good wishes for a most happy and joyful Christmas.

The Howard Williams

We're ringing out our wishes to all of our wonderful friends for the happiest of holidays . . . warm with fellowship and good cheer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emerson



Greetings

With faces Christmas bright and shining, we sing out our sincere wishes that your holiday be warm with fellowship and bright with cheer.

The Higginbottoms Edgar, Ruth, Teddy



Our holiday greetings to all our grand friends and neighbors. May the joys and good cheer of the season be yours to overflowing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Frossard And Vicki



Greetings

Bright as a candy cane, jaunty as a snowman's hat . . . our happy holiday wish is that you have a truly wonderful time during this festive season.

Mr. and Mrs. Arland Watson Johnnie & Joyce



SEASON'S GREETINGS

We join Santa in spreading holiday cheer from home to home and wish all our neighbors and friends a most happy and wonderful Yuletide season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis Desdemona



Christmas Cheer



MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this grand and glorious holiday time, we'd like to offer our good wishes for a most happy and joyful Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lane



Season's Best

May this season of cheer, friendship and good will bloom for you always. Enjoy a happy and healthy holiday now and forever.

Neill Sutton



Yuletide Greetings

As the glad sound of Christmas approaches, we would like to extend warm good wishes for a most joyous holiday.

Woman's Study Club



Season's Greetings

As the star shone in the East, may all your days glow with the wonderfully joyous spirit that marks the Christmas season . . . now and always.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter and Milton, Jr.

Season's Greetings

The joyous melodies of Christmas carols, the happiness of giving and receiving, the children's excitement . . . may all this brighten your Yuletide!

The Gail Bennetts



Merry Christmas

We're singing out a very Merry Christmas greeting to wish a world of happiness and health to you and your loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Capers



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Happy Holiday

The spirited season of sleigh bells and snowmen . . . may its good cheer abide with you and yours at all times.

John & Ethel Sutton and Sons

Here's hoping that Santa brings you the very things you want . . . and that your holiday is chock-full of gaiety and laughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith and Laura

Merry Christmas



Happy Holiday



Here's wishing the holiday season brings for you and your family an abundance of everything you're hoping for. Have a very happy Yuletide.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Williamson

Merry Christmas



Hi Santa! We're hoping you, and your helpers and all our friends have the most wonderful, the merriest, the grandest Christmas ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins



In the happy spirit of the season, we greet you, and wish you and yours a rich measure of the Christmas Joy that gladdens this time above all others.

The J. E. Walkers



Yuletide Joy

The inspiring message of the Star the Wise Men followed so long ago . . . still shines as a beacon for us all.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Henderson Kelly and Kristi



Best Wishes

All the best for the holidays, and the coming year, is our wish for our dear friends.

Jess & Eula Caldwell

Our wish for one, in mischief, young friend here . . . is for a fun-filled, jolly holiday season that will be long remembered.

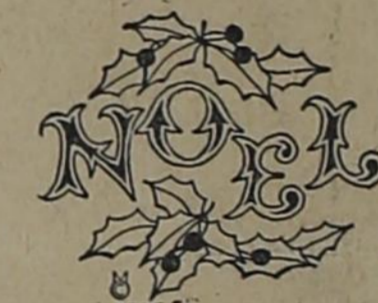
Dr. and Mrs. William Brogdon and children



Happy Holiday

Our wish for you this Noel is that it be your happiest ever . . . filled with old fashioned good fellowship, joy and abundant good health.

Howard & Oleta Wade



May the wondrous spirit of Christmas light up the hearts and homes of all our dear friends with abiding love and the deepest happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold Desdemona



Happy Holiday

We're sending a Christmas message of cheer, health and happiness to all our friends and neighbors. May all your days be merry and bright.

Homer R. Mason and Myrna Winters

We hope your Yuletide is as happy and jolly as old St. Nick himself. Heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and many more.

The G. E. Bennetts

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Holiday Greetings

Over the river and through the woods . . . as families everywhere gather in close harmony to enjoy this warm and wonderful season, we would like to express our wishes for a joyous holiday to one and all.

Postal Employees



Merry Christmas

At this most festive of seasons, we offer our sincere good wishes for a joy-filled holiday to you and yours. Have a wonderful Christmas!

The Graydon Bazes



Merry Christmas

At last it's here . . . Christmas, the most joyous time of the year. We're hoping that it brings for all our friends, a whole trainload of warm fellowship, good cheer and the best of health. When it departs, may it leave behind a host of pleasant memories.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. David Lamesa, Texas



May the bright Star of Christmas light your way and fill your house with happiness. It is with genuine joy we extend these greetings to friends here and everywhere.

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"Where Friends Meet"



By Shirley Sargent

"JUST because we live ninety-eleven thousand miles from civilization," Betty Abernathy said heatedly, "is no reason we can't have modern conveniences."

Jim Abernathy, who was as stolid as his wife was slight and enduring as she was excitable, placed a record on the turntable before answering mildly. "Darling, we have electricity, running water, and Poverty Flat is only twenty miles away."

"Oh, I hate logical men!" Betty looked out the window of their mountain home at the far flung snow-covered peaks. "Here's Christmas coming and I bet you haven't an idea in your head."

Jim tamped his pipe slowly. "Betty, before I brought you here, I warned you that the adjustment from city life would be difficult and promised to make things as easy as possible. I hope to have TV in by Christmas day."

"Oh, Jim you are a darling. But how?"

"Leave it to me," he felt less confident than he sounded. "Do you realize that neither of the Cullens have ever seen a set outside of magazines?"



"You'll have a good picture here," the expert decreed, "but your set will have to be up here."

"Heavens, that's right. They've been here since Nathan retired ten years ago."

Community Present

"Yes, and ten years back TV was still in its infancy."

"Heavens," Betty repeated. "Jim,

let's make it a community Christmas present. Think how they'll enjoy it."

Jim drove the twenty miles to town in their fire engine red jeep with frequency in the ensuing weeks. Getting reception at 5,200 feet was a real problem. At the cabin, they could have sound, but no picture. Nathan Cullen and he scouted a nearby ridge with the TV man from Poverty Flat.

"You'll have a good picture here," the expert decreed, "but your set will have to be up here."

"Here?" Jim glanced at the encircling pine trees with dismay. "What about snow?"

Nathan, a giant of a man even in his seventies, answered briefly. "Put up a tent with a woodstove in it. Effie's keen on seeing TV for Christmas. Puts me in mind of a child."

It took the men two days to erect a satisfactory antenna on the often windswept ridge and another day to set up a "Theater" as Nathan called their tent.

Christmas night, they all poured out of the jeep into the already heated tent where the TV set reposed in walnut splendor.

"My," said Effie excitedly, when the test pattern flickered on the screen, "that's a new game to me. Not much like checkers."

Nathan and Effie leaned forward, never taking their eyes from the big twenty-one inch screen. Even the commercials enthralled Effie.

More Fun Than TV

Effie cried watching one Christmas drama. "My, those poor people have so many troubles. It must come of living in cities. Poor things."

When Jim came back from stoking the fire, Betty whispered to him. "She's more fun than the TV."

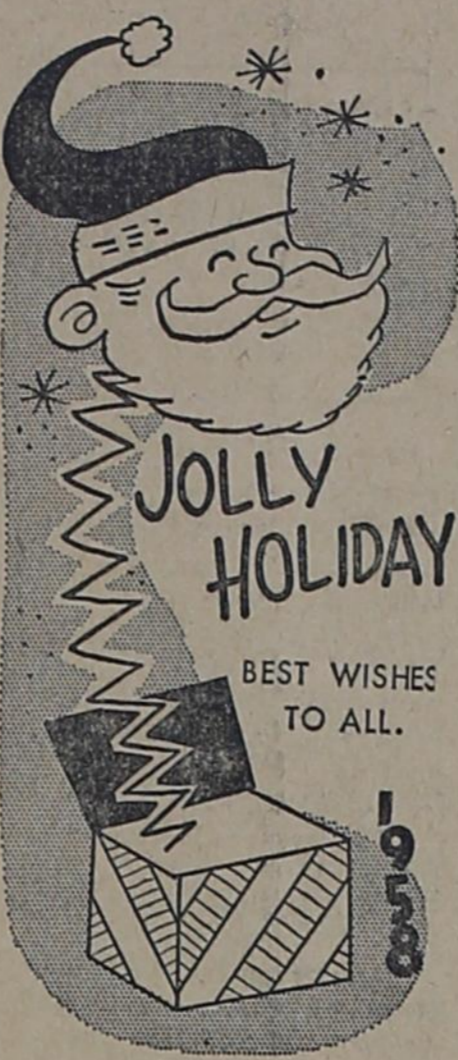
A second play, a spectacular, was so entrancing that they were reluctant to turn off the set. When they trooped out to the jeep, they discovered four inches of fresh snow. Jim dropped the enthusiastic Cullens in front of their redwood board and batten home.

"You certainly gave us a Christmas present," Nathan said.

"My, yes," Effie said, "now we've seen that life can be beautiful."

Once in their own home, Betty exploded. "Did you hear that silly Effie? Our life is beautiful. We didn't need TV to know that, though I couldn't help thinking that we're pretty lucky, Jim. Peace, simplicity, freedom—why, we have all that and more."

"If TV made you feel that way," Jim said, taking her in his arms, "I'll take you up to the 'Theater' once a week just so you'll keep that Christmas spirit throughout the year."



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By Tullita Fernandez

TO CARLOS the four blocks home seemed like miles of empty desert. Six-year-old legs are not constructed for the speed his excitement demanded. He had so much to tell.

"Mamacita! Mamacita!" Carlos squealed, tumbling through the door. "Yo tengo mucho hambre."

"Carlos! I've told you! Here we speak the English. These Estados Unidos—how you say?—they are home now. English we speak all time."

"Si si, Mamacita." Carlos said, hanging his head. Then he grinned broadly as the words came. "I have hungry . . . I am hungry. First I eat. Then I tell."



How was he to tell his big news in the unfamiliar tongue?

Carlos, his cheeks flushed, his black eyes snapping, nearly choked on the tortilla he was busily stuffing into his mouth. How was he to tell his big news in the unfamiliar tongue? "Mamacita, aqui—here," he corrected himself quickly, "we, the boys, the girls, make a letter—write the letter to Santo—Santa Claus."

Letter To Santa

"Yes? And did you write this letter, little one?"

Carlos nodded, relieved that Mamacita had understood. "I wrote. I told Santa Claus I want a burro. You think he bring burro, Mamacita? Teacher say Santa Claus bring things written in the letters—"

Mamacita puckered her mouth thoughtfully. "A burro? Where you keep burro? Is no place in city—"

"In the shed, where auto is put.

Papa have no auto. When Papa came home from his work in the artichoke fields Carlos told him of the letter to Santa. "You think he bring me burro, Papa?" He asked, searching Papa's face.

Papa grinned, showing his strong white teeth. "Maybe, Carlos, my son, who knows what happen in this big country? Maybe two burros, Santa Claus bring for the Christmas."

The winter days passed. Each morning, Carlos was sure the day would never end, but time to go home came quickly. Darkness fell early, his street became a fair-land of colored lights and wonderfully decorated trees. Still Christmas didn't come. Santa didn't answer his letter. Carlos began to doubt—a little—that Santa Claus had received it. A dozen times a day he had to be reassured that, of course, Santa had his letter.

Though Carlos hadn't expected to find Pedro under the Christmas tree—burros didn't live in houses—he was disappointed at not finding it there. And Mamacita insisted on cooking breakfast Christmas morning, like it was just any morning; insisted also that Carlos eat before he opened his gifts.

At last Papa chuckled him under the chin. "You go now, Carlos. You look around good."

Mysterious Package

Carlos ran. In the garage his eager eyes saw only the familiar hodge-podge of household discards and tools. No burro stood looking at him with soft eyes. Blinking back tears, Carlos ran from dark corner to dark corner. A big package stood against one wall, but it was too thin, even the skinniest of burros couldn't squeeze into such a flat package.

Carlos turned, wiping his eyes on his sleeve and ran into Papa. "What you say we open this package, Carlos?"

Carlos nodded. Papa could open the package if he wanted. Carlos knew it contained no burro. The paper peeled off under Papa's hands. Little by little the shiny, red thing inside was revealed. Then Papa lifted it out. A bicycle! A bright red bicycle. "Look at that!" Papa said. "Santa Claus knows what kind of burro boys in the United States ride. What you think, Carlos?"

Carlos was speechless before the beauty of this incredible steed. Slowly he ran his hand over the glowing leather seat, then looking up into Papa's beaming face he asked, "Is it really for me, Papa? All mine?"

"Yes, son. All." "I will name him Pedro and ride him on the sidewalk—maybe in the fields. Run Papa! We go tell Mamacita Santa bring Pedro."



The merry Yule is at hand and we hope it contains a multitude of blessings for each of you. Thank you for your support and good will.

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HE NEVER REQUIRED A SINGLE PILL FOR THIS VIGOROUS MAN WAS NEVER ILL.

SO IT WASN'T SICKNESS THAT CAUSED HIS FATE! IT WAS "ONE-ARM DRIVING" I'M SORRY TO STATE -

HE WAS DRIVING ALONG AT A 50-MILE CLIP AND THEN IT HAPPENED, QUICK AS A WHIP!!

A BEE STUNG THE HAND THAT HELD THE WHEEL HE LOOSENED HIS GRIP AND STARTED TO SQUEAL

OUT OF CONTROL, AS YOU CAN SEE, HIS CAR JUMPED THE ROAD AND CLIMBED A TREE.

NOW "MUSCLES" IS GONE. HE LIES IN HIS BIER BECAUSE HE FORGOT TO USE BOTH HANDS TO STEER.

Attractive Package Brightens Your Gift

Half of the gift is the wrapping, so make the outside covering of your gift as gay and attractive as the gift inside.

For the girl who knows how to sew, material for a dress in a fabric-wrapped box, rick-rack for the ribbon and spools of thread with big buttons for the decoration create an unusual package.

A flat box of letter paper can be disguised as a desk pad by using a real blotter on top with corners of metallic paper.

Be Different

Everybody gets and gives neckties at Christmas, so why not make yours distinctive by using a necktie knot in decorating the box containing the tie? Fasten the ends of the ribbon under the lid about 1/4 way down, bring to center, tie the knot and shape the ends tie fashion. Use dark blue, wine or green ribbon about one and one-half inches wide. These are attractive used on a striped or plaid paper.

Or the package might resemble a tiny suitcase wrapped in paper with the ends bound in decorative tape. Add a handle and identification tag.



By Patricia McCune

BRIGHT-EYED Julie Foster sat tensely beside her patient husband, Paul, as he drove the expensive and not-yet-paid-for car to her youngest sister's. "Some Christmas this will be," Julie grumbled, nodding her dark head at the unpretentious pile of Christmas packages in the back seat. "We just haven't brought a decent thing."

Paul sighed. "I bought presents for your two sisters, their husbands, and their kids. After all, you were sick. I did my best."

"Oh, Paul, I didn't mean your shopping wasn't fine. You know I appreciated it. It's just — well, we've always done so much more, especially for the kids. Last year we got Georgie and Bruce the bikes and the girls those huge play-



"I bought presents for your two sisters, their husbands, and their kids," Paul said.

As the late afternoon sky grayed, Paul pulled into the Sheraton's long gravel driveway, and ten-year-old Georgie and his younger brother, towheaded Bruce, dashed out to meet them.

"Wait for me!" plump Barby called and in a moment there were hugs and kisses and "Merry Christmases" all around. Julie couldn't help feeling that Barbara's three children were disappointed when they discovered the simple-looking Christmas packages on the back seat.

A Beautiful Tree

"Cynthia and Ed and little Pam will be here any minute," Barbara said as Big George herded everyone into the old sprawling house.

Paul brought in their gifts, placing them carefully around the glit-

tering tree. How forlorn they seemed to Julie, all in their same store wrappings, all looking outrageously like what they were. She didn't meet Paul's eyes, but hurried to the door as Cynthia, Ed and seven-year-old Pam arrived.

"Did you bring us something big, Aunt Julie?" Pam asked, jumping excitedly from the car, and in spite of Cynthia's stunned silence and Julie's sickening embarrassment, the others laughed.

"Why, Pam?" Cynthia scolded. "what a thing to ask!" "Aunt Julie's been sick," Julie explained unnecessarily. "Just get out of bed yesterday." She saw the exchange of glances between her two sisters. They probably suspected already that Paul's business was slipping. Wait until Cynthia saw all the books under the tree.

Christmas began cold and clear. The day was bright and the eager children awakened early. With the first sign of light, Georgie leaped out of bed. "Get up, get up!" he shouted, banging on bedroom doors. "It's Christmas!"

Julie had to admit there was laughter and joy and fun all day. No one minded receiving the books. They were even pleased, she thought.

"Best Christmas ever," Barbara said when Julie and Paul were leaving.

"You say that every year," Julie laughed.

"No, I mean it."

"Me, too," Cynthia added, and strangely enough, Julie agreed with them. It had been the best Christmas.

She thought about it a lot on the way home. "Do you think it was the best Christmas ever, Paul?"

He nodded without speaking. "Why?"

"Don't you know?"

Julie Understands "Yes." She spoke softly, as Paul's hand closed over hers. "No big presents—" She waited before going on and pressed Paul's hand against her cheek. "Oh, Paul, I didn't realize. You probably tried to tell me, but I honestly didn't know what the bikes and playhouses were going to everyone, especially Cynthia and Barbara and—you. I didn't know our Christmases had been tense and frustrating because I bought things they couldn't afford for their own kids or for each other."

"We couldn't afford them, either."

"I never would have understood if you hadn't bought the books."

"Well, kids should have good books."

Julie smiled, "Merry Christmas, Paul," she whispered and could tell in the dark, without looking up, that he was happy.



Merry Christmas
1958

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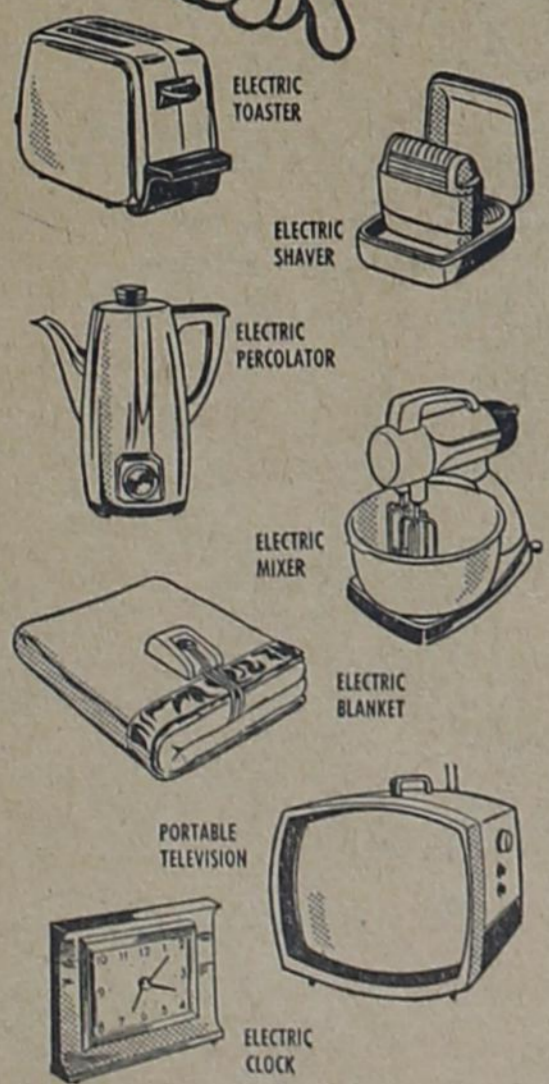
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Carefully selected toys will give children many happy hours of safer, constructive play. Poorly chosen toys, on the other hand, will collect dust on the shelf or need repairing a few days after Christmas.

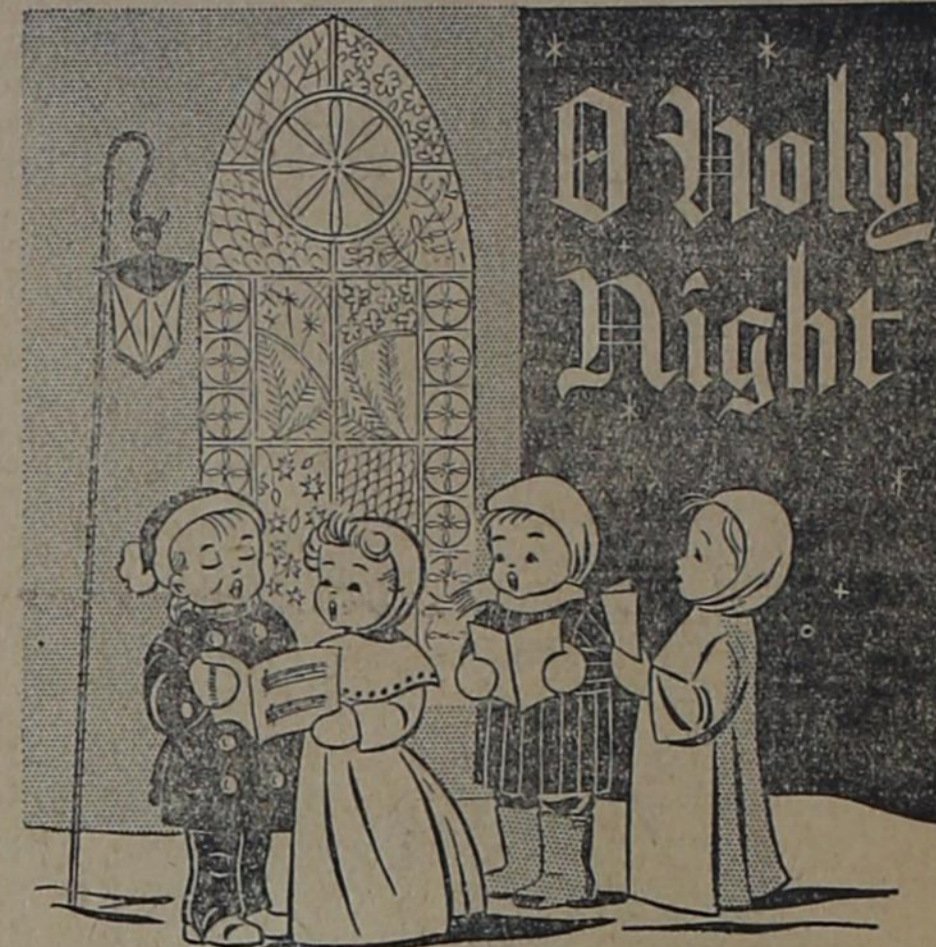
Many winding and friction-drive toys are limited in their use and are not recommended for children. On the other hand, blocks, logs and other such toys will help develop a child's creativity.

If you choose a doll as a gift, be sure it is durable. Check the arms to see that they will bend easily. Also see that the fingers are not spread out so that it is difficult to dress the doll.

Make Clothes Simple

Doll clothes should be attractive, yet made so the child can manage them herself. They should open down either the front or the back and fasten with snaps, large buttons or ties.

The construction and material used in toys is also important. Since hard plastics break easily, soft plastics, metal and wood are better for toys. Inspect metal toys carefully to be sure there are no sharp edges.



With hopeful hearts we join you in singing His praise. May people everywhere come to know and love the true spirit of Christmas and the joy that comes from giving as well as receiving.

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First Methodist Church

ROBERT HAYNES, Pastor

Merry
CHRISTMAS

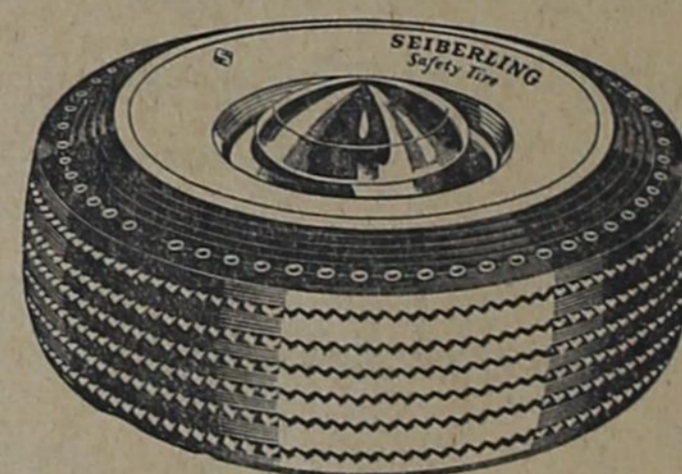
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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS



1958

Merry Christmas

We value highly our friends and wish each of you a most happy Yule. Your patronage and good-will is sincerely appreciated.

Jay's Grocery & Market

Phone 40 We Deliver T. J. Jay, Owner

Robert Rankin arrived in Gorman Friday afternoon a very happy young man for he had finished his enlistment in the Marine Corps and was "Home for Christmas". He had been stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mayfield and three children of Wichita Falls will have Christmas dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Files.

Mrs. O. L. Seal, formerly of Gorman now living at 5917 Ellison, Fort Worth, was in town last Saturday.

Miss Floydene Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert, who is teaching in Breckenridge, is home for the holidays.

John Edward Kimble come home Thursday night from Texas University to spend the holidays with his parents.

Capt. Wilbur Lee Mehaffey and family are home for Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. O. Mehaffey. Wilbur has been stationed in the Philippines for over two years. His new assignment will be in Selma, Ala. as instructor in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. O. Mehaffey went to Mexia Sunday to bring their daughter, Betty Ruth, home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Whitten of Houston stopped over on their way to Wichita Falls Saturday. Mrs. Whitten is the former Ethrel Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Crews visited with her brother, L. M. Thompson who is seriously ill in Longview Sunday.

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Peanut Treats For The Christmas Holiday Festivities

PEANUT BRITTLE PIE
1 cup milk, scalded
2 egg yolks and whites
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 envelope of gelatin
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup whipping cream
3/4 cup peanut brittle, crushed
1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat egg yolks with brown sugar and add to scalded milk. Cook until thick. Dissolve gelatin in cup of water. Add to above mixture while hot. Cool until starting to set and add beaten egg whites which have 2 tablespoons of sugar. Add cup of cream whipped, crushed peanut brittle and vanilla. Pour into baked pie shell and serve with whipped cream with brittle in it.

ORANGE - NUT DOUGHNUTS
4 cups flour (all-purpose)
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
3/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons orange rind
1 cup chopped peanuts

Sift flour, measure, add baking powder and salt; sift again. Cream butter; blend in sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time and flour alternately with milk. Add grated orange rind and chopped peanuts. Chill about 2 hours. On floured board roll dough 1/3 inch thick - cut with floured cutter. Drop into deep hot fat (365 degrees to 375 degrees, bread cube browns in 40 seconds); fry until golden, turning often after they rise. Drain on paper. Makes 2 dozen.

PEANUT BUTTER CUP CAKES
1/2 cup butter or other fat
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups sifted soft wheat flour

Cream together with the fat, peanut butter, and sugar and add to the beaten eggs. The sifted dry ingredients are mixed alternately with the milk and vanilla. Bake in greased muffin tins in a preheated oven (350 degrees F.) for 20 to 30 minutes.

Combine all ingredients. Put mixture in greased loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees F. (moderate oven) for 1 hour. Serve hot with mushroom or tomato sauce. Serves four.

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Put a small amount of oil into shallow pan, pour in the peanuts and stir them until they are well coated. There should not be any excess oil in pan, just enough to give an oily surface to each nut. Set the pan in oven and stir until they become light brown. Drain them on paper toweling, spread on a platter and sprinkle with salt.

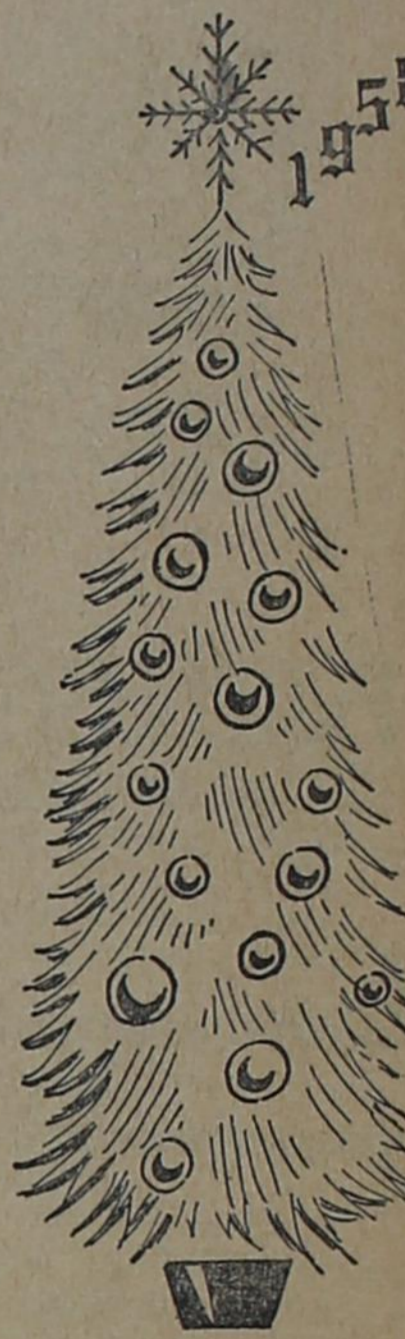
CREOLE FLUFF
1 cup whipping cream
1/4 cup cane syrup
1 teaspoon cinnamon
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Whip cream stiff - gradually stir in syrup to which has been added salt, cinnamon and cloves.

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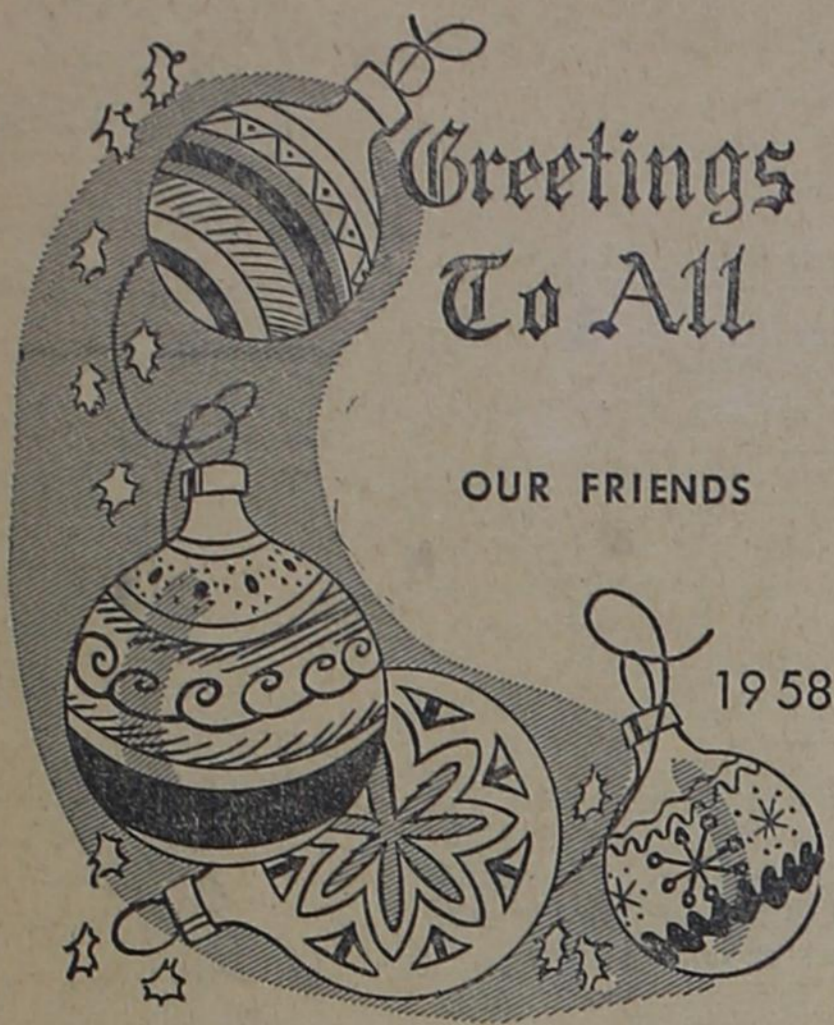
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Mrs. Applegate's Revolt

By Shirley Sargent

"I WANTA bike for Christmas," Terry Applegate said positively, "a 26 incher."

"Why dontcha ask for a rocket ship while you're at it?" Hartley was fourteen, two vast years older than his brother. "I wanta 28 incher and then you can have my 24 incher."

"That old beat-up job!" Terry's red-headed temper was bitingly vocal. "You couldn't sell that for junk since it got run over."

"Oh, you two make me tired with all your arguing," Marcia Applegate tossed her blond pigtailed disgustedly. She was ten-and-a-half, blond, pretty and knew her own mind. "Now I'm not asking for expensive things with Daddy working only half time. I just wanta dollhouse and some new clothes for Bunny Baby and a parakeet and ..."

"And all I want," Mrs. Applegate sighed wearily as she glanced up from her pile of ironing, "is peace and quiet! I wanta, I wanta!"



"All I want," Mr. Applegate said, "is peace and quiet."

"Well, Mom," Terry complained, "Christmas is only a week away and you've got to make plans."

"Hartley, fill the sprinler bottle, will you please?" Mrs. Applegate surveyed her three children with a jaundiced eye. "You're old enough to know Santa Claus is for little children and, as Marcia mentioned, your father is only working half time so he couldn't fill the bill even if he wanted to. Don't any of you remember what Christmas really means?"

A Real Present

"Sure," Hartley said, "we're celebrating Christ's birthday."

"That's right and Christ didn't go around saying 'I wanta.'"

Marcia interrupted excitedly. "No, He found out what people wanted and needed and gave it to them."

Mrs. Applegate almost scorched a shirt in her delight at such a discerning answer.

"What are we supposed to do about it?" Terry demanded angrily. "Forget that we want anything?"

"Not entirely, though you might as well cross off your grandiose dreams for something more practical. Daddy and I simply can't afford bikes and playhouses this year. You might try thinking about others for a change."

They grumbled awhile, then the three Applegate youngsters began thinking and talking excitedly among themselves. They asked for last year's Christmas cards and an advance on their allowances. Hartley and Terry got jobs shoveling snow and banked their earnings in an empty jar. Terry spent half his time counting it lovingly though Mrs. Applegate hated to see him caress the grubby coins. Finally, three days before Christmas, she and her husband were invited by a formal, misspelled invitation to a council of Christmas. The kitchen table was cleared and the children sat around it soberly. The money jar was in the middle.

Christmas For Others

Marcia was official spokesman. "We decided Mother's right, so this year we want to observe Christmas as Christ might have by bringing happiness to others." Her speech concluded, she grinned. "Besides it's really more fun. Now here's the scrapbooks I've made for the Children's Hospital. See I used old Christmas cards in one and magazine pictures in the other."

"I've been fixing up toys," Terry explained. "Old yo-yos, bean bags—though you'll have to help me Mother, the sewing's awful hard—and stuffed balls."

Mrs. Applegate felt her husband's hand take hers firmly under cover of the table. She hadn't dreamed of such heartwarming results in her revolt against "I wanta."

"What do you have to report, Hartley?" The pride in Mr. Applegate's voice was evident.

"Well, you know that old man who sells papers at the corner? He gets pretty cold in that little stand so I'm trying to raise enough money to buy him an electric heater."

Mrs. Applegate winked the tears of pride back. "Doesn't look like there'll be much peace and quiet around here, but all I want really is happiness and you three have already given that to us."

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FAMILY THINGS

By Edith L. Gibson

"AWFULLY sorry, Mary Lee, but I couldn't possibly. I'm invited to my cousin's for Christmas—one of those family things. I could manage to take you along."

"Oh, no," Mary Lee Holland replied emphatically. "Thanks anyway." Marge was the sixth she had asked to have Christmas dinner with her. All had other plans. She didn't know anybody else to ask.

In the six months she'd been in the city Mary Lee hadn't made many friends—hadn't tried to. She had her job and her apartment. That was enough. She liked being alone. Yet she hadn't wanted to eat Christmas dinner alone.

Leaving the bus, she was racing toward the office building where she worked, head down to keep the rain from beating into her face, when she whammed into the back of a young man going the same direction. He turned and said, "Hi! Visibility getting near zero, eh?"

Mary Lee recognized Marvin Kingsley who worked at the same place she did. He'd smiled at her. They'd talked a few times. But she hadn't bothered to cultivate masculine friendships. "Sorry I bumped you," she apologized.

"No harm done. Here, let's duck in out of this rain."

They ducked into a convenient cafe.



Presently he asked, "What are you doing Christmas day?"

They chatted. Outside rain fell steadily. Presently Marvin said, "How about lunching here today with me?"

"That would be nice."

"See you at twelve, then. Look, rain's slackening. Let's make a run for it."

Lunch With Marvin

Later, seated opposite him at a table in the cafe, Mary Lee wondered if she'd made a mistake in ignoring her co-workers. Presently he asked casually, "What are you doing Christmas day?"

"Nothing," she answered.

"Not going home?"

"I haven't any home."

"No family?"

"Well—hardly any. I'm an only child. Mother's in San Francisco, Father in New Orleans."

"Sounds rough."

"No—I liked it. Families are too much bother."

"But at Christmas ..."

"Yes—that's a little different. I asked some friends to lunch with me downtown. They're tied up with these family things."

He nodded understandingly. "Why not have dinner with me?"

"You mean you're alone too? It wouldn't interfere with anything?"

"Not a thing. It's tough being alone at Christmas. I know. Where do you live?"

"1029 Dexter."

"See you, then, at twelve, Christmas Day."

Christmas morning Mary Lee put on the blue velvet dress her mother had sent. In her father's package had been a string of pearls.

At twelve Marvin came. "Merry Christmas," he cried. "My, you look swell."

"All right for where we're going?"

"Perfect."

He drove toward the residential section of the city. "Aren't we going downtown?" ventured Mary Lee.

"Not this time."

"But I thought ..."

"I know what you thought. He stopped before a sprawly, ranch-type house. "I want you to see my home—meet my folks."

A Family Christmas

In a moment Mary Lee was in the house, being introduced to a lady and a distinguished-looking man. Marvin called them "Mother and Dad."

The house was full of people—gay, laughing, well-dressed. He designated them the family. There was a huge tree, Carols poured from a record player.

It was late when Marvin finally drove her home. They were almost there before he spoke: "Forgive me?"

"Let me thank you instead," she answered softly, "for the most wonderful Christmas I've ever had. I guess I've—been missing something."

"Yes. Something I'd like to help you find—and keep always. I mustn't say more now, Mary Lee, but—may I see you again soon?"

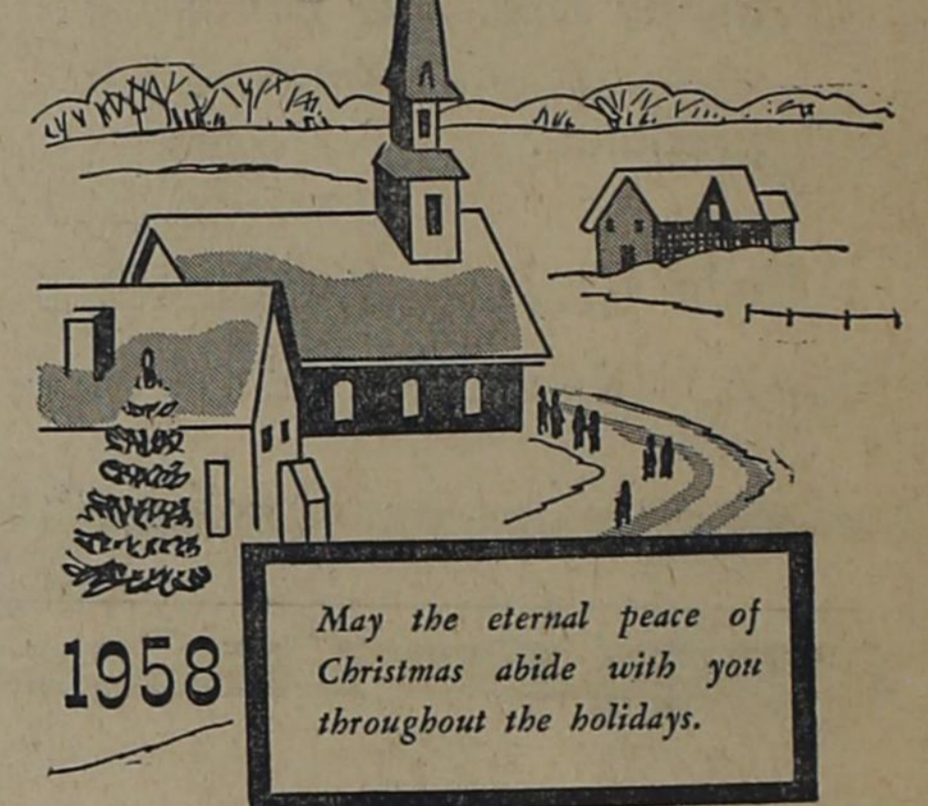
"Please do," she nodded, eyes shining.



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Dr. Whittington Is Guest Speaker For W. S. C. Meet

As the members of the Woman's Study Club gathered in the home of Mrs. Melvin Shell last Monday evening, everyone was right on time and seemed to be on her best behavior. Of course, there was a reason for this unusual turn - Dr. J. C. Whittington of Eastland was our guest.

As is our custom, all stood while Mrs. Keith Whitt read the Club Collect, then remained standing as President, Mrs. Roy Byrd, lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the U. S.

Dr. Whittington spoke on "Vision and Highway Safety". Beginning with the dangers of even slightly dirty windshields, rain or fog hampered vision, and driving too fast at night to see soon enough possible road obstacles, Dr. Whittington then pointed to the dangers of poor eyesight, dirty eyeglasses, and driving when the eyes are not well, or when the eyes are affected by a sick body. Vision is vital for highway safety. Dr. Whittington then very graciously answered questions until he was finally rescued by Melvin Shell inviting him out to the kitchen for a cup of coffee.

Usual procedure was somewhat reversed for this meeting - program first, business following. President, Mrs. Byrd, began by welcoming two new members, Mrs. Joe Ormsby and Mrs. J. F. Alderman, and guests for the evening, Mrs. Ross Wilson, Mrs. E. G. Henderson, and Mrs. J. W. Townsend.

Mrs. Byrd then introduced Mrs. Townsend, a member of the Excelsior Club, as the District Chair man of a project that all clubs across the nation may participate in this year - Overseas Aid through Care for Greece. Mrs. Townsend described conditions in Greece and pointed out how much help even small contributions can be through the Care

NEW DAUGHTER FOR THE JAMES BROWNS

Mr. and Mrs. James Harold Brown, Sr. are the proud parents of a baby girl, Cheryl Ann, born at the Blackwell Hospital on January 19, 1959, weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces.

Cheryl Ann has a big brother, James Harold, Jr., 17 months old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gabriel of New Orleans, La. and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown of Gorman.

Program. It will be interesting to hear later in the year the results of this project.

There was one other item of business that should be mentioned. Some time during the next week, our club will send letters reminding everyone of the once a year campaign to raise funds for work in the older part of the cemetery. We don't do the work, nor spend the money - one way we contribute to the cause of keeping the cemetery looking as nice as possible is by having printed, addressing, and posting letters to everyone we know of who might be interested, asking for a donation. We hope you will help beautify it, too, in any way you can.

From business to buzziness - it was time for fun. The room was filled with talking and laughing, problems of the day forgotten, as hostess, Mrs. Melvin Shell, served refreshment plates of coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches and pastries. It was quite late when everyone said good-night and hurried (mist on the windshield - vision impaired) slowly home.

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The popular "Jubilee U. S. A." television program, starring one of America's most beloved entertainers, Red Foley, is now being presented on the ABC-TV network by Massey-Ferguson, Inc., manufacturers of farm equipment handled in this area by Wright Bros. Implement Co. It is seen here every Saturday, starting at 7:30 p. m., over station WFAA, Channel 8.

Now in its fifth year on the air, "Jubilee U. S. A." is telecast live from the Jewel Theater in Springfield, Mo. Vocal and instrumental numbers, comedy skits and dances make up the fare of this favorite country music show, with the well-known Mr. Foley putting all the pieces together as master of ceremonies, plus singing several songs on his own.

A wide array of talent is used in producing the "Jubilee U. S. A." program, with each week's show featuring a variety of guests. Among the regulars in the cast, besides bossman Red, are announcer Joe Slattery and Slim Wilson, who is in charge of musical chores.

Others seen and heard at intervals are such favorites as the dancing Promenaders, Bobby Lord, Harold Morrison and Jimmy Gately, Norman Jean and Wanda Jackson, Will Mercer, Suzi Arden, Marvin Rainwater, Uncle Cyp and Aunt Sap, and Leroy Van Dyke. All are outstanding in their fields, and they always have a surprise or two in store for the thousands of families who watch "Jubilee U. S. A." every week.

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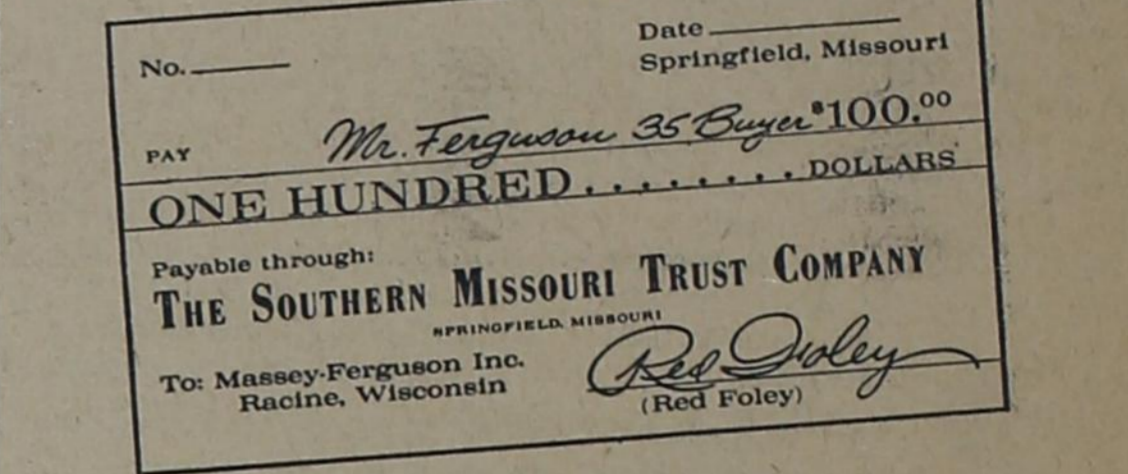
We give thanks for each of you, our good friends, who visited, sent cards and flowers, brought food and remembered us in prayer or in any way while we were at the hospital and since coming home.

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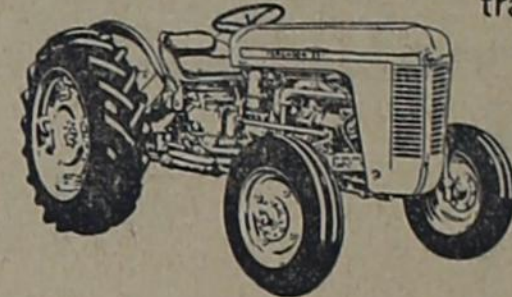
Yes sir, it's a check for \$100... made out to you by "Red" Foley - star of our ABC-TV Network show, "Jubilee U.S.A."

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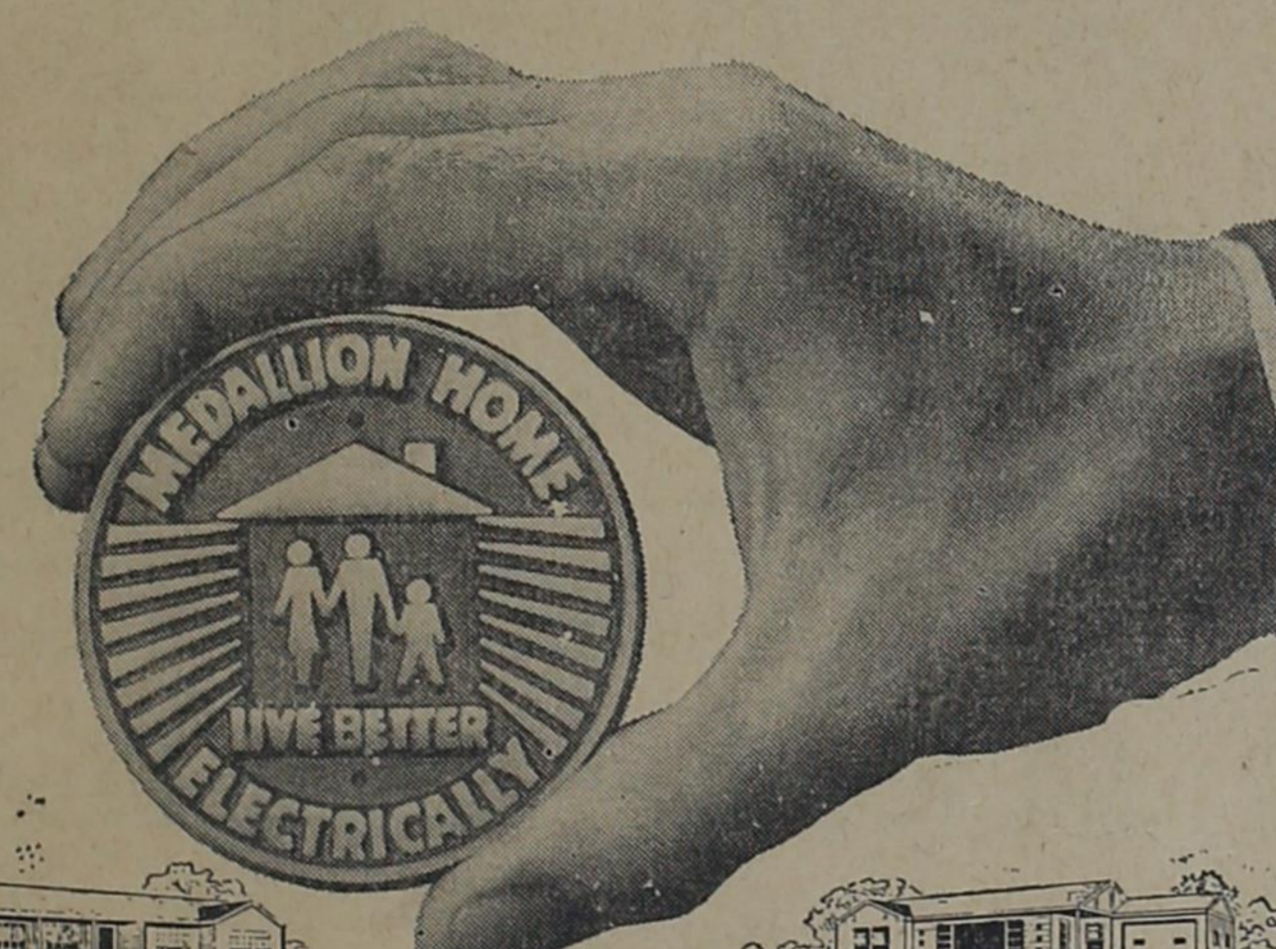
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KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

Those visiting in Mrs. J. C. Timmons home Friday were three of her sisters, Mrs. R. A. Russell and Mrs. E. E. Timmons of Jonesboro, and Mrs. E. B. Hucakabe of Gatesville. Also some friends Mr. and Mrs. Jim Russell of Jonesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Manus of Carbon and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Grisham of Gorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Rodgers of Abilene were visiting his mother, Mrs. W. F. Rodgers, here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eison and children were visiting relatives here during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rone returned last Saturday from an extended visit in Phoenix, Arizona with B. G. Rone and family and the J. Thurston Bohannons.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Fonville and family of Crystal Falls spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fonville.

Visitors in the R. O. Rankin home over the weekend were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Britton and children of Big Spring, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weaver, of Carbon.

Pat Calloway of Ft Worth visited George Rodgers the past week end.

Mrs. Leland Warren returned from Ft Worth Saturday after spending a week with her daughter, Miss Marjorie Warren, who brought her mother home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Warren and children of Odessa are spending a few days visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Warren and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robertson.

Recent guests in the A. N. Maman home were Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Carnes of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Slone of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Elon Reaves of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Medford of Comanche, and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bennett of New Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner McClaren of Ft Worth visited his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. McClaren, on Tuesday.

Pfc. Thurman McClaren is serving overseas in Germany in the Army. He will return to the States in September.

Guests in the Carl Sims home last Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer of Stephenville.

Mr. David Joiner is home between semester at A & M.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert attended the graduation of their son, Jack Neal, at Texas Tech in Lubbock on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers were in Lubbock Monday to attend the graduation of their son-in-law, Jack Neal Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neal Gilbert and baby daughter, Lisa, are living in Gorman since his graduation from Texas Tech. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force and in June will leave to enter the service.

Hospital Report

Blackwell Hospital of Gorman reported the following listed as patients on Thursday morning:

201 - Mrs. Ruth Qualls, De Leon
202 - Mrs. S. N. Creech, R. Star
204 - Mrs. R. H. Thackerson, Eastland
205 - Mrs. L. A. Thompson, Gustine
206 - Mrs. H. L. Perrin, Ranger
209 - Mrs. Buddy McLearen, Gorman
401 - Wesley Eads, De Leon (No Visitors)
403 - Nancy Johnson, De Leon
404 - J. A. Ryan, De Leon
407 - Mrs. Louis Andrus, G'man (No Visitors)
409 - Ralph Elston, Dublin
411 - W. A. Bailey, Gorman
416 - Claud Stubblefield, Carbon
419 - Mrs. L. D. Sowell, Carlton

Births At Blackwell

Stanley Craig Alexander born to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Ray Alexander of Rising Star on January 17 weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces.

Morris Dale Moss born to Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Moss of Llano on January 27 weighed 9 pounds and 10 1/4 ounces.

Ronnie Dale McLearen born to Mr. and Mrs. Buddy McLearen of Gorman on January 28 weighed 5 pounds and 2 ounces.

sha, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Waller of De Leon, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Smith and Glen Dale of Burkburnett, Glen Dale being on leave from the Air Force base in Greenland.

Homemakers Sunday School Class met Tuesday night for their monthly class meeting with Mrs. Joe Clark and Mrs. W. T. Broom as hostesses.

NOTICE TO VEHICLE OWNERS TITLE A PREREQUISITE TO REGISTRANTS

The "Texas Title Act", which became effective on October 1, 1939, provides, with named exceptions, that a certificate of title is a prerequisite to registration. Section 63 (b) reads as follows: "The Department or any agent thereof shall not after the 1st of January, 1942, register or renew the registration of any motor vehicle, unless and until the owner thereof shall make application for and be granted an official certificate of title for such vehicle or present satisfactory evidence that a certificate of title for such vehicle has been previously issued to such owner by the Department. Provided, however, this shall not apply to automobiles which were purchased new prior to January 1, 1936."

In order that the terms of the above law and, also instructions from the Texas Department and may be complied with, it will be necessary for this office to require that the certificate of title and the 1958 license receipt be presented before the 1959 license plates can be issued. You should check now to see whether or not you have your title certificate. If it has been lost you should contact this office to secure the proper forms to be used.

This office has also been instructed to not recognize a title receipt (Form 31) as evidence that title has been issued unless such receipt has been issued within the past thirty (30) days prior to your application for plates. If title has not been issued within this period of time, there is a possibility that it has been rejected by the State Highway Department.

A NOTICE TO ALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OWNERS BY THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPT.

"We have established certain standards governing the empty weight of commercial vehicles. As the Tax Collectors Reports are received in our office, each license receipt will be checked for minimum empty weight and carrying capacity. Each registration that does not meet the minimum weight requirements will be investigated by our office or the Department of Public Safety. We will contact the owner and advise him to contact the Tax Collector's office immediately for additional weight to be issued. The law grants us the authority to cancel the owners title, if the proper registration fee is not paid. It should be remembered that empty weight cannot be lowered from the weight shown on the title and registration receipt unless supported by a scale ticket, regardless of the chart."

J. C. Allison
Assessor & Collector
Eastland County

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OF MAPLE BEDROOM FURNITURE

Other Bedroom Suites IN COMPLETE SUITES Or INDIVIDUAL PIECES

MEN - See Us For Your WORK CLOTHES

Work SHIRTS \$1.25 up
Paymaster Overalls \$2.95
CAPS 49c up
10 Oz. Blue Denim Work Pants \$2.98
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13 3/4 OZ DENIM BLUE JEANS \$3.25 & \$3.45
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Also Men's WORK SHOES - \$3.95 up
Arriving Weekly - - NEW SPRING SHOES
For Men - Women & Children

1-2 PRICE SALE FOR THE LADIES

All Fall and Winter Dresses

ORLON SWEATERS

ALL COLORS PLAIN AND FANCY

1/2 PRICE

a few left in all sizes - a good time to stock up

SKIRTS Tagged for Savings

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PAY YOUR POLL TAX BY JANUARY 31 DEADLINE

See E. E. Todd At Todd's Variety Store

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PILLSBURY WHITE - CHOCOLATE & YELLOW MIX OR MATCH **4 for \$1**

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2 LBS. OLEO SOLIDS 35c	400 COUNT BOXES KLEENEX 2-49c
WOLF BRAND NO. 2 CAN CHILI 59c	WASHINGTON LB. DEL. APPLES 15c

Preserves PEACH - PINEAPPLE & APRICOT 18 Oz. - Decorated Glasses **3 for \$1**

PRICES GOOD FRIDAY - SATURDAY & MONDAY

JAY'S GROCERY and MARKET

Phone 40 We Deliver

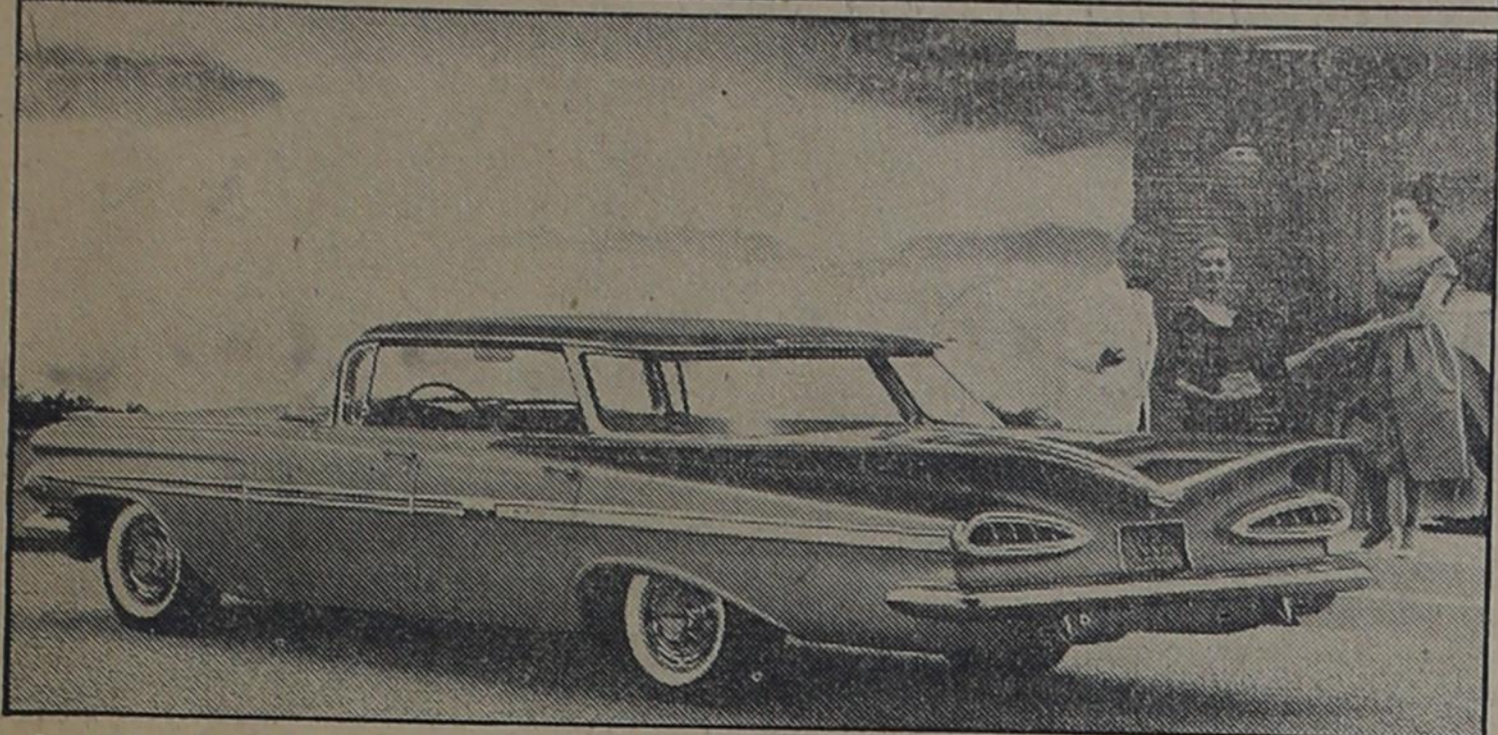
OUR NEW SPRING HATS HAVE ARRIVED

A Bouquet of SPRING MATERIALS
Linsens - Bates Wash Silks and Cotton Prints

BEAUTIFUL PASTELS & WHITES MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY WHILE THE STOCK IS COMPLETE

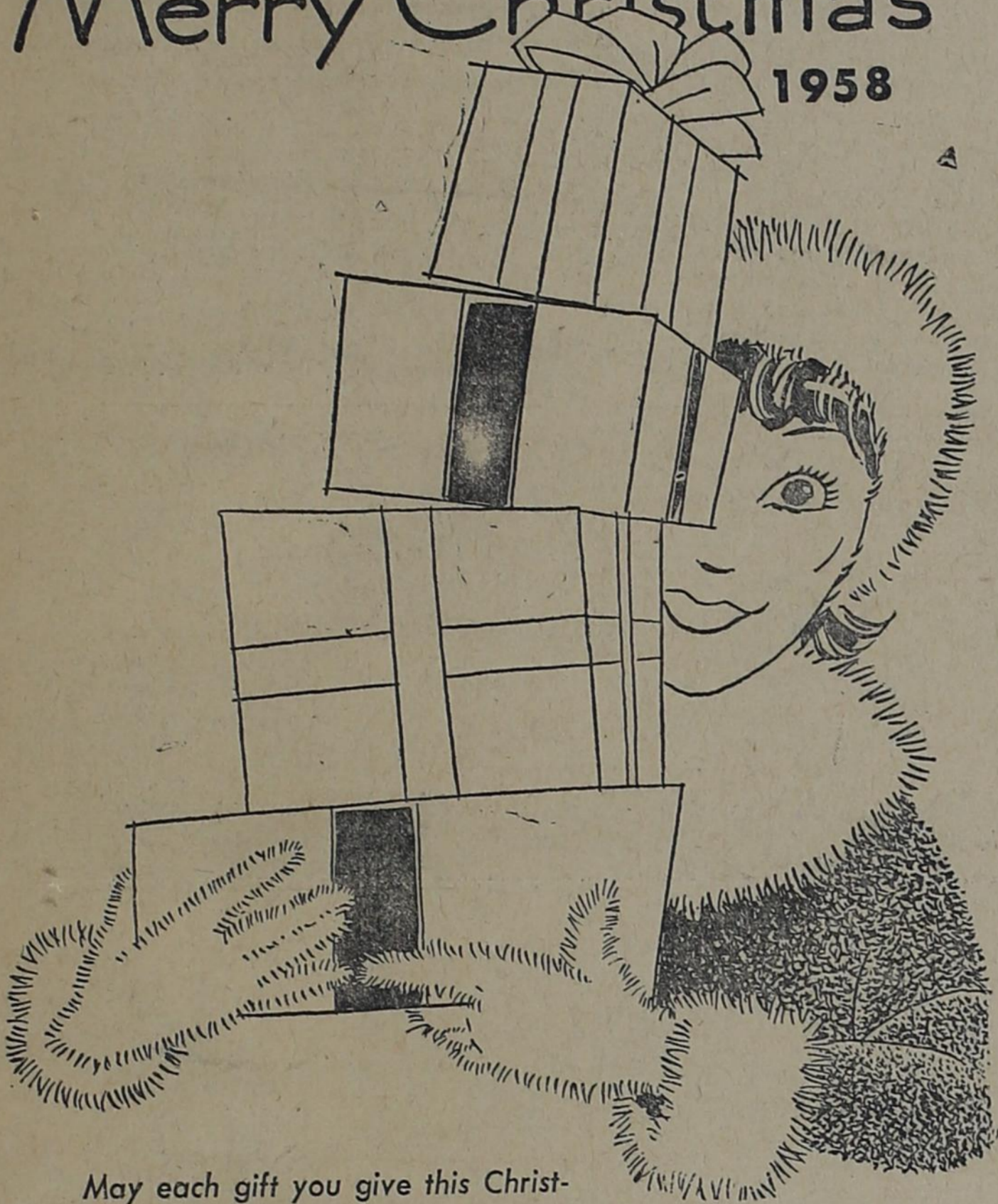
FROSSARD'S DEPARTMENT STORE
Gorman, Texas

Swank Impala hardtop sedan
NEWEST IN '59 CHEVY MODELS



In 1959, Chevrolet offers a complete Impala series in its array of 14 passenger cars. The top-flight member of this new series is the smartly styled sport sedan. Additional models in this line include the convertible, sport coupe and a four-door sedan. This luxury model is more spacious with an exciting new wrap-around rear window, a sleek flat top and de luxe interior appointments. New paint retains brilliance up to three years. Mechanical advancements of improved brakes, new suspension and easier handling point to a luxury liner that is marked for top popularity.

Merry Christmas
1958



May each gift you give this Christmas be made with joy and in the true spirit of the Season. And accept our thanks for your confidence.



The **First National Bank** GORMAN, TEXAS

"Oldest Bank In Eastland County"

Original Gifts are Best

You can enjoy the fun of getting ready for Christmas by starting early to make original gifts for those on your list who "already have everything" or are "so hard to buy for." You don't have to be a master craftsman to make attractive presents, just let simplicity and color be your keynotes.

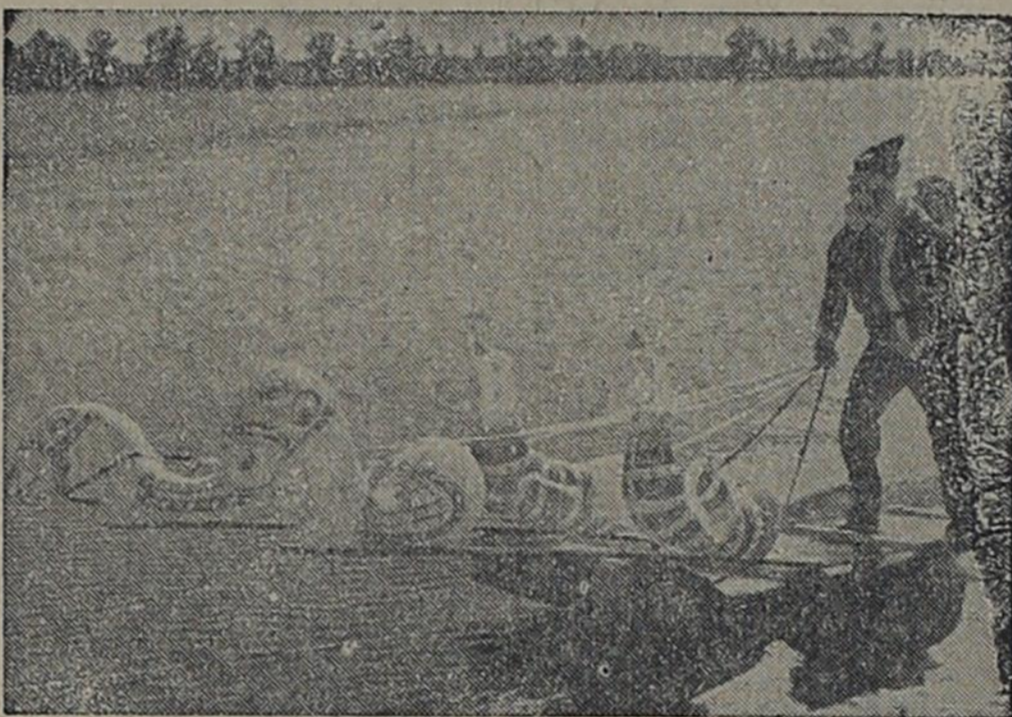
As for materials, department stores and variety stores are filled with endless possibilities. You can, for instance, buy metal trays of all sizes that can be made distinctive with flowers or fruit, scrolls or scallops. Often the instructions, designs, and paint materials are packaged right with the trays.

The ten-cent store will yield an array of kitchen canisters, cake tins, and wooden salad bowls that can be given decorative touches. They provide a wonderful way to highlight kitchen color schemes. In decorating wooden salad bowls, put your designs on first, then give the bowl two or three coats of spar varnish which will provide an odorless, tasteless coating.

If you'll take your ingenuity shopping, you'll find many items that will arouse your creative interest in other stores, too. There is an endless stream of closet accessories... hampers, shoe and hat stands, hat boxes, and clothes hangers.

And don't overlook such gardening equipment as trowels, diggers and watering cans. They can all be perked up with colorful enamel.

For the younger set, a toy chest with storybook figures—or the child's name—makes a welcome gift. Such a box can be made from an old sea chest or a wooden storage locker. You may even find one in a store that sells unpainted furniture.



SOUTHERN SANTA . . . Reindeer may be fine up No'th, but Santa uses other transportation when he makes his Southern swing. At Cypress Gardens, Florida, naturally, he uses sea horses and seals to pull his water toboggan.

JOY TO THE YOUNG

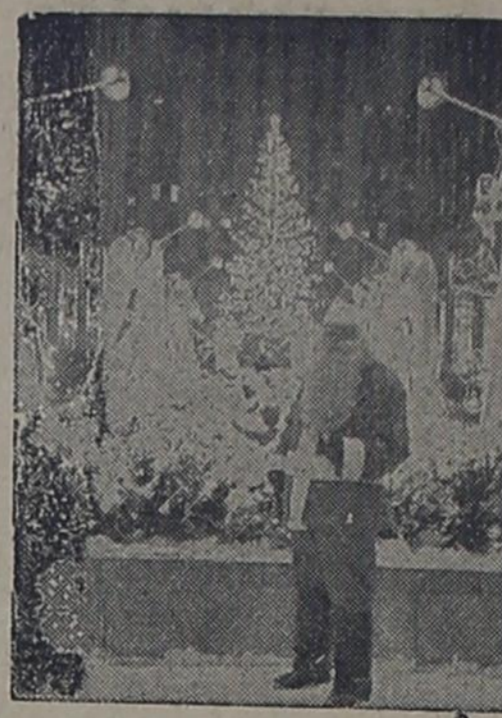


One of the most beautiful aspects of Christmas is the joy that it brings to the hearts of the young, the shining anticipation that lights their merry eyes like candles.

How old are you that you cannot remember the many times you lay quietly in the winter dark eagerly awaiting the anticipated hour of midnight? Did you ever tiptoe down the stairs, silently, cautiously, peeking around the corner to see if HE had been there? Can you not remember how all at once the days and hours of waiting were ended in the glorious realization that it was Christmas morning? Do you not recall how the world seemed different on that day, how your nostrils were filled with the aroma of pine and nuts, fruits and the fresh red paint of a wagon or the unsolled newness of a fluffy doll?

You are not so old that you cannot remember, nor so blind that you cannot see it in the eyes of your children. For it is there. It is a part of the spirit of Christmas and an important part. For the moment it is the spirit of receiving, but this will change with time as the spirit of giving and the truer meaning of Christmas become a reality.

So let young hearts enjoy the coming of Christmas. Neither man nor time can change the idea of Christmas in the hearts of the very young, no more than they can alter the true meaning of the Christmas story.



BRIGHT'S THE WORD . . . Santa, snow and bright lights, these are things that spell out Christmas in the big city.

Trimmed Tree Brought To Us by Germans

A Christmas tree will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed tree, as we know and use it today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

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

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

The Nativity theme is by far the most popular of all Christmas card illustrations. Many are reproductions from the old masters, but each year others are created especially for the Christmas card industry.

Winter scenes are next in popularity. Some of these scenes date back to the work of early masters but in recent years many new artists, such as Grandma Moses, have achieved fame in this field. For over a century, American artists have aided the industry by painting Christmas themes or by selling reproduction rights to their works.



We take "time out" from a very busy season to extend our best to you.



We're delighted to wish you the very best Holiday ever. Thank you for your fine patronage.

Brown Jug Dairy Bar and Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. (Jug) DENNIS

Greetings.



Have a happy, safe holiday. When you are in town again drop in and see us.

EPPLER'S Army-Navy Surplus

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CONTACT **Bobby Schuman**
Phone 4543 or 4913
Box 151 De Leon, Texas

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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To all our many friends with whom we have had such a fine business relationship during the past year we send greetings and best wishes for the coming Holiday Season.



WRIGHT BROS. IMPLEMENT COMPANY

MASSEY-HARRIS — FERGUSON

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From All of Us to You and Yours...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Our gift to you . . . the comfort and convenience assured by the bright blue flame of natural gas.

At this time of the year, particularly, it is extremely gratifying to be providing a service which contributes so much to warmth and contentment in the home during the Holiday Season.

So from each and every one of us at Pioneer, Best Wishes for good health — and the happiest Christmas you've ever had!

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De Leon and Lingleville Champs In Tournament

The De Leon girls won the Championship trophy of the Indian Trail Tournament for the second consecutive year here on Saturday night by defeating the Stephenville girls.

The Lingleville boys won the Championship trophy this year by winning over Dublin, last year's champions.

The Gorman Pantherettes won over the Scranton girls to win the Consolation trophy and the Priddy boys won the Consolation trophy in the boys division by defeating the Ranger boys.

A more detailed story will be published on the tournament at a later date.



As each Christmas comes around we look forward to seeing and greeting our many loyal friends. We take pleasure in saying "hello" and wish you a Merry Christmas.

ACREA AUTO SERVICE
G. C. (Giff) Acrea, Motor Doctor

For Ladies Only

By Ted Bickle

To all you merchants who have been so thoughtful in giving me a helping hand in my first efforts in the advertising field I send my heartfelt thanks and wish for you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Carroll Bickle

With the last gifts wrapped and placed beneath the tree and that almost forgotten friend's Christmas card ready to mail the first thing in the morning - the left-over strings and tags, wrapping paper, ribbon, stamps and cards picked up and put away and a quick vacuum across the rug and a few swipes with the dust cloth; everything is in readiness for that "one day" of the year that means so much when the family gets together.

All that remains to be done now is plan where to "bed-down" the extras, make another batch of candy and cookies, finish checking the list to be sure you have everything needed in your already overstuffed ice box to complete your Christmas Dinner.

All this done, it is about time for you, and the man of the house that just might be helping, to pour a couple of cups of good hot coffee, relieve the bulging cookie jar of some of the cookies you made last week, sit back and relax awhile before preparing for bed, its only about 1:30 or 2:00 o'clock in the morning. Ho-hum! Again you will "just declare" you will not let next year catch up with you like that!

Here is a quick and easy recipe for that other batch of cookies and they are very good, too:

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoon soda
- 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cream shortening, vanilla, granulated and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat in thoroughly; blend in peanut butter. Add sifted dry ingredients. Shape into balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Press

Greetings

I appreciate the opportunity afforded by the paper to say "Happy Holidays" to all Gormanites. The last days of December have long been days of rejoicing but especially this season inasmuch as the Lord has greatly blessed the community.

My wife and I wish you the best in everything and covet your friendship.

Mr. Lem O. Rogers
Evangelist, Church of Christ

CORRECTION

The Progress regrets the error made in last week's issue stating that Paul Edward Samuels was born to the B. O. Samuels.

The announcement should have read: "Paul Edward Sanders born to Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Sanders of Gorman on December 14 weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces."

balls with tines of fork (which have been dipped in flour) to cake criss-cross. Bake about 10 minutes.

I do hope there will be less sickness during the holidays. Lets take every precaution and perhaps we can keep off that sick list and enjoy all the festivities.

Merry Christmas!



A friendly wish for you in this Holiday season—Have a Merry Christmas.

B. M. BENNETT
County Commissioner



To our greeting we would like to add our thank you for your patronage.

CECIL THOMPSON
GROCERY & STA.

Coffee Break Talk

By Joe Bennett

Only a few days left until that happy day when we will all be opening our gifts from our children, loved ones and friends. This is a joyous time indeed.

But as we are enjoying this yuletide season we should not forget the true meaning of Christmas. We should remember that the most precious gift of all was given to us all on this day many, many years ago when our blessed Lord was born. Let us all give and receive gifts as Jesus Christ would have us do. Lets all give thanks to our Master for this day.

At this time I would like to say for the wife, kids and myself a Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year. May you have many, many more.

This is sure a happy season alright. And a fun-filled one too. The other day my son, Lonnie Eugene, and I went down and bought the wife some hose for a Christmas gift from the kids. I reminded him not to mention what he and sister, Joetta Maxine, had gotten for her. Did he? You guessed it. We carried the package home and put it under the tree. Of course mom was curious but didn't try very hard to find out what it was. But as she was putting her hose on getting ready to go shopping Lonnie up and said "Momie, why don't you put on the new hose me and sister got you for Christmas!" Oh, well, kids will be kids.

If you are traveling any during the holidays, drive safely and watch out for both you and the other fellow too. Let's all be alive after the holidays.

Merry Christmas everyone!

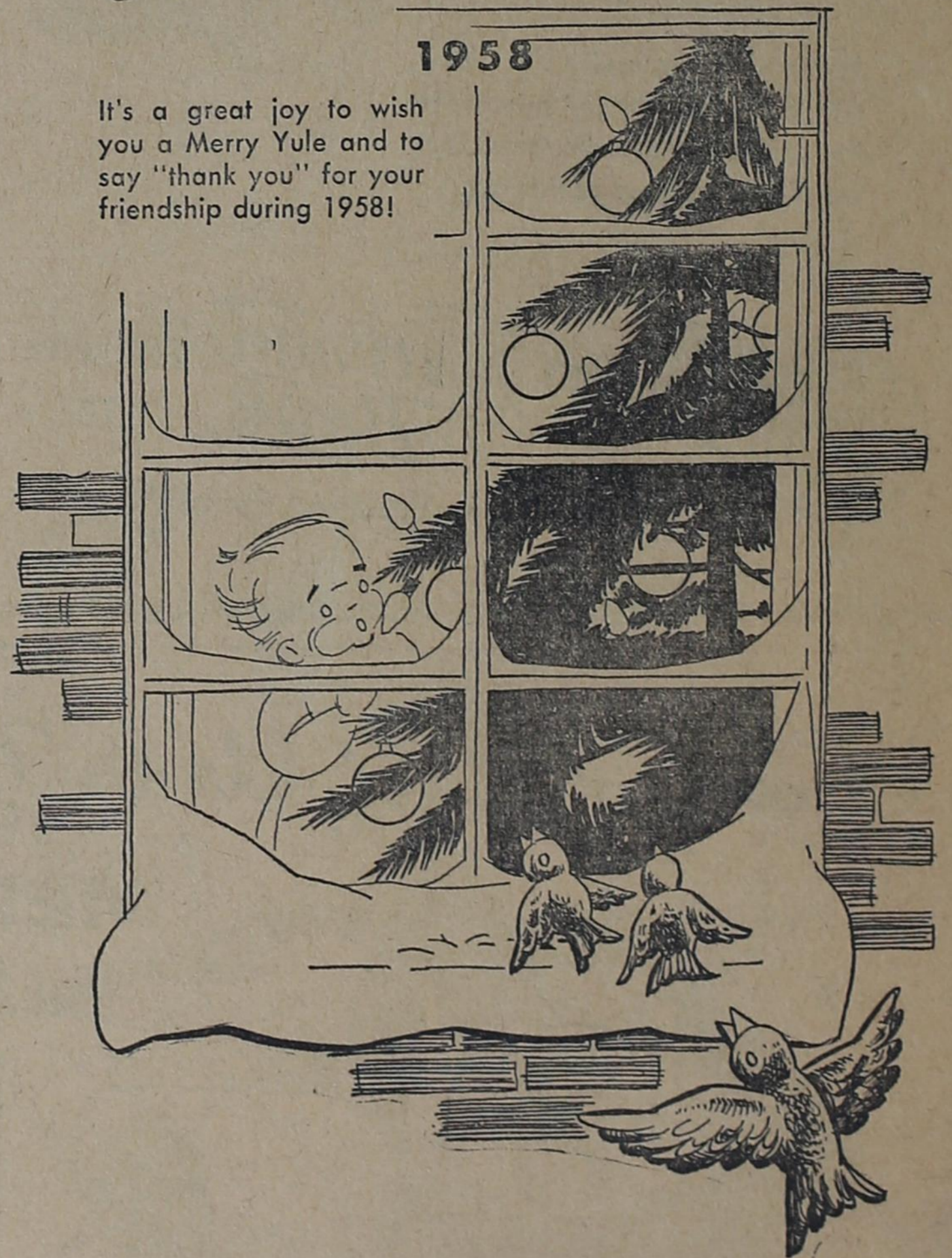
Be Friendly



Christmas Cheer

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It's a great joy to wish you a Merry Yule and to say "thank you" for your friendship during 1958!



Hiqqinbotham's

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

By this means we say "thank you" to all our customers and friends. It has been good to serve you. We hope you have a joyous Christmas.

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