

### Local Markets

Classes of sheep remained steady while Fat Lambs and Stocker Dry Ewes and Good Lambs showed a slight drop at the local commission last Friday. All classes of sheep remained steady with the exception of Good Mutton which were down 50c per head. There was a total of 2,135 head of sheep and 1,205 head of lambs to pass through the Ring here last Friday. There will be no Sheep and Lamb Sales for the next two weeks, December 25 and January 1, due to the holidays; the next sale on January 8, 1954.

### SHEEP

Lambs, 14c to 17c; Good Fat Lambs, 14c to 17c; Yearlings, 11c to 14c; Culls, 8c to 10c; Aged Wethers, 8c to 10c; Old Wethers, 5c to 6c; Stocker Dry Ewes, \$7 to \$12 per head; Fat Lambs, \$12 to \$15 per head; Old Bucks, 5c to 6c.

### GOATS

Good Mutton Goats, \$5 to \$8 per head; Weighing Kind, 5c to 6c; Good Nannies, \$6 to \$8 per head; Culls, 4c to 5c; Kids, \$7 per head.

### EGGS

Current Receipts were listed at 35c per dozen this week. Graded, Large Whites at 40c per dozen, Mixed, at 40c per dozen, No. 2's, at 20c per dozen and Pullet Eggs at 35c per dozen.

### CHICKENS

Broilers, 45c to 50c per lb. Hens, 20c lb.

### PECANS

Current pecans were quoted at 12c per pound this week.

### Local News

My Locklear of Weathering spent last Sunday with his wife, Mrs. Cecil Williams, and Mrs. Williams.

My Saylor made a business trip to the Rio Grande Valley last week. He left here Tuesday and returned home Thursday.

### Members Of Local School Faculty

#### A Variety Of Holiday Activities

Superintendent of Schools J. T. Jones took time to say Merry Christmas to members of the faculty here at the first few what they are doing during the holiday season. Their answers contain an interesting note so he decided to jot them down. The same came out as follows:  
Mrs. Akins— "To remain in Goldthwaite— Expecting relations from both sides of the family— would like to see some games during holiday season."  
Mrs. V. Barnett— "Usual Christmas— My husband will come and we shall enjoy the day and visitors."  
Mrs. W. Bowman— "Going to Comanche and work on the farm. Hope to visit people on the sides of house."  
Mrs. Carothers— "No big plans— We like home and family."  
Mrs. Cockrum— "Will have a party one day— want to be busy the rest of the time."  
Mrs. Egger— "My daughter will be home from Texas— will catch up some on the trip— hope to make a trip."  
Mrs. Evans— "Plan to see folks in Dallas. My husband is busy as a TURK with Christmas Mails."  
Mrs. Gatlin— "To rest and relax during the holidays— will miss the home."  
Mrs. Gene Hale— "Home as usual— folks and others might leave town for a while or so, going to a wedding."  
Mrs. Johnson— "It's all the same to me— every day about

## With Christmas And The End Of Year Comes The Talk Of Politics

With Christmas and the end of the year, or maybe only every other year, there comes the talk in many circles of politics. This coming year is a regular election year on the county, state and — with some offices — the national level. Then there is also the city election which is scheduled in the spring of the year. In the city election there is scheduled to be elected a Mayor

and three Aldermen. All elective offices of the county will be effected as they are every two years. While there has been considerable talk about the county and state picture, with respect to the election, there has been little discussion noted on the city level. Most observers believe that as soon as the holiday season is over the political pot will start boiling, when a number of hopeful candidates will start throwing their hat into the ring.

## Post Office Moves To New Home Monday

The Goldthwaite Post Office will move across the street from its present location to their new home in the new building which has been constructed by Oscar Burns next Monday, December 28. Announcement of the forthcoming move was made this week by Lucile Fairman, postmaster, after she had received official notice from the department.

Open house, which is planned by the Post Office staff, will be held on Saturday, January 9, from 1:00 to 6:00 p. m. On that day the public will have an opportunity to visit their local postoffice and inspect the new home. Watch this paper for more and further announcement about the official opening.

## Christmas Holiday For County Offices

According to announcement, made to the Eagle, all Mills County offices in the courthouse will be closed from Thursday noon December 24, until Monday morning December 28, for Christmas Holiday.

## Christmas Holiday For Postal Staff

Christmas Holiday will be observed by the local Post Office in line with their regular holiday schedule. There will be no rural route deliveries on Christmas Day. Window service will be available for one hour, from 9:00 until 10:00 a. m., and mails will be received and dispatched in the usual manner.

## GHS Class Of '48 To Have Reunion Saturday Night

The class of 1948, of Goldthwaite High School, will meet at The Hangar for their fifth reunion, Saturday night, December 26, at 7:30 o'clock, according to an announcement by Mrs. Adrien Anderson (Earlene Nix), of Plainview, homecoming chairman and Mrs. Jack Simpson (Vera Mae Bell) of Waco. All class members and their families are urged to be present. Parents of the graduates, of the class who have moved away and will not see this announcement, are asked to see that their sons and daughters are informed of the reunion as individual invitations will not be mailed.

## Friday Is Christmas Holiday

Friday of this week is Christmas Day and the day will be observed as a Holiday.

A number of business firms are taking some additional time, besides Friday, for the holiday according to various announcements in this issue. Some firms will remain closed on Saturday.

Mills County State Bank will be open Saturday morning on regular schedule.

Food stores will be closed on Friday only and will be open on full schedule on Saturday.

## Weather Report

Goldthwaite and Mills County received light showers Saturday of last week with the official measurement for Goldthwaite recorded at .18 inch. This is all the rainfall recorded for the month of December to date.

## Local 4-H And FFA Members Have Many Entries In Houston Stock Show

Members of the Mills County 4-H Club, Goldthwaite, have entered twenty-nine steers in the 1954 Houston Fat Stock Show, February 3 through 14. They will show twenty-three of the steers in the Junior division and six in open class.

Future Farmers of America of Goldthwaite, have entered six lambs, two Hereford steers, five Aberdeen-Angus steers, and two dairy heifers in the Junior division of the Show.

## Home From Korea

First Lt. Wayne Massey, who has been serving with the United States Marines in Korea and Japan for the past year, landed in San Diego, California, last week. From there he flew to Dallas where his wife, Mrs. Bobby Massey, met him. Lt. Massey is on a twenty day leave which he will spend with his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Massey and his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Oberhaus and other relatives. Mrs. Massey plans to return to California with her husband to make her home.

## Results Of Garden Club Lighting And Decorations Contest Are Announced

Mrs. Ralph Hull, president of the Comanche Garden Club, and Mrs. J. C. Wilkerson, member of the Comanche Garden Club, judged the Christmas Lighting and Decorations Contest sponsored by the Goldthwaite Garden Club, last Sunday night.

Award winners were announced in the following order: Business Establishments — First, Fashion Shop; Second, Little's; Third, Yarborough and Duren.

Home Entrance— First, Mr. and Mrs. Warren P. Duren; Second, Mr. and Mrs. Talbot Ledbetter; Third, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jernigan.

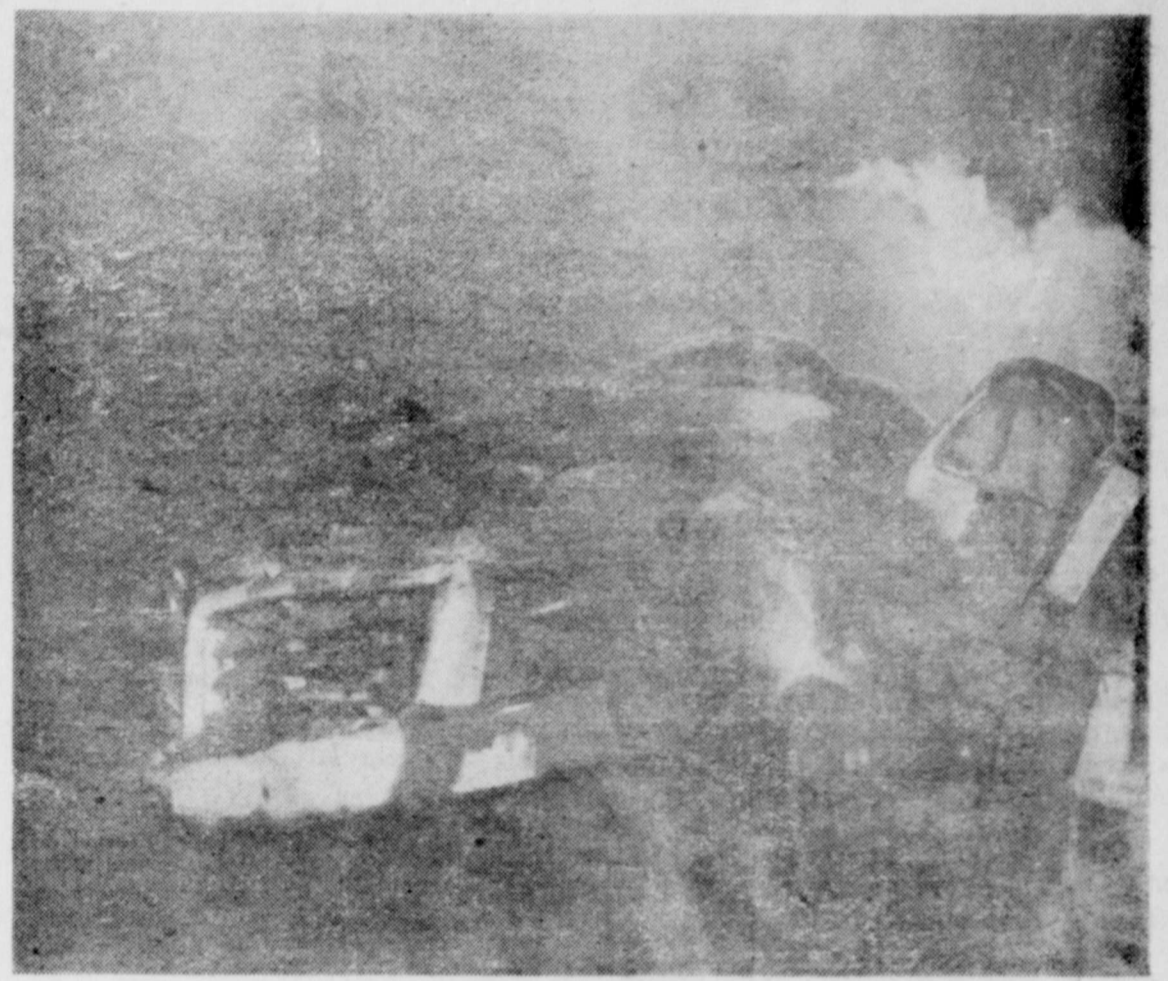
Indoor Tree— First, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Stacy; Second, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Summy; Third, Mr. and Mrs. Tip Heatherly.

Indoor Religious Scene— First, Dale and Patricia Gwin; Second, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jernigan.

Other Interior Decorating— First, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins; Second, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Summy.

Outdoor Christmas Tree— First, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rudd; Second, Mr. and Mrs. Jack

## Where Driver Was Killed Early Saturday Morning



Pictured here is what was left of the butane tank truck after it went out of control, crashed over the embankment and burned last Saturday morning, killing the driver, Albert T. Pierce of Lampasas. The truck remained in an

upright position. This photo shows how the impact of the twin tank going down the embankment, sandwiched the cab and seat into the dashboard, hood and motor, before turning up-side-down and burning.

EAGLE PHOTO BY WICKER STUDIO. This picture was taken shortly after one tank exploded carrying the tanks into the background of this photo where through the haze of smoke can be seen the base of the burning truck.

## Driver Dies As Butane Tank Truck Crashes And Burns Saturday Morning

Albert Torbett Pierce, 36, of Lampasas, was killed when the butane gas truck he was driving went out of control and crashed and burned on the highway in the north edge of Goldthwaite early last Saturday morning. The gas truck and another truck driven by L. R. Glenn of Austin sideswiped on the curve at the north end of Fisher Street causing the fatal accident.

## Receipts From Basketball Game

Receipts from ticket sales for the basketball games played with Priddy on the local court last Thursday night were \$42.05. Of this amount official expenses were \$20.00 and travel allowance \$12.35, leaving a net for the athletic department of \$9.70, according to report from J. T. Jones, superintendent of schools.

## December 31, Is Deadline For One Per Cent Discount On Tax Payments

Taxpayers are reminded that December 31, is the last day on which they can take advantage of the discounts on county and state tax payments. This announcement was made this week by C. F. "Stub" Stubblefield, Mills County Tax Assessor and Collector.

## December 31, Is Deadline For One Per Cent Discount On Tax Payments

Beginning January 1, taxes are due and payable in their full amount without discount privileges. In making this announcement Stubblefield stated that while tax payments at this time of year usually slow down considerable, collections to date have been very good. A large number of tax payers have paid their tax bills early taking advantage of the best discounts.



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DON'T LET DEATH TAKE YOUR HOLIDAY!

"Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh"

You don't see many one-horse open sleighs at Christmas time nowadays, but the spirit that prompted the famous song is as strong as ever.

Christmas still means happiness and good will—the spirit of giving and of rejoicing — the homey family pleasures of visiting and merry making.

But today things are done with the modern touch. The presents and the merry makers are piled into the family car and whisked away to the family feast in much greater comfort than they were in the days of the one-horse sleigh.

Unfortunately, we can't say that they travel with more safety than they did when Old Dobbin provided the transportation.

The Texas Safety Association states that modern roads and modern touch-control automobiles should make for safe riding. But the human factor enters in. The speed potential and the ease of operation trick many a driver into recklessness or heedlessness. He steps on the gas, lets his mind dwell on his holiday plans, and is unprepared for a sudden emergency.

That's why so many holiday merry makers land in the hospital — or worse!

Let's all be sensible about the business of celebrating this year. Let's be determined to stay alert every minute we're at the wheel . . . keep our minds strictly on the business of driving . . . take special precautions whenever the weather warrants . . . and never drive after drinking!

Then death won't take our holiday!

WHEN THE OLD BIRD WAS YOUNGER

10 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from Eagle Files of December 24, 1943.)

County Clerk, Mrs. Earl Summy, issued the following marriage licenses since last report: W. H. Thomson and Miss Loys Bullard, Chester R. McLean and Miss Willadean Cleo Hale.

The following men left Tuesday and have been inducted at Mineral Wells: For the Army: Forest Frazier, Carl Jenke Jr., Tom Frank Priddy, Coleman Waldon. For the Navy: Billy Edward Black, Preston J. Hicks, Martin Ell Williams, Kenneth Gordon Masters and E. O. Wells.

Scott Cunningham, age 89, died Tuesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. T. Vaughan, and Mr. Vaughan.

Mrs. Annie Blackburn passed away at the family home in Garland, Texas, on December 18. The Blackburn family had made their home in Goldthwaite until a few months ago when they moved to Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunt heard from their son, Boat-swain Roy W. Hunt, who was on the Aircraft Carrier, Liscom Bay, which was sunk on November 24, off Makin Island. Some 200 survivors arrived at San Francisco recently.

Mrs. R. M. Thompson of Dallas, former editor of the Eagle, arrived in Goldthwaite last Sunday to spend the Christmas holiday. She reports that Mel-meth Young Stokes III (Buddy) Stokes of Dallas, left last Saturday for San Bernadina, California, to spend 10 days with his father, Lt. Col. M. Y. Stokes Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stokes will spend Christmas in Bangs with her father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, then come to Goldthwaite Sunday afternoon for a short visit.

25 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from Eagle Files of December 21, 1928.)

Last Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, Miss Alice Stark and Joe A. Davis were quietly married at the home of Rev. J. D. Long of the Center Point community.

Miss Maude Montgomery and T. C. Perry were united in marriage Thanksgiving Day, in the home of Rev. J. D. Long. Clarence Faulkner surprised

his many friends recently by bringing home a bride from McCamey. Last Sunday night, December 23, he and Miss Lela Landers were quietly married by Rev. Young, Pastor of the Methodist Church of McCamey.

According to County Clerk, L. B. Porter, the following marriage licenses have been issued since December 1, in Mills County, Robert E. Colwell and Miss Elma Lee on December 4, H. J. Smith and Miss Louise McBeth on December 5, Ted Wen'stenger and Miss Alvina Weiderbusch on December 5, Milton Hill and Miss Ruby Temple, December 6, Milton O'Neal and Miss Edra Puckett on December 6, O. G. Clary and Miss Wilma Childre on December 7, Gerhard Drucekhammer and Miss Joe Anna Grobertschick on December 11, Joe Allgood and Miss Vernetta Bishop, December 15, Kenneth Word Coleman and Miss Leona Statyore Burkett on December 15, Joe A. Davis and Miss Alice Stark on December 15, Chester Ford and Miss Irene McMurry on December 15, Marcos Sals and Miss Amelia Bela on December 17, Jack Mahana and Miss Velma Smith on December 18, William Lippe and Miss Pauline Elrod on December 18, W. A. Biffe and Miss Hilda Lubdke on December 18, W. L. Covington and Miss Linnie Warren on December 22, Bill Wilkin and Miss Ethel Mae Singleton on December 22.

47 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from Eagle Files of December 22, 1906.)

Mr. Clyde Kirby of San Angelo and Miss Emma Kennedy were married at 1:00 o'clock p. m., Saturday, December 15 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, in San Saba. (San Saba News).

Mrs. I. T. Moreland died at the family home in the Pleasant Grove community Tuesday morning and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

Mrs. Webb, wife of Bob Webb, died at the family home in Rock Springs community, Monday night, after a long illness.

D. O. Simpson and Miss Mollie Casbeer were married at the residence of the bride's parents in the South Bennett community last Saturday afternoon and were given a reception at the home of the groom's parent's Sunday.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since last report: Wes Partridge and Miss Cienma Featherston, D. O.

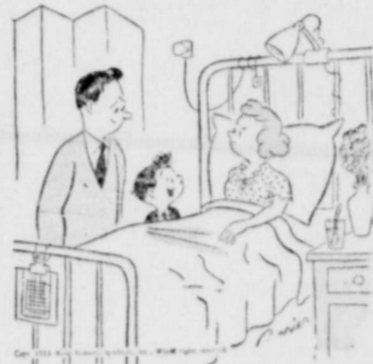
Simpson and Miss Mollie Casbeer, T. L. Paulson and Miss Emma June Harris, H. L. Huck-aba and Miss Dora Carter, Jesse Tullos and Miss Cora Brad, Jesse B. Coffee and Miss Ida Locker.

The Geeslin Company shipped a carload of Turkeys from this place Thursday. The car contained 1500 of the birds and the company had 300 left over.

Jesse Tullos and Miss Cora Brad were married at the residence of Rev. Templin in this city last Sunday afternoon, that gentleman officiating.

Will Page has a girl, born at his house, Thursday night.

LAFF-A-DAY



"We had hot dogs and sauerkraut for breakfast, hot dogs and relish for lunch, and hot dogs and mustard and onions for supper!"



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From The Eagle Staff

- Ruth Ervin Alma Williams
Roy Lee Hill Arnold K. Kelly
Jerry Collier Vic E. Koleber



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May your Christmas be replete with the rich blessings of the holy season . . .

ROBERTSON & PORTER

ARE YOU FULLY COVERED?



Christmas Fire?

Warm greetings beneath the mistletoe are okay at Christmas, but be careful of open flame. Christmas fires are tragedies which can be prevented with caution. May we wish you a SAFE Christmas, filled with Joy and Happiness.

T. M. GLASS INSURANCE AGENCY FARM AND RANCH LOANS PHONE 71 GOLDTHWAITE

MERRY Christmas advertisement featuring a winter scene with houses and trees, and text from C. F. 'STUB' STUBBLEFIELD, MILLS COUNTY SHERIFF.

Christmas Cheer advertisement featuring three decorated Christmas trees and text from THE E. B. ADAMS FAMILY.

# MELBA THEATRE

GOLDTHWAITE

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

## "STALAG 17"

Star-Spangled Laugh-Loaded Salute To Our P. W. Heroes

WILLIAM HOLDEN — DON TAYLOR

SATURDAY ONLY

IN TECHNICOLOR

## "STAND AT APACHE RIVER"

PHEN McNALLY — JULIA ADAMS

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

## JOHN WAYNE

IN

## "ISLAND IN THE SKY"

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

## "PLUNDER OF THE SUN"

GLENN FORD — DIANA LYNN

## HOLIDAY TREAT—

This Coupon will admit one person Free to the Show on Tuesday or Wednesday nights, December 29-30, when accompanied by One Paid Adult Ticket. Clip This Coupon and Come To The Show.

## Garden Club Meets Wednesday of Last Week

The Goldthwaite Garden Club met for their regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon in the Jennie Trent Dew Library. During the business meeting a vote of thanks was given city officials for the attractive way the city has been lighted for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. C. F. Stubblefield was program leader and introduced the guest speaker, D. W. Newton, principal of Grammar School, who spoke on "Birds of This and Other Countries." Mrs. M. F. Horton gave a brief talk on Polinsetia, flower of the month.

Mrs. E. O. Shepherd, presented a number of her pupils in a recital in which Anita, Beverly and Carolyn Rhoades sang, "Thirty-Two Feet and Eight Little Tails." Phillip Aldridge, Anita and Carolyn Rhoades sang, "Three Dwarfs." A solo, "Winter Wonderland," was rendered by Judith Ann Reid and a piano solo was given by Patsy Ruth Miller. Judith Ann Reid lead the group in singing "Silent Night," which closed the program.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mesdames M. Y. Stokes, J. N. Keese, John L. Patterson, J. H. Randolph, W. W. Head and Duward Kerby. Lovely refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated table depicting the Christmas theme.

Hostesses' arrangements were judged and Mrs. John L. Patterson won first place, Mrs. M. Y. Stokes second, Mrs. Kerby third, and Mrs. Keese and Mrs. Randolph honorable mention.

## Featherstons To Have Holiday Guests

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Featherston will have as their guests during the Christmas holidays their daughter - in - law, Mrs. Wm. G. Featherston and daughters, Mary and Rebecca Ann from Gardena, California. This will be their first visit to Texas in five years.

Charles E. Featherston, who is stationed at the San Diego, California, Naval Base, will also be a guest of his parents and his wife, who has been here since November visiting the Featherstons and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Roberts. She plans to return to California with her husband after the holidays.

## Fidelis Sunday School Class Has Christmas Party

The Fidelis Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party in the church chapel last Thursday night, with twenty-seven present. Gifts were brought for secret pals. After the exchange of gifts the identity of pals were revealed.

Several interesting games were played, and several new styles were created in crepe paper hats, especially by the men.

The next class social will be a hunting party and will be held some time in January. Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served.

## Guests At Harvey Home

Mr. and Mrs. Ira O. Harvey had as guests last Sunday the following: R. R. Harvey and son, Ray of De Leon, Floyd Young and son, Hubert of Stamford, the Harveys' daughter, Mrs. Lila Boogher of Chicago, Illinois, who arrived last week and her daughter, Miss Patricia Broadus of Selfridge, Michigan. Mrs. Boogher and her daughter, Patricia, will spend the holidays with her parents.

## Center City News

By MRS. JOE GREEN

Rev. Ramon Sims preached at the Center City Baptist Church last Sunday. A large crowd was present for each service.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kinchele and daughters of Llano were guests of the Joe Greens and Bud Kincheles of Star last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Arnold of Izoro visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Coffman last Sunday.

There is some sickness in our community. We hope all will be able to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Rev. Sims was a luncheon guest of the Jimmy Wright family Sunday.

Mrs. Winnie Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carter, visited them a few days last week; also Mr. Carter's sister from Abilene visited them and brought a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings.

Oscar Miles of Temple visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bailey Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Green and daughter, Eva Faye, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ace Kinchele in Llano Sunday.

There will be a "Community Christmas Tree" at the Center City Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night, December 23.

Virril Howard visited us last Tuesday evening. He looks well to have gone through so much.

Chester Head went deer hunting last week.

Roscoe and Jean Karnes went to Waco last Saturday.

John Howard and Sammy Owens are spending the holidays at home.

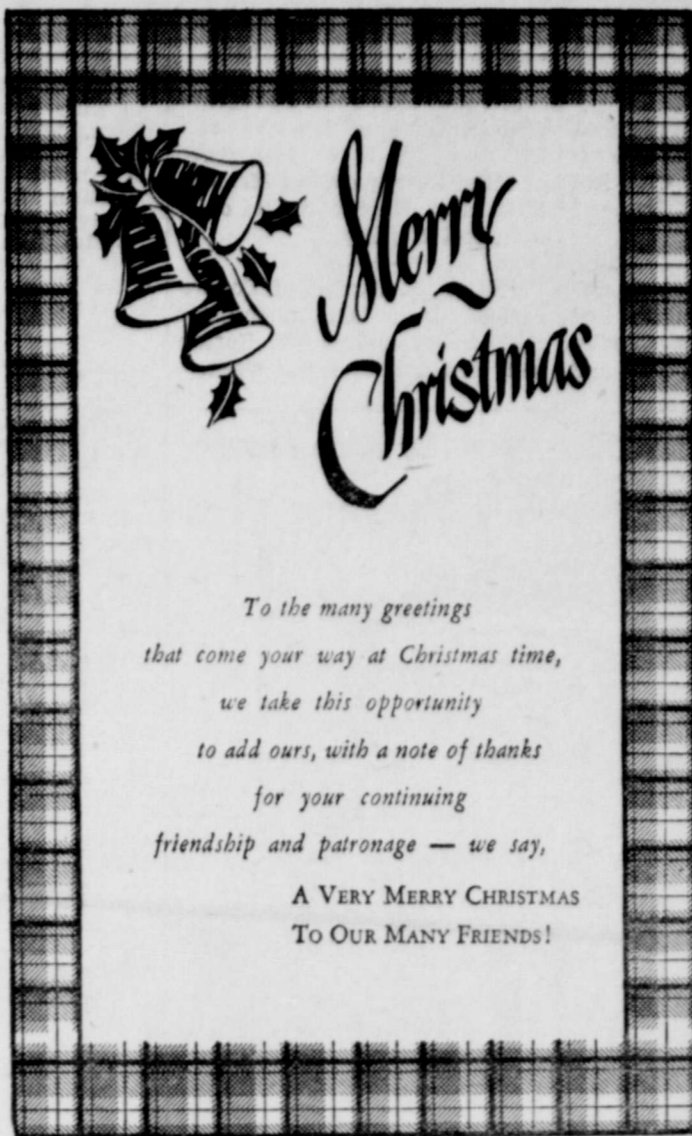
I want to wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every one.

Hermon Anderson of Keesler Air Force Base of Bixoli, Mississippi, is home for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kirby and family.

## CONSULT



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To the many greetings that come your way at Christmas time, we take this opportunity to add ours, with a note of thanks for your continuing friendship and patronage — we say,

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

## HUDSON DRUG

DOW HUDSON

LEWIS T. HUDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fairman and son of Tulla are here spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lucile Fairman. Tommy Locklear of Weatherford arrived last Sunday to spend the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Horton and other relatives.



Not because of custom only, but from our hearts — we extend our best wishes to you for a wondrous, joyful Holiday!

## Goldthwaite Home and Auto

JOE BAILEY KARNES

May You Have a Merry Merry Christmas

THANKS A MILLION TO THE FOLKS OF MILLS COUNTY

For the Fine Patronage That Has Been Accorded Us At Durenville.

We extend our sincere thanks and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

And We Want To Remind You That We Will Be Open CHRISTMAS DAY SERVING BAKED TURKEY DINNER

# Durenville

BILL — BESS — PAT

Personals

Mrs. L. E. Lane and her son, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lane and daughter, Judy, all of Brady, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Cockrum last Saturday.

Miss Wanda Kelly, student at Abilene Christian College, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Aline Kelly and sister, Brenda Kelly.

Minister and Mrs. G. S. DeVoll had as their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickey of Fort Worth, Mr. and

Mrs. Leonard Daniel and Mrs. George DeVoll of San Saba.

Bobby Letbetter, a student at Texas Tech, arrived last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Letbetter and Barbara.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hardgrave and children of Gustine and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hardgrave of Miles were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hardgrave and children last Sunday.

Mrs. C. S. Horton of Sonora arrived home last Sunday for the holiday season. Mr. Horton will join her later this week.



CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the many wonderful people for the thoughtful cards, letters and beautiful flowers sent to me during my recent stay in the hospital. I know of no one thing more encouraging to peace of mind than to be remembered by so many fine friends. J. H. Harrell, Sr. 12-24-1TP

HELP-YOURSELF LAUNDRY. Rough Dry, Wet Wash or Finished. Pickup and Delivery.—Phone 45. Steam Laundry.—12-24-TFC

CEDAR POST FOR SALE— On old Shook Place, 3 miles west Pearl on Evant Road. All sizes. D. W. Fillman. 12-24-TTP

FOR SALE— 3 room house; one mile east Courthouse.— M. L. COONS, Rt. 2, San Saba. 12-24-1TP

FOR SALE— Home baked fruit cake with plenty of fruits and nuts; aged in fruit juice. Call at LOY LONG GROCERY for Free samples.— MRS. W. L. SIDES, Rt. one or Call 1607F3. 12-17-2TP

NOAH NUMSKULL



DEAR NOAH — DO BROKEN CHAIRS AND POLICEMEN PINCH YOU IF YOU DON'T PARK RIGHT? MRS. CARL SHOEMAKER NORTHAMPTON, PA.

DEAR NOAH — IF A TENOR COULDN'T SING IN A-FLAT, COULD HE SING IN A FURNISHED APARTMENT? MRS. W. A. TRENHAILE MASON CITY, IOWA.

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FOR SALE— 1946 Chevrolet 4-door sedan, good rubber. A-1 condition. \$375.00.— SEE W. L. BIDDLE. 12-10-TFC

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Fit profitably into your poultry operation, whether you're a large or small flockowner. Farm tests show HY-LINES lay a lot more eggs under all levels of conditions — good, fair, or poor — than other layers. Order Hy-Line Chicks now.

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FOR RENT— 50 x 70 ft. business building now occupied by Harper Implement Co. Available about January 1.— See MRS. ANNIE ARMSTRONG at Goldthwaite Electric Company or Phone 272, Goldthwaite. 11-19-TFC

FOR SALE— Cheap, 1937 Ford Pickup, with new re-built motor.— See G. L. SPINKS, Mullin. 12-3-TFC

FOR SALE— Adding Machine Tape, Sales Pads, Cafe Chex, Receipt Books, at the EAGLE OFFICE. 12-3-5T

MATTRESS SERVICE: Your old Mattress made like new. Inner-springs a specialty. Work guaranteed.— ESTEP FURNITURE COMPANY, Goldthwaite, representing Summers & Son Mattress Company at Stephenville. 4-23-TFC

FOR SALE: We have a good supply of Straw Board on hand at only 5¢ per sheet while supply lasts.— Eagle Office. 12-10-4T

Call on Us for these items:— Cemetery Wreaths, Artificial Pots, Cut Flowers, Corsages, Pot Plants and other Gift Items.— Phone 89. PADGETT FLORAL. 12-3-4TC

WANTED— Washing and Ironing to do at home.— Rahl place, on Lometa Highway. CLAUDE HARRIS. 12-17-2TP

Other Charges

"Black face" readers, 25 cents per line; Memorial tributes or Resolutions of Respect and all other matter not news will be charged for at regular classified rates. No charge is made for news of Church or other public gatherings where no admission is levied. Where admission is charged or where goods or wares of any kind are offered for sale, the regular advertising rates will be applied. Brief Cards of Thanks, 75 cents each insertion.

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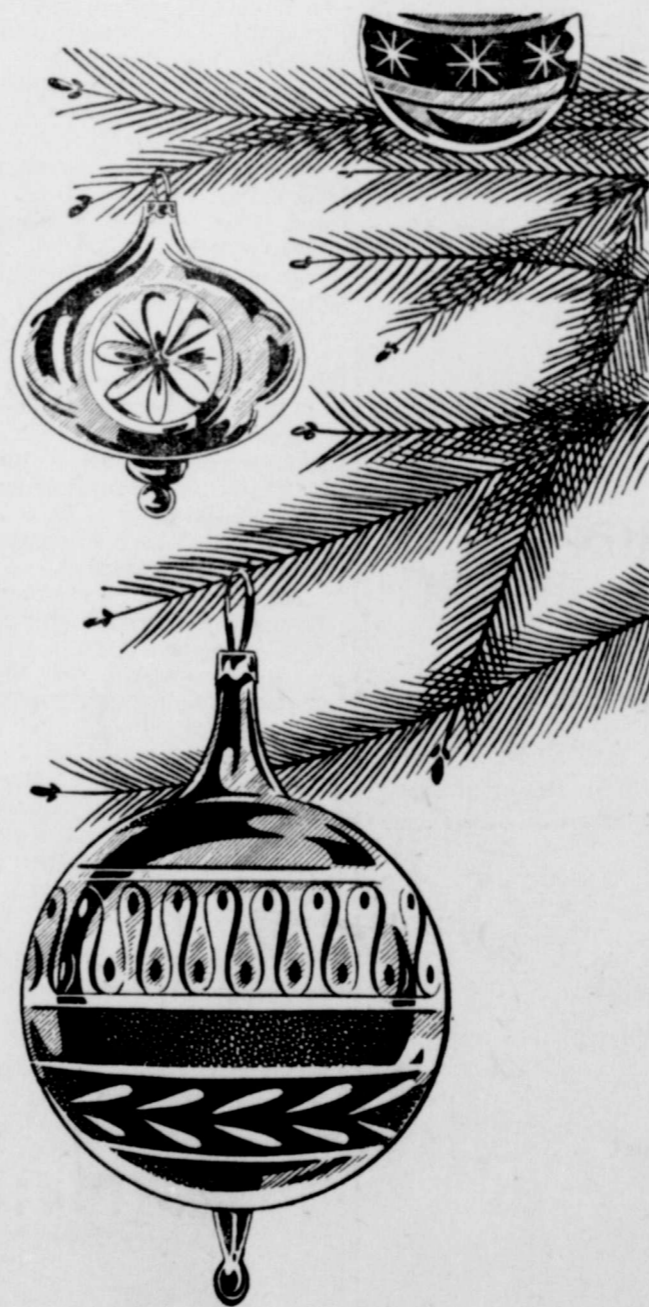
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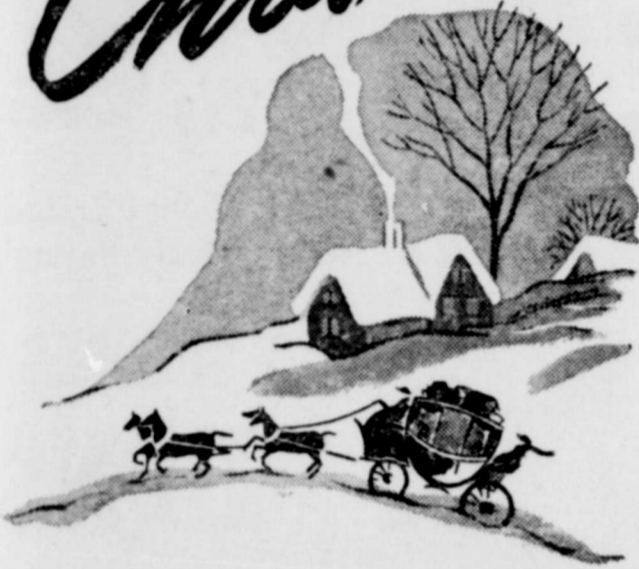


Merry Christmas, everyone — We hope you have a lot of fun, and that Santa brings to each of you, Joy galore for all year thro'!

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**News Of The Ebony Community**

By CLEMENTINE WILMETH BRILEY

I'm all aglow with the magic of the Christmastide. Today (Sunday) Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jernigan and John and I were guests for dinner at the home of Miss Cora Posey at Indian Creek. It was a perfect day. Miss Cora is the perfect hostess, and the charm and elegance of her home is a delight to the heart. After dinner and talk-fests, we gathered around the piano and sang hymns and Christmas carols. All of us old friends, and our parents before us friends, we were happy in remembering.

Friday at town I ran across my good friend, Otie Willson, and I let John wait while I chatted with her. Along came little Mrs. Steve McHorse, looking as fragile and lovely as a flower. Mrs. McHorse once visited me in my home when Mr. McHorse was plumbing for us. Then we spied Mrs. DeWitt McClelland and her charming daughter, Mary Alice, just home from Paraguay — a secretary to the ambassador. Next she goes to Vienna in Austria. The name, McClelland, brings back college days at Daniel Baker and memories of Dr. and Mrs. McClelland. Such wonderful people to have known.

My cup runneth over. I have already received some surprise Christmas gifts, and scores of lovely Christmas cards from friends far and near. Among them such old friends as Stella Reeves Pinette of Houston, Arkie Jackson Mears of Lott, and Sallie Hildebrand Reeves of

Trinidad, Colorado. How I wish I could write a note of appreciation to each one who has sent me a Christmas card.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Griffin announce the birth of a daughter, born December 16, at Sherman. Mrs. Griffin left Sunday to be there to take care of the granddaughter and her mother when they get home from the hospital.

Mrs. W. A. Burn left Friday for Van Horn to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Bean. She expects to come back for one week in January before returning to her home in Manila.

Before Mrs. Burn left, she received a card from her brother, Ernest Malone, whom she thought was still at McCloskey Hospital at Temple— saying, "Escaped from prison December 11. Am at Roy Teague's for the winter." Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Griffin were in San Saba Saturday and called on Ernest. He told them he was coming home soon. He came Friday. His friend, Jim King, brought him, and will stay with him awhile. He looks frail, but seems glad to get home.

Mrs. Charm Whittenburg, Mrs. Cecil Egger, and Mrs. Taylor Duncan attended a gift shower, honoring Mrs. Norman Chesser, at the home of Mrs. Hulon Egger Thursday night.

Charm Whittenburg and Clint and Jack, and Hubert Reeves and Joe and Nancy attended the ball tournament at Mullin Thursday night.

The Briley home is all set for the coming of the Mitchell family for Christmas. They can't leave Beaumont till son-in-law, Tommy, gets off from work at Sears' at 5:30 Christmas Eve. I fear it will be getting along toward dawn Christmas morning before they can arrive.

Mrs. Blue Thompson said Lila Jo in Kansas would be the only one absent from the family circle at her house, and she has a secret hope that she might come.

Because Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie are here, the daughters, Sybil, Nell, and Shirley, are coming and will bring with them a turkey and a ham to share in the family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Reeves.

I wrote Daughter Ruth, hinting for a Christmas turkey. I said I didn't have a turkey, but I had some large chicken hens. She wrote back, "Don't worry. We like chicken." But last week she enclosed in her letter a check for \$10.

I was to get my Christmas present— a white plastic tablecloth, \$2.10— the rest was for groceries. Oh joy! I'll get that turkey. She's bringing a fruit cake, Daughter Grace is sending one, and Sister Grace has already sent me a small one.



**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

In the spirit of friendliness and good cheer of the Christmas Season — we thank you for the many favors, and wish you all an old-fashioned Yule abounding with cheer and happiness.

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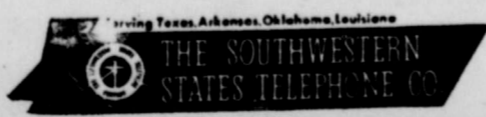
*Merry Christmas*

It's a Busy Season for LONG DISTANCE

Like Santa Claus, Long Distance telephone lines will be mighty busy on the Christmas week-end.

Friends and relatives all over the country will want to exchange greetings. Most of these calls will go through promptly . . . but there will be some delays, particularly on calls to distant points.

Thank You



**A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM GOOD OLD SAINT NICK!**

Christmas is many things beautiful! It is the excitement of happy children . . . the silent reverence of folks at prayer . . . the family gatherings . . . the carolers singing . . . the feeling of well-being . . . peace and good-will of man to man! Above all — Christmas is people! And to you, dear folks who are our friends and customers: HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

We Wish For Everyone A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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### Mullin FFA Chapter Enters 45 Lambs In Houston Stock Show

Mills County FFA members at Mullin have entered 45 lambs in the Junior Lamb Show of the 1954 Houston Fat Stock Show, February 3 through 14.

John Kuykendall, livestock manager of the show, said that early entries indicate one of the biggest sheep shows in the history of the exposition. Last year, entries in this department doubled any previous year establishing an all time entry record.

Eight breeds will be shown including the Cheviot sheep which were very popular last

year when they were shown for the first time.

Total class premiums and special awards in the breeding sheep show amount to \$4873 with special prizes in the Hampshire, Suffolk and Cheviot classes.

Cash awards offered in the boys' Lamb Show amount to \$952 with a special award in the Southdown classes.

#### Odd Fact

A Boston grade school teacher and her pupils carried on their lessons for ten days recently in a complete classroom set up in a department store window, so city inspectors passing by could see how effectively their money was being spent in the educational field.

### AT THE CROSSROADS IN TRIESTE



THE RECENTLY EXPLOSIVE Trieste situation appears to be easing off as an Italian motor column proceeds toward Udine through the crossroads of Trieste and Gorizia. This movement is in keeping with an agreement to withdraw Italian troops from the controversial border area. While the two nations prepared to consider a bilateral conference, the United Nations Security Council in New York suggested that the western powers sit in on the dispute. (International)

### Personal News Of Mullin

By JEWELL SLAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Ingram of Brownwood visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Davis Friday afternoon.

Miss Barbara White of Stephenville is spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler White.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Petty Jr. and children of Zephyr, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tyson and baby of Brownwood were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee.

Mrs. W. H. Simpson and sons were Goldthwaite visitors Saturday.

Mrs. Agnes Eaton returned home Sunday from a visit in Fort Worth.

Miss Mary Fletcher of Austin is visiting here in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark of Dallas visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hays Lawson and children of Odessa visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Lawson Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin of Denison are the proud parents of a baby girl, born December 16. Mrs. Griffin will be remembered here as Miss Helen Hasley.

A/1c James E. Lawson of Alexander Air Base is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Toliver of San Saba visited here Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cobb.

Miss Dorothy Jean Williams of Brownwood is spending the holidays in the home of her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hancock.

Mrs. W. S. Lowe and her mother, Mrs. Briggs, left Friday for Houston to visit relatives.

Mrs. Alethe Trimble and son, Phillip, are visiting relatives in Menard this week.

### Jess R. Pearce Dies At Coleman

Funeral services for Jess R. Pearce, 72, prominent Coleman citizen were held last Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, at the Stevens Funeral Home. Rev. Cooper, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, conducted the services.

Mr. Pearce was born in Dansey, Mississippi, January 23, 1881 and passed away in the Coleman hospital Thursday, December 17 after a brief illness. He had been a resident of Coleman for fifty-five years and operated a real estate and loan business.

In 1917 he was married to Miss Alice Moreland of Goldthwaite.

Survivors are the widow, three daughters, Mrs. Maurine Blades of San Antonio, Mrs. Lynn Candler of Ballinger and Mrs. Lonnie Hinds of Coleman; one son, Jess R. Pearce Jr., of Brownwood. Six grandchildren also survive.

Relatives from Goldthwaite who attended the services were Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Featherston, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Faulkner and Cleo, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moreland, Mr. and Mrs. Will Moreland, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Manuel and Herbert Faulkner.

Other relatives were Lester Moreland of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. I. Z. Woodard of Brady, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kirby of Dallas, Mrs. Virginia McGirk of Arlington, and the Walter Moreland family of Brownwood.

### Brownies And Mothers Have Christmas Party

Brownie Troop Number Four, met at the Little House Monday night, last week, for their Mother and Daughter Christmas party. Mrs. Cleo Rhoades, Troop Leader, directed several games and the singing of different Christmas carols. Mrs. Vance Booker assisted Santa's helpers in distributing gifts to the Brownies.

Refreshments of hot chocolate, decorated muffins and candy was served to Mmes. Olen Kemp, Leroy Miller, Charlene Benningfield, Sammie Har-

per, Dorothy Gage, Leslie Davee, Ernest Shelton, Joyce Taylor, Cleo Rhoades, Vance Booker, Ann Kemp, Linda Kay Miller, Kay Benningfield, Babe Harper, Carol Nan Gage, Barbara Davee, Janet Shelton, Jeanie Taylor, Carolyn Rhoades and Linda Lou Booker.

Miss Joann Duren, who is attending school at Denton, is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duren, for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Long of San Angelo are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Long and other relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

### BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Caradan are the parents of a son, born Thursday, December 17, at San Saba Memorial Hospital. The young man weighed pounds and one ounce and been named Tommy Jr. He has a little sister, Susan, to welcome him home.

The paternal grandmother Mrs. T. J. Hardcastle of Canan and the maternal grandmother is Mrs. Mattie Anderson of Mullin.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Cheers**

We can not think of a better way  
To greet you all on this holiday —  
Than with this phrase, tho' hardly new,  
That sends our sincerest wish to you  
FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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<b>DRESSED HENS</b>	Pound	49c	
<b>SHORT BEEF RIBS</b>	Pound	29c	
<b>LONGHORN CHEESE</b>	Pound	49c	
<b>DRY SALT JOWLS</b>	Pound	27c	
<b>HORMEL OLEO</b>	Pound	23c	
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By LEMON SQUEEZER

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family of Post are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. M. L. Truitt and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Malone of Del Rio and Mrs. Cora Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Delma Ford of Lometa spent Sunday with the Webb Laughlins. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee called and visited with the Malones.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Butts and children of Lampasas and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Adams of Grand Prairie spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hairston left last week for Marietta, Georgia, to visit her mother, Mrs. John Partin, and other relatives through the holidays.

Visitors with Mrs. Truitt Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Burns and family of Atherlon, Mr. and Mrs. Estelle Collins of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lee and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Arrowood left Friday for Abilene to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Laughlin of Grand Prairie spent Friday night and Saturday with the Webb Laughlins.

T. E. (El) Duncan is taking feed to Lometa to have ground, which he is feeding to some yearlings.

Mr. and Mrs. Red Arrowood spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Chock Duncan and

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WORKMEN FACE a tough problem as they start clearing the tracks of wreckage, after 38 cars of an Omaha freight train piled up after being derailed near Menominee, Mich. Only the conductor was injured.

family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Miles ate lunch Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Adams Jr. The Miles' little daughters spent Sunday evening with Rhonda Nell and Nan Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Adams and Pam visited her parents recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hairston have had them a well drilled and an electric pump installed. Also Milton Jr. got them a T-V set for Christmas.

Wishing the Goldthwaite Eagle Editor and staff and all the Eagle readers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**News Of Ridge**

By MRS. SALLIE McCARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Freeman visited the McCarty's Sunday night. They are the proud owners of a butane hot water heater recently installed.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Hollis and son, Kenneth, of Memphis, Tennessee, visited his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. McCarty, on their return trip from Alpine, where they visited his mother and dad, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Hollis.

Asa Bowen, Chief of Police of Dumas, Texas, and his son, Jimmy, visited his step-father, Claud Hollis and the McCarty's recently.

Bobby Joe Wood is home from

Lubbock on his Christmas vacation.

Patty Pafford is home from San Angelo for the Christmas holidays.

Don Clark of Dallas is spending his Christmas vacation with Melvin Pafford.

Jack Boyd and wife visited the Paffords and Mrs. Annie Curtis recently.

Wayne Roberts and family visited in the Pafford and Mrs. Annie Curtis home recently.

Luther Rasco visited Melvin Pafford one day this week.

Miss Grace Denson of Dallas spent the weekend with her aunt, Mrs. Will Burks. They spent Saturday night in Zephyr with Mr. and Mrs. Alford Denson and family.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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**PARENT PROBLEMS**

**Be Firm with Tot at Bedtime**

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

THE healthy infant, under one or two years of age, who has been put to bed at a consistently regular time, may go to bed happily. But there comes the time when he loathes to go to bed, contrives all sorts of means for lingering, or bitterly resists going. It's usually wise then to try to win his cooperation even at the cost of a later bedtime hour.

Yet he can be so clever at inventing novel ways to stay up longer that it may be necessary at times to be decisive, adhering to a rather rigid clock schedule. Anyway, he comes to have more regard for the clock than for the parent's decision without the aid of the clock.

**Spanking Unnecessary**  
It hardly becomes necessary to spank the tot to make him go to bed. If you can't win his compliance, just pick him up and carry him to bed.

But suppose that after you have tucked him in and returned to another room, he begins a series of measures for bringing you back to him. He may keep calling you back every five or ten minutes for the next hour or two, causing you considerable annoyance and keeping him awake.

**Leave Door Ajar**  
He may feel lonely or afraid. If you suspect the latter, leave his door ajar with a dim light outside it, and assure him you are within easy hearing distance.

Now and then, walk by his door as if on an errand, making sounds he will recognize as from you, to reassure him.

After tucking him in bed, going through the usual bedtime ritual, and asking him if there is anything else he wants, tell him you are going and won't return (unless there is a real emergency). Don't tell him not to call. Just compel yourself to keep your word.

"When all other helpers fail and comforts flee," he may want to go to the toilet. Be reasonable, but after one or two such trips, end them, even at the risk of an accident.

**Staying Put**  
If the youngster climbs out of his crib and comes to you, then you have the problem of training him to stay where put, of teaching him the meaning of No. Perhaps you should not attack this bedtime problem until he has learned through physical pain, consistently applied, the meaning of No, while up and about the house by day.

While it may be simple to herd several little children off to bed at the same time, it hardly is wise to prolong this practice. The older ones of the group, especially the eldest, should be allowed to stay up later than the rest, in recognition of his grown-upness. Even with only two children, a few years apart, allowance for age-difference can reduce jealousy and promote emotional security in the older one.

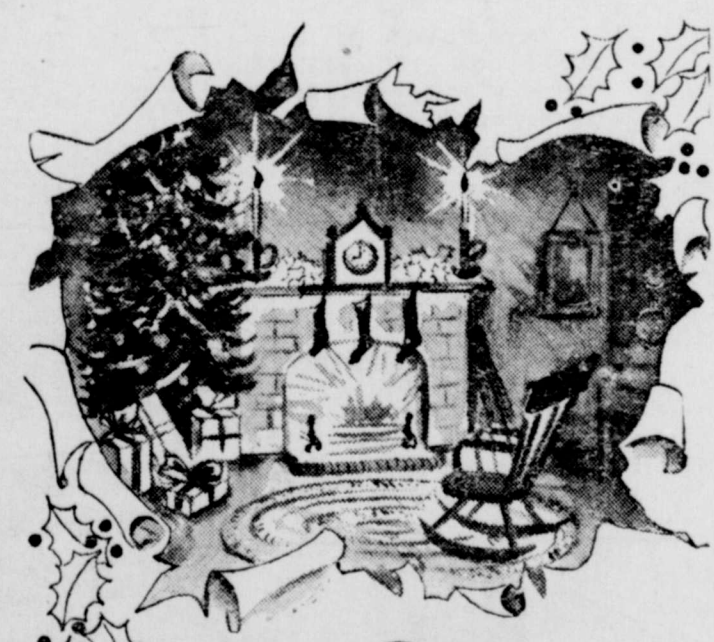


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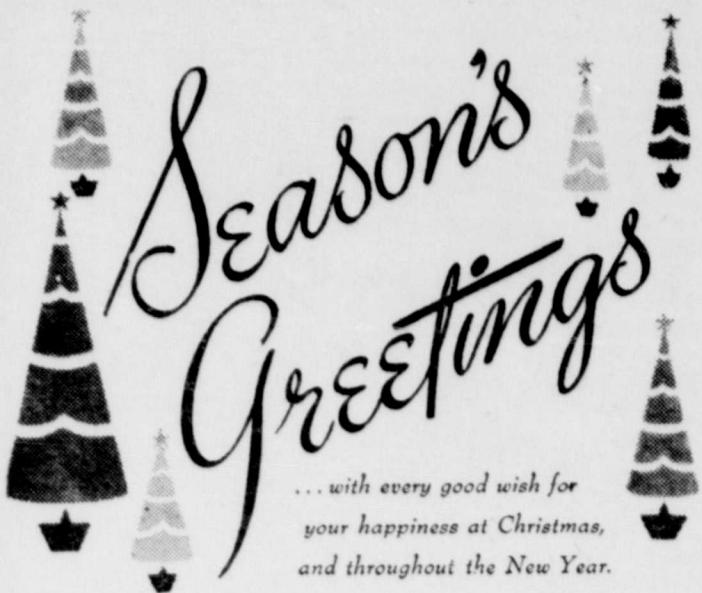
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BELDINE SPINACH 3 No. 2 Cans 20c	BORDEN'S BISCUIT 2 For 25c	
SUNSHINE CRACKERS 1 Lb. Box 26c	5 LB. BAG ORANGES 29c	Delicious APPLES - Lb. 15c
Idaho POTATOES - Lb. 5c	NICE LETTUCE Head 10c	Ends And Pieces VIENNA SAUSAGE Can 10c
		Vanilla Wafers Size 25c 19c
		Hunt's Tomato Juice - 46 Oz. 25c
		Giant Box SUPER SUDS 58c
		SCOTT TOWELS 2 Rolls 39c

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### Mary Ann Priddy And Barbara White Are Members Of Tarleton Social Clubs

Miss Mary Ann Priddy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Priddy, of Priddy, has become a member of the Sine Ceras, girls' social club, at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. She is a freshman majoring in home economics.

Miss Barbara White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. White, of Mullin, has become a member of the Coronas Club for

girls at Tarleton. She is a freshman majoring in home economics.

There are five social clubs for girls and five for boys at Tarleton.

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Anderson and daughter, Glennelle, spent last weekend in Rowlett with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Anderson. They met Glenn's brother, Milton Anderson, who has just returned from eighteen months service in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bob Long of Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Long.

Mrs. C. T. Wilson and Miss Abbie Ervin were Brownwood visitors last Thursday.

### Chappell Hill

By PEARL CRAWFORD

We were reminded Christmas was just around the corner when we received greetings from S. F. C. and Mrs. J. A. Rothmore and children of Germany. Mrs. Rothmore is the former Pauline Eakins. She has a host of friends and neighbors in this community who will be happy to hear from her and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Daniels and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Daniels, helped Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Daniels kill a hog last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Vaughan and boys, Mrs. Floyd Daniel and Mark visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vaughan last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conner, Dorothy and Mary, attended Church and Bible Class at Mullin last week.

We are sorry to report Mrs. R. A. Stevens on the sick list. Pearl Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Evans and several others from here visited in the Stevens home.

Pearl and George Crawford visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crawford Tuesday afternoon.

C. H. Bramblett visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bramblett, and hauled them a nice load of wood, which this scribe thinks was a nice Christmas present.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Evans attended Church at Mullin last Sunday.

### Hillside Mission

By LIDA BYRNE

The Bible says: "and having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." 1st Tim. 6:8.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox were dinner guests with the Evanses recently.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elms were Pearl and George Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Daniel and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Woodroe Ratliff, A. L. Crawford and William G., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith and Mrs. O. C. Weatherby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Starks and Wilford visited George and Pearl Crawford last Sunday night.

A Merry Christmas and the best of everything in the New Year to each and every one.

Major and Mrs. Vance Cornelius and son, Charles, left last Monday for Hot Springs, Ark.

ansas, to spend the Christmas holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Jack Sloan.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

— IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE —

SPECIAL PRICE

## Enamelware Sale

BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

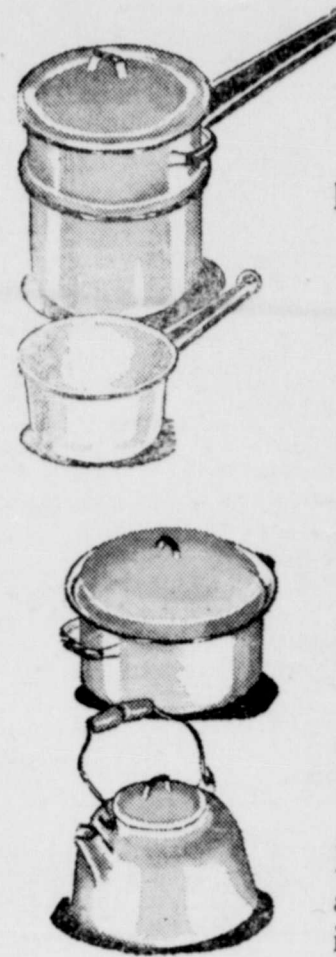
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STEEN HARDWARE GOLDTHWAITE



ARTHUR "Shorty" SCHUMAN BONDED AND INSURED TRUCKING

### Giant boy



Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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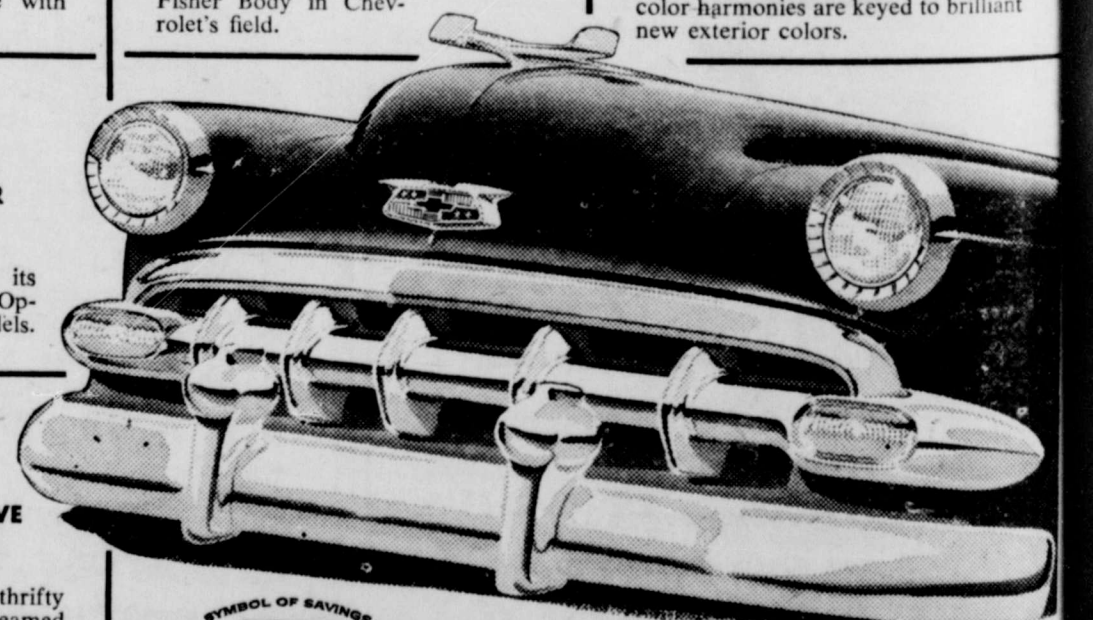
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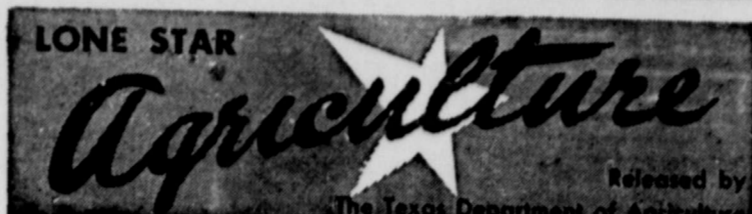
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LIQUID OR TABLETS—SAME FAST RELIEF!

Miss Lou Ella Patterson, Home Demonstration Agent at Canyon, who underwent surgery at a Canyon hospital recently, is back at home and at last report was doing nicely.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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  
%Childhood Hearts  
North Pole

Dear Mr. Claus:

I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long year. 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 been 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 than" 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 countless 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.

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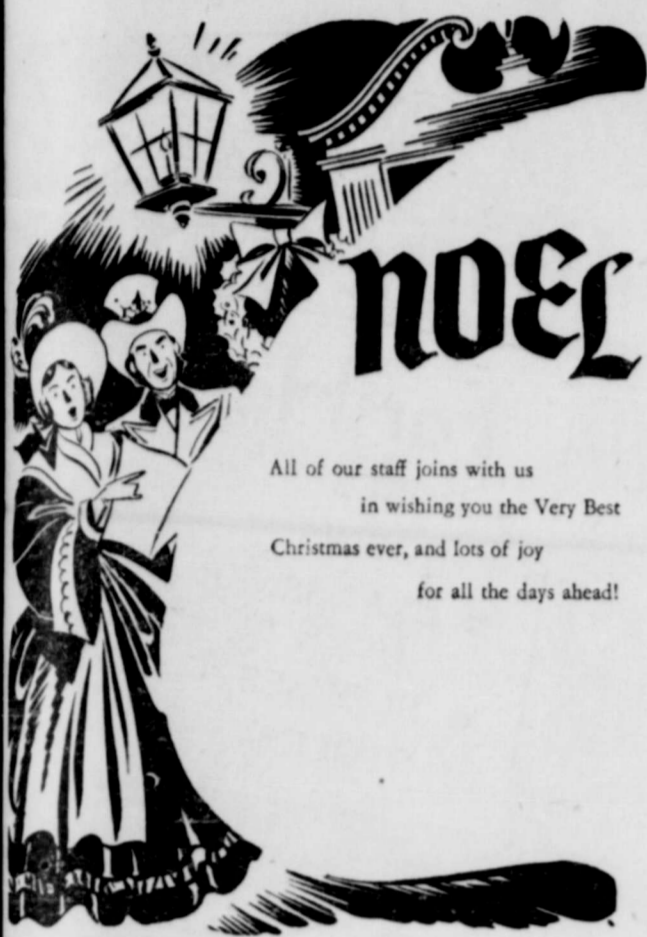
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Goldthwaite Electric Company**  
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**Greetings Friends**



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**Merry Christmas**

and a Happy, Prosperous New Year

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MILLS COUNTY

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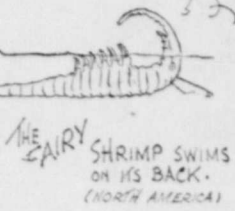


### COZNETTE BEAUTY SHOP

REVA MAE MORELAND LETA RUDD EDNA HILL

### SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



### Staff Members And Families Entertained With Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Vic E. Koleber entertained the Eagle force and their families with a Christmas dinner at The Hangar Monday night. After dinner the group adjourned to the Koleber home where they had a Christmas tree, gift exchange and presentation of gifts to members of the staff. When the excitement over the gifts had subsided the rest of the evening was spent in visiting and watching TV.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold K. Kelly and children, "Tooter" and Carolyn; Misses Abbie and Ruth Ervin; Mrs. Ola Howell, Roy and Truman Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Williams and Jerry Collier.

When the party broke up the entire group joined in expressing their sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Koleber for a wonderful time and wished for them a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. O. L. Woody left last weekend to visit her daughter, Mrs. Florine Cartwright and daughter, Carolyn Love of San Antonio.



### OLDEST PILOT IN ANNIVERSARY HOP



JAMES (DAD) MONTEE, 91, oldest living licensed pilot, waves from the plane in which he took four generations of his family for a flight over Santa Monica, Calif., to celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary. Standing beside the veteran pilot is his wife. (International)

## TODAY'S Menu

### Recipes with Exotic Flavors

By ALICE DENHOFF

NICE for a change is something with an exotic flavor and appeal, but not too far-fetched. Curry of Lamb, Hindu, for instance, is one such dish, with just the right amount of foreign flavor.

To serve 6, use 2 lbs. lamb shoulder, and have it cut in 1-in. squares. Sprinkle with 1 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper. Heat 2 tsp. butter in frying pan. Add the lamb and cook, turning frequently until brown. Add 1 1/2 c. hot water; cook, covered, 1 1/2 hrs. Combine 2 tsp. flour, 2 tsp. curry powder, tsp. sugar, mixing to a smooth paste with 1 c. orange juice. Add to the hot lamb mixture, stirring constantly, and cook until thickened.

To serve, arrange 3 c. cooked rice in ring on platter, and fill center with curried lamb.

#### Shrimp Spaghetti

Easy to fix with canned shrimp, is a Shrimp Spaghetti Italian. Melt 3 tsp. butter or salad oil in saucepan. Add 1 chopped medium-sized onion, cook until onion is slightly yellow. Add 1/4 c. chopped green pepper, 2 1/4 c. cooked tomatoes, 3/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. paprika and tsp. Worcestershire sauce. Cook 10 min. Combine with 4 ozs. spaghetti that has been cooked, a No. 1 can shrimp and 1/2 c. grated cheese. Place in casserole, and sprinkle another 1/2 c. grated cheese on top. Bake at 350°F. 20 min., or until cheese is melted.

#### A Swedish Recipe

We don't know exactly how much of a Swedish accent the next recipe has, but it was sent to us by a Swedish friend, and it's delicious, different and exotic.

Combine 2 tsp. cornstarch, tsp. sugar and 1/2 tsp. salt. Stir in 2 1/2 c. canned grapefruit juice; cook until thickened. Add tsp. butter, and 3 c. diced, cooked beets. Heat thoroughly.

#### Sausage Hash

Here's an indigenous dish that would be good, if simple fare in any language, a Savory Sausage Hash.

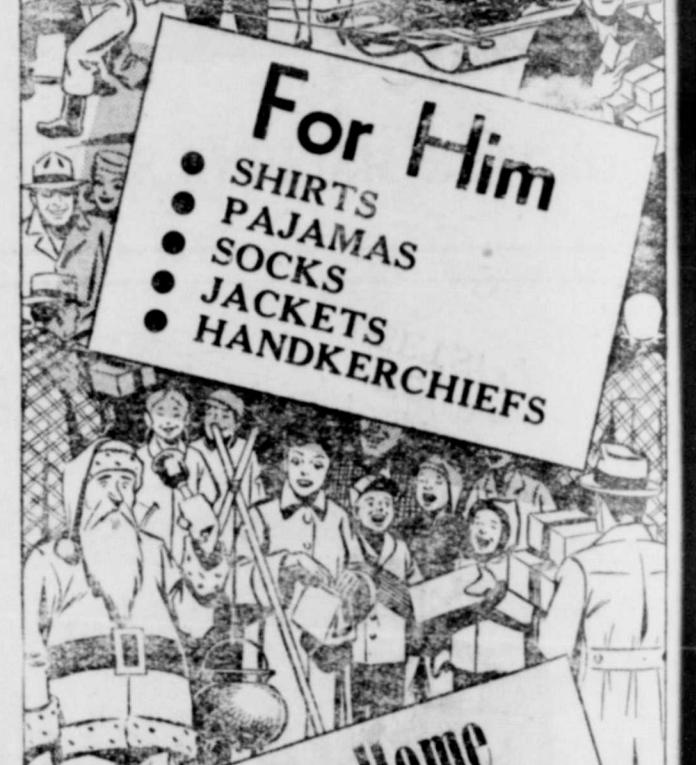
Pan-fry 1 lb. sausage meat and 2 tsp. diced onion until brown. Pour off the drippings. Add 2 c. hot cooked rice, 1 1/2 c. cooked tomatoes and 2 tsp. ketchup, blending thoroughly. Cover and cook very slowly 30 min. (If link sausage is used in this recipe, cut the sausages in 1/2-in. pieces before frying.) Recipe serves 6.

## ZERO HOUR Gift Selections



### For Her

- ROBES
- GOWNS
- CLAUSNER HOSE
- BLOUSES
- STOLES



### For Him

- SHIRTS
- PAJAMAS
- SOCKS
- JACKETS
- HANDKERCHIEFS



### For The Home

- SHEET SETS
- BLANKETS
- TOWEL SETS
- LINENS
- BED SPREADS

Another Good Way To Say

## Merry Christmas

Is To Give Them One of Our GIFT CERTIFICATES



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# Little's

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## YARBOROUGH & DUREN



We're used to being Santa Claus, for we play the role for many of our friends and neighbors throughout the year. But in this holiday season we truly wish we could be three Santas at once...to wish everybody a Christmas blessed threefold in Happiness, Health and Prosperity!

LUCILE FAIRMAN

POSTMASTER

And Post Office Employees

CHRISTMAS ISSUE

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Greetings  
of the  
Season.

HOTEL CAFE

MR. AND MRS. O. H. HILLER

## Jesus Uses His Authority

## ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher

Scripture—John 2.



There was a wedding in Cana and Jesus and His disciples were invited. Jesus' mother was there, too, but there was no wine for the ceremony.

Mary told Jesus that there was no wine, and after He had answered her, she said to the servants, "Whatever He saith unto you, do it."

Six waterpots were in the room and Jesus told the servants to fill them with water, then to draw it out, and behold it was wine!

Finding the temple had become a marketplace, Jesus drove out the bargainers, saying they were desecrating God's house. MEMORY VERSE—John 4:24.



Candles expire  
and stars grow dim,  
but our good wishes  
for your happy holiday  
season remain  
untouched by  
time.

DR. AND MRS. D. R. KERBY

HI, NEIGHBOR!

From All Of Us  
To All Of You All



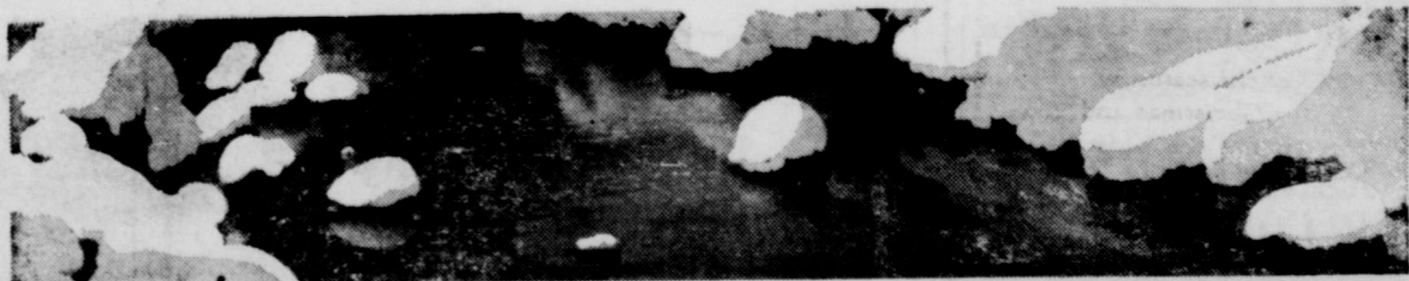
With a genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations, we extend to our many friends the greetings of the season with joy for Christmas and good luck for the New Year.

GWIN-DALTON CLEANERS



That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas" is still the warmest greeting of the season.

## City of Goldthwaite Utilities





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

### 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 post-marked 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 wishful 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.

### 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 25 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 history December 25 is observed as the feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and during the centuries when journeys and appointments were in the habit of leaving upon their masters' customers, "Christmas Boxes" were collected on St. Stephen's day.



**ANGELS WITHOUT WING** . . . In the Children's Aid Society Jones Center, all was calm as the call for rehearsal of carols was sounded. The little angels without wings took their places, with one moppet sporting a black eye. He couldn't resist reaching under his cassock to be sure his treasured gun and hoister were still there.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### 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 Arcturica. 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."

### 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.

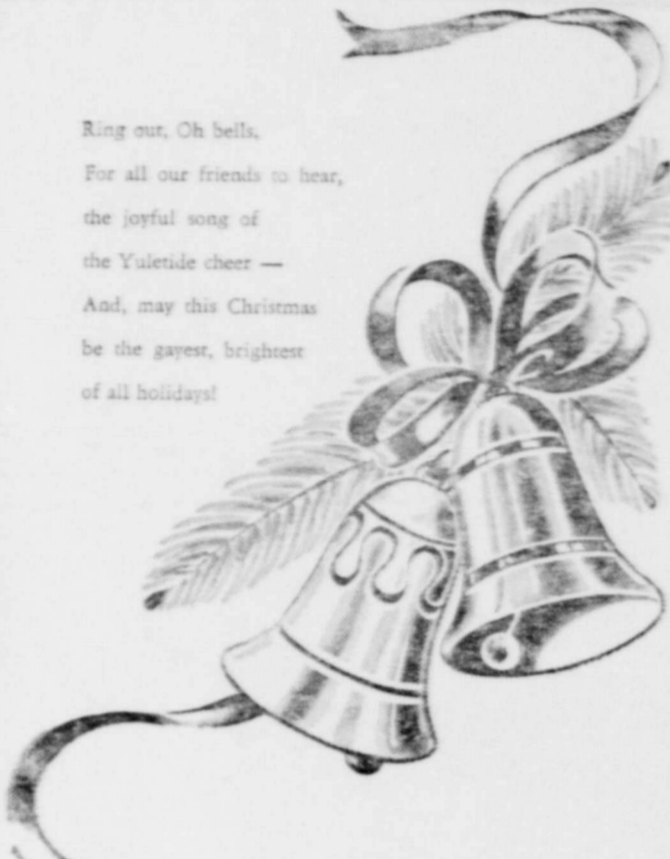


**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT . . .** Full of Yule good fellowship, "Blagle" tries to arouse some ditto in the feline heart of "Ginger." Ginger, goodwill season or not, can't get over her distrust of dogs.

**Keep Trees Green**  
If you have the type of a holder that permits the tree to rest in water, you will find a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in keeping the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pot to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant solution. Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

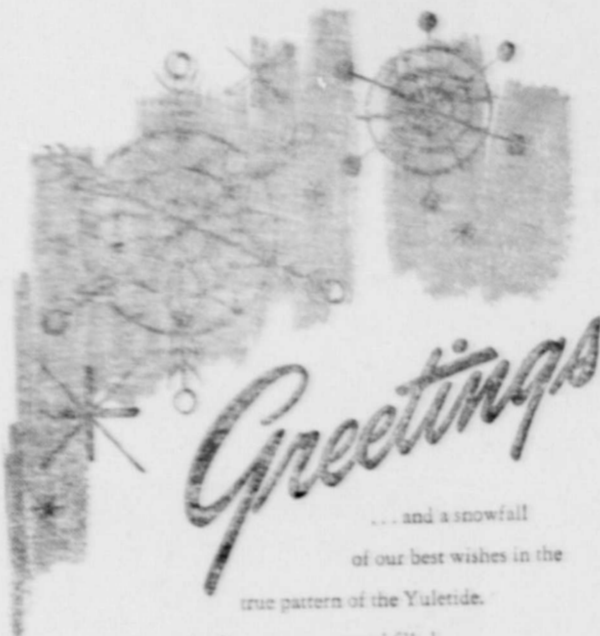
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Ring out, Oh bells,  
For all our friends to hear,  
The joyful song of  
the Yuletide cheer —  
And, may this Christmas  
be the gayest, brightest  
of all holidays!



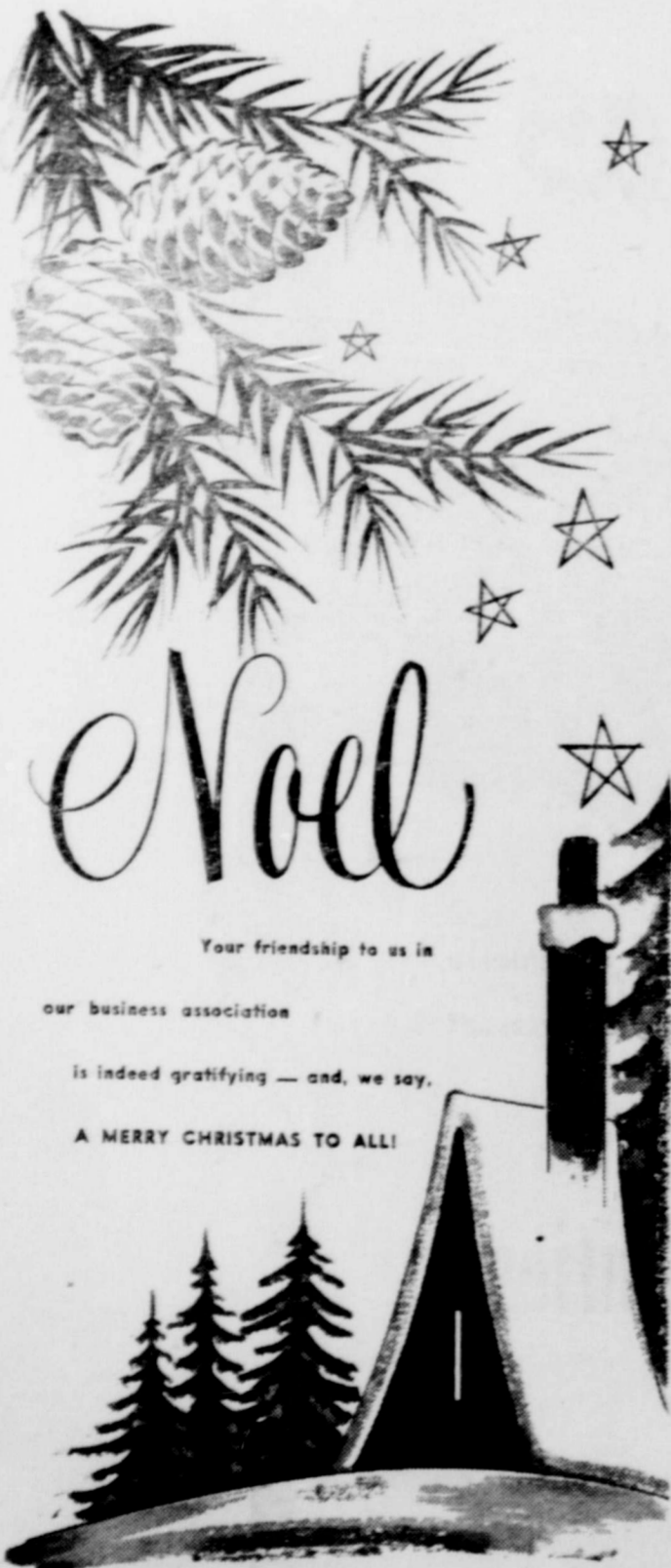
THE HANGAR

MR. AND MRS. JOHN JACKSON



...and a snowfall  
of our best wishes in the  
true pattern of the Yuletide.  
May your day be a merry one and filled  
all things good, this Christmas!

OLA MAE'S BEAUTY SHOP



Noel

Your friendship to us in  
our business association  
is indeed gratifying — and, we say,  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

J. H. RANDOLPH  
LUMBER COMPANY  
GOLDTHWAITE



GREETINGS

TO ALL OUR  
MANY FRIENDS —  
OLD AND NEW

We're going all out to wish our very good friends  
and customers the very best that the season  
offers — may you and yours enjoy the merriest  
Christmas ever.

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HOWARD CAMPBELL — BARTON SMITH



"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

THIS CHRISTMAS, as we  
rejoice in the commemoration of the birth  
of our Lord, let us remember the good his  
teachings have brought to all mankind.

MAY OUR HEARTS be open  
to this Christmastide to His message that  
by the power of God's love alone can we  
be inspired to great deeds and wise action.

McCULLOM GROCERY & MARKET

# Joy

## AT CHRISTMAS

*Our greatest delight, at this happy time of the year, is to wish our many loyal customers and friends: a holiday season filled with the sparkle and gaiety of the Yuletide spirit.*

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MR. AND MRS. CARL KAUBS



MAUNEY'S COURTS

### Guard Against Fire This Yule Season

Guard against fire in your home this Yule season.

The average Christmas tree can go up in smoke in only a minute or so and that doesn't leave much time to call for help.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what is lacking in size.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

### 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. The idea 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.



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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### Words of the Wise

We shall never have more time. We have, and have always had, all the time there is.

—(Arnold Bennett)

### 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.



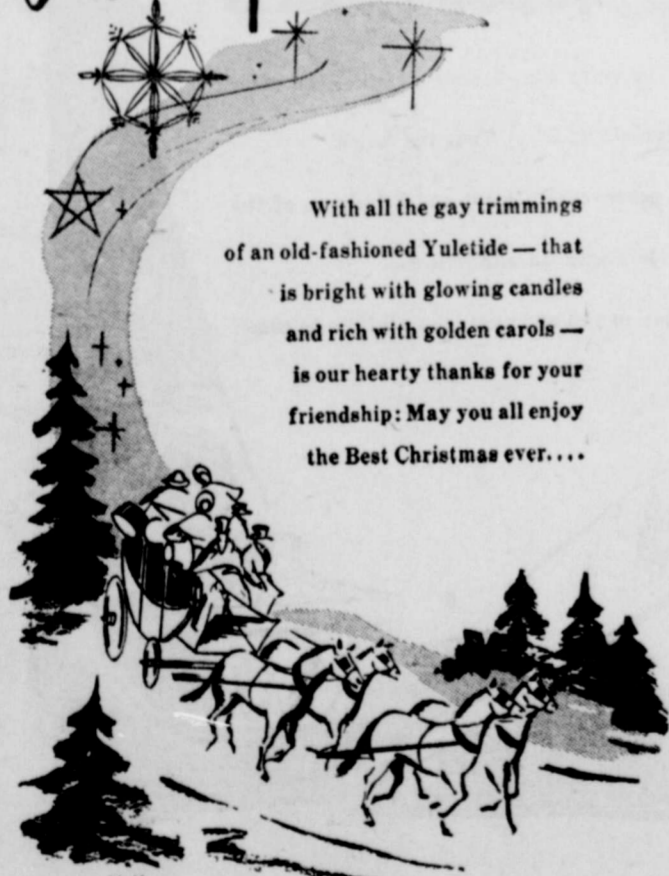
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for the Holidays

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## A VERY Merry Christmas



With all the gay trimmings of an old-fashioned Yuletide—that is bright with glowing candles and rich with golden carols—is our hearty thanks for your friendship: May you all enjoy the Best Christmas ever....

ROY WILKINS FUNERAL HOME



## Bundles of Joy to You!

We have the very best of holiday wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year all tied up — just for you!

MILLS COUNTY HARDWARE



# Merry Christmas

With heartfelt appreciation for your kind patronage, this year, as always — we are happy to send you our Greetings of the season with our sincere wishes for your health, wealth and happiness For the Holiday and long, thereafter!

MARVIN HODGES  
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WARMEST YULETIDE WISHES! JUANITA'S SHOP



We open wide our hearts to wish each and every one of our loyal customers a very happy holiday season.

MORELAND'S FEED STORE

C. L. Hemphill attended funeral services for his father, R. A. Hemphill at Eustace last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hemphill recently moved to Goldthwaite, and is employed at Wilson's Cafe as Chef.

Jack Earl Long of Camp Chaffee, Arkansas arrived in Goldthwaite last Wednesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Long while awaiting re-assignment in the service

NOAH NUMSKULL



DEAR NOAH - WOULD YOU CALL A HYPODERMIC NEEDLE A "SICK-SHOOTER"? WM. H. CAWLEY CHARLOTTE, N.C.

DEAR NOAH - HOW CAN YOU COOK A SQUARE MEAL IN ROUND POTS? S. C. CAPPS CHARLOTTE, N.C.

SEND YOUR NUMSKULL NOTES TO "NOAH"



By Shirley Sargent "I ABSOLUTELY refuse to cook another Christmas dinner," Sarah Kilby 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 Kilbys 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 \$2.50 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. "An' 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 two waitresses cleaned up 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 redfaced as her children. "Honestly," she sputtered, "if 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 knew 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."



Best Wishes for Christmas

SAYLOR HOTEL MR. AND MRS. J. H. SAYLOR



There is no substitute for the age-old greeting we extend to our many friends — MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WICKER STUDIO



Merry Christmas

The twinkle of tree ornaments, the glow of warm hearths and the bright sparkle of holiday greenery — all reflect our gay, friendly wishes for your Happy Holiday!

MILLER'S MAGNOLIA STATION



BEST WISHES

Our package of Christmas greetings to our friends, is wrapped in appreciation of your loyal patronage!

Glamourette Beauty Shop

Silent Night... Holy Night



Angelic voices ring out in carols of praise and thanksgiving in this Joyous Season, and with them soar all our renewed hopes and prayers for peace and brotherhood among all men. At this time we would like to extend to all our friends our sincerest wishes for a Christmas unmatched in true happiness and well-being.

HARPER IMPLEMENT COMPANY



Merry Christmas

To every one — everywhere — we offer this age-old wish . . . That the magic peace, contentment and happiness of the Yuletide linger on and bring joy to you and yours for all time to come.

BLACKWELL FEED COMPANY

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

To write this Yuletide message to our many friends, in appreciation of their loyalty, gives us our greatest pleasure at this happy season of the year.

**PRIDDY GIN**  
W. R. "BILL" SHIPP



**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.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weathers of Brownwood were guests of his mother, Mrs. J. W. Weathers of last Wednesday.

**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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**CHRISTMAS WISHES**

May you enjoy a rich bounty of Christmas spirit, joy, gladness and happiness!

**MR. AND MRS. W. H. LINKENHOGER**

**THE OLD HOME TOWN** By STANLEY



**Seasons Greetings...**

Holly-gay, poinsettia bright and sparkling as the Christmas lights are our wishes — that you, our many friends — will find the Holiday filled with rich blessings and joys of the traditional Yule.

**SMITH'S CREDIT JEWELRY**



Again this Christmas we rejoice as we recall the many grand associations with our many friends; To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, it is our fondest wish that you enjoy every joy, good health and happiness of this cheery season!

**MILLS COUNTY STATE BANK**  
GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS

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GOOD WISH  
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### 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 atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

### 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 Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



MRS. SANTA . . . She is lovely. This is Miami Beach's version of Mrs. Santa doing her chimney climbing in the warm southland.

### 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.



In the glowing spirit of Christmas we take pleasure of extending holiday greetings to our old and new friends.

JEWELL IVY'S STORE

MULLIN



A Merry  
Christmas  
Greeting

To our friends — serving you  
has been a real pleasure —  
"Merry Christmas, everyone!"

GOLDTHWAITE WOOL CO.



... to our friends —  
A CHRISTMAS alight  
with our sincerest wishes  
for a star-studded, happiness-filled  
Yuletide season!

SERVICE MILL

PRIDDY



Merry Christmas

★ ★ ★  
When Santa unloads his gift-laden pack  
at your home, we know that you'll find  
our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure!  
Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we  
extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your  
Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

SAN SABA  
PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

GOLDTHWAITE



Season's Greetings

In extending our sincerest greetings to our friends at this time we find an ever deeper meaning in the spirit of Christmas. For it is the furthering of friendship and brotherhood with others that brings to us the true joy of living...  
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

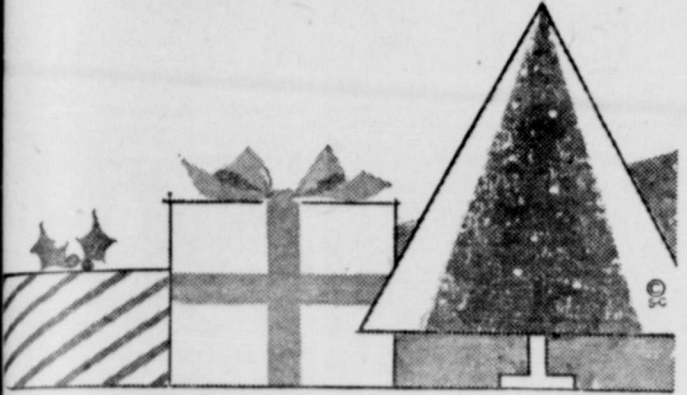
JOHNSON BROTHERS





**Season's Greetings**

A greeting, small,  
that says to all —  
May you have the very best  
Christmas ever yet enjoyed!



**T. M. GLASS  
INSURANCE AGENCY**



We're sending you our  
very best wishes, gift-wrapped in a  
beautiful Christmas package, and  
tied firmly with a generous bow of  
enduring friendship.

**MARWITZ DRUG  
PRIDDY**



**Merry  
Christmas**

**SMITH HUMBLE STATION  
MR. AND MRS. CLAUDE C. SMITH**



Miriam Alvarez and Sally Loesch, employees of the New York Telephone Company, are surrounded by the dolls the workers distributed last year to 95 of New York's charitable institutions. It was one of the largest collections in the annual affair's 35 year history.

**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.

**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 sash bows for colorful effect.

**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 29 years.

Today, the poem which begins—  
*'Twas 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 1822 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 the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

Other newspapers printed the jingles and they quickly became known all over the country. The dignified Dr. Moore was embarrassed and considered it beneath a man of his scholastic standing to be the author of children's jingles.

Twenty-two years later, however, he finally publicly admitted authorship of the jingles and it was published in book form under his name for the first time.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**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.



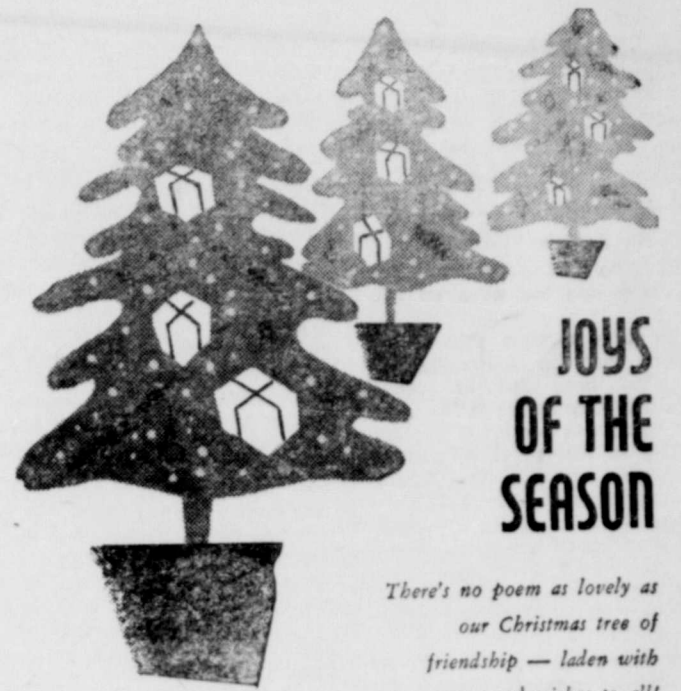
A  
Happy  
Christmas  
to you!

**R. V. LITTLEPAGE PRODUCE**



May the shining decorations of Christmas adorning your home—reflect all the happiness we wish you at this time!

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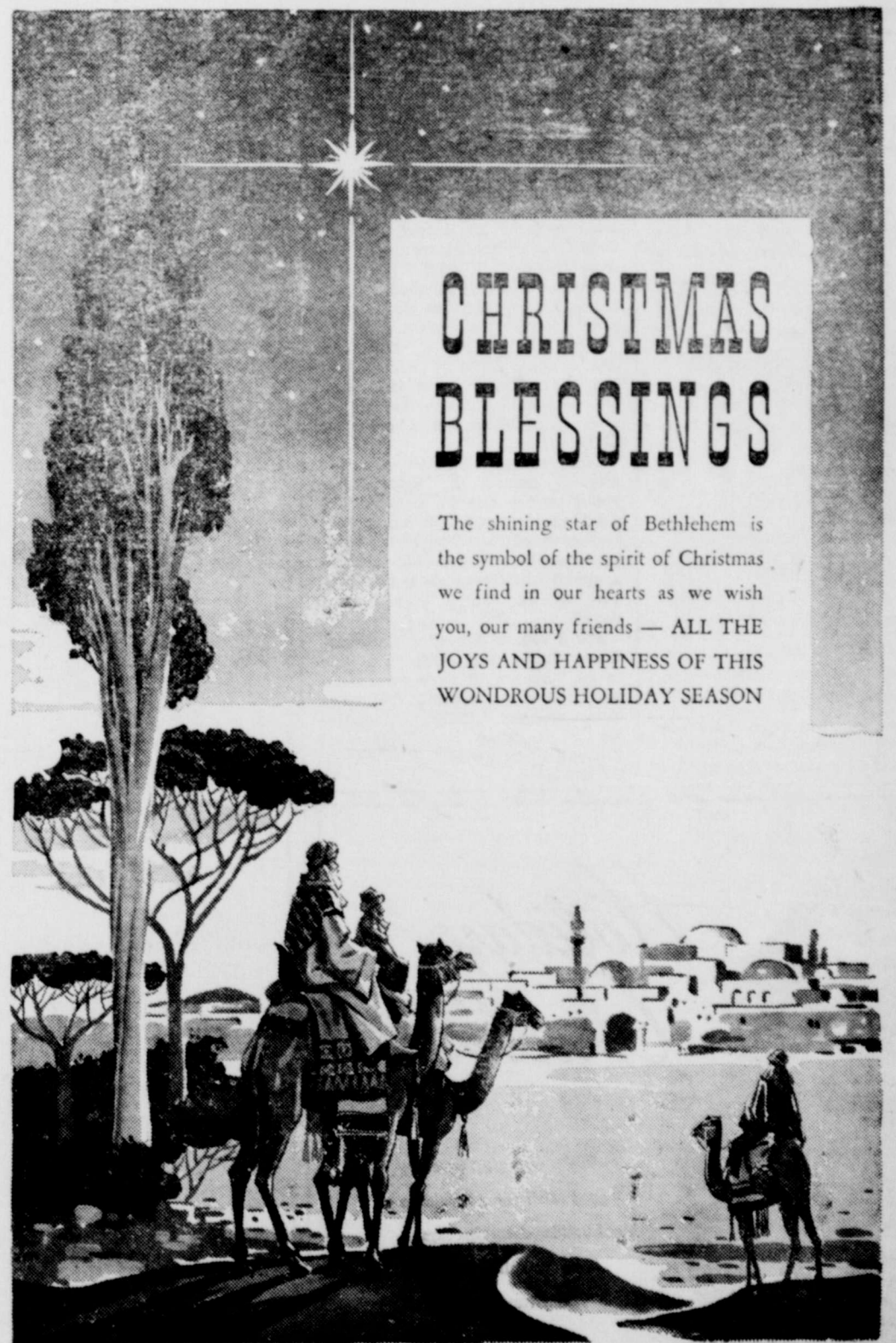
There's no poem as lovely as our Christmas tree of friendship—laden with our good wishes to all!

**FAULKNER BARBER SHOP**



Our very best wishes go out to you at this holiday season — along with our sincere thanks for your patronage in the past!

**CAROTHERS MOTOR CO.**



**CHRISTMAS  
BLESSINGS**

The shining star of Bethlehem is the symbol of the spirit of Christmas, we find in our hearts as we wish you, our many friends — ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON

**MR. AND MRS. V. C. BRADFORD**

# FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY

May your Christmas be full of fun and frolic!



Goldthwaite Steam Laundry  
MRS. CARL WOODS

## 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 privately. 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.

## Allegorical Parades Mark Mexican Yule

The people in Mexico build elaborate floats for allegorical parades during the holiday season.

For eight evenings before Christmas there is a religious procession at the head of which the figures of Joseph and Mary are borne.

On the ninth evening entrance is permitted and a religious ceremony conducted about the straw filled manger of the Babe.

## True Christmas Spirit Is Found in Sharing

For a really satisfying and meaningful Christmas, share yours with the old and feeble, the ill and shut-in, the bereaved

whose sorrows you might lighten.

Unfortunately, all the flurry and preparation associated with Christmas are apt to make parents as well as children overlook the real significance of the coming birthday of Christ.

## Christmas Game

Snapdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago, it is still played in modified form in England and America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be de-

posited in a large bowl or of Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit ignited. The bystanders endeavored to grasp a raisin plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "Song of Snapdragon," accompanied the game.



Season's Greetings  
FLEMING & SON STATION



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. Names 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 vander 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 Reems, Christmas had always seemed complete before. Aunt Sissy and Uncle Reems 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 vander's chant on 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 vander's chant coming from the street was not "Holly . . . mistletoe . . . cheap . . ."—it was, "Happy Christmas happy Christmas!"



# Holiday Greetings

We're wrapping up every good wish for you with a bit of holiday cheer that says—  
"May you all enjoy many Christmas blessings."

ROSE SHOE SHOP

We will be Closed December 25 and 26.

HOLLIS BLACKWELL  
WOOL -- PECANS -- MOHAIR  
Goldthwaite, Texas