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Greetings

"away in the manger 'no crib for his bed."

This was the humble beginning of God's son, our Lord Jesus

and with His birth came faith, hope and the

spirit of love and fellowship

As this story of His wondrous birth is retold,

may we express our sincerest wish

that all rich blessings be bestowed

upon you and yours this Christmas!



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Home Demonstration Notes

By LORETA ALLEN

Taylor County Home Demonstration Agent



I attended Blue Bonnet Club Christmas Party at Mrs. Horace Miles. It was a very nice party and made me realize that Christmas will soon be here even if I'm not ready. Anyway I came right home and began shelling nuts and getting things together to make fruit cakes. It is late to make

them, but Christmas wouldn't be Christmas if I didn't make fruit cakes.

The home demonstration club yearbooks are being printed this week. Mrs. Riley Miller, yearbook chairman, came to town Monday to wash, but she stayed and proof read the yearbook. The program sound very interesting for next year. If you are not a club member, why don't you join the club nearest you in 1958.

I stopped by to visit Mrs. Adrian the other day. It had been a long time since I had seen her as she has had to miss the club meetings.

Guess you are busy decorating. If you haven't already finished, I thought you might like to try a few of these ideas.

CANDY WREATH — for the front door or table centerpiece. Simply cut wire and twist into a circle about 9 inches in diameter. With a narrow red ribbon, tie on cellophane wrapped hard candy so that they lie alternately outside and inside circle. Next, tie cellophane-wrapped hard candy balls along the wire. When finished, the wreath should look full and very colorful. The center opening should be about the size of a large (frosted) candle if it is to be used as a centerpiece.

If wreath is hung, attach a long ribbon and tie a small pair of scissors so guests can cut off candy without destroying the wreath.

SNOWBALL MOBILE—for coffee table or special arrangement. Fill a fish bowl or other similar bowl 2-3 full water. Add moth balls to the bowl—5 balls for each cup of water. Place bowl in sink or large container and add

1-3 cup of white vinegar and 1 teaspoon of baking soda for each cup of water.

When fizzing stops, the "snowballs" will come to the top, sink and bob. If action slows, add 1-2 teaspoon of soda for each cup of water . . . for variety, add color to the water, or place china figurines in the bottom of the bowl. (Modeling clay will hold objects in place.)

PINE CONE CHRISTMAS TREES—Use pine cones that are well balanced and will sit up. Paint with green poster paint. When dry, decorate with colored beads and sequins. Using tweezers, pick up a bead or sequin, put a dot of cement on it, and then place it on the pine cone. Cover the cone.

These Christmas trees make excellent table favors, token gifts.

and Christmas Party give-aways. **WHEN DECORATING REMEMBER THIS** — It's possible to get too much of a good thing . . . All decorations should be in harmony, playing up a main theme or idea. Beware of a cluttered look from too much color, too many strings, lights or other objects in the "overall" picture.

Taylor County Home Demonstration Council Party was held at Pleasant Hill Everyone felt that she had been to Mt. Vernon after hearing Mrs. W. T. Sadler review "Christmas at Mt. Vernon" by Helen C. Ping Miller. The time of the story was after General Washington bade farewell to the army and congress in 1783 to spend the first Christmas at home in seven years.

Mrs. Denzil Cox led the group

in singing carols. Pleasant Hill and Lawn decorated the room and tree. Hamby club registered guests. Blue Bonnet club distributed gifts, Wylie Club made plate favors, Tuscola, Ovalo, Lake Abilene, Union Ridge and Potosi clubs had charge of refreshments. I hope that all of you have a

very happy Christmas and if you are going away from home, drive carefully so that I can wish you a happy new year, too.

Mrs. J. A. Adkins and daughter, Madeline of San Antonio have been guests of their sister and aunt, Miss Sally Orr.

Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year!

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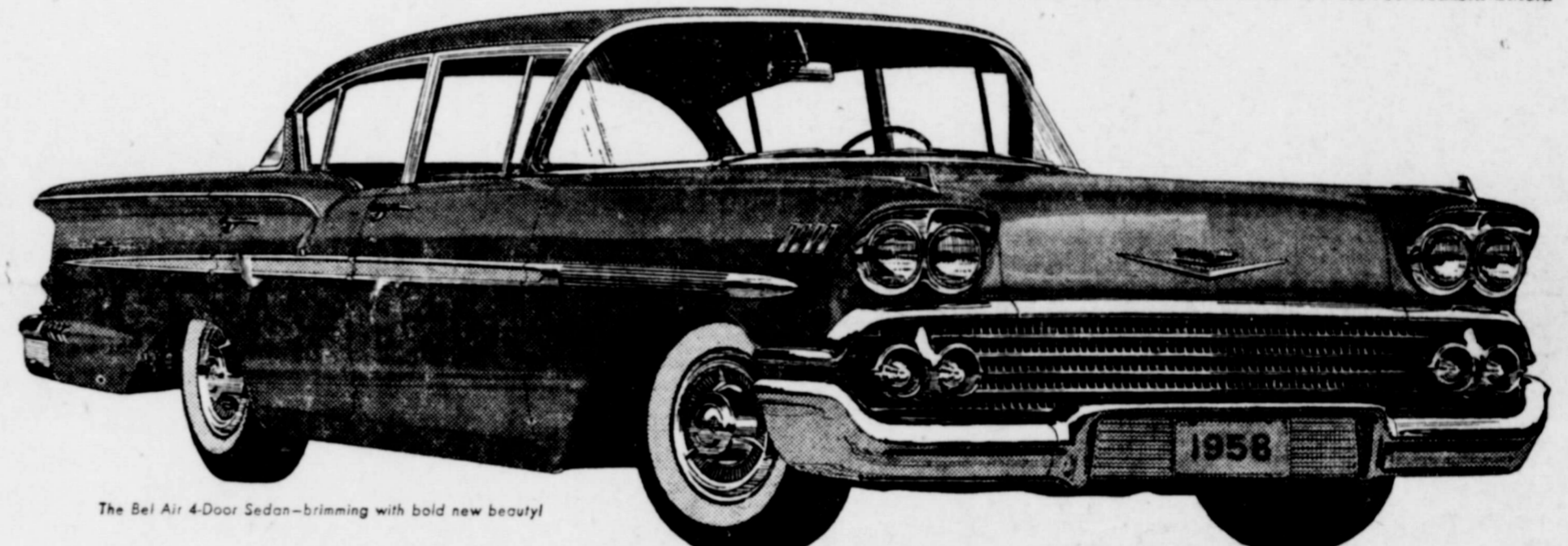
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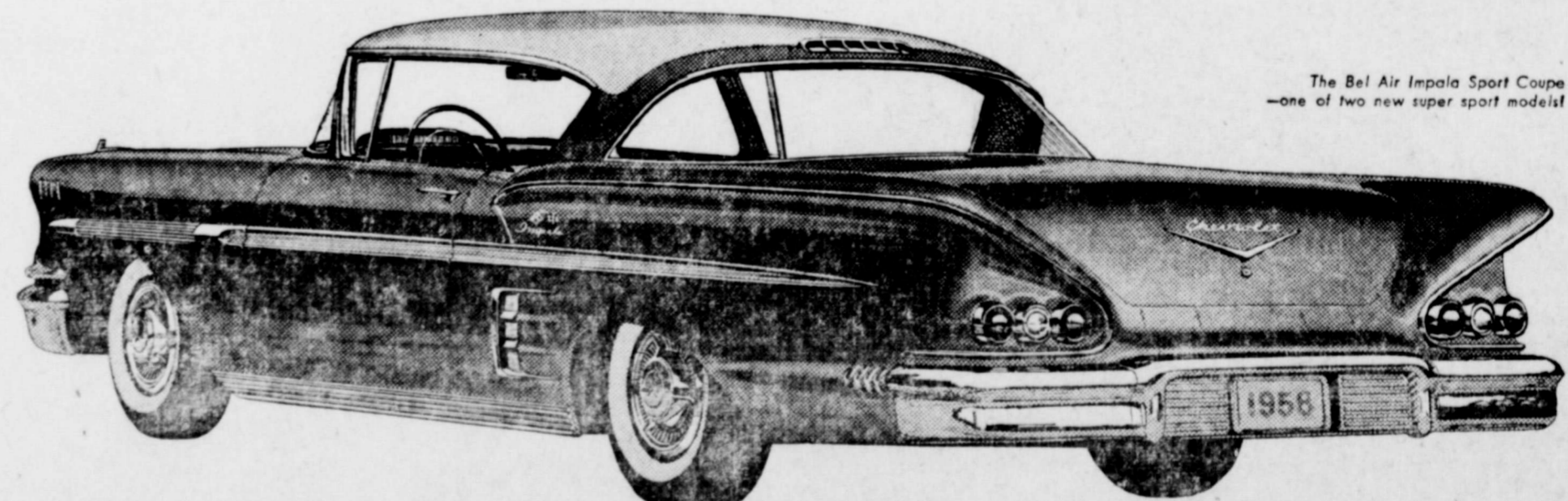
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Compere HD Club Meets

The Compere Home Demonstration Clubs Christmas party was held Saturday night December 14 at Noodle in the Noodle School lunch room. A dinner of chicken and dressing and all the

"trimmings" was served to club members and their families. Games were directed by Mrs. J. E. Touchstone, recreation leader for the club. Christmas gifts were exchanged by drawing numbers. Club members present with their families were Mmes.: Hunter, Pistole, Chancey, Ray, Allred, Dixon and Stanley.

JACK POT WINNERS and LOSERS THIS WEEK

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Santa's sleigh has brought a load of exciting Christmas foods, desserts and beverages to grace your holiday table... We wish you the merriest of Christmases.

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THRU
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SUN-SPUN — SPICED
PEACHES No. 2½ can **29c**

GOLD GLO—CRUSHED —
PINEAPPLE No. 2 can **25c**

DEL-MONTE — FRUIT — 303 Can
COCKTAIL - - 2 for **45c**

CRANBERRY
SAUCE - - 303 can **19c**

SHREDDED
COCONUT 1 lb. pkg. **39c**

CHOCOLATE COVERED CHERRY
CANDY - - - box **39c**

KIMBELL'S — PIE — 303 Can
CHERRIES - - 2 for **45c**

KIMBELL'S
OLEO
lb. **21¢**
JELLO
3 Pkgs. **25c**

DEL-MONTE — WHOLE
Green BEANS 303 can **25c**

STEEL'S
YAMS - - - 2½ can **19c**

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Fruit Cake Mix
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HAMS - - - - lb. **56c**

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ROAST - - - - lb. **45c**

WILSON'S U.S.D.A.
TURKEYS - - lb. **49c**

PRODUCE
TEXAS 5 Lb. Bag
ORANGES - - - **39c**

GOLDEN
BANANAS lb. **12c**

FRESH
COCONUTS ea. **19c**

FRESH
Cranberries lb. **23c**

CRISP
CELERY stalk **15c**

FRESH
Cauliflower lb. **10c**

FRESH
TOMATOES lb. **25c**

CRISP
CARROTS bag **10c**

YELLOW
ONIONS lb. **8c**

KIMBELL'S SWEET MIDGET
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2 pts. **69c**

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A Letter to Santa:

NOTE: This letter was first published in the San Antonio Express during the Christmas Season of 1952. The writer was Miss Lois Weekes, then Society Editor, and now an Odessa housewife. It has a universal appeal and is especially fitting in these days when we sometimes tend to forget the real meaning of Christmas.

Dear Mr. Clause:
I hope you will remember me. Santa. It's been a long time. You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files! The last time I wrote you, I spelled Bicycle with a "K"—and I've 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 its 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 nice to ME, then", from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. 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 the 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 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 (ff-key Noels and the hushed hymns, 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, not just an expense respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages the message 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?

I think you will because, though you've seen central heating re-

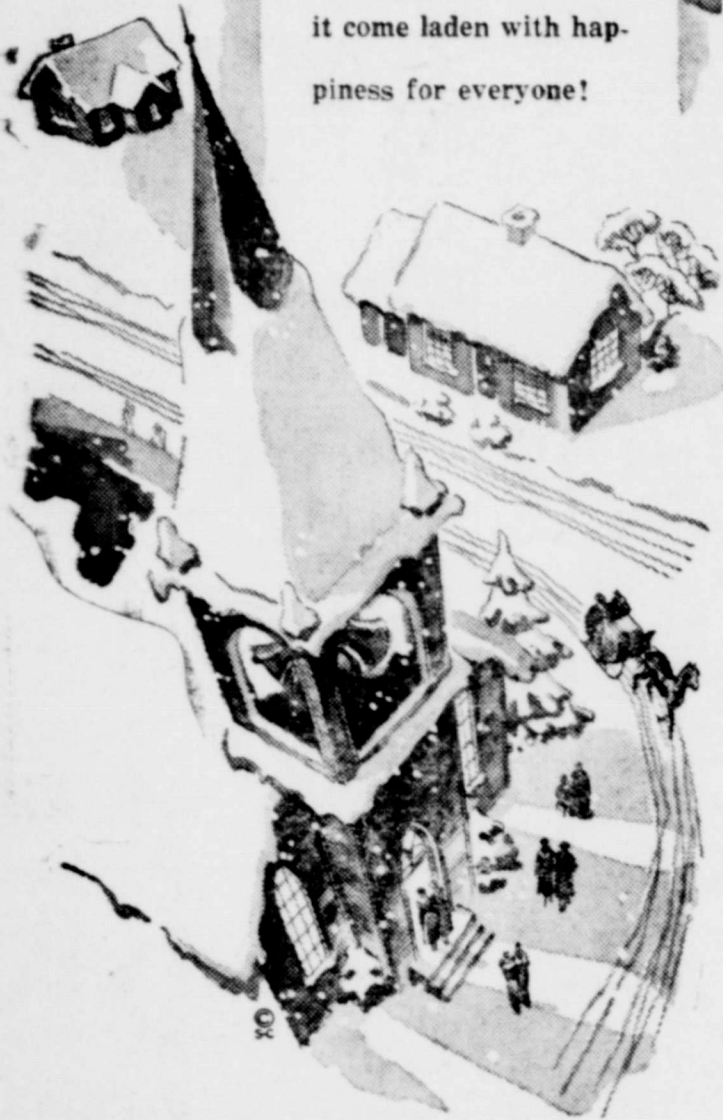
place the chimney you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve

There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of Automobiles and Atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely Yours,
Lois Weekes

Greetings

As Christmas arrives upon the scene . . . may it come laden with happiness for everyone!



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THE MERKEL MAIL
STAFF

BOB, MAXINE, TERRY, PENNY and LISA GARDNER

HALLIE BURDEN



65 Year Old Farmers, Ranchers May Benefit From 1957 Claim Filing

Some self employed farm and ranch operators who have reached retirement age, or who will do so by the end of this year, may find it to their advantage to file a claim for social security benefits before the end of December, according to R. R. Tuley, Pr., district manager of the Abilene social security office.

These are those who because of floods, unseasonal rains, or other adverse weather conditions, will have lower income in 1957 than for 1956. It applies especially to farm or ranch owners who started to have their income from rentals count towards social security in 1956, by materially participating in the production of crops or livestock on their land which they leased or rented out to someone else, he went on.

Usually, it is necessary to wait until the close of a year to have net earnings for the year credited to a social security account and be used in figuring the benefit amount. For 1957 only, if a claim is filed before the end of the

year, one-half of the 1957 income can be used in figuring the benefit amount. Where 1957 earnings are lower than those for 1956, this can often result in a higher benefit rate than otherwise possible under the law. If the claim does not get filed until 1958, then use of this better calculation would not be possible. If 1957 proves the better year, then benefit of such higher earnings can still be used. Tuley suggests that anyone who thinks he might be affected by the above get in touch with his office immediately by card or letter. Arrangements will then be made to have a personal interview before January 1, 1958 so that the best course of action may be taken.

Deadline Near For Fat Stock Show Entries

Livestock entries from all parts of the Southwest are coming in for the 1958 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show which will be held in Fort Worth Jan. 24 through Feb. 2.

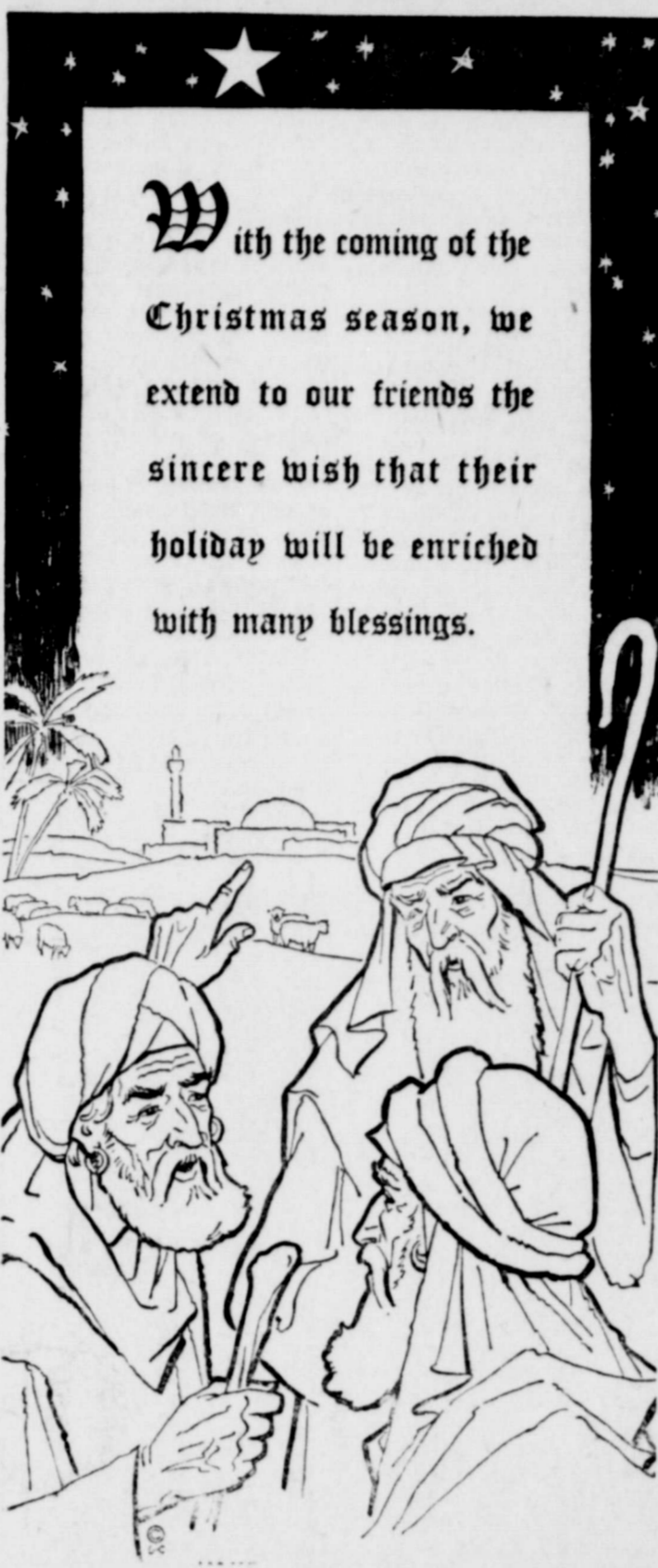
Stock Show officials are urging exhibitors to get their cattle, swine and sheep entries in by Dec. 15, deadline for the livestock department. The horse show deadline is Jan. 1 and poultry, turkey, rabbit and pigeon entries must be in Jan. 10.

The livestock judging is divided into two sections, the junior and open shows. The junior show is for animals entered by FFA and 4-H Club members from Texas. The open show is for livestock owned by adults and by FFA and 4-H Club members from all states.

As a special encouragement for youth, the stock show in 1958 will cooperate with American Cyanamid Company in offering 22 purebred animals as prizes to 4-H and FFA members.

American Cyanamid will award the animals to boys and girls showing the best livestock in various cattle, swine and sheep classes in the junior division. Prizes also will go to certified 4-H and FFA members from any state exhibiting in the open breeding sheep and swine show.

Persons wishing to enter livestock or to get more information about the show can write the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, at P.O. Box 150, Ft. Worth 1, Texas.



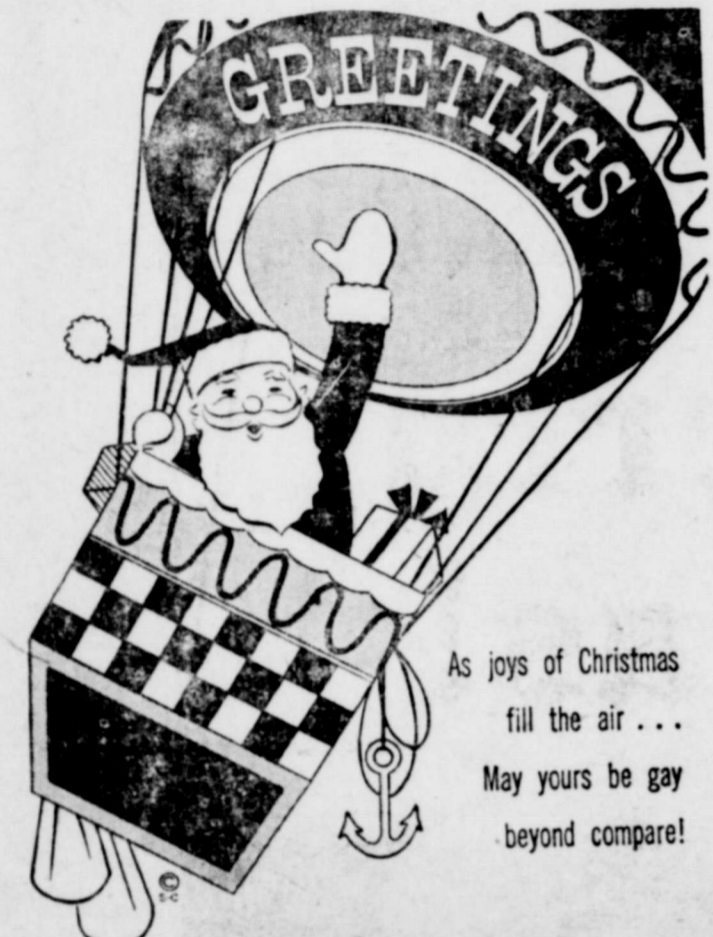
With the coming of the Christmas season, we extend to our friends the sincere wish that their holiday will be enriched with many blessings.

H. E. COCKRELL IMPLEMENTS



When you hear the bells on Christmas day, we hope they echo the joyful sounds of your holiday festivities.

Irven Thompson
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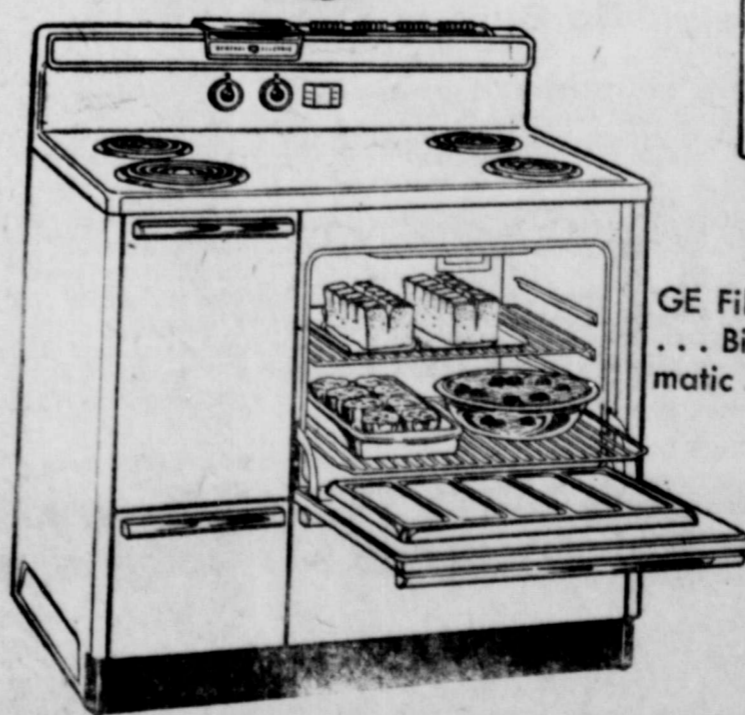
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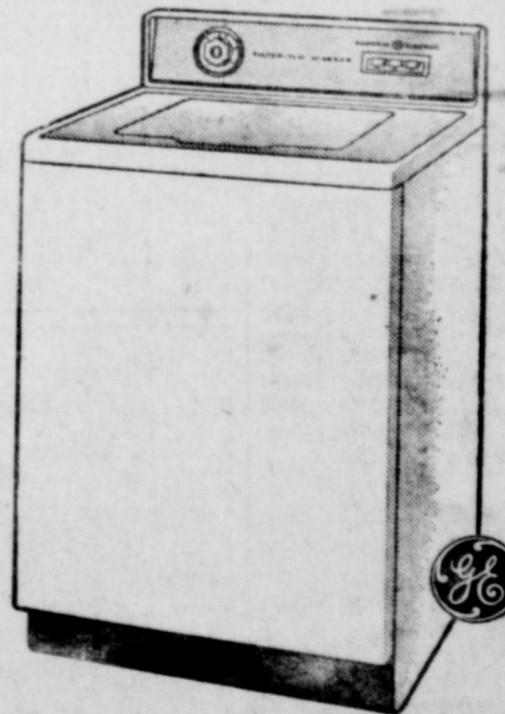


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Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A.F. & A.M. Thursday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
T. J. Bird Sr. W. M.
C. B. Rust, Secretary.

WANTED — 4 room house to move to farm. Hoke Propst, Anson, Texas. Phone 62861, Anson. 40-3tc

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FOR SALE — The Mrs. J. S. Swann, two apartment house near church and school at 1207 S. 4th Street. Will Finance. Contact Sam Swann, Phone 52. 18-tfc

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Legal Column

THE STATE OF TEXAS To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas — GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: A. E. Lasater, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs of the said A. E. Lasater, deceased, Defendants, Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 6th day of January A.D. 1957, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 20th day of November A. D. 1957, in this cause, numbered 22,600-A on the

docket of said court and styled Brown-Kuenstler Company, A Texas Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. A. E. Lasater, if living, and if dead the unknown heirs of the said A. E. Lasater, deceased, Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: trespass to try title to the following tract of land located in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Taylor County, Texas, and being a part of Lots Nos. 37 and 38, Anderson Subdivision of North Part of the Original Lot No. 1, in Block No. 208 in the City of Abilene, Texas, according to the Map or Plat of said City of Abilene, of record on page 590, Vol. C of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, and Map of said Subdivision of record on Page 642, Vol. 32 of the Deed Records of Taylor County, Texas, said portions of said Lots Nos. 37 and 38 being described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said Lot No. 38;
THENCE East with the North Boundary Line of said Lot No. 38, a distance of 65 feet to a point for a corner;

THENCE South running para-

lel with the West Boundary line of said Lots Nos. 37 and 38, a distance of 95 feet to a point 5 feet distant from the South Boundary Line of said Lot No. 37;

THENCE East parallel with the South Boundary Line of said Lot No. 37, a distance of 75 feet to the East Boundary Line of said Lot No. 37;

THENCE South with the East Boundary Line of Lot No. 37, a distance of 5 feet to the SE corner of said Lot No. 37;

THENCE West with the South Boundary Line of said Lot No. 37, a distance of 140 feet to the SW Corner of said Lot No. 37;

THENCE North with the West Boundary Line of said Lots Nos. 37 and 38, a distance of 100 feet to the place of beginning as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 20th day of November A. D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk, 42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas

By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

CHRISTMAS TREE

How was the first Christmas tree decorated?

According to legend, when a group of stars looked down upon an olive tree, a date palm and a pine tree which stood over the manger. Seeing that the pine had nothing to offer in His honor while the others gave fruit and

dates, they descended from the heavens to rest upon the pine's boughs as an offering—and that was the first Christmas tree.



LIQUID OR TABLETS
DOES MORE TO STOP
COLDS MISERIES BECAUSE
IT HAS MORE!
YOU CAN RELY ON 666

Annual Stockholders' Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 14th day of January 1958, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, President



Wherever you are, be
it in your home or the church of your choice, may your day
be filled with the gladness of the Yuletide spirit.

MERKEL TELEPHONE

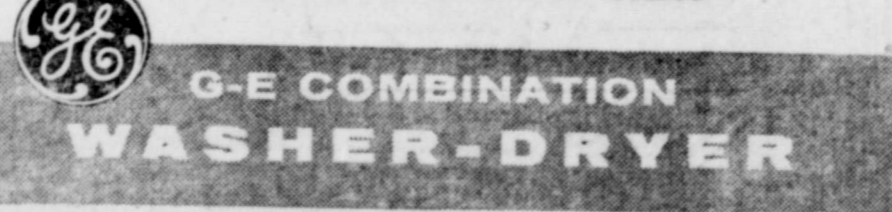


Our best wishes to one and all for a very merry Christmas!

QUEEN THEATER

BEFORE YOU BUY ANY WASHER OR DRYER

Be Sure to See the **NEW**



Here's a complete home laundry that Washes and Dries clothes in one completely automatic operation. One minute to load, one minute to unload—your hands don't touch water or wet clothes. Save valuable floor space! Only 30 inches wide, the G-E Combination can be installed almost anywhere. Launder where it's most convenient to you!

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\$579.95
You can own this Combination Washer-Dryer for only a few cents more per week than a separate washer or dryer. Your old washer-wringer or automatic—can be traded in on a new General Electric Combination, and may be the down payment.

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Legal Column

turn day thereof, exclusive of the date of publication, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation, of which the herein below following is a true copy—(but if there be no newspaper so printed in said county, then that you cause the said citation to be posted for at least TEN days before the return term thereof as required by law).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF D. W. Jay, Deceased, No. 4869, County Court, Taylor County, Texas.
Dovie Jay, Administratrix in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 13 day of December, 1957 her verified account for final settlement of said estate and requests that said estate be settled and closed, and said applicant be discharged from her trust.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, the same being the 30 day of December, 1957, at the County Courthouse in Abilene, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Abilene, Texas, this 13 day of December, A. D. 1957.

(SEAL)
Mrs. Chester Hutcheson Clerk of the County Court, Taylor County, Texas.
By Inez Williams, Deputy

Safe Holiday Driving Could Save Many Lives

"Don't spoil your Christmas with a 'slay' ride!"

This plea was made today by J. O. Musick, General Manager of the Texas Safety Association, in an effort to bring the hazards of holiday traffic to the public's attention.

"Police and safety groups throughout the state need your cooperation to cut down on the potential holiday traffic toll," Musick said.

He pointed out that last December brought death to 252 Texans on our streets and highways.

"Every decent citizen is shocked by these needless and tragic auto accidents," Musick said. "If we begin now in fighting the holiday hazards, we'll be well on our way toward winning the war on the waste of human life. Speed too fast for conditions, alcohol, darkness and pedestrian errors are the biggest contributors to the December toll!"

An unusually high degree of drinking-drivers and holiday excitement was also listed as being strong accident factors, as well as a volume of heavy traffic and inclement weather.



May the religious theme of Christmas be a source of inspiration to all.

MERKEL GIN

E. L. Criswell

Irven Thompson

surprise them with an **Electric Gift !!**

See Your **Electric Appliance Dealer**

West Texas Utilities Company

...Electricity costs so little— you can afford to use lots of it!

THE **Christmas** STORY

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrinus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem, being of the family and house of David, to register together with Mary his espoused wife who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly.

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

ACCORDING TO SAINT LUKE 2:1-20

We hope you will pause to read this old, old story because this is the true meaning of Christmas.

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None of the others compete when you compare...

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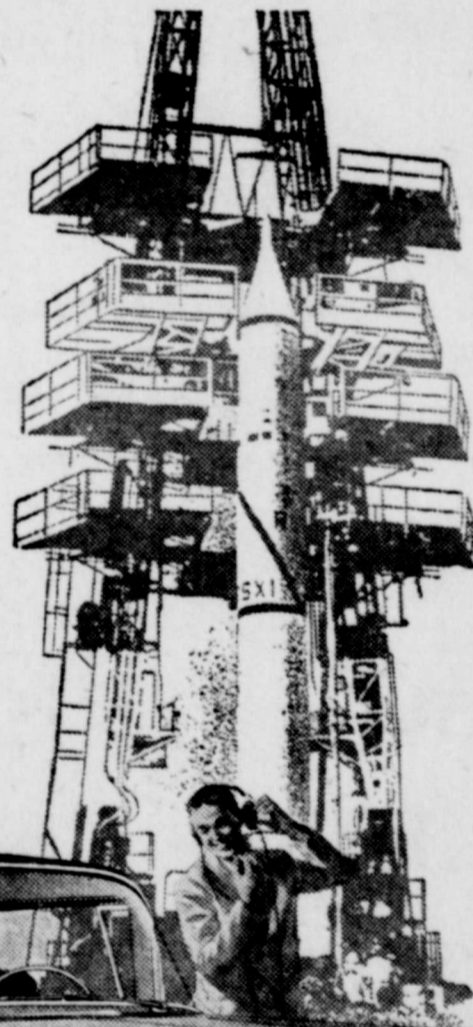
BEATS THE BEST OF THE LOW-PRICE THREE — FOR LESS MONEY!

Match this big, bold Chieftain against the top models of the "low-price three" and it takes them on all counts!

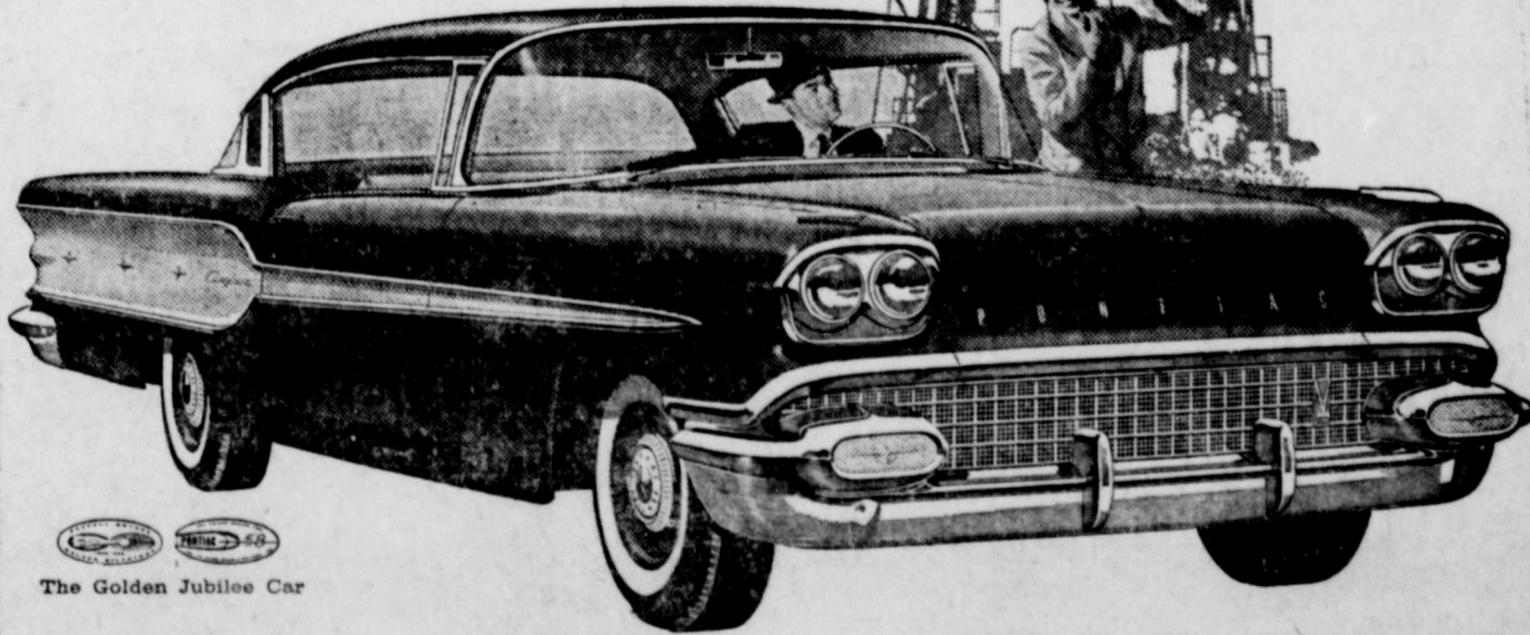
IT'S BIGGER—with a whopping 122" wheelbase cradling roomy stretch-out interiors. **IT'S MORE POWERFUL**—they all fall far short of Pontiac's jeweled-action Tempest 395 power.

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BOLD NEW Chieftain PONTIAC

SEE YOUR AUTHORIZED PONTIAC DEALER FOR THE DEAL OF THE YEAR



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STRAWBERRIES	
Betty Jane 10-oz. Pkg. -----	19c
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HERE'S SOMETHING WE ALL HAVE WISHED FOR!
WEST BEN Automatic
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Reg. \$7.50
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PEACHES HUNTS	No. 2 1/2 Can	25¢
FOLGERS	COFFEE POUND	79¢
JELLO	ASSORTED PKGS.	5¢
FLUFFO	Golden 3 LB. CAN	79¢
OLIVES	Pine Valley Salad 10-oz jar	33¢
MIRACLE WHIP	Pt.	32¢

KRAFT FRENCH DRESSING	8 oz.	23c
KRAFT GRAPE JELLY	10 oz.	23c
KRAFT CARMELS	lb.	29c
XMAS TREES	1/2 price	
LAMAR WHIPPING CREAM	1/2 pt.	29c
HI VI DOG FOOD	KING SIZE 2 for	23c

LUCKY LEAF PIE FILLING
APPLES
No. 2 can
25¢

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR 10 lbs. 89c BETTY CROCKER CAKE MIX 3 for 89c
(AT CARSON'S MONDAY HAVE YOUR TALK WITH SANTA)—SAY KIDS WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PICTURE WITH SANTA CLAUS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd. SO HAVE DAD OR MOM BRING YOU TO SEE SANTA CLAUS AT THE STORE.

LAMAR EGGNOG - - quart **49c**

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GOLDEN BANANAS Lb. **10¢**

Finest Quality MEATS

CHOICE BEEF Club STEAK	lb.	59c
CHOICE BEEF Chuck ROAST	lb.	43c
BROAD BREASTED TURKEY HENS	lb.	53c
Choice Beef-T-Bone SIRLOIN STEAK	lb.	79c
Kraft Elkhorn CHEESE	lb.	49c
Swift Country Fair SAUSAGE	2 lbs.	\$1.09
Fresh HAMS	lb.	57c
Gooch Ranch Style BACON	2 lbs.	95c
SWIFT - HORMEL - ARMOUR'S HAMS	1/2 or whole	lb. 59c
FAT FRESH CHICKEN HENS	lb.	39c

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DURAND 2 1/2 CAN YAMS	2 for	43c
DEL-MONTE CRUSHED PINEAPPLE	-2 for	49c
OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY SAUCE		23c
CAMPFIRE CREME MARSHMALLOW		19c
DEL MONTE CATSUP	2 for	33c
DEL MONTE GOLDEN CORN W.K.	2 for	29c
DEL MONTE PEAS	2 for	33c
DEL MONTE JUICE TOMATO	46-oz.	25c
RENOWN 303 TOMATOES	2 for	25c
NABISCO RITZS	lb.	35c

TIDE lg.	29c
CHEER lg.	29c
DASH jumbo	\$2.29
JOY REG. 2 cans	78c
COMET gt.	19c

TEXAS 5 LB. ORANGES	bag	33c
RED DELICIOUS APPLES	lb.	10c
FRESH CAULIFLOWER	lb.	12c
OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRIES	lb.	25c
FRESH CRISP CELERY	lb.	9c
FRESH LETTUCE	lb.	12c
IDAHO SPUDS	10 lb. bag.	39c

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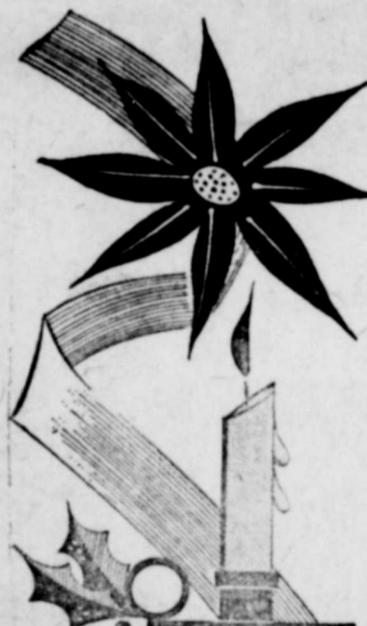
The observance of the coming holiday brings with it our sincerest wish for your happiness.

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BARBER SHOP
Oscar and Homer



Greetings

.. to all our friends!
Fox Repair Shop



CHEERS
A bright Christmas to our many friends!

H&H Laundry



To each of our many friends, we wish a very happy Yuletide season.

Eager Feed Store

Free Cartoon Show At Queen Dec. 24: No Matinee On Christmas Day

The management of the Queen Theater has announced that there will be no matinee at the Queen on Christmas Day. The show will start at the regular time Wednesday night at 7:00 p. m.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, there will be a free show for the Kiddos beginning at 2:00 p. m.

One hour and thirty minutes of popular cartoons will be shown. Everyone is invited, young and old.

According to Mr. Hodge the regular show, 'The Sun Also Rises' with Tyrone Power and Ava Gardner will start at 4:00 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 24, immediately following the Kid's Christmas show.

Safety Rules For Boy's First Gun

If you are giving your son a gun for Christmas, don't just hand it to him with the simple admonition "be careful," warn the editors of Changing Times, the Kiplinger Magazine. You should see that he gets adequate instruction and that he uses the gun only under the supervision of an experienced adult.

Competent instruction is widely available today through rifle clubs, many of which are in high schools and junior highs. Mem-

bership in such a club solves the problem of where a boy may do his shooting after he has learned how.

In addition to this basic instruction, there are five safety rules which your son should learn by heart for his future well-being:

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction — away from everyone, including yourself.
3. Be sure of your target.
4. Be sure of your backstop. Backstops have one purpose—to stop the bullet. Continued firing may wear some away.
5. Know your gun and ammunition is the right kind for the gun you are using.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott left this week for Dallas where she will spend the Christmas holidays in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott.

Pioneer Resident Dies Here At 91

One of Merkel's oldest residents, Mrs. Mattie Passmore Ash, 91, was buried here Friday.

Mrs. Ash had lived in Merkel since 1897. She died Wednesday at her home here after a short illness.

Funeral was held at 3:30 p. m. Friday at Merkel Church of Christ, where she was a member. Bob Cannon, officiated, assisted by the Rev. C. G. Sewell, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ash was born July 16, 1866, in Clay County, N. C., and was married on Feb. 23, 1897, to the late D. G. Ash. They came to Merkel immediately after their marriage in North Carolina. Mr. Ash was a farmer and businessman. He died in 1939.

Survivors include two sons, Ray of Joaquin, Tex., and Dee of Dublin; two daughters, Mrs. Clarence Perry and Mrs. Dent Gibson of Merkel; a sister, Mrs. Nancy Perry of Lakeview, Wash.; 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Records of the Texas Safety Association reveal that fourteen percent of all rural, fatal traffic accidents occur between six and eight p. m. So, for safety's sake, slow down at sundown.

Farm and ranch safety, according to the Texas Safety Association, is the difference between weeping and reaping. Cultivate Safety and you can harvest profits and happiness.

If winter comes, can Christmas bills be far behind?

French premiers are like American automobile. Every time you turn around, there's a new model.

Turkey Tip



CLEVER HOMEMAKERS now sew up the holiday turkey with Dental Floss. Packaged in handy plastic containers by Johnson & Johnson and available at your drug store and supermarket, pure nylon floss slides easily through meat, won't crumble or break on removal. If your holiday fare is duck or other fowl, floss works equally well, keeping stuffing intact from stitching to serving.

Blackwell Infant Interred Here

Funeral services for Norman Dean Godwin, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodwin of Blackwell, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the Starbuck Funeral Chapel with Rev. Cloy Lyles, pastor of the Methodist Church here, assisted by Rev. Jarrell Sharp of Blackwell in charge of the services. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The child was born Monday afternoon in the Sadler Clinic and succumbed Tuesday Morning at 2:00 p. m.

Survivors besides the parents include the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Goodwin of Savona, British Columbia, Canada, the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby of Merkel, and two aunts, Phyllis and Pam Newby.

Baptist Choirs To Present Yule Program

The choirs of the First Baptist Church of Merkel will present a program of Scripture and Music at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, December 22.

The program, presented by the Chancel and Carol Choirs under the direction of the Minister of Music R. B. Hall, Jr., will consist of special Christmas renditions by the two choirs, group caroling, and the reading of the Scripture by Reverend C. G. Sewell, pastor. The music and scripture will be so arranged as to depict the age-old story of the Birth of Christ.

Accompanists for the program will be Mrs. Comer Haynes, pianist, and Mrs. Norman Winter, organist. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Doan and son, Ricky of San Diego, California, are here to spend the Holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wakeford and son, Randy of Midland were Sunday guests of their grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Hays.

M. is here for an indefinite visit with her mother, Mrs. Ada Higgins.

Mrs. J. S. Grant of Abilene visited Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill spent Friday in San Angelo with their son and family, Capt. and Mrs. Lorraine Sherrill.

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May the many joys of Christmas be yours.

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STOP AT THE DIXIE PIG
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MEXICAN DINNERS — — — \$1.00
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and all a
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The jolly snowman brings you our warmest wish for a happy holiday!

THE NOOK CAFE



The candles of Christmas beam our message to you of good cheer in the glowing Yuletide season!

7-11 GROCERY

Pat, Joe and Ronny

TEMPTING SQUARES TAKE NO BAKING



Here's a perfect warm-weather dessert that takes only six ingredients and ten minutes of your time to turn out. You don't even have to light the oven to make these crunchy nut squares, for the only thing that needs cooking is the vanilla filling. Be sure to use vacuum-packed nuts for pecans with sweet, fresh flavor — they come in handy one-cup size cans so you don't have to bother with a measuring cup. Make the squares in the early morning when it's cool, and you can leave them to chill until serving time. Then when dinner is all set your dessert is ready too... simple, easy and delicious!

ROYAL DATE-NUT SQUARES

- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup (1 can) Royal pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped dates
- 1 package vanilla pudding
- 2 cups milk

Pour melted butter or margarine into an oblong pan (10 x 6 x 2 inches). Sprinkle 1/2 cup of the crumbs evenly over the bottom. Then sprinkle in 1/2 cup of the nuts and all the dates. Combine the pudding and milk; cook as directed on the package. Pour the hot pudding over the mixture in the pan. Sprinkle the remaining crumbs and nuts evenly on top. Chill until firm, about 3 or 4 hours. Cut into squares. Makes 8 servings.

Lions To Hold Turkey Shoot Encore Dec. 22

Due to popular demand, the Merkel Lions Club will sponsor another Turkey Shoot at the gravel pit two miles southeast of Merkel Sunday, Dec. 22, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., according to Herman Carson, president.

The project was quite successful last Sunday when the Lions gave 16 turkeys to lucky winners.

The turkeys were dressed and ready to cook. There will be more turkeys this week averaging between 10 to 12 pounds each.

Groups of eight will compete for the best score. Any type gun is permissible as long as there are eight shooters. There will be one winner to each group and a two turkey maximum to any one person.

Lions Orville Roland and Wilson will be in charge of the project this week. Coffee, cold drinks, candy and sandwiches will be available. Everyone is urged to come out. Ladies may compete in groups.

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS:

DEAR SANTA:

I am 5 years old and in the Hospital with flu. I want a truck, set of guns and belt and my sisters name is Ghrona, and she wants a doll an baton. My name is David Earnest Tarpley and Mama is writing for me. Everyone calls me Buster.

Love, Buster Tarpley

WHAT DO YOU SEE AT CHRISTMAS?



There are a lot of things about Christmas that everybody sees. The colored lights. The Christmas trees. The store decorations. The counters filled with dazzling gifts. Homes decorated, streets decorated.

Everybody sees Christmas cards, bells, and street corner Santas. There are carol singers, mistletoe, holly and evergreen wreaths. We see hurrying crowds of shoppers, enlarged toy departments in stores, overloaded mail trucks, express packages piled high beside the trains.

We see fires in the hearth, stockings hung with care, tables laden with good things to eat. And they are all a part of Christmas.

But all of these things are often too easy for us to see. Perhaps this year we should look extra hard for the "Spirit of Christmas." Let's look for the great amount of good in all people; it shines best at Christmas time. Let's look at the faces of little children for the real happiness of Christmas. Let's look out for the needs of less fortunate people, the shut-ins, the lonely, the unfortunate.

And this year, let's try once again to see the real meaning of Christmas—its religious significance. Its message of peace and hope for the world. Let's really see Christmas this year.

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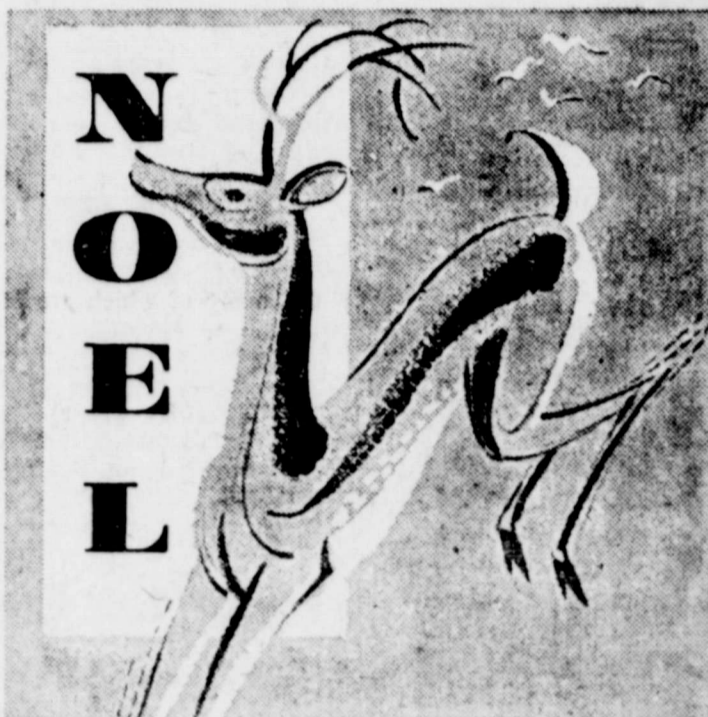
Bright Ideas

DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON every hostess likes to serve something really super-special for her guests to nibble on. These crunchy goodies are tailor-made for festive munching and are less expensive than those bought ready-made in the store. Combine 3 cups (3 cans) Royal pecans, 2 cups packaged bite-sized shredded wheat and 2 cups pretzel sticks. Add 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine, 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese and 1 teaspoon seasoned salt (garlic flavor is especially good). Toss lightly until well-mixed. Makes 7 cups.

FOR "DIFFICULT" NAMES on your Christmas list, a novel gift idea is to open a savings account in their name at the local bank. Checking accounts with personally printed checkbooks, or one year's reservation on a safe deposit box at a bank where you are known, make other thoughtful gifts which provide pleasure throughout the following year. Or, you can purchase special-occasion gift checks at many banks, whether you have an account there or not.

EASY - TO - BAKE HAM, glistening with lemon-lime glaze, is a festive looking, as well as appetite satisfying, Christmas meat. For the special holiday glaze, baste the ham with a bottle of 7-Up. The piquant flavor of the beverage enhances the rich flavor of the smoked meat. Half an hour before the ham has finished baking, remove it from the oven and score the top. Stud with cloves. Mix a cup of brown sugar with a tablespoon prepared mustard and rub into the ham. Baste with half of a 7-ounce bottle of lemon-lime carbonated beverage. Finish baking the meat, basting every 10 minutes with the remaining liquid.

IF YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING for ways to cut down on household expenses, and most of us now consider the family car a household expense, here's a tip that may add a little change to the pocketbook. Have the spark plugs of your car serviced every 5,000 miles and replaced every 10,000. It's something we usually overlook until trouble develops, but it easily can mean savings up to \$5 per cent on your monthly gasoline bills. Starting the car will be a lot easier on these cold, damp days, too. The engineers of Champion Spark Plug Company emphasize that spark plug life can be extended considerably by inexpensive cleaning and "regapping" which can be done at your service station. This service is itself in a hurry.



Wishing one and all a merry and festive Christmas!

Bill's Garden Shop



May the coming of Christmas reveal again the true spiritual import of the blessed Nativity.

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PATTERSON GRAIN

JACK SOUTH, Manager

May the true meaning of Christmas dawn once again and bring its blessings to the world.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hammond
and employees of
Ben Franklin Store



As Christmas draws near,
we would like to shout from the
housetops, "Happy Holiday to all!"

HICKS AUTO SUPPLY

LIGHTING OF THE YULE LOG



VISITORS to Bermuda on Christmas Eve have an opportunity to witness a traditional Bermuda custom of the lighting of the Yule Log. Shown above acting out the ancient English ceremony are gaily costumed staff members of a Bermuda hotel. The log is placed in a fireplace and set aflame. Then guests toss sprigs of green, symbolizing the year's woes, into the fire to banish forever such bad luck.

**Local Doctor
On State Board**

Dr. C. B. Gardner has received his appointment from Gov. Price Daniel to serve a second term on the State Board of Medical Examiners. Dr. Gardner first was appointed by Gov. Allan Shivers.

**TOO LATE
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WANTED—Will osw your grain
J. B. Griffin. Rt. 1 41-8tp

FOR RENT — 2-bedroom house.
Bill Hays. Tel. 123-R. 41-3tp

FOR RENT — 2-bedroom unfurnished house. Drapes included.
John Shannon 41-4fc

FOR SALE—Hot point automatic washer. 1 year old. DeLux model with delicate cycle. Price \$199.95. See at Palmer Motor Company. 41-3tc

Racoon Has Own Christmas Tree



Photo: Canadian National Railways
WHO WOULDN'T GRIN? Jasper, a celebrated racoon who lives at a fishing camp along the Trans-Continental line of the Canadian National Railways in Northern Ontario, has his own Christmas tree this year and he likes it. What racoon wouldn't grin when he finds that guide Jack Wilkinson has decorated the tree with all the routine trinkets plus a liberal amount of bacon rind of which racoons are especially fond. Jasper is the racoon who made headlines a couple of years ago when he failed to win a race crossing the tracks at Government Park, Ont. as the "Super-Continental" came along. The train clipped his tail off and tossed him into a snow drift. He has fully recovered as this picture shows. FNS



Greetings to One and All!

We'd like to send our good wishes into every home and heart this Christmas to ensure the blessings of the holiday season to all our friends and their families.

Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



**Aglow with
Christmas Cheer**

... Our fondest wish to our friends for all the radiant joy of a happy holiday.

BURTON-LINGO CO.
CLYDE and DON



GREETINGS TO YOU FROM US!
We're enclosing our best wishes for a heap of holiday fun in this Christmas message to you!

AND
A Happy New Year
Farmer's Co-op Soc.
Merkel, Texas



We wish you, with
this little rhyme,
A gay and carefree
Christmas time!

MERKEL MOTORS

Minnie Lois Campbell Marries Ronald Boltz In Dyess Chapel

Minnie Lois Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell, and Ronald Joseph Boltz of Dyess Air Force Base were married Saturday afternoon in the base chapel.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boltz of Forest Park, Ill. Chaplain William J. Wozny performed the double ring ceremony before an altar decorated with snow-decked fir trees and palms flanked by cathedral tapers and baskets of white gladioli.

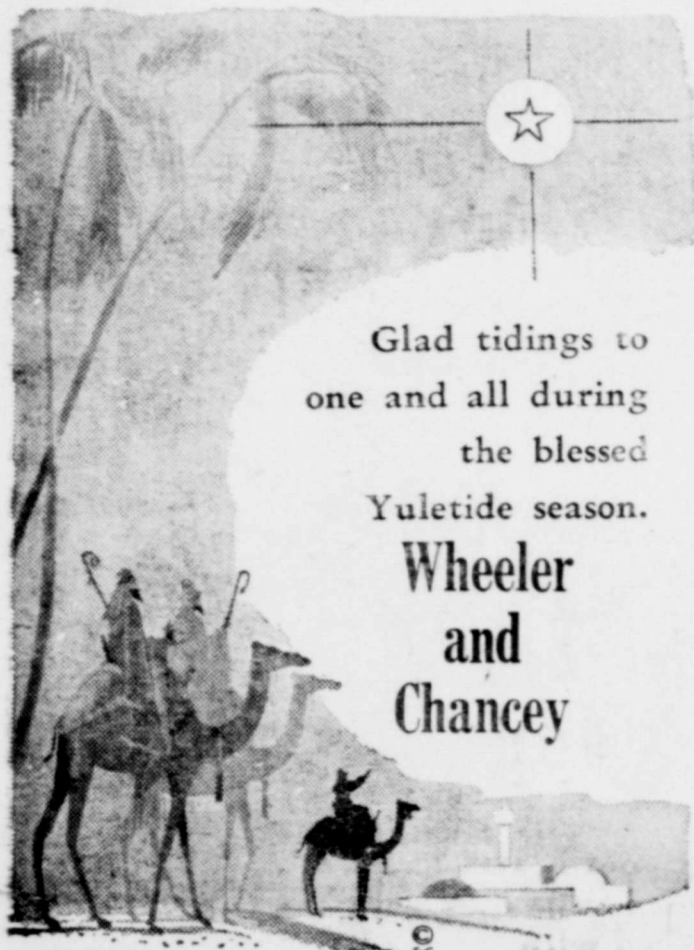
Mrs. Leta Gerganus of Abilene was matron of honor and Loretta Henry of Merkel, bridesmaid. Attendants to the bridegroom were Roy McCoulogh, best man, and



INCOME TAX PAYERS

I now have 1957 Income Tax Forms and if your Books are closed for the year can make your return to be mailed after January 1st. avoiding the rush.

R. O. ANDERSON



Glad tidings to one and all during the blessed Yuletide season. Wheeler and Chancey



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Ed Colma. Ushers were Harry Klein and Merle Webb. Janice Cleckler of Abilene, cousin of the bride, was flower girl, and Carolyn Campbell, sister of the bride, lighted the candles. Mrs. Tom Van Hoose was organist.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Bobby Campbell, wore a princess style dress of white brocaded satin. Her fingertip veil of illusion was sprinkled with seed pearls. She carried a crescent bouquet of white gardenias and pearls.

Her attendants wore pale blue brocaded taffeta fashioned like the bride's dress. Their crescent bouquets of white pom mums

were trimmed with blue ornaments sprinkled with silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Campbell were hosts for a reception after the ceremony at their home in Abilene. Members of the house party were Margaret Chancey, Marilyn Liles and Joyce McLean.

For a trip to Omaha, Neb., and Chicago, Ill., the bride wore a black faille suit and black accessories.

Mrs. Boltz, a 1957 graduate of Merkel High School, attended Gail Business College. Her husband is a 1954 graduate of Holy Trinity High School in Chicago, Ill., and attended McMurry College.

Church Of Christ To Send Preachers To Argentina In '58

As a part of its program of work for 1958, the Merkel Church of Christ is going to send two missionaries to Argentina.

Ronald Davis of Olton and Leonel Cortez of Alice will leave the states in March to preach the gospel in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where there are only two members of the Church of Christ at the present time. Both of these young preachers are students at Abilene Christian College at the present time.

Davis and Cortez will be supported full-time by the local church of Christ, working under the direction of the elders of this congregation.

Several other congregations will help with the travel fund and other expenses connected with the preaching of the gospel in this country of 17,000,000 people.

Clyde Jr. and Dale, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst are here to spend the holidays. Clyde Jr. has just finished school in Kansas City, Missouri, and Dale, who is in the service, is stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky.

Women like to gossip because it gives them something to talk about while talking.

S. S. Class Has Social

The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian Church met in the home of Mrs. J. R. Walling on Tuesday, Dec. 10, for their Christmas program and social.

The Christmas theme was used in decorations throughout the house.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Silent Night". Mrs. James West gave the devotional from Luke 2 and John 14 with Mrs. Walling offering prayer.

The group sang the hymn "Love Lifted Me", following which roll call was answered with favorite scriptures and poems on Christmas.

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds," was the closing selection after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison.

For the social hour gifts were exchanged with Mrs. West, teacher, presenting each with a gift of china.

Mrs. W. M. Elliott, president, assisted in serving refreshments of sandwiches, cake and ice-cream with coffee to the following: Mmes. W. A. Campbell, Etta Tucker, J. W. Spurgin, J. H. Witcher, West, Elliott, Miss Jennie Kenny, Mrs. Pearl Harris, visitor, and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox visited in the home of Mr. Cox's father in Abilene Sunday.

Methodist Jr. Department To Have Party

The Junior Department of the First Methodist Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas party in Fellowship Hall of the church on Saturday evening, Dec. 20, when parents, teachers and pupils will make up the guest list.

Before the party, between the hour of 6 to 7 p.m., the group will go Christmas caroling to the homes of shut-ins.

The classes will return to the church where a picnic supper will be served, following which the department will present a playlet titled, "O Come, Let Us Adore Him."

A special offering will be taken for the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco and gifts will be exchanged.

Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club Party In Buntin Home

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration Club held its annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Beauford Buntin Friday, Dec. 13.

Mrs. Denzel Cox gave the devotional and Miss Lottie Butman offered prayer. Jo Lynn Valerie and Steve Buntin and Yvulinda and Wayne Carey, accompanied by Sharon Buntin sang two Christmas songs, "Here Comes Santa Claus" and "Joy to the World." Piano selections, "Silent Night," and "Robin in the Apple Tree" were played by Jo Lynn and Yvulinda.

Mrs. J. H. Clark, president presided for the business session. Gifts from a Christmas tree were distributed by the children to all the guests.

Refreshments were served to two visitors, Mrs. Lige Harris and Miss Butman from Merkel, and Mmes. Clyde Newton, M. L. Douglas, O. B. Harwell, Clark, Cox, Buntin, Miss Mable McRee, Larry Riney, and the six children.

Yule Customs

In Ireland, only women named Mary may snuff the candles in church on Christmas Eve. Gifts are exchanged in Holland on December 6, not Christmas Day. Some Scandinavian families place all their shoes together on Christmas Day, in the belief that this will cause harmonious living through the year. In Nova Scotia, it is considered bad luck to take a Christmas tree down before the end of New Year's Day.

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MERKEL CO-OP STATION

Clydene Eager, Jimmy Johnson Married In Local Home Ceremony

Clydene Eager and Jimmy Charles Johnson were married Sunday afternoon in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Eager.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Overton Faubus, professor of business administration at Abilene Christian College. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Safford, Arizona.

Baskets of white stock and red carnations with floor candleabra burning white tapers formed the altar setting.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a waltz-length gown of white venetian lace over satin which featured a bateau

scalloped neckline with each scallop outlined with embroidery and seed pearls. The moulded elongated bodice was sprinkled with seed pearls. Her veil of silk illusion was held by a crown of illusion, accented with pearls and sequins. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias fashioned with white maple leaves and centered with pearls.

Mrs. Truett Perry of Midland, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a gown of red silk faille styled with V neckline and bouffant skirt with a matching headband. Her bouquet was of red carnations, red maple leaves and pearls centered with white frosted wedding bells.



The bride of Edward and Patti Perry, niece of the bride, was flower girl and Mike Perry, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

Wedding music was by the Harding Chorus.

At the reception which followed Mrs. Carroll Benson ladled the punch and Mrs. Dean Higgins and Mrs. A. B. Allen served.

Milk glass appointments were used on the bride's table which was laid with a red organdy cloth trimmed in white lace. A white cupid epergne holding a Christmas tree fashioned from red carnations with red candles in brass

spiral holders centered the table. Guests were registered by Ann Bepson.

Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of Merkel High School and is a junior student in Abilene Christian College where she is a member of Delta Theta Social Club. Johnson is a graduate of Safford schools and is a senior at ACC where he is a member of the Sub-T-Sixteen Social Club. He will receive his degree in Business in January and will be associated with his father in Dodge-Plymouth Agencies in Arizona after Feb. 1.

The couple is at home at 678 EN 15th St. in Abilene.

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Chiffon Pie for Holidays



MAKE A CHIFFON PIE TO TOP OFF YOUR FESTIVE DINNERS—just right and delightfully light for that perfect finish to a hearty meal. A bright and colorful mixture of fruit (fruit cocktail mix is the simplest) with diced macaroons is folded into whipped lemon chifflon pie filling mix and poured into a baked crust. The small pieces of left-over crust are pressed on the edge of the regular crust at equal intervals before baking to represent leaves—a gay little touch.

Happily, this pie may be made a day ahead since it should be chilled several hours in the refrigerator before serving. Mounds of whipped cream, like mounds of new-fallen snow, may be added for those who don't mind a few extra calories.

NESSELRODE CHIFFON PIE

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| 1 package Jell-O | 1/4 cup sugar |
| lemon chifflon pie filling | 1 teaspoon rum extract |
| 1/2 cup boiling water | 3/4 cup drained fruit cocktail |
| 1/4 cup fruit juice | 4 macaroon cookies, diced (about 1 cup) |
| 1/4 cup cold water | |
| 1 baked 9-inch pie shell, cooled | |

Place pie filling mix in a large deep mixing bowl. Add boiling water and mix thoroughly. Add juice and cold water and beat vigorously with rotary beater or at highest speed of electric mixer until mixture is very foamy—takes about 1 minute. Add sugar and beat until filling stands in peaks—takes about 3 minutes. Fold in rum extract, three-fourths of the drained fruit and three-fourths of the cookies. Pour into pie shell. Sprinkle with remaining fruit and cookies. Chill until firm—about 3 hours.

A FUN-PACKED HOLIDAY



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Dorcas Class Luncheon

The Dorcas Class of the First Baptist Church held its Christmas luncheon in the banquet room of the church Friday, Dec. 13.

The table arrangement was of gold and glitter-sprayed pyracantha and mandena berries with pine cones.

Mrs. J. O. Castles presided in the absence of the president.

A turkey dinner was served to the following: Mmes. Helen Bonney, E. O. Carson, Lige Harris, T. R. Jackson, R. H. Matthews, J. J. McNiece, E. M. McDonald, Lon Stephens, Sam Swan, C. P. Stevens, O. B. Boden, Charles West, J. O. Castles, Ellis Petty, Ema Wheelley, A. H. Zollinger, Daisy D. Wiggins, M. E. Irvin, W. M. Hays, Pearl Harris, visitor.

Mrs. Sam Swann said the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. West with Mrs. Lon Stephen co-host.

Mail Order For Rodeo Tickets Now Being Filled

Mail orders for rodeo tickets for the 1958 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show are now being accepted.

Gail Davis, television's Annie Oakley, will be featured in all rodeo performances. The blond miss, an expert with a gun, will sing and show off her horsemanship.

The 1958 rodeo schedule will include 20 performances, one more than was presented at the 1957 exposition. The extra show will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1. The stock show opens Jan. 24 and continues through Feb. 2 in Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum.

There will be only a night rodeo performance on opening day. Two shows will be held each day thereafter except Feb. 1, when the morning matinee and night performance are scheduled.

Mail orders will be filled as they are received. Tickets are \$2.50 each.

Persons wishing to order tickets by mail should send a check or money order with name, address and the date they wish to attend the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, P. O. Box 150, Fort Worth 1, Texas.

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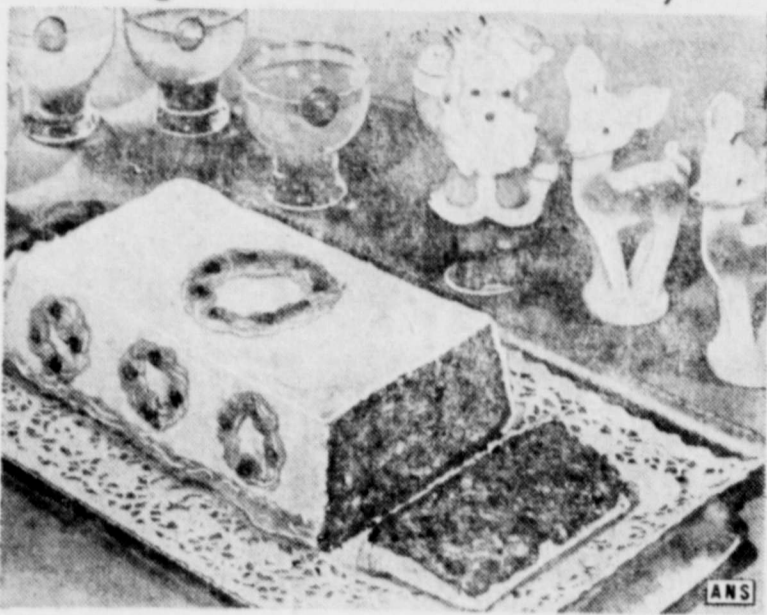
Season's Best
May a wealth of good cheer find its way to your house this Christmas.

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
In passing, we would like to say: Have a sparkling holiday!
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Magic Fruit Cakes For Holidays



FRUIT CAKE IS SOMETHING OF A TRADITION at the holidays. In "the old days" this delicacy took hours in preparation, with chopping of fruit and meat and suet, grinding of spices, shelling and chopping of nuts, and slicing of fruit peel. Nowadays you can make a perfect fruit cake in just a few minutes, by using packaged condensed mince meat and sweetened condensed milk, and buying nut meats and candied fruits ready to use. To add to the beauty of your taste-tempting cake, top with snowy frosting, decorate with green wreaths and cinnamon drops for candy holly. This fruit cake would make a welcome gift as well as good eating at holiday celebrations.

MAGIC FRUIT CAKE

- 1 9-ounce package mince meat
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup (8-ounces) mixed candied fruit, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 can (1 1/4 cups) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup walnut meats, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup sifted flour

Break mince meat into small pieces and put in a two-quart saucepan. Add water. Place over heat and stir until lumps are thoroughly broken. Boil briskly one minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool. Add egg, candied fruit, sweetened condensed milk and nuts. Blend well. Stir in flour and baking soda until just blended. Pour mixture into 9 by 4 by 3 inch loaf pan which has been greased, lined with waxed paper and greased again. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour and 30 minutes or until center springs back when lightly touched with finger.

UP THE CANYON

By TOM RUSSOM

The people of the Canyon have really been enjoying this spring weather and have been trying to get their work all rounded up before Christmas.

The cotton is all out, but with the low grade on it the farmers failed to get a break on this year's crop.

The Mexicans have really been looking for cotton to pull the last few days over our in our area. They will be returning to their

homes after this week.

With the whipping that farmers took in the cotton business this time they are planning to soil bank their cotton land for 1958. They figure \$20 per acre or more is a better break for them.

Our community is planning a Christmas program and tree at the Pioneer church this Sunday night. Come bring your families and have a good time with us.

The young people of the Pioneer church this Sunday night. Come bring your families and have a good time with us.

The young people of the Pioneer church attended a meeting in Sweetwater Monday night. They were accompanied by Mrs.

Tom Russom, one of their sponsors.

Mrs. Joe Seymore has returned from the Plains where she visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McCoy and family, and made the acquaintance of a new granddaughter. With 40 bales of cotton and a new baby girl all in one year, Melvin should pass the cigars to his friends.

The people of the Canyon were made sad by the death of a baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Goodwin of Blackwell Tuesday. Mrs. Goodwin is the former Paka Newby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby of Merkel. Bob is coach at Blackwell. Paka was born in the Canyon but moved to Merkel when quite small and graduated from Merkel High School.

Mrs. Cliff Perry of Nolan has been in the hospital at Merkel for several months. She has relatives and friends in the Canyon, and we sincerely hope she will soon be well and back at her home.

The annual all-night singing will be held New Year's eve night at Pioneer church. There will be plenty of coffee and doughnuts served at midnight. Come bring your singers and join in an old-time singing.

This will perhaps be the last column before Christmas, and we want to say we hope you all will have a fine Christmas and a better year in 1958.

Regular Army Has Liberal Leave Policy

A liberal leave policy announced by the U. S. Army will permit young men to enlist in the Regular Army in the month of December and remain at home for the holidays.

The man enlisting after December 16 may request a delay in reporting to their basic training post, the delay not to exceed 15 days. This leave time permits enlistees to remain at home through the holiday season. Leave may not extend beyond January 6.

Information on the enlistment options that may be selected, and on the Army's holiday leave policy for new enlistees may be obtained from Master Sergeant Leonard M. Evans at the U.S. Recruiting Station, Post Office, Abilene.



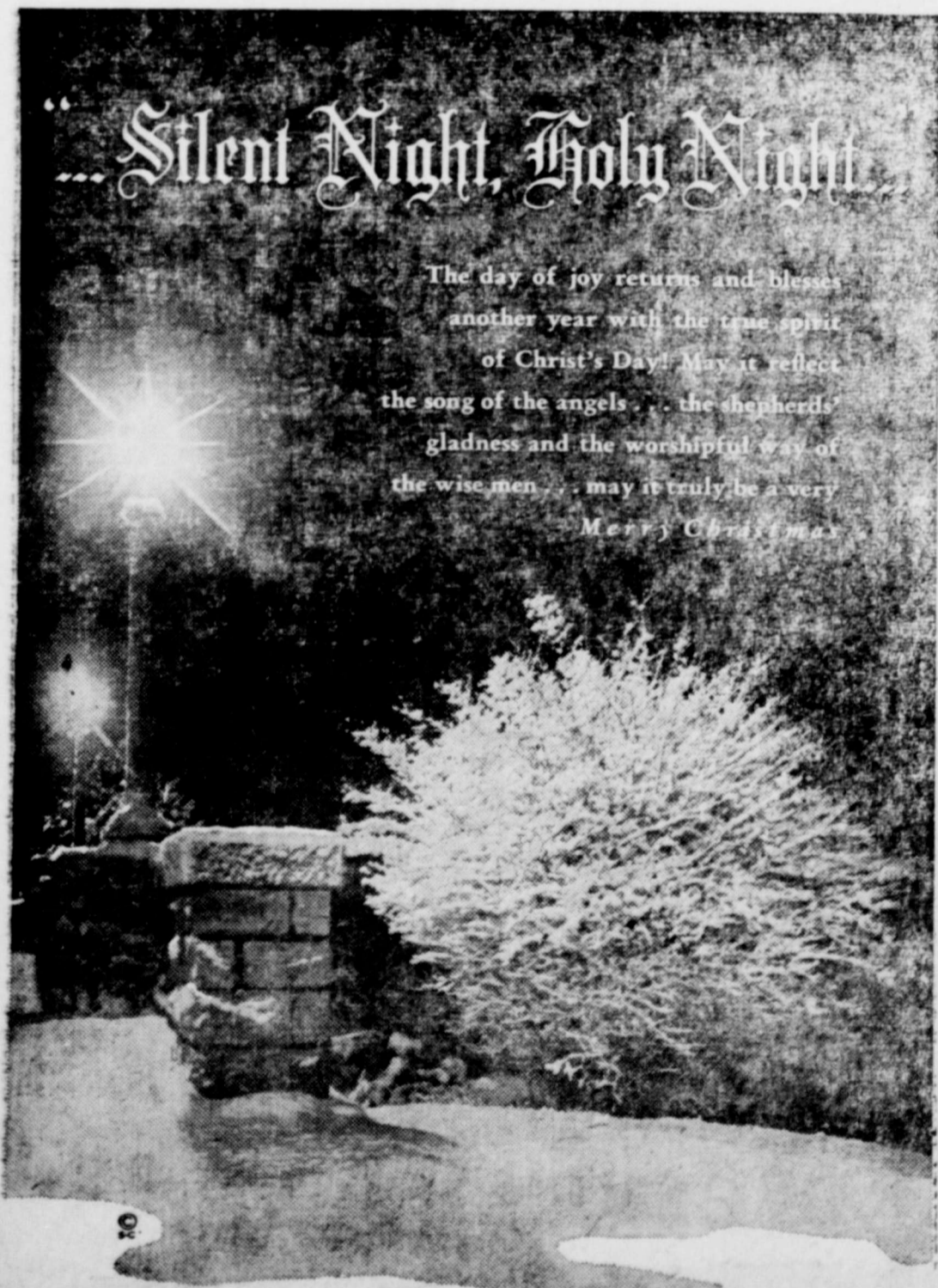
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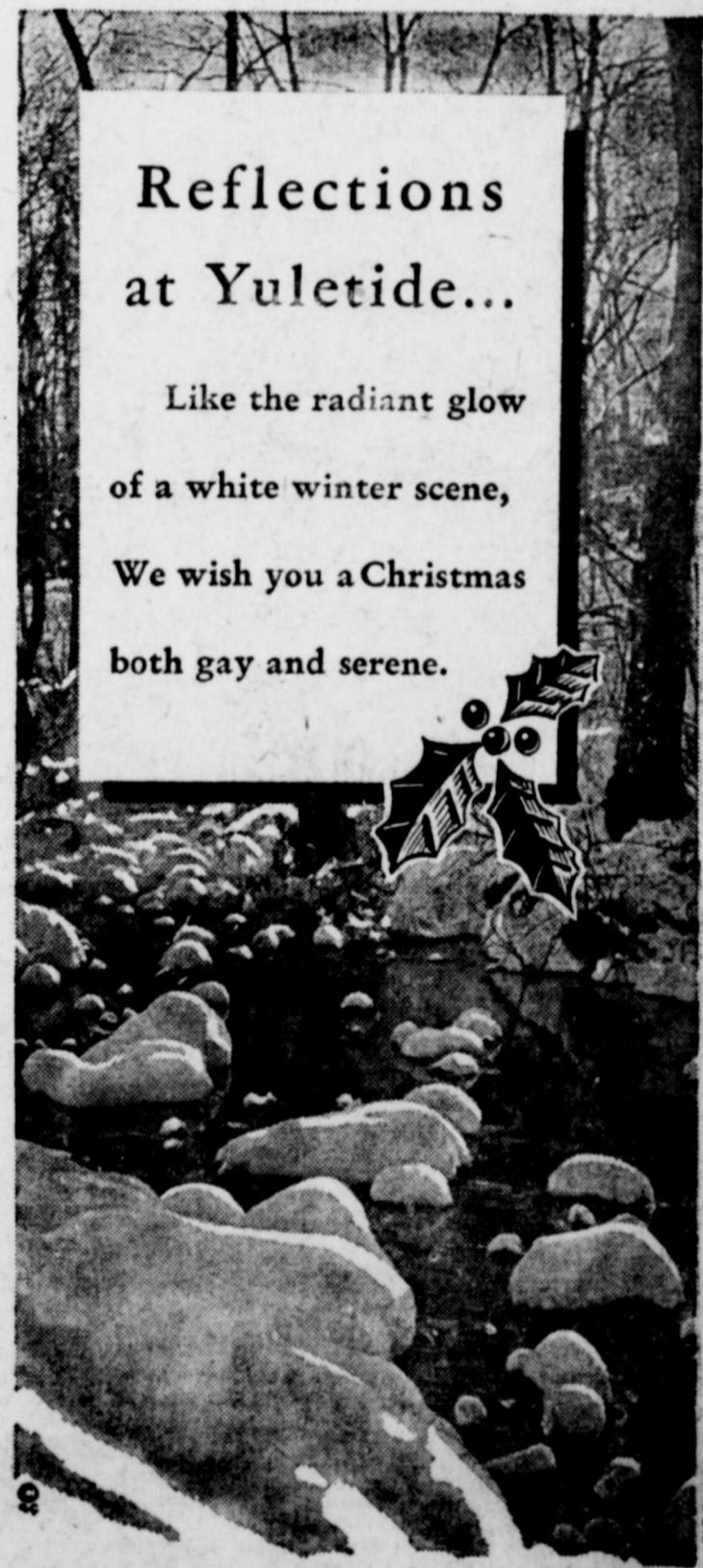


...AND GIVE MY DAD A BOOK ON FIRE PREVENTION SO OUR HOUSE WON'T BURN DOWN AGAIN THIS YEAR.



Wishing our many friends a bright and shining Christmas season.

MACK'S CLEANERS



Reflections at Yuletide...

Like the radiant glow of a white winter scene, We wish you a Christmas both gay and serene.

MINA WINTER BUTANE

December 31 Is Deadline For Filing For Disability Insurance Benefits

Tardiness sometimes merely inconveniences the one who is late, but there are occasions when being late can be more costly, according to R. B. Tuley, Jr., District Manager for the Social Security Administration at Abilene.

"A late shopper for Christmas gifts can still find something or other even the day after Christmas, and missing a train or a bus doesn't mean there won't be another one along a little later," remarks Tuley, "but missing the December 31 deadline for filing for disability insurance benefit can mean a real loss, not just an inconvenience."

Effective with January 1, 1958, benefits under the disability insurance provisions of the Social Security Act can start no earlier than for the month in which formal application is filed, Tuley states that up through December

31, 1957, a claim for disability insurance benefits can result in backdating payments to July of 1957. He suggests that all disabled persons aged 50 or over check the following requirements and make every effort to get a claim filed before January 1, 1958.

1. The disability must have started at least six months ago.
 2. It must be so severe that substantial gainful activity is impossible.
 3. The disabled person must have five years of social security credits out of the ten years just before becoming disabled, and at least 1½ years of such credits out of the 3 years before onset of the disability.
 4. The disability must be one that can be medically determined.
- The Merkel Mail urges its readers to take heed regarding the above deadline, not only for themselves, but for friends or relatives affected.

In recent holiday seasons the aim for originality in gift wrappings oftentimes has created a friendly spirit of competitiveness among gift-givers. And from this, many distinctive and beautiful wrappings have been created.

Surprisingly enough, some of the nicest materials to use may not be immediately be thought of as gift wrappings. The popularity of foil as a wrapper is a notable example.

Another of the newer products is colorful shelf and drawer lining materials which also permit novelty and self-expression. The decorative covering material known as Marvalon is particularly easy to work because it is strong, pliable and water-resistant.

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To give Yuletide gifts a well-groomed look, however, depends upon a few basic wrapping techniques.

For example, to wrap a large rectangular shaped box, simply cut the wrapping material large enough so that it will fold around the length of the box with a 2-inch overlap. Cut the other end about one inch longer than half the depth of the box.

Center your package upside down, on the wrapping. Fold long ends tightly and smoothly around package. Seal overlap with stickers.

Next fold upper part of short end of wrapping securely against box and miter the corners. Fold

lower flap up and seal with stickers. Repeat on opposite end.

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Wheeler and Chancey General Repair, presently located at the rear of Cockrell Implement Co., are moving to a new location this week, according to the owners.

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OF
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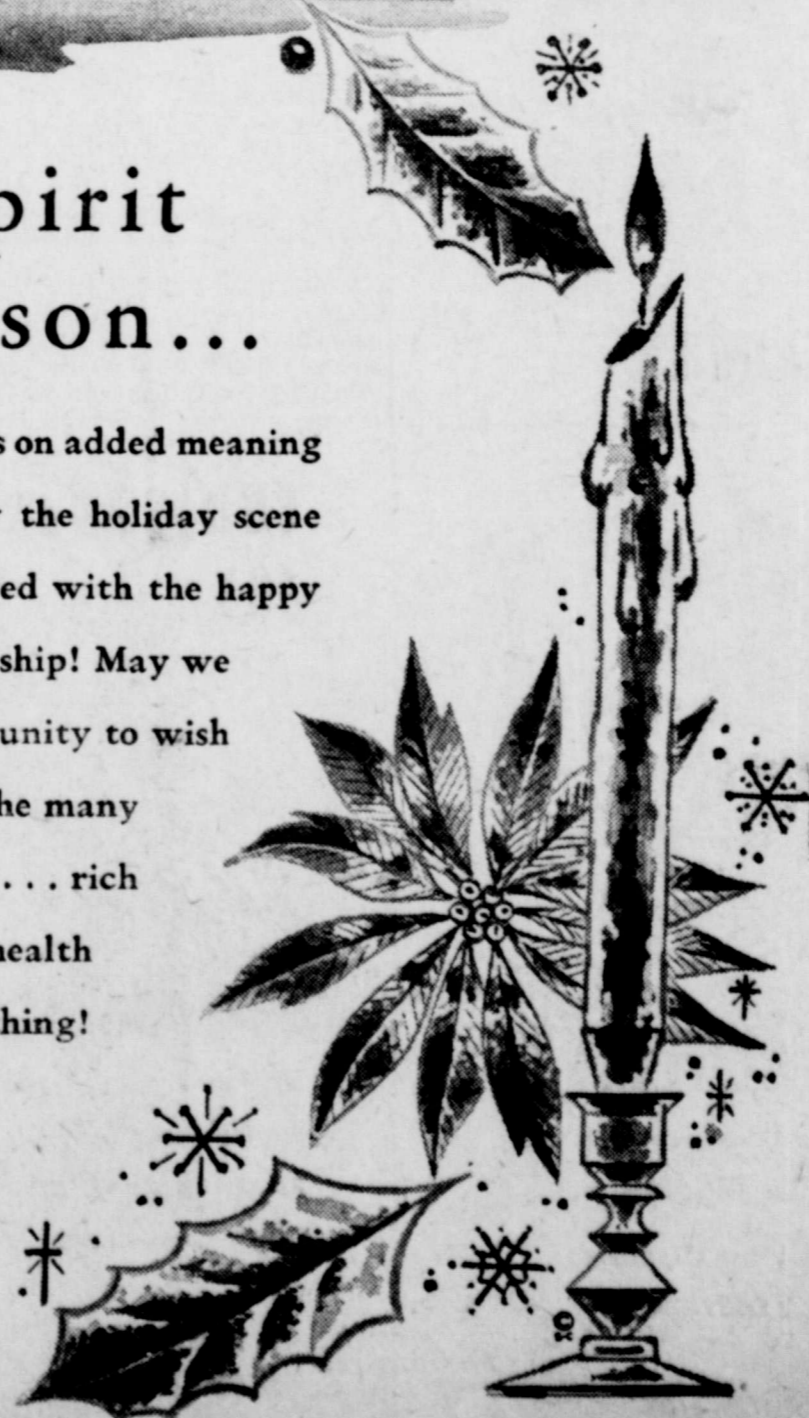
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**In the Spirit
of the Season...**

For us, each Christmas takes on added meaning and extra warmth as we view the holiday scene that is so richly endowed with the happy memories of your friendship! May we take this opportunity to wish you — our many friends — all the many blessings of this holy time . . . rich in the spirit of happiness, good health and the very best of everything!



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Deen, Ware Vows Told

Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Deen of Stamford announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carle Ann, to David Lee Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lisle T. Ware of Boulder,

Colorado.

The wedding will take place at 4:00 p.m. February 22, in the Merkel Methodist Church.

Miss Deen is a junior at Texas Tech and a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Ware is a junior at Colorado State, Greeley, Colorado where the couple plan to continue their education.



Andy Shouse

MERRY CHRISTMAS



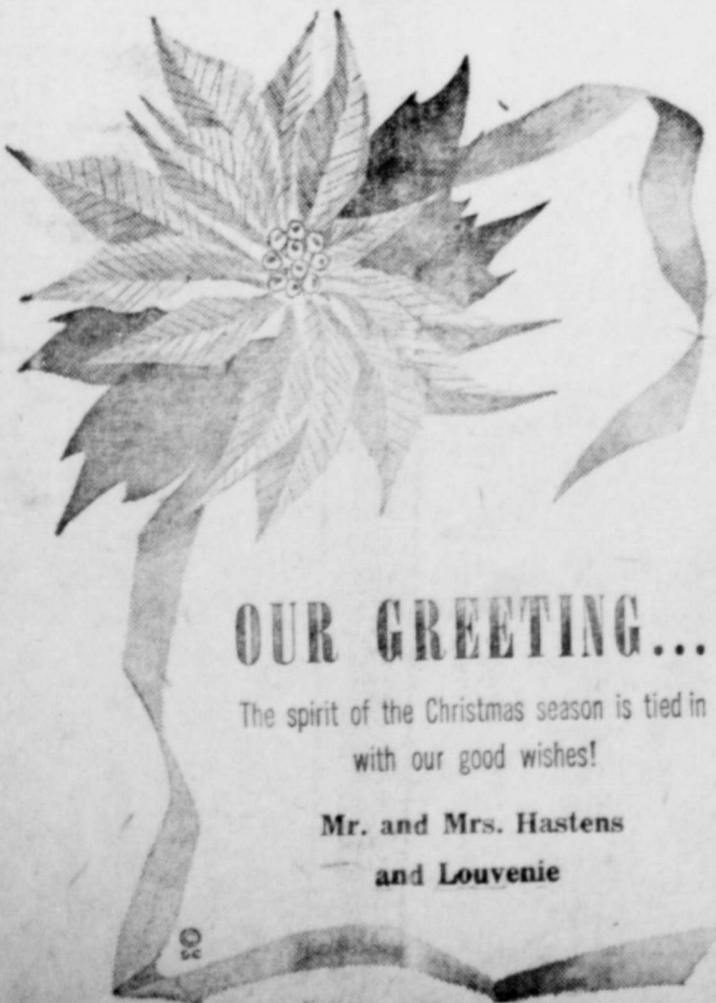
Wishing you all the happiness of the season.

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Merry Christmas!



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OUR GREETING...

The spirit of the Christmas season is tied in with our good wishes!

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'FROM THIS HUMBLE BEGINNING'



Safety Program For The Holidays

"Peace on earth and good will on the road."

That is the way Mrs. Fred Strauss, Seguin (Tex.), Vice President for Women's Activities of the Texas Safety Association, summed up the holiday traffic hazard program being conducted by TSA as a prelude to an all out traffic safety drive in 1958.

"Everyone has a moral responsibility of his neighbor to drive safely," she said. "A little consideration and common sense can go a long way in preventing traffic accidents."

Mrs. Strauss pointed out that though we celebrate the most joyous observance of the year in December, this is also the month when traffic deaths reach their peak. The conviviality of the season causes people to relax their guard and thus contribute greatly to the traffic death toll.

"That is why we ask the public to cooperate with the Texas Safety Association in enlarging the Back the Attack on Traffic Accidents campaign in Texas. The attack has been stepped up during December to arouse more people to fight holiday hazards and cut down the holiday traffic death toll," Mrs. Strauss said.

During this season every driver and pedestrian should dedicate his efforts toward making the season and the year following a safe one. Our goal must be the conversion of the potential dangers inherent in the holiday season into round, sensible safety behavior," she added. "And, remember, it's more blessed to give, than to take chances."

Mrs. Strauss also urged that each person re-examine his responsibility toward the entire problem of traffic safety because individual acceptance of the rules of safety is a vital part of the accident prevention program.

Merkelites In Guided Missile Training Exercise

WITH THE FIRST FLEET (F-1HTNC) — Armon D. Clark, seaman, USN, of 309 El Paso st., Merkel, aboard the attack cargo ship USS Chara, and Van D. Car-

CHRISTMAS JOY



May the light of the stately candles be your symbol of glowing happiness.

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... of the coast of Southern California during Dec. 2-6.

... emphasized the latest and most modern tactics in air and guided missile strikes against land mass, air defense, anti-submarine and replenishment operations.

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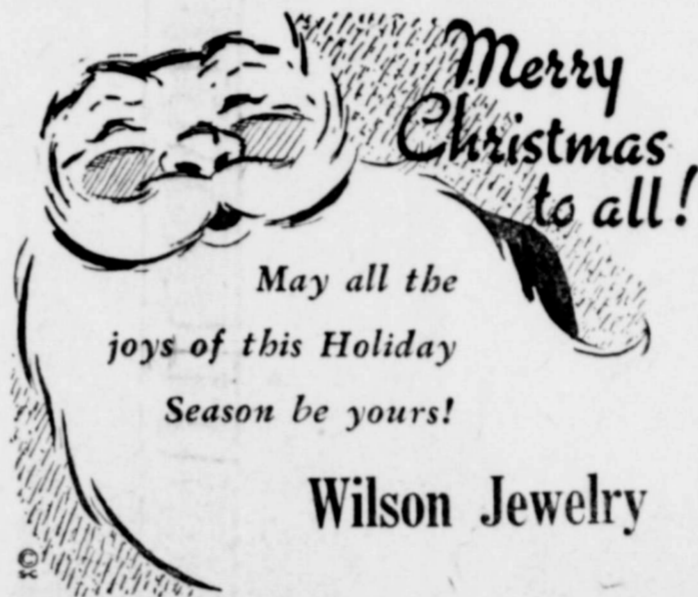
County ... Meet

The County wide Christmas luncheon for the Jones County Home Demonstration Clubs was held in Memorial Hall in Anson on Tuesday Dec. 10 with 13 clubs represented and between 60 and 65 women present.

The dining room was decorated in the holiday motif with arrangements of pine cones, candles, and colored angel hair on tables and the piano, and the traditional tree complete with gifts for all.

Following the buffet meal, a program was presented by the Good Neighbor and Pleasant Valley Clubs. The scripture was read to a musical background.

Mrs. Santa Claus, instead of her husband, made her appearance, and two ladies dressed as Mrs. Santas stumped a panel of four members when it failed to decide just which of the three ladies was Santa's wife.



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