

Christmas Greetings to All

The Devil's River News

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FOURTEENTH WEEK

Son of
a gun...

The Sonora carpenters will start construction on a house for the Elmo Mitchell family after Christmas. The building fund has about \$200 and needs about \$250 more. Labor is being furnished free. The money will be used only for materials. Please leave your check at the bank or at Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.

Had an interesting visit with Clayton Tolliver, who enjoyed a successful year training and racing horses in New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona. Tolliver handled ten horses owned by seven owners and won a total of \$21,000 in purse money.

On the statistical side, Tolliver started his horses 112 times and won 30 firsts, 25 seconds, 22 thirds, 15 fourths, and finished out of the money only ten times. His three best purses were the Maturity Trials at Denver (\$2,600), Arizona Quarter Horse Derby at Tucson (\$1,500), and the Stevenson Allowance at Ruidoso (\$1,250). This last was for a mile and 6 furlongs.

Tolliver's horses are all owned by Texas people like J. S. Holman, Mrs. Ward Holman of San Saba, Spencer Treaharne of El Paso, McCabe Brothers of Colorado City, Cliff Butler of Eagle Pass, A. B. Wilkerson of Menard. Tolliver owns one of the horses himself, and will have ten more ready to race next spring.

One for the books: Your Devil's River News has not been late a single time during 1953. Even Louis Davis and Johnny Martin have to give us that much.

We have watched with interest Christmas buying this year and it appears that business in Sonora was very good although a little down from last year. For a ranching community three months into its fourth year of drought we would say business was excellent. People are buying more carefully than in many years, it is true, but they are buying and they are paying their bills. Oil development has helped a great deal and we are very thankful for it.

So it looks like Sonora is still in the ring at the end of 1953, a little bit mashed up, perhaps, but still full of fight. As we prepare to welcome 1954, the News staff would like to wish each of you a merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Got to talking to Clyde (Pappy) Clemens last week and he told us that although he spells his name the same as Samuel (Mark Twain) Clemens, the great American humorist, and also hails from Missouri, he does not claim kinship.

This led us to digging around for Mark Twain anecdotes and we found two stories you might like.

Mark Twain was a born borrower, especially of books. One of his neighbors undertook to cure him. When Twain asked for the loan of a book, his neighbor said, "Certainly. But I've made a rule that any volume taken from my library must be read on the premises."

A week later, the neighbor came to borrow Twain's lawn-mower. "Of course you may have it," said Twain. "But I've made a rule that any lawn-mower of mine be used on my own lawn."

Another Mark Twain story concerns his attendance as a guest of honor at the Metropolitan Opera House. It took place in a box and his wealthy hostess had been unusually talkative all through the performance. At the end of the opera, she thanked Twain for coming and added, "I do hope you'll be my guest again... What about Wednesday?" The opera will be "Carmen."

"I'd love to," replied Twain. "I've never heard you in 'Carmen.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Caldwell will have as guests during the Christmas holidays their daughters, Mrs. R. L. Andes and son of Brownfield, and Mrs. Leo Snelson and son of Seminole. Their son, Pvt. J. R. Caldwell, stationed at Fort Bliss, is also home on fifteen day leave.

Jack Ratliff, a student at the University of Texas, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ratliff and brothers, Bill and Shannon.

Will Behrens Dies Tuesday

Funeral services for Will Behrens were held from the Church of Christ in Mason Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Behrens died here Tuesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ervin Willman, with whom he had made his home for several years.

A brief service was held in Sonora Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the Ratliff Funeral Home prior to taking the body to Mason. Pat Stephenson, minister of the Sonora Church of Christ, officiated at the service. Pallbearers were Dick Morrison, Harold Garrett, Mat Adams, G. T. Rode, George E. Smith, and Loyd McMullen.

Mr. Behrens was born in Fredericksburg in 1875 and moved to Mason with his parents at the age of eight. He lived there all his life until he and Mrs. Behrens, who died three years ago, moved to Sonora.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Willman, and three sons, Bob Behrens of Sonora, and Oscar and Olson Behrens of Mason.

SOME STORE TO CLOSE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

To close the day after Christmas or not to close still seems to be something of a problem in Sonora.

Definitely closing are the Wesley Sawyer Jewelry, the Sonora Feed and Supply, the Stockmen's Feed Company and the Devil's River News. The Western Union office will be open, however.

Lions See Movie McCamey Game

Lions and their guests were shown color movies of the Sonora-McCamey bi-district game Tuesday following luncheon at the Methodist Church. Coach Joe Turner gave a commentary on the film.

Boyd Lovelace and George E. Smith reported the club would deliver Christmas baskets to needy families this year and asked that names of needy families be turned in to them.

Guests of the club were Charles Lee Haines, Charles Lee Cusenbary, Jack Ratliff, Frank Howell, Glen Green, Sgt. Bill Ray, and Frank Bond.

4-H Club Set For Houston Livestock Show

Sutton County 4-H Club members have entered 31 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 \$4,873 with special prizes in the Hampshire, Suffolk and Cheviot classes.

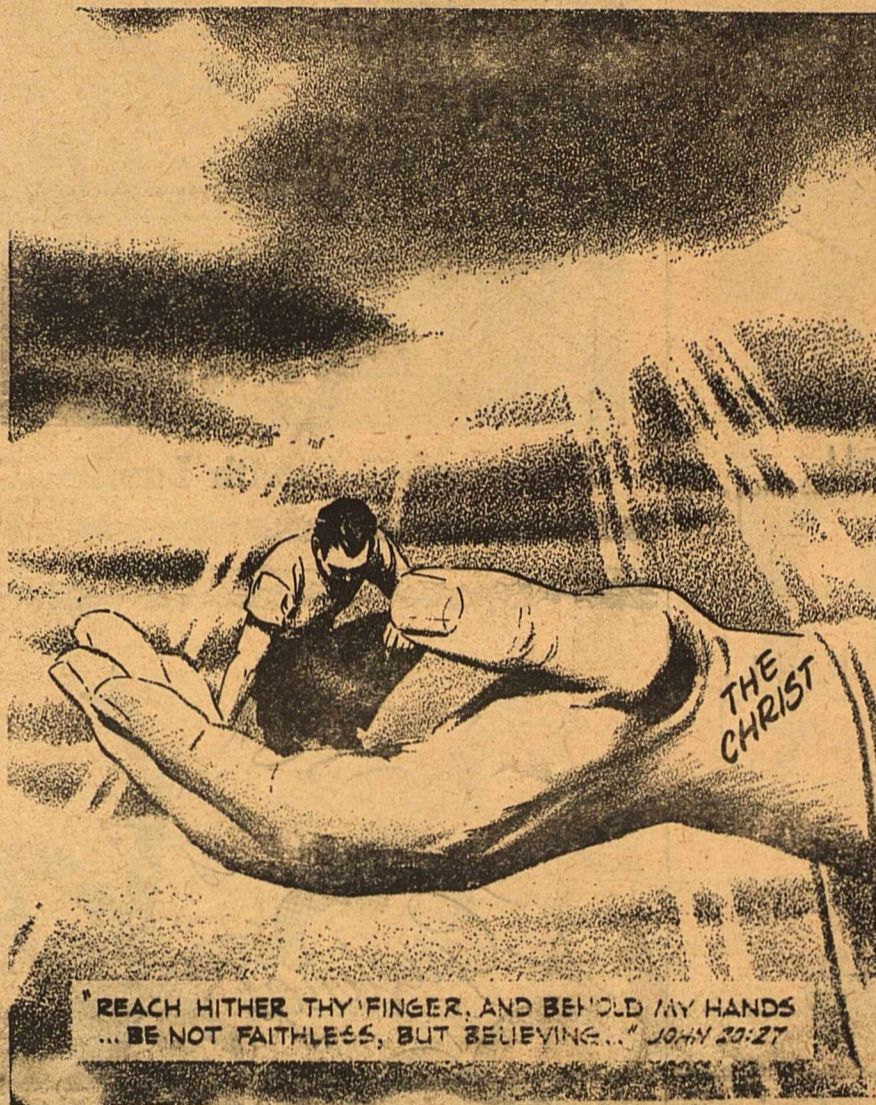
Cash awards offered in the boy's Lamb Show amount to \$952 with a special award in the Southdown classes.

The Grand Champion lamb of last year's Houston show was exhibited by Jack Herzik of Schulenburg, Texas and was purchased at the record price of \$3,150 by Leslie O. Tarrant of Houston.

The Cisco Kid and Pancho, played by television stars Duncan Renaldo and Leo Carrillo, will be the featured rodeo entertainers. After each performance they will personally hand out autographed pictures to all children attending the rodeo.

According to early box office reservations, a sell-out is expected for the world's championship rodeo. There will be the usual Saturday and Sunday matinee performances in addition to the night performances February 3 through 14.

IN APPRECIATION OF A SCAR



Light Snow Falls Here

REPRESENTATIVE FROM ARMY GUIDED MISSILE STATION TO BE HERE

A representative of White Sands Proving Ground, the Army's rocket and guided missile testing station near Las Cruces, N. M., will visit Sonora High School Thursday, January 14.

Bill Montable, assistant co-ordinator for the WSPG Co-operative Student Training Program, will tell members of the senior class and other interested students about the opportunity to work at White Sands Proving Ground while studying at one of two nearby colleges toward their degrees.

Student-trainees under the "Co-op" plan work full time at WSPG for six months each year and then study full time at college for six months. Alternating six-month work and study periods continue for five years, after which the "Co-ops" receive their bachelor's degrees.

They receive from \$1.32 to \$1.53 per hour during the work periods. Requirements for degrees are the same as for full-time students who graduate in four years.

But "Co-ops" gain the advantage of 2½ years of practical experience while still in college. And the money earned during each six-month work period may pay all their college expenses.

The co-operative plan has been in effect since July, 1952, and now has an enrollment of 328 students at New Mexico A. & M. College, Las Cruces. A similar program will begin in February at Texas Western College, El Paso.

At New Mexico A. & M., co-operative students are majoring in physics, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, mathematics and civil engineering. The Texas Western program will be confined to electrical engineering majors at first, but may be expanded later.

Also in February, the program will be open to women students for the first time. At New Mexico A. & M., women majoring in physics or mathematics may become "Co-ops."

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Elliott and children are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cole, in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bennett are spending Christmas in Brackettville with their daughter, Mrs. T. O. McCallum, and family.

SECOND GAS PRODUCER COMPLETED BY HUMBLE

The North (Strawn) gas field of Sutton County gained its second producer and one location south-southeast extension with completion of Humble Oil & Refining Co. 1 North Branch Unit, located in BS&F survey, 20 miles northeast of Sonora, for a daily gauge of 12 million cubic feet of gas.

The completion was through perforations between 5,875-5,915 feet. The perforations had been treated with 5,000 gallons of acid.

DE MOLAYS ATTEND DANCE

De Molays from Sonora and their dates attending the De Molay annual Christmas Dance held at the Melody Club in San Angelo Monday night included Albert Ward, Jan Keng, Darcy Carroll, Betsy Ross, George Spinks, Martha Powell, Donald Fuqua, Vicki Archer, Turney Friess, June Henderson, John Stanley Hamby, Rose Alice Turney, Tracy Crites, Marla Schwiening, Jack Johnson, Vicki Savell, Jimmy Morrow, Mrs. J. W. Pepper, Robert Guest, Martha Mittel, Frank Adkins, Patty Hardesty of Ozona.

Willis Minnick, Martha Moore, Henry Ehrenburg, Lou Ann Adkins, Billy Frank Turney and Shirley Thornton of San Angelo.

Personal Notes

J. F. Howell, Jr., a student at Tulane University in New Orleans is at home for Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell. Dr. Howell's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Finkle of McCamey, will also be their guests Christmas day. Dr. Howell's mother, Mrs. G. W. Howell, who has been visiting here since November will return to McCamey with the Finkles.

Home from Texas A. & M. College is Tyree Hardy, who is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Mayer will have as guests during the holidays his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mayer, of San Angelo and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hirsh of Atlanta, Georgia.

Wayne Ogden, University of Texas student, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ogden.

Christmas Here In 1912 Was 3-Day Affair With Auto Race, Baby Contest

Hospital Officers And Directors Reelected

L. W. Elliott was reelected president of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital last week at the annual board meeting. Other officers reelected include Joe M. Vander Stucken, first vice-president; Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, second vice-president; George H. Neill, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Decker, secretary.

Directors reelected include Mrs. Roy E. Aldwell, Vander Stucken, Mrs. Sawyer, Fred T. Earwood, Bryan Hunt and Hillman D. Brown.

Other directors are Mrs. G. H. Davis, Joe F. Logan, Ben F. Meeker, George H. Neill, Joe B. Ross, John R. McClelland, L. W. Elliott, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, Mrs. Tom Ratliff, Clayton Hamilton, Herbert Fields and James D. Trainer.

Firemen To Hold New Year Dance

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual New Year's Eve dance December 31 at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company warehouse. Martin's Melody Boys will furnish the music.

The dance will be held from 9 until 1 o'clock and admission is \$1.50 per person.

TEXAS FARM PRICES FIRM IN NOVEMBER

Texas farm prices remained firm in November, halting downturn which dropped average income 20 per cent under the post-war record high, the Texas Bureau of Business Research reports.

The November price index exactly equalled that of October and was 14 per cent under the November, 1952, level. Prices for livestock and livestock products were up 3 percent; fruit, 4 percent; and oil-bearing crops 2 percent, offsetting declines in potatoes and sweet potatoes (11 percent) and truck crops (8 percent).

Texas citrus growers are continuing their recovery from the 1951 freeze, cotton production prospects are bright, and fall rains have improved Texas general agricultural conditions, the Bureau says.

A-2c Orville Anthony, stationed at Kessler AFB, Miss., is at home on fifteen days Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anthony, and family.

Christmas in Sonora in 1912 was a gala affair that lasted three days and included everything from a community Christmas party to an automobile race and baby contest.

According to stories taken from the Devil's River News December 7, 1912, through 21, Sonora's Christmas "Celebration" began with the general Christmas Tree at the Court House on Christmas Eve. The "Official Programme" published on page one states "The following were appointed on the different committees: Purchasing committee: To buy all presents, direct the affairs and have general supervision of tree, Mesdames J. A. Ward, B. M. Halbert and Walter Davis."

On the decoration committee were Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Mrs. V. J. Turney, Mrs. J. D. Lowrey, Misses Jessie Smith (Mrs. L. E. Johnson), Lucille Grimland (Mrs. B. W. Hutcherson), and T. A. Williams, Stanton Ward, Russell Martin, Rector Cusenbary and Guy Worrell.

Nothing was planned for Christmas morning, but Christmas afternoon things got busy again with a quarter-mile horse race for \$100 and an automobile race. A "Grand Free Ball" was held that night at the club house (old Scout Hall).

The day after Christmas, the day's program was opened with a baby contest which the editor announced as follows: "A baby show will be at the Court House on 26th, at 10:30 a. m. For finest looking Sutton County baby 12 months or under: \$5 to 1st, 2 to 2nd, \$1 to 3rd. No entrance fee." That afternoon there were more races plus the judging for a livestock show which included classes for Hereford and Durham bulls, sheep (no particular breeds) Angora goats, jacks, stallions. Judges at the livestock show included H. P. Allison, Thomas Bond, J. N. Ross, A. F. Clarkson, C. F. Adams, G. W. Stephenson, Don Cooper, Walter Whitehead, W. A. Miers, George S. Allison, W. L. Aldwell and D. J. Wyatt.

A girls basketball game open to all girls attending school in Sutton or adjoining counties was the feature attraction of the afternoon of December 27.

LOAN ASSOCIATION DECLARES DIVIDEND

The Sonora National Farm Loans Association declared a 10 percent dividend last week, it was reported by A. E. Prugel, secretary-treasurer.

The dividend totaled \$15,480 and was divided among 130 stockholders, Prugel said.

Attend SOME Church Sunday.



SANTA CLAUS ASSEMBLY LINE—Four young patients at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, at Dallas, prepare Christmas presents on an assembly-line basis. With Christmas almost here, the children—left to right, James Pool, 5, Dallas; Shirley Newberry, 5, Dallas; Larry Joe Thompson, 6, O'Donnell, Texas; and Mary Ann Board, 3, Mineola, Texas—are busily painting and wrapping clay mugs adorned with Santa Claus faces. The youngsters, who will send the presents home, are assisted by Occupational Therapist Elizabeth Graves at the Scottish Rite Hospital, which is supported by contributions from generous Texans.

Slums cost a city much more than they contribute in tax revenues, according to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. A single major city paid out in fire, police, welfare and other services, seven times more than revenues collected from its slum areas.

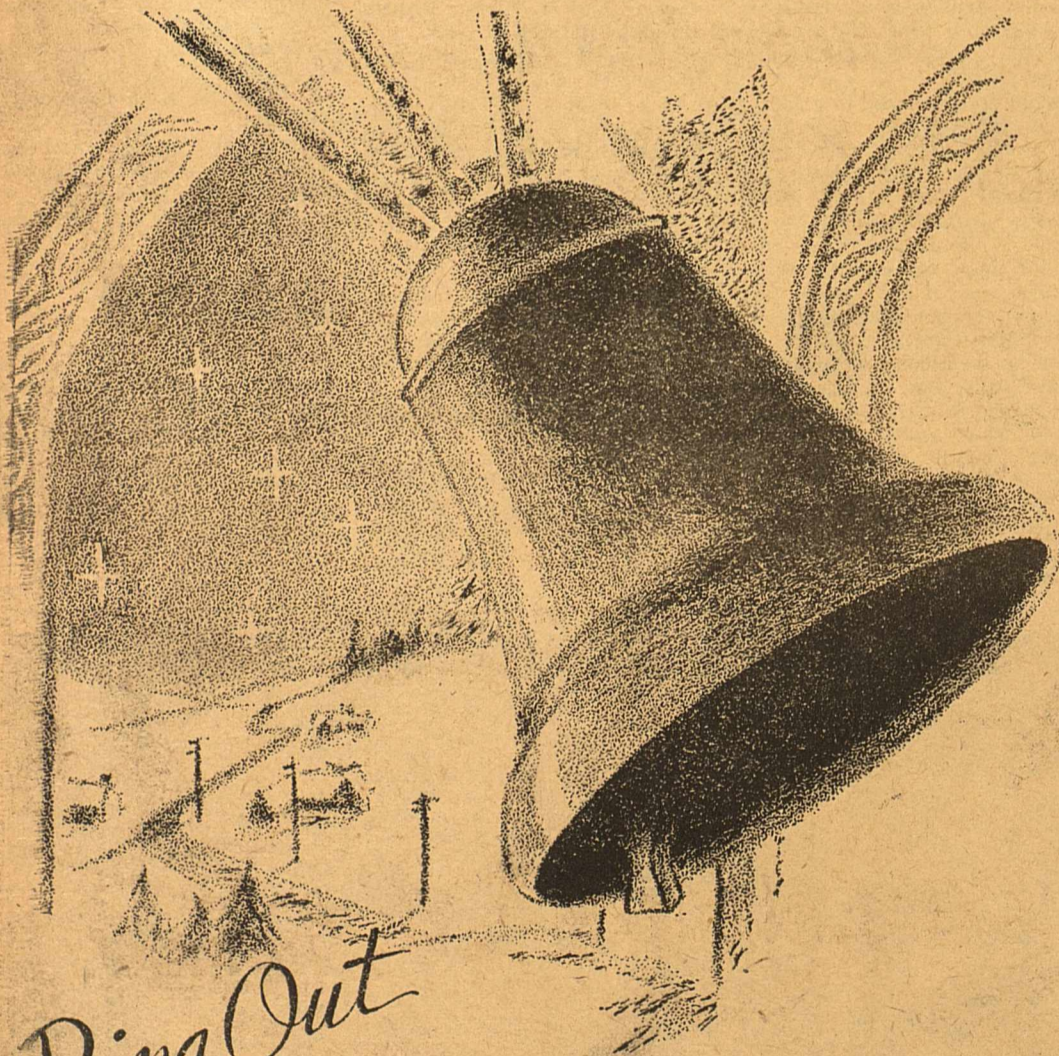
Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Nance and son, Cleveland, Jr., are spending Christmas day in Menard with her mother, Mrs. Mildred Zimmerman.

Bill Savell, a student of Baylor University, is at home for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miers Savell, and sister, Vicki, and other relatives.

Attend SOME Church Sunday.



HALL THEATRES - Bronco Drive-Inn, La Vista



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As we approach another Christmas, we are moved to a deeper, more sincere appreciation of our friends. May this Christmas deepen our mutual respect for one another — may our strong friendships grow even stronger with each new season.

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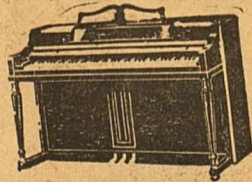
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41 Years Ago

Mrs. Will Wilson was in town Friday from the ranch visiting Santa Claus.

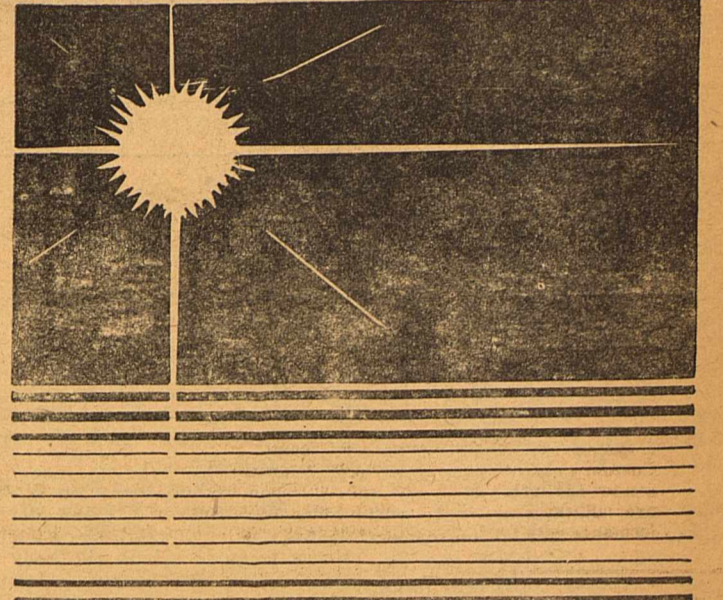
Married on Wednesday December 18, 1912, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. J. D. Worrell officiating, Mrs. Belle Carter to Earl Binyon. The happy couple left for the R. H. Chalk ranch where they will make their home. The groom is a young man of good character and industrious habits and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Merriman and much ad-

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admired by her friends. The News extends congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Binyon.

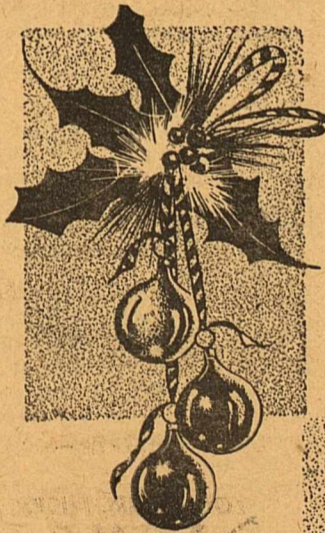
Fred Munson, Jr., of Anchorage, Alaska is here visiting his father, Fred Munson, who is a patient at Hudspeth Memorial Hospital.



and lo! the star which they saw
in the east, went before them
till it came and stood over
where the young Child was!



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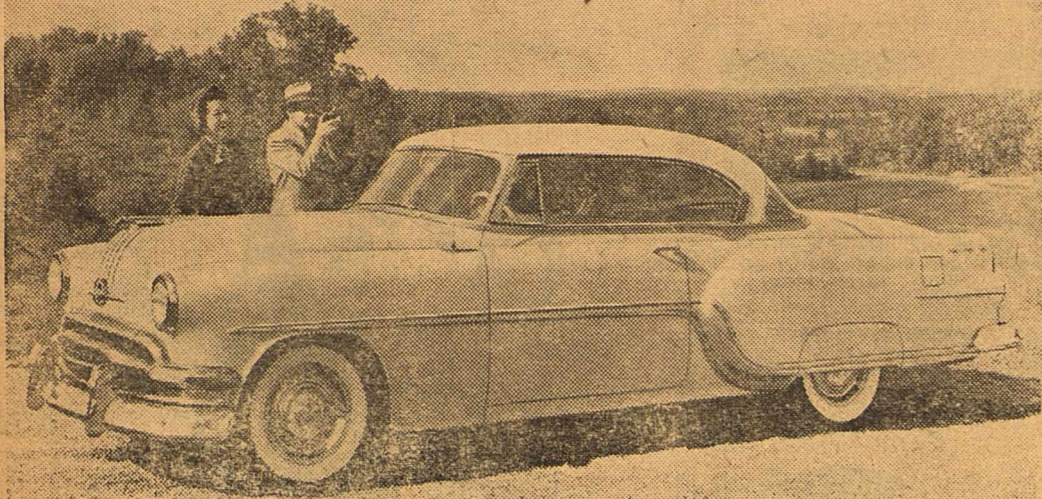
the year we too seldom take sufficient time to acknowledge the courtesies and friendships of those whom we know and serve.

For that reason we are glad Christmas comes at least once a year — it gives us an opportunity to pause and say to you in all sincerity

Merry
Christmas

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Sonora's Apparel Center

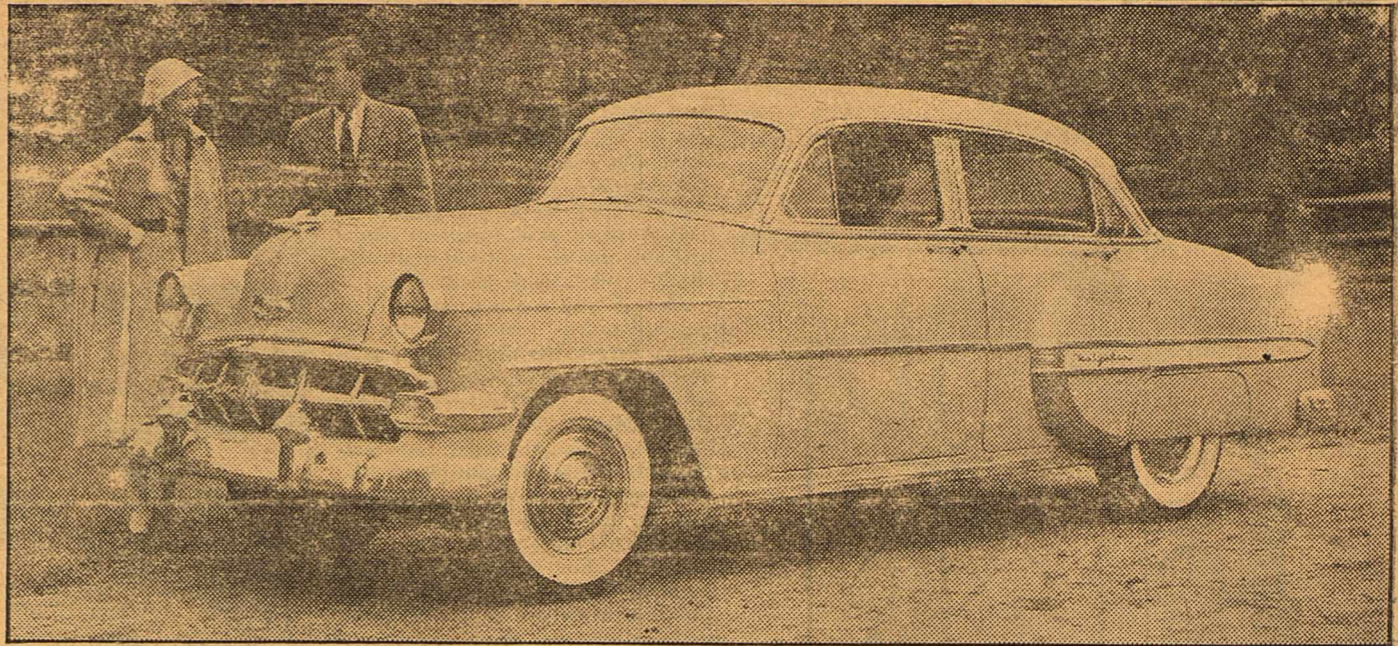
The Star Chief Custom Catalina for 1954



Queen of the highways, the Pontiac Star Chief Custom Catalina is bigger, longer, more beautiful. On a new 124-inch wheelbase and eleven inches longer over-all, the Star Chief Custom Catalina has new performance with the increased horsepower eight-cylinder

engine and Dual-Range Hydra-Matic, new bright color combinations and new lovely top grain leather or leather-and-nylon interiors. Pontiac in 1954 also offers a Custom and a Deluxe Catalina in the 122-inch wheelbase Chieftain series with its distinctive styling.

Chevrolet Bel Airs Re-Styled for 1954 Market



Designed for that lower, longer look so prized in modern automotive styling, the new Chevrolets meet other high standards besides eye appeal. The 1954 models have more power, better performance and chassis improvements that will substantially increase the pleasure and convenience of motoring. For 1954, a total of 13 body models are available in three series of cars. The Powerglide automatic transmission, linked to a 125-horsepower engine, is now optional on all cars. Above is pictured the Bel Air four-door sedan.

Dollar Synopsis Of Army Spending Reveals How 15 Billion Is Being Spent

WASHINGTON—The Army is making every effort to limit its expenditures to approximately \$15,000,000,000 (B) this fiscal year. How is this money being spent? Slightly more than one-third of this amount—\$5,000,000,000 (B)—is being spent for procurement and for the maintenance of a production basis capable of producing

weapons and associated combat equipment. This equipment includes items such as tanks, guns, ammunition, guided missiles, vehicles, electronic equipment and aircraft. It is this money which permits the production of superior weapons and equipment to meet and defeat a potential enemy.

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For the pay, allowances, subsistence, clothing and travel of its uniformed members, the Army is spending another \$5,000,000,000 (B).

The largest single item of expense within this group of expenditures is soldiers' pay. It amounts to approximately 70 percent. Food, clothing and travel account for the remaining 30 percent.

For maintenance and operations, the Army is spending approximately \$4,000,000,000 (B). This money is being used to cover expenses such as those incurred in the procurement of spare parts and other essential supplies, for the operations of depots and schools, for cargo transportation, for utilities and other services at Army installations, for expenses incurred in training and field exercises and a score of other diversified activities essential to the operation of the over-all Army establishment.

Approximately \$400,000,000 (M) is being spent for research and development. A large portion of this money is being used to accelerate guided missile and chemical warfare development, and to improve electronic locating devices.

The Army is spending approximately \$400,000,000 (M) for military construction and public works. It is being spent to provide adequate training and storage facilities for its 1,500,000 (M) man

Charles Lee Haines, a student at San Angelo College, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Haines, during the holidays.

James Theodore Hunt, a student at the University of Texas, arrived Tuesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt.

News Want Ads Bring Results.

Army and their equipment both here in the United States and overseas.

To support and maintain a strong and ready reserve force the Army also is spending approximately \$300,000,000 (M). This money finances the activities of the Army Reserve, the Reserve Officer's Training Corps, and the Army National Guard.

Another \$106,000,000 (M) is being spent for such activities as civilian relief in Korea, operation of the Alaskan Communications System, and other areas for which the Army has responsibilities.

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GREETINGS

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Your Health

State Health Officer George W. Cox looked at the calendar today and saw chapping weather ahead. "Two weather changes—dew point and barometric pressure—cause skin to chap and crack," the season-conscious Dr. Cox pointed out. "Chapping is always more frequent and severe from December through February."

That is the time of year when weather forecasts are likely to read: "low barometric pressure, moist air followed by sudden high pressure and dryness with low dew point." It adds up to real chapping conditions. Dew point is the temperature at which moisture begins to condense into visible rain. It makes a useful index of actual humidity. When it is low, chapping can be severe. Wind hastens chapping, too, Dr.

Cox commented, especially when skin is wet. Quick evaporation is the big factor here. Dryness might actually be increased by hot water, soap, or the so-called protective oils, lotions, and creams. A day's injury sometimes takes weeks to heal.

A chapped condition can run the gamut from plain dryness and itching to splits and fissures which bleed and crust.

An artificial humidifier in the house would be a big help, the health officer said, but you could probably get the quickest relief by checking with your doctor.

And if you happen to have a psychrometer, an instrument which determines humidity, you'll be able to foresee chapping weather ahead and take precautions. Don't think it terms of "relative humidity," though. That indicates the percentage of atmospheric saturation at a given temperature, and is unreliable because warm air can hold more water vapor than cold air. For example, relative humidity of 80 percent indicates far less moisture at 40 degrees than it does when the thermometer stands at 60 degrees.

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1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
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Combine white sauce, 1 cup
grated cheese, almonds, Worcester-

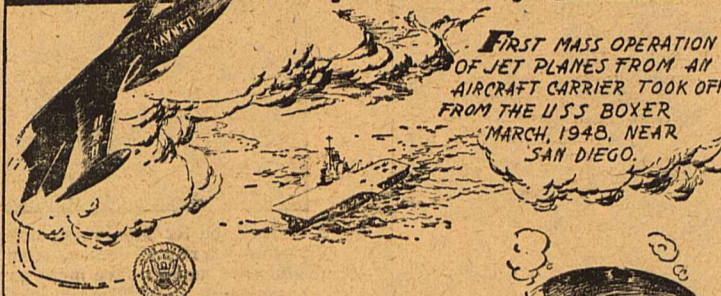
shire sauce, salt, black pepper and red pepper. Place asparagus in buttered baking dish and pour sauce over it. Top with 1 cup grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

***Thick white sauce**
3 Tbsps. fat
6 Tbsps. flour
Melt fat add flour and salt, stir until smooth.
Add milk and cook until thick.

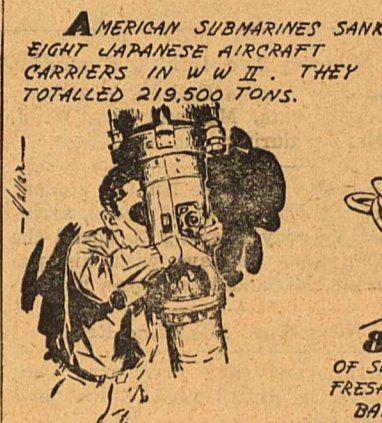
1 tsp salt
2 cups milk

Little Known Facts

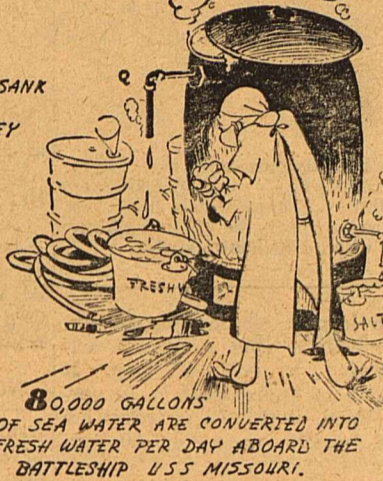
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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Gran-ger and children, Brenda and Bobby, are spending Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Crites in Grafard.

Mrs. W. W. McCoy and son, Rufus McCoy, of West are here to spend the Christmas holidays with

her son, W. A. McCoy, and family.

Mrs. Stanley Lloyd arrived Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays and an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Stites, and niece Miss Annella Stites.

Pat Jungk who has been employ- ed in Orange is here now with his mother, Mrs. C. F. Bode.



GREETINGS

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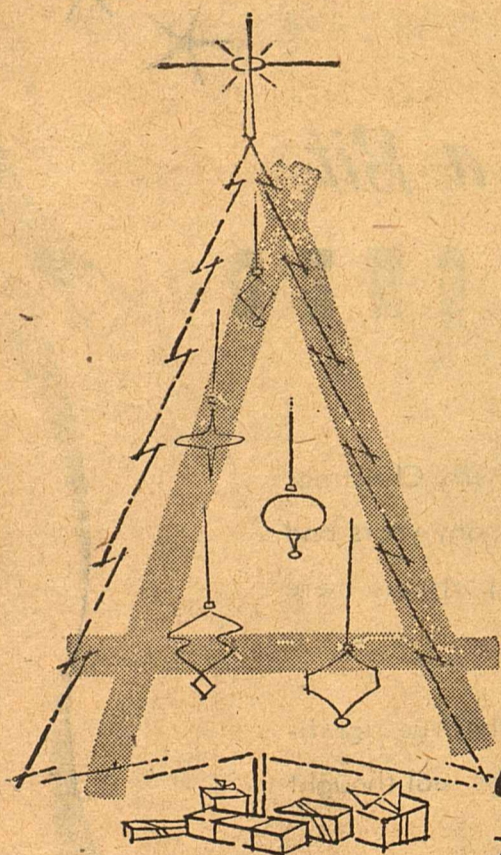
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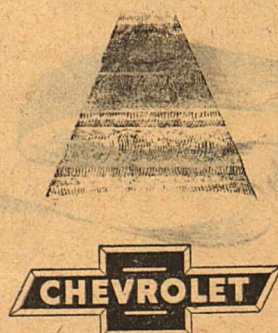
May this Holiday Season
bring you much happiness, health, and good fortune.

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"Merry
Christmas



From the Red River to the Rio Grande, your friends and neighbors at your electric service company wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

West Texas Utilities
Company

and Happy
New Year!"

The Woman's Page

Mrs. Artie Davis, Society Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, December 25, 1953

MRS. PRICE ENTERTAINS WITH BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. D. A. Price was hostess at a dessert bridge party at her home at the Experiment Station last week.

The mantel was decorated with a Christmas theme.

Mrs. Thomas Nix won the high score, Mrs. Ed Grobe consolation, Mrs. Andre Truden won slam prize and Mrs. Frank Otis Clout of Rocksprings won bingo.

Attending were Meses. R. W. Wallace, Jack Grafa, Ed Grobe, Thomas Nix, Frank Otis Clout, Gene Shurley, Andre Truden, Carl Cahill, Sidney Awar, O. L. Richardson, W. T. Magee and Leo Merrill.

Mrs. Marjorie Shoemaker of Houston will spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nance are spending the Christmas holidays in Seminole with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Beall, and family.

NORMAN DAVISES HOSTS AT PARTY WEDNESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Norman S. Davis entertained with a supper bridge party Wednesday night at their home.

Christmas trimmings, candles and arrangements of red carnations were used to decorate the party rooms.

Mrs. Cleve T. Jones, Jr., won the high score for ladies and E. B. Keng won high men's score. The bingo prizes were won by B. H. Cusenbary and Mrs. Harold Friess. Attending were Messrs. and Meses. Edwin Sawyer, Harold Friess, B. H. Cusenbary, Rip Ward, J. T. Ratliff, E. B. Keng and Mrs. Cleve T. Jones, Jr.

Miss McDowell Bride Of Phillip Cooper

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McDowell of Santa Ana, California, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Betty Katherine McDowell, to Corporal John Phillip Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper of Sonora.

The wedding was held November 24 at the First Christian Church in Santa Ana, where the couple are making their home. Corporal Cooper, who returned from Korea last April, is stationed with the Marine Corps at the El Toro Marine Air Base.

FIREMEN ENTERTAIN WITH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Sonora Volunteer Firemen entertained their families and friends with their annual Christmas party at the Ka Bar Club Monday night.

A Christmas tree was held. Santa came and passed out Christmas packages to those present. The children played games.

Following the Christmas tree, guests danced to recorded music. Approximately fifty attended.

Music Club Has Guest Night Program

The Sonora Music Club observed guest night Thursday at the Woman's club house.

Hostesses were Meses. W. T. Hardy, Bryan Hunt, Herman Smith and G. H. Davis.

Mrs. E. S. Mayer presided at the meeting.

The centerpiece on the table, laid with a green Christmas cloth, was a styrofoam base centered with a white violin surrounded by red carnations and holly. The entire arrangement was covered with a film of white snow sprinkled with miniature red stars. On the piano was a miniature sled and reindeer containing red carnations and holly. Arrangements of red carnations were placed at vantage points throughout the room.

Mrs. Rex Lowe told the stories of six Christmas carols and following each story the club sang the carol.

Mrs. W. T. Hardy told the story of the Hymn of the Month "All My Heart This Night Rejoiced."

Cranberry punch and Christmas cookies were served.

All types of bulbs, plenty of pansies, large nursery stock at the Saunders Flower Shop. Call 27191. 1 to 14.

Office Supplies At News Office.

W. S. C. S. Holds Christmas Party

A Christmas program and coffee was held in the home of Mrs. Cleve T. Jones, Jr., by the Woman's Society of Christian Service last Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Ella Wallace and Mrs. G. H. Davis were cohostesses.

The table was centered with an arrangement of red carnations. Mrs. Wallace presided at the coffee service.

Members brought bits of socks and toothpaste to be packed and mailed to a Methodist project in Alpine. Mrs. C. W. Taylor, supply chairman, was in charge of this project. She also presented a skit, "The Meaning of Christmas". Taking part in the skit were Meses. J. T. Sellman, G. H. Hall, A. E. Prugel, Herbert Fields, L. E. Johnson, Jr., and J. T. Davis.

The Society voted to spend \$25 toward helping to supply gifts of food or other items that the Christian Social Relation Committee might see fit to buy for a family at this season of the year.

Mrs. W. L. Davis, program leader presented the theme, "The Important Role of a Mother" displaying a worship center featuring a China figurine of a Madonna resting on a table draped with angel hair and flanked on either side with lighted blue candles representative of Heaven and stars.

She opened the program with a scripture reading followed by the group singing "Away in a Manger."

Mrs. E. E. Sawyer spoke briefly on how we came to have Red Cross and Christmas Seals.

Background music from "The Messiah" was played and the group sang carols, accompanied by the piano by Mrs. G. H. Hall.

A Christmas parable, "A Shepherd Watched", written by John W. Dunning, was given by Mrs. J. F. Howell.

Twenty-five members attended.



On this glorious Christmas occasion we rejoice in the knowledge that it is a day of remembrance and thanksgiving, a day to be grateful of the blessings that have been ours to enjoy. We are joyous on this occasion and wish you —

Christmas greetings

George Barrow, Your Jeweler



MRS. NANCE HOSTESS TO FIDELIS CLASS PARTY

The Fidelis Class held their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. R. G. Nance.

A program "Christmas Bells" was given.

Mrs. Jim Perry was in charge of the Christmas games.

Mrs. J. E. Eldridge gave the devotional and read a story "The Holly Corsage." She also read the Christmas Story from the Bible, Luke 2.

The group sang "Silent Night, Holy Night."

GLEANERS CLASS PARTY HELD AT McCOY HOME

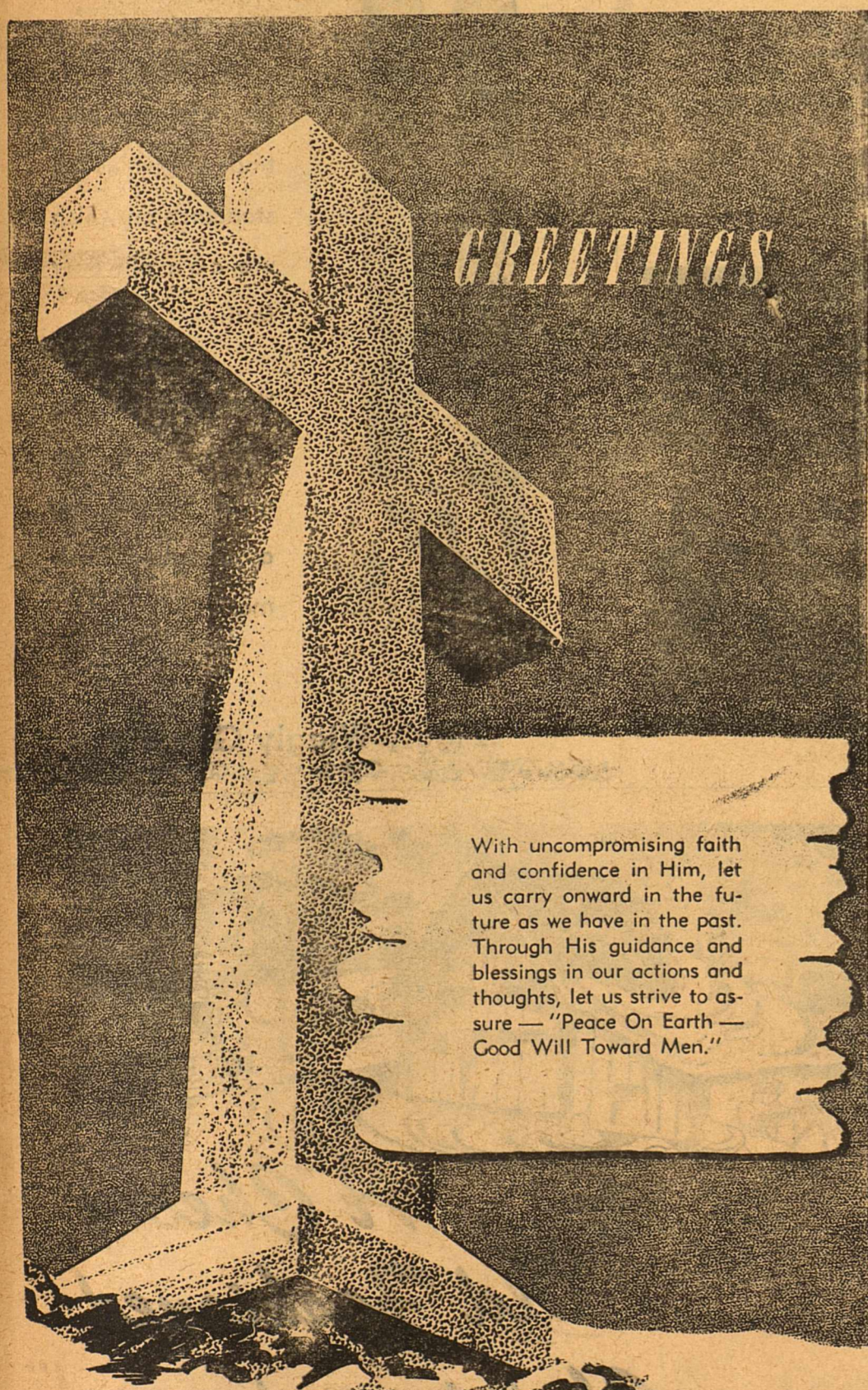
The Gleaners Class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. W. A. McCoy for their annual Christmas party.

Miss Betty Rankhorn read a Christmas Story and the group played bingo for the Christmas gifts.

A sandwich plate, cookies, coffee and tea were served to Meses. Tommy Chenault, Rip Ward, A. A. Cowser, Tommy Smith, Reggie Trainer, Rex Lowe, J. E. Eldridge and Meses Betty Rankhorn, Hazel Caldwell and Betty Sue Caldwell.

George Allen Barrow and John Winslow, both students of T. M. I. in San Antonio are at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Barrow and the Rev. and Mrs. John E. Winslow for Christmas.

Sonora Steam Laundry & Dry Cleaners
Clyde Clemens Thos. B. Thorp



With uncompromising faith and confidence in Him, let us carry onward in the future as we have in the past. Through His guidance and blessings in our actions and thoughts, let us strive to assure — "Peace On Earth — Good Will Toward Men."

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COME SEE IT!

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

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<p>New!</p> <p>LOWER PRICED POWER STEERING <i>Another Chevrolet "First"!</i></p> <p>The first Power Steering in its field now reduced in price! Optional at extra cost on all models.</p>		
<p>New!</p> <p>CHEVROLET'S EXCLUSIVE POWERGLIDE <i>Now for All Models!</i></p> <p>Now you can have smooth, thrifty Powerglide on any model. Teamed with the "Blue-Flame 125" engine, it's optional at extra cost.</p>		



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Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Prugel will spend Christmas with Prugel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Prugel, in Eden.

Joe Morrison, Baylor University student, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Johnson have as their guests their sons and families, Dr. and Mrs. William R.

Johnson and children of Sunny Clepe, Arizona, and Dr. and Mrs. Alvis Johnson, Jr., and daughter of Dallas.

Jack E. Mackey, Jr., a student at the University of Texas, is home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Mackey and sister, Wanda.

A-1c and Mrs. Billy Ray, stationed at Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Ellen Ray and sister, Mrs. Theo Cahill and family.

All types of bulbs, plenty of pansies, large nursery stock at the Saunders Flower Shop. Call 27191. 1 to 14.

Office Supplies At News Office. A-2c Orville Anthony, stationed at Keesler AFB, Miss., is at home on fifteen days Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Anthony, and family.

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OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat

OLD TRADITIONS

AND THE NEW YEAR THE TRADITION OF MAKING NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS IS FIRMLY ROOTED IN AMERICA.



AT THIS SEASON, WE ARE APT TO:

LOOK AT OUR JOB AND RESOLVE TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER.

LOOK AT OUR LEISURE AND RESOLVE TO DO MORE WORTHWHILE THINGS.

CAST UP OUR ACCOUNTS AND RESOLVE TO SPEND MORE PRUDENTLY, TO SAVE MORE REGULARLY.

FOR THE MAN STRIVING TO "DO BETTER THAN WELL," AMERICA OFFERS UNUSUAL PROMISE OF FULFILLMENT. FOR FREEDOM OF OPPORTUNITY AND REWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL EFFORT AND INITIATIVE ARE ALSO TRADITIONS IN OUR DEMOCRACY.

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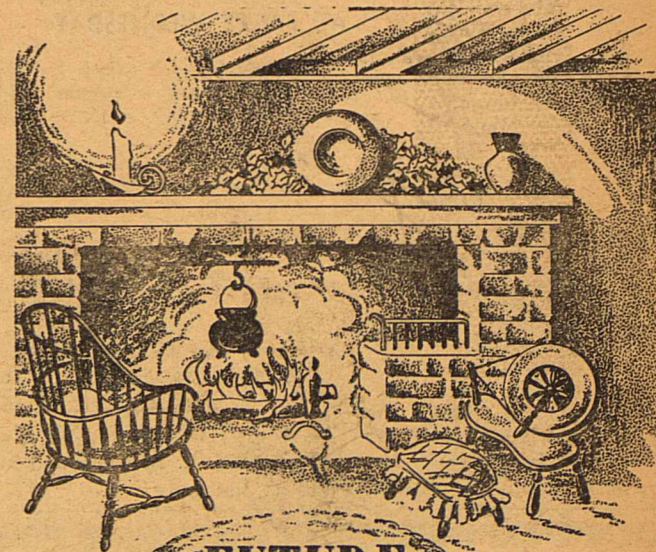
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BE SURE TO USE THE RETURN ENVELOPE WHICH VA SENDS YOU FOR EACH GI INSURANCE PREMIUM. THE INFORMATION PRINTED ON IT HELPS VA TO KEEP YOUR ACCOUNT STRAIGHT.



For full information contact your nearest VETERANS ADMINISTRATION office

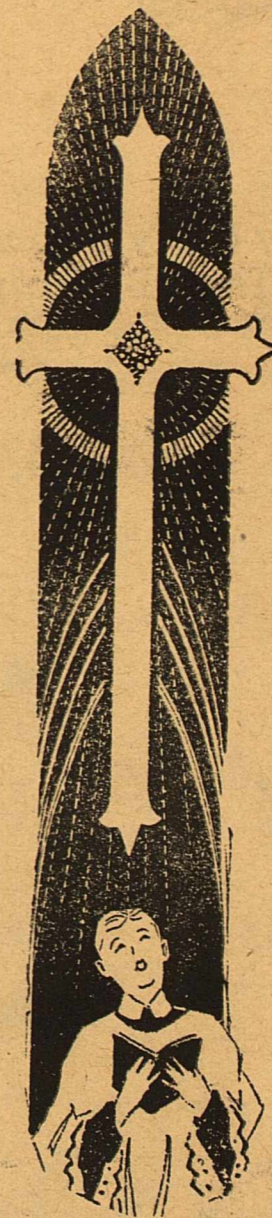
Joe David Ross, Texas A. & M. student is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Ross, during the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Green of Baird are guests of Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening, this week.



May your FUTURE be as satisfying as a HOLIDAY EVENING

LAMBERTS GROCERY

The Christmas Spirit



The goodness and helpfulness of the Christmas Spirit are the things that have kept it alive for two thousand years.

The teachings continue to give us the standards on which we can pin our faith.

With such thoughts uppermost in our minds, we wish you a blessed Christmas.

Piggly Wiggly Grocery



A Cheery Old Fashioned Christmas from...

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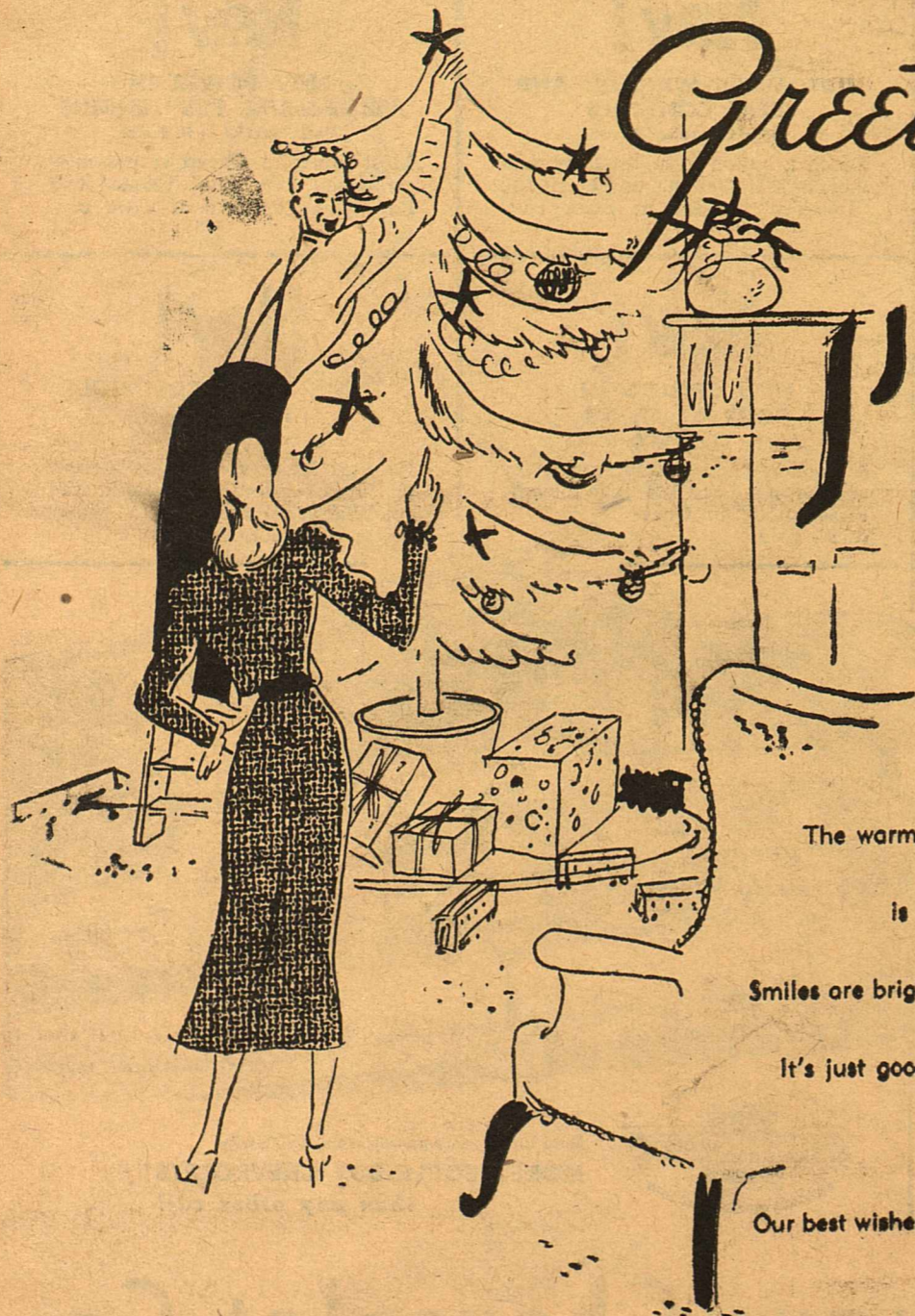
Greetings

The year-end holidays bring a welcome pause in affairs of business... an opportunity to put aside daily cares for a while and share with friends the happiness and good fellowship of the season.



HAMILTON GROCERY

CHRISTMAS Greetings



The warmth and sparkle of Christmas is in evidence everywhere. Smiles are brighter... greetings more friendly. It's just good to have friends. And so, to you, may we express Our best wishes for a Season of real joy and happiness.

Sonora Wool & Mohair Company

Jimmy Morrow, is at home from the University of Texas to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Violet Morrow and sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pepper.

John Stanley Hamby, a student of the University of Texas, is here

to spend his Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hamby.

Miss Jackie Wardlaw, a student of the University of Texas, is here for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wardlaw.

Season's Greetings



Frank's Auto Body & Paint Shop

Joyous Noel

JOYOUS NOEL TO ALL OUR GOOD FRIENDS IN THIS COMMUNITY.

Sonora Electric Company

At This
Radiant Season
of Good Cheer--

WHEN GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND KIND THOUGHTS ARE IN ABUNDANCE, WE SINCERELY EXTEND TO YOU OUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS.



Granger & Johnson Pontiac-Cadillac Co.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Q - Somehow I failed to receive a premium return envelope from the VA for my GI insurance. Does that mean I can skip this month's premium payment?

A - It does not. You should pay the premium anyhow, otherwise you'll run the risk of allowing your policy to lapse. Be sure to include a letter giving your insurance number, service serial number and full name and address, so that VA can identify your policy.

Q - I am a woman veteran, and I'm eligible for training under the Korean GI Bill. May I count my husband as a dependent, for

supporting me?
A - - The husband of a woman veteran-trainee may be classed as a dependent, for GI allowance purposes, only if he is in fact dependent upon her.

Q - - I am a Korean veteran, and I'm still under 21 years of age. Would it be possible for me to get a GI business loan if I meet all the qualifications of the law, even though I'm under age?

A - - Yes, it would be possible, provided the loan is valid under your State's laws governing such transactions by minors.

Q - - I'm a Korean veteran with a service - connected - disability. Would that automatically entitle me to vocational rehabilitation training under Public Law 16?

A - - Not necessarily. One of

41 Years Ago

Miss Myrtle Cusenbary who has been attending a conservatory of music at Los Angeles, California, arrived home Monday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell returned Saturday from San Angelo. Mr. Aldwell says the Oakland '42' attracts attention everywhere in San Angelo.

John and Homer Holman are back from school in Brownwood. They look well and are pleased with the school they have been attending.

Fred Grimland got back from Tyler Saturday. Fred has relatives down there and was happily surrounded on his first stay away from home.

Mrs. W. M. Jones of Lufkin who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R.L. Denman for the past few months died of pneumonia Saturday December 21. The deceased was 61 years of age. Here late husband was for a number of years sheriff of Angelina County. She will be buried at Lufkin.

Bert Cornell DeWitt has gone to Fort Worth on business and pleasure. The Christmas cases will have his consideration at the first session of the J. P. court after his return.

Mrs. Maude Nichols of San Angelo is in Sonora on business and a visit to her son, Alvin Keene. Alvin says Sonora is his home and he does not know if he is going back to San Angelo until after Christmas.

Judge and Mrs. James Cornell have gone on their annual visit to Brackettville for Christmas.

Mrs. S. C. Potter sold her home on Crockett Avenue to J. T. Evans for \$2,200.

Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Peacock and children, Patricia and Ann, of Austin are here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Luella O'Leary, and sister, Miss Edith McIlwain.

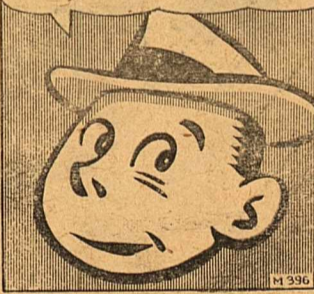
Frank L. Bond, a student at Baylor Dental School in Dallas, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bond. The Bonds plan to spend the weekend in San Antonio with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Freeborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Loeffler, both students of the University of Texas, are spending the Christmas holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Loeffler and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Renfro.

the eligibility requirements of the law is that you must need vocational rehabilitation training in order to overcome the handicap of your service-connected disability.

Vic Vet says

ONE IMPORTANT FACT POST-KOREA VETS SHOULD NOT FORGET - THE NONDISABLED HAVE ONLY 120 DAYS AFTER DISCHARGE TO APPLY FOR GI LIFE INSURANCE. AFTER THAT, THE PRIVILEGE IS GONE.



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SINCERE appreciation of congenial friendships and pleasant associations come to you with the Season's Greetings and all good wishes for a



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Saunders Flower Shop

Merry Christmas

To all our friends - far and near, we extend compliments of the Season.

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Our
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At Christmastime



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GREETINGS



for the
MERRIEST OF
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It is a genuine pleasure at the Holiday Season to depart from the usual business routine and wish you and yours
A Merry Christmas

Castle Courts - J. Wray Campbell

Season's Greetings

May this Christmas bring special joy to you and yours.

Anthony's
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BEST WISHES FOR A
Merry Christmas
NEIGHBORS
GREENHILL TEXACO STATION



May God's richest blessings be upon you and your dear ones this Christmastime.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Pat Lyles Buick Company

GREETINGS

To you
whose confidence
we treasure, we
sincerely wish a
Christmas of great joy

W. A. Carroll - Texaco Consignee

Merry Christmas
and all good wishes
for the
New Year

WESTERN MATTRESS CO.
611 N. Chadbourn - San Angelo, Texas

A CHRISTMAS
Wish

That you may have a most joyous and cheerful Christmas - the kind that you will remember with ever growing happiness until this time next season.

NEIL ROUCHE

News Want Adds Bring Results

Personal Notes

Miss Priscilla Winslow, a student of Texas Western, is here for the holidays with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. John E. Winslow.

Miss Flora Dell Davis, a student at S. M. U. is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis.

and Mrs. G. H. Davis.

Miss Nancy Neill, a student of the University of Texas, is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Neill.

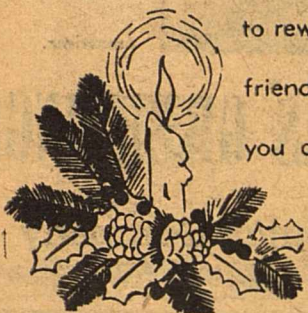
Miss Lois Regeon of Dalhart is here to spend Christmas with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. K. Regeon, and family.

Merry Christmas

WILLMAN'S STATION

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

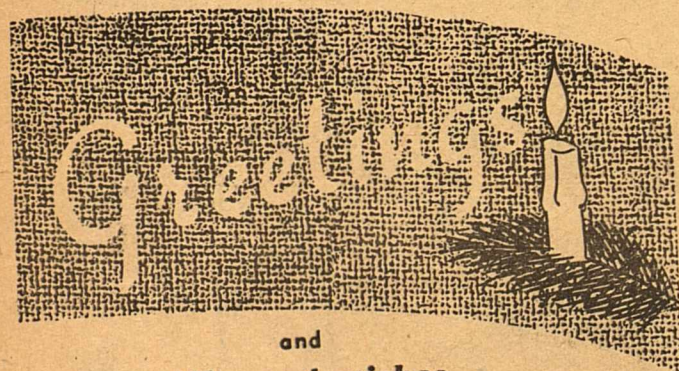
May yours be extra jolly to reward you for the fine friendships, our wish for you on this gala day.



DAVIS INSURANCE



BILL SMITH'S STATION



and All good wishes

SMITTY'S WELDING SHOP



When you awaken in the morning To the glad shouts of Merry Christmas

add our greetings too!

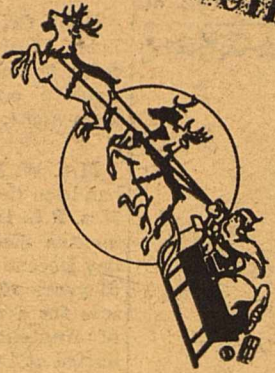
MARTIN PLUMBING

Happy Birthday

Friday, December 25, Duard Archer, G. W. Archer, Jr., Betty Sue Allen, B. H. Cusenbary, John Barton Dunagan, Saturday, December 26, Mrs. C. D. Wyatt, Lewis Roueche, Sallie Dawn Prater

Sunday, December 27, Mrs. Harold Scherz, Monday, December 28, Louis G. Bennett, Tuesday, December 29, J. B. Renfro, George Lindon Hearn, Charles W. West, David Lee Wuest, Wednesday, December 30, Mrs. Lewis Roueche, Stanley Harris, Thursday, December 31, Mrs. W. D. Wallace, Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary, Mrs. Carl Merck.

A MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS



SONORA ABSTRACT CO.

SINCERE GOOD WISHES

FOR ALL THE JOYS OF THIS

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

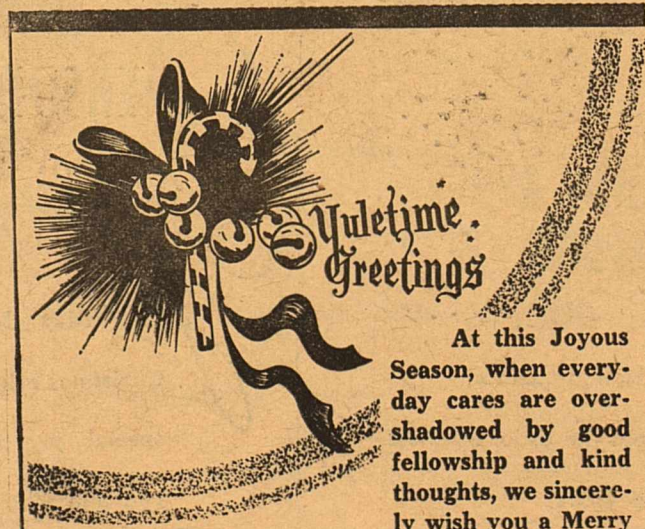
Morrison's Variety - J. P. Wright, mgr.



HOTEL McDONALD



WESLEY C. YOUNG



At this Joyous Season, when everyday cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we sincerely wish you a Merry Christmas.

SHARP'S DRIVE-INN



CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGES NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED OF MERCHANTS

The season for returning Christmas gifts to stores for exchange is now upon us. Most business establishments are as cooperative as possible about this annual American pastime, but before getting into any arguments with a reluctant clerk or manager, better take a look at the legal situation involved. You may find that persuasion is more in order than demands for adjustment.

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

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

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

Much the same rules apply to the refund of deposits. Unless it is the policy of a store to refund deposits on articles, or at least apply the amount on the purchase of some other item, the buyer is obligated to go through with the terms of the contract, even though he has changed his mind about the purchase. If the buyer refuses to accept the article or pay the remainder of the purchase price, the seller can take legal action against him, according to the terms of the contract.

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

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform-not to advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts because the facts may change the application of the law.)

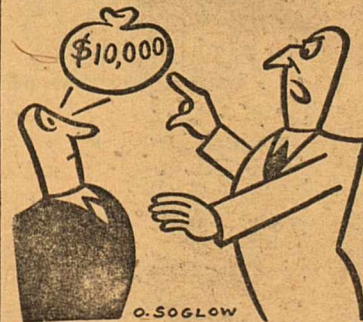
M and Mrs. Bill Moss and children of McCamey were here for the Christmas holidays as the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Nance.

Billy and Bobby Scott, students at Baylor University, are here for the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Scott.

Cadet Charles Lee Cusenbary, stationed at Mauldin, Mo., arrived Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary.

Attend SOME Church Sunday.

LINE'S BY SOGLOW



Who says you can't save ten thousand dollars? Did you ever try? Actually, it's simple, if you buy United States Savings Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan. You can have more than ten thousand dollars—and in less than ten years by signing up for \$18.75 in United States Savings Bonds per week. Or you can have ten thousand dollars in less than twenty years by saving only seven dollars and fifty cents a week. Ask your employer to start the Payroll Savings Plan for you. Almost any amount you want is yours before you know it through United States Savings Bonds.

Congratulations To These NEW PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swindle of Abilene, are the parents of a daughter, Cathey, born December 16. The baby weighed eight pounds and four ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mack Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Swindle, all of Abilene.

Mack Ed, 5, and David, 2. Mr. and Mrs. Swindle taught school here three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman S. Davis and children are spending the Christmas holidays in Greenville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Culbertson.

Drive Carefully In School Zones, Observe STOP Signs.

We of this firm desire to express our sincere appreciation of our pleasant business associations and to extend to you and yours best wishes for a Merry Christmas.



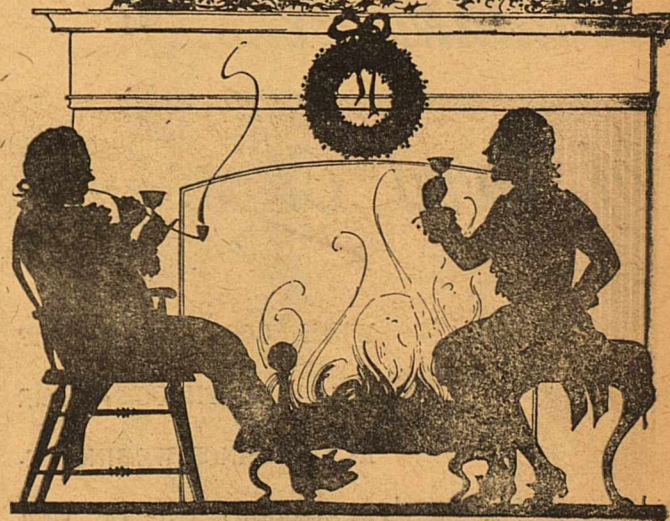
PENICK LIQUOR STORE

BECAUSE we value your friendship it is a pleasure to say "Thanks" and to wish you abundant Joy at Christmastime.



SMITH ELECTRIC

Christmas Greetings



We welcome

the good fellowship of the Christmas Season which enables us to extend our cordial greetings to our many friends and customers.

May the peace and joy of Christmas

continue with you for many days to come.

Western Beverage - Bennie Babb



ELLIOTT BROTHERS CO.

A little package

but a **BIG** wish



LONGHORN CAFE

Small Businesses Get Army Orders

WASHINGTON—Small business concerns received \$3,923,484,000 (B) of the \$7,076,757,000 (B) paid by the Army for supplies and services between July 1, 1952 and June 30, 1953.

Dollar-wise, this means that small business concerns handled nearly 56 per cent of the Army's procurement dollar during fiscal 1953.

Prime contracts awarded small businesses were worth \$2,583,494,000 (B), while the estimated value of their first tier sub-contracts was placed at \$1,340,000,000 (B).

BIDS ASKED FOR DEL RIO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Critical Defense Housing Committee of the Federal Housing Administration has announced the allocation of thirty (30) units to the Del Rio, Texas Critical Defense Housing Area. All of these units are to be rentals.

According to C. T. MacLeod, FHA Director, the name and address of the successful bidder, together with the rentals are as follows:

The Housing Corporation of Texas, Box 23, Mineral Wells, Texas, -20 two-bedroom units to rent at not more than \$45.00 per month and 10 three-bedroom units to rent at not more than \$55.00 per month; car ports are being provided for \$2.50 additional rent.

All of the units allocated are to be constructed in the city limits of Del Rio.

In making these awards, Mr. MacLeod states that due consideration has been given to location, to size and quality of housing for the money, and to the extra services and facilities indicated in the applications, such as garages, car ports, porches, ranges, refrigerators, and utilities and other services provided.

This year all government-federal, state and local-will spend more than \$100 billion, or more than \$600 for every man, woman and child in the nation, according to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Interest on the federal debt this year will be about \$6.6 billion—more than the entire cost of the federal government for any year prior to 1934 with the exception of 1918 and 1919, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States reports.

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 Young People 6:30 P. M.
 Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
 Wednesday
 Ladies Bible Class 4 P. M.
 Bible Study 7:30 P. M.

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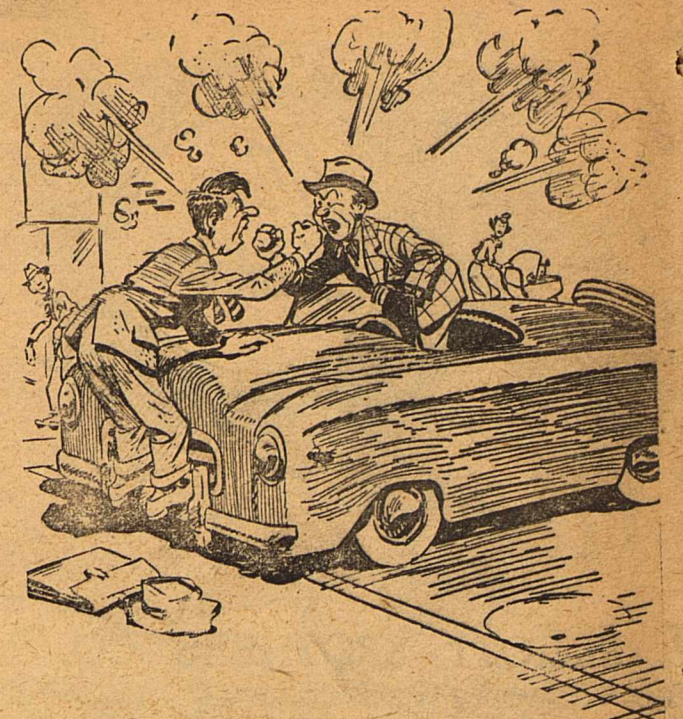
Sunday School 10 A. M.
 Preaching Service 11 A. M.
 Baptist Training Union 7 P. M.
 Preaching Service 8 P. M.
 Wednesday Night
 Prayer Meeting 7 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilkes of Aberdeen, Miss., arrived Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Renfroe.
 Oscar Lee Carpenter is here from Texas A. & M. College as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Carpenter.

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NOTICE

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26



Care and Feeding of Pedestrians

When you drive, think of the pedestrian—when you're a pedestrian yourself, think like a driver. In downtown city traffic, that simple rule can save a lot of grief. Traffic, these days, like matrimony, is a matter of give or take—especially for the pedestrian, who is somewhat more fragile than an automobile.

Most people have better manners than to push and shove, bawl at the tops of their voices to clear the way, or otherwise make bores of themselves. But, strangely enough, many people forget those manners when they're driving—and the result is not good for the defenseless pedestrian.

Maybe you forget, too, that when you step out from behind that steering wheel, you're a pedestrian yourself. It may make a difference if you remember that.

About 25% of all fatal accidents are "collisions" between pedestrians and automobiles—the "collision," in this case, being somewhat like the pedestrian's hitting somebody in the fist with his nose.

But not all the blame is on one side. Observance of a few simple precautions on both sides can make you safer:

For drivers: Don't depend on the pedestrian to do the right thing in a tight moment. Go out of your way to avoid trouble. A hospital bill or a manslaughter charge can give you little satisfaction, even if you're in the right. Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks—lights or no lights. Above all, before the tight moment comes, be sure your car is in the safe operating condition that means quick, safe stops and reliability in emergencies. The safe way to be sure is to have it checked by the man who handles your make of car.

For pedestrians: Be alert—and think about your walking. Don't jaywalk or cross against the traffic signals. On the open road, walk on the left, facing traffic.

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Sunday & Monday

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with
Robert Stack - Coleen Gray

Tuesday & Wednesday

Titanic

with
Clifton Webb - Barbara Stanwyck

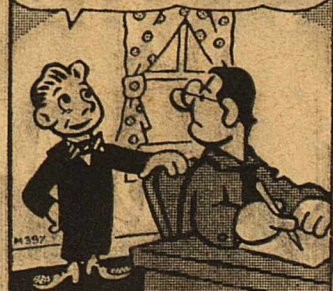
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