

Christmas Greetings to All

THE SPUR TEXAS

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Whoa, Now!

Of Santa Claus has been slipping in on Spur on and off during the past year leaving signs that there really is one.

Of Santa, along with Coach Sam Hawkes and twenty-old hard-fighting and clean-living Spur boys, brought football laurels to Spur in the form of a District Championship. The Bulldogs finished their district play with an undisputed crown and were beaten by a classy Littlefield eleven that enters the State finals next Monday.

Of Santa, along with modern farming methods and machinery and lots of sweat and elbow grease brought to Spur and Dickens county a record cotton crop—part of which is still being ginned. December 1 reports showed the county over three times the 1946 crop. With close to 50,000 bales already ginned, the final figure is still unpredictable.

Of Santa, along with an active and interested school board, brought to Spur two new and complete school buildings. The new East Ward building is furnishing the elementary children of Spur with better facilities. The new Negro School building on the south side of town is the pride of every child attending.

Of Santa, and this time alone as far as the citizens of Spur and Dickens county are concerned, brought seismograph crews and later drilling crews within several miles of Spur. Although no strike has yet been made prospects are good.

And then, Of Santa, along with progressive citizens including Geo. S. Link, Jr., Norton Barrett, Geo. Gabriel and many others, promised us a first class 25-bed hospital. At present, he's having a little difficulty getting it down the right chimney, but eventually, the citizens of Spur are hoping and working toward, he'll manage to locate it in the city limits of Spur.

And so, with new goals, ambitions and ideas for the future of our community we're thankful at this Christmas time for the good things of life given us by the One who, some 2000 years ago, gave His only Son for us.

Child Perishes As Fire Destroys Home

The charred body of 7-month-old Charlie Doyle Phillips was found in the ruins of his parents' home in east Jayton, following a fire which leveled the three-room stucco house.

An alarm was sounded at 10:20 a.m. but firemen were unable to enter the burning structure and save the child. Officials believe the flames started when an oil stove exploded.

The child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips. The baby's mother had gone across the street to the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frances Copeland. She had taken a chicken to place in Mrs. Copeland's icebox. The fire started while she was away. The house was owned by W. K. Joiner. Body of the infant was found lying on a bed in the front room. It was taken to Robinson Funeral home in Jayton.

Free! Free! Free!

THEATRE TICKETS TO SUBSCRIBERS
Each week the Palace Theater and the TEXAS SPUR will give to regular mail subscribers—tickets for 2 members of the family to the Palace Theatre.

This week's tickets go to Mrs. R. Simmons

"In The Good Old Summer Time"

Either Sat. Nite, Preview or Monday
(Your ticket and present at Theatre tomorrow)

College Students Return Home For Christmas Holidays

College students are returning to Spur for the Christmas holidays and a visit with their many friends. Students who are home until after New Year's are as follows: Francis Holloway, John Tarleton, Freshman; Morris Denton, Baylor University; Ann Hull, Texas University; Sophomore; Joyce Johnson, West Texas, Freshman; Creola Rector, TSCW, Sophomore; Betty Sechrist, McMurry; Cal Wright, Jr., Southwestern University; Marlene Waggoner, West Texas, Freshman; Jeff Smart, Highlands University; Billie Marie Hindman, TSCW, Freshman; Ernestone Berry, University; Norma Sechrist, McMurry; Piny McNeill, Texas University; Joe Max Barclay, Texas Tech; Bonnie Beth Henry, McMurry; Deane Wright, West Texas; Mac Brannen, Texas University.

Ju Don and Ju Ron Rickels, Baylor University; Jimmie Draper, West Texas; A. C. Sharp, McMurry, Freshman; Charlene Witt, Baylor University; Shirley Hairgrove, McMurry, Freshman; LaVerl Cash, A.C.C., Freshman; Gwendolyn Drigger, Hardin-Simmons; Bobbie Morrow, Wayland; Kenneth Hairgrove, McMurry; Joe Simpson, NTAC, Freshman; Pansy Turpen, Hardin-Simmons; Virginia Shugart, Baylor University, Freshman; Foster Cook, NTAC, Freshman; Jina Dunwoody, NTAC, Freshman; Mafai Carlisle, Baylor University; Jane Brannen, Texas University; Dennis Bingham, Texas Tech; Wade Gilbert, Texas University; Tommy Aildredge, Texas Tech, Freshman; Darold Roberson, West Texas; Neal Chastain, Texas University, Freshman; and Homer Wilson, Texas Tech.

Last Services For Joe T. Cozby

Funeral services were held for Joe T. Cozby, Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 3:30 p. m. at the First Methodist Church at Spur. Rev. H. L. Burnham officiated and Rev. Cal Wright assisted.

Joe Cozby was born July 4, 1879 in Erath County; he married Daisy Colley, in 1900 at Proctor, Texas. In 1917 he moved to Silver City, N. M., and remained there until February of 1949 when he moved to Dickens County.

Palbearers were Sam Blair, Lon Hoover, Clyde Smith, Robert Cannon, Ab Latham, and George Lisenby.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Velma Smith, of Spur, and Mrs. Ophelia Cannon, of Silver City, N. M., one brother L. B. Cozby of Floydada, 2 sisters, Mrs. Alice Blair of Spur and



Mrs. Lucy Havis of Slaton, and 1 grandson, Joe Cannon, of Silver City, N. M.

Chandler's Funeral Home was in charge of all the arrangements. Interment Spur Cemetery.

Duck Creek Soil Conservation District News Notes

O. M. McGinty, Chairman J. B. Montgomery, Secretary
Giles McCrary, Clar's Forbis, Chas. Witt

Buck Ballard and the E. J. Cowan Estate are working together on a water spreading system for their joining farms in Hackberry group. District supervisors have already approved a conservation plan for Ballard's 80 acre farm and an application for assistance on the Cowan Estate farm. Level ridge type terraces are being built across both farms which are designed to evenly distribute the water. Contour farming will be practiced and crop residue will be managed to leave as much litter on the surface as is possible.

L. A. Sharp has completed construction of 1.5 miles of terrace on his place near Dickens. L. C. Harvey in Caprock group recently developed a conservation plan for his 160 acre farm. Harvey wants to install level terraces this fall on all of his cultivated land. He also wants to throw up lister furrows on the contour in his pasture to help soak up as much water as he can. Jeff Smith, a cooperarator in Hackberry group, plans to build

Plans For County Hospital In City Of Dickens Advance

A. C. Sharp, County Judge, reports this week that no definite action has been taken by the commissioners' court in the last week in regard to the recently elected county hospital.

However, Judge Sharp stated, an application for a \$125,000.00 government grant to aid in construction of the proposed hospital has been completed but will not be filed with the State Board of Health until after the first of the new year.

It is reported by reliable sources that the City of Dickens will not be eligible for the grant because of inadequate water supply, sewage disposal and fire fighting equipment and personnel.

Mayor Cecil Meador states, however, that the City of Dickens is now awaiting a report from an engineering concern concerning the cost of the proposed piping of water from Duck Creek. Mayor Meador says that this report is expected before the first of January, and it is proposed to call a city bond election for such work as soon as possible.

Extensive drilling in and around Dickens has indicated, says Meador, that there is not an ample supply of water in the City.

fighting equipment, but states, "It needs to be, and if we need it to get the government grant for the county hospital, we'll get it."

Hospital backers in Spur seem still to be somewhat on their heels after suffering extreme shock from the announcement that the county commissioners had elected to put the hospital in Dickens. From the first mention of a Dickens County Hospital, many assumed that if ever such a plan materialized, Spur would be the ideal spot, and only advisable spot, for it.

Many rumors are making the rounds in Spur about "what can be done about it?" Some have said that a hospital will never be built in Dickens—Others seem possibly getting up to the idea and have started talking about what a hospital could do for the city of Dickens.

The more conservative backers of the Spur-Dickens County Hospital are holding their peace this week with no definite plans one way or the other until the State Health Board has time to act on the prepared application by the City of Dickens.

court to either kill the whole issue or call an election as to where the hospital should be located.

Spur, popularized largely after the zoning of the county and the establishing of the present precincts, contains possibly half of the voters of the county, but represents only one of the commissioners' court.

In the event the State rejects the application for the \$125,000.00 matching the bond issue elected Dec. 3, the commissioners' court is still authorized to issue the county bonds to build a \$125,000.00 hospital instead of the proposed 25-bed quarter-million dollar one.

Although the bond issue was elected with the government grant in mind, nothing in the official election stipulated that the grant was necessary or where the hospital was to be located.

Holiday Monday
In order that people of this area may do that last minute Christmas shopping, many Spur merchants announced that they would remain open Friday and Saturday nights of this week.

The Man Who Gave Himself

For two thousand years, men have been blessed by the occasion which we are now celebrating. The birth of a child, called Jesus. Why? Where is the answer to such feelings of generosity and goodwill in the hearts of men? What happens to cause men to forget hate, prejudice, race, creed and background (even for just one day)? What causes all to give to others, less fortunate, or just to friends and acquaintances?

There is only one answer—The man Jesus. He was God's answer to hate, sickness, disease, differences. He was God's gift to the world. He was the gift of eternal life. His was a life of service, sorrow, shame and humiliation, for others. His life and death were for others. His life changed the course of human history, raised the standards of women-gave compassion and concern to all men for others.

The Spirit of Christmas really the spirit of "the man who gave Himself". May He give peace to the hearts of men, wisdom to leaders of nations, and "Joy to the world" through this season and the coming year.

C. Melvin Ratheal

Bulldogs Defeated In Tournament Finals

Services To Be Held For Sgt. Cumbie

Funeral services will be held at Dickens Friday for Sgt. Arnel Ibea Cumbie, who died in Esslingen, Germany, on Dec. 2, 1949 while serving with the Air Force there.

Services will be held at the First Baptist church Friday at 3 p.m. with the Rev. Emnie Hill of Goldsmith, Texas, and Rev. V. D. Walters pastor, officiating.

A military burial will be held at the Dickens cemetery under the direction of Chaplain Frank J. Gilchrist of Reese Air Force base at Lubbock. The Chandler Funeral Home, is in charge of all arrangements.

Cumbie is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cumbie; a sister, Sue Cumbie and two brothers, John Cumbie, Jr., of Lubbock and Billy Cumbie, a student at Texas Tech.

Palbearers will be members of Cumbie's high school class: Kenneth Street, Cecil Hugh Meadows, Norman Wright, R. C. Littlefield, all students at Tech, and Ira Copass, student at Hardin College, Wichita Falls, and Lloyd Holly of Lubbock.

Services Held For Isaac Wesley Carr

Funeral services were held for Isaac Wesley Carr Dec. 19, 2:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church in Girard. Rev. Lee Hollis officiated the services and Rev. Doc Lewis assisted.

Isaac Carr was born in Alabama Nov. 5, 1865. He married Josie M. Matlock in Alabama, 1892 and Mrs. Carr passed away in 1918, following the moving from Alabama to Girard Community, in 1915. In 1922 he married Alice Hardin of Girard community.

Palbearers were six grandsons. He is survived by Alice Carr, 6 sons, Houston, R. Z., J. C., Rex, Dewey, and Irvin, all of Girard, 1 daughter, Mrs. J. J. Blair of Houston, Texas, 1 brother, Jim

ORC Unit Established In Spur; Maj. Barron Named Commander

Spur members of the Organized Reserve Corps were notified last Wednesday night by Maj. James H. Samsel, ORC instructor for the Lubbock district, that the establishment of an active reserve unit in Spur has been authorized.

The unit will be the 4279th Hq. & Hq. Detachment Replacement Battalion, composition of which will be eight officers, 2 warrant officers and 23 enlisted men.

Maj. Oran J. Barron was named commander of the unit, Maj. James Cowan Executive officer, Capt. Paul T. Marion, comman-

The Spur basketball team was beaten out by a close score of 24 to 25 by Girard in the finals of their first invitation tournament last Friday and Saturday. Ralls won the consolation championship by defeating Matador.

In the first bracket of the tournament the Post quintet defeated Ralls. Girard beat the Spur B boys, Spur defeated Matador, and Dickens beat Paducah.

The second bracket found Girard defeating Post and Spur defeating Crosbyton, who failed to show up for the first bracket but substituted for Paducah in the second phase.

The Spur-Crosbyton game ended in story-book fashion with a 29-25 score.

Representing Spur on the all-tournament team were Melvin Lindsey and Duane Durham. Others on the all-tournament team were Young, Girard, Wilcox, Girard, Kirkpatrick, Post, and Hargis, Crosbyton.

In an exhibition game, the Spur girls team was defeated by the Matador girls.

McGee Tractor Employs Mayo

The McGee Tractor Co. of Spur announced this week the employment of Z. Mayo as shop foreman.

Mr. Mayo, a long-time resident of Spur, and well-known for his mechanical ability on all makes of cars, trucks and tractors, will assume his new position after the first of the new year.

The management of the Tractor Co. states that all work done by Mayo will be thoroughly guaranteed and invites their customers and friends to bring their repair jobs in after New Year's.

Carr of Alabama, 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Chandler's Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements. Interment Girard Cemetery.

William Gollhar, student at Texas University, is home for the holiday visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Paige Gollhar.

der of the detachment, Capt. Guy B. Karr Adjutant, Lt. Glenn O. Harwell, assistant training officer and Lt. John G. Hagan assistant Adj.

Enlisted at the meeting Wednesday night were Pfc. J. B. Dean, Ernest Kearney and Cpl. E. H. Jeffers. Men who were assigned were Sgt. R. W. Davenport, and Pfc. B. W. Dyess.

Vacancies exist for several officers and enlisted men. Any former reserve men interested in joining the reserve corp and becoming a member of the Spur unit should contact Capt. Paul T. Marion.

Christmas Greetings to All

 <p>NOEL</p> <p>Bell's Cafe</p>	 <p>May your stocking be large enough to squeeze in our appreciation for your patronage throughout the year!</p> <p>Gruben's Jewelry</p>	 <p>By a cheery fireside . . . Santa ends his night — A moment's pause to rest a while, ere he takes his flight! He has been a busy elf all this passing year Making Christmas, bright and gay, brimful of good cheer!</p> <p><i>Merry, Merry Christmas.</i> HOME DEPARTMENT STORE 211. and 213. C. A. Plaza</p>	<p>A MERRY YULETIDE</p>  <p>HENRY GRUBEN Jeweler</p>	 <p>GREETINGS</p> <p>Turner Dry Goods</p>
 <p>Merrie Christmas!</p> <p>Perhaps it's repetitious . . . but let's sing out: "Merry Christmas . . . and the very best of wishes!"</p> <p>Spur Laundry & Cleaners</p>	 <p>GREETINGS</p> <p>McGee Implement Co.</p>		 <p>SEASON'S GREETINGS</p> <p>Crafton & Gilcrease Real Estate</p>	 <p>BEST WISHES</p> <p>Phillips "66" Service Sta.</p>
 <p>YULE JOY!</p> <p>Farmers Co-op Society</p>	 <p>GREETINGS</p> <p>Scales Western Store</p>			

 <p>BEST WISHES</p> <p>Spur Boot & Shoe Shop</p>	<p>SEASON'S GREETINGS</p> <p>Beatrice Beauty Shop Margie Mobley, Owner</p> 	 <p>Merrie Christmas</p> <p>Williamson Broz. Gin</p>	<p><i>Greetings</i></p>  <p>To wish you a Merry Christmas and a glad New Year!</p> <p>Dorothy's Solon</p>	<p>SEASON'S GREETINGS</p>  <p>City Bakery</p>
 <p>holiday greetings</p> <p>Spur Volunteer Fire Department</p>	<p>Merry Christmas</p> <p>Wrapped up in our greeting, is all the unspoken appreciation for your patronage during the year.</p> <p>Brazelton Lumber Co.</p>	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS</p>  <p>Swift Gin</p>	 <p><i>Christmas Greetings</i></p> <p>Sam L. Porter AFTON, TEXAS</p>	<p>SEASON'S GREETINGS</p>  <p>Magnolia Service Station</p>
<p>HOLIDAY GREETINGS</p> <p>Sincerely we wish you . . . one and all, a very Merry Christmas</p>  <p>Wilson & Young Lumber Co.</p>	 <p>SEASON'S GREETINGS</p> <p>Spur Station Co.</p>	 <p>SEASON'S GREETINGS</p> <p>B & H Studio</p>  <p>GREETINGS</p> <p>To you and to all your loved ones . . . happiness, peace, joy and a very Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Waco Service Station</p>	<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>  <p>Deluxe Beauty Shop Levis Pullins, Owner</p>	<p>Our best wishes for a Merry Christmas</p>  <p>Rainbow Service Station Marvin Alexander</p>

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



At This Season of Joy
And Happiness it's with
Real Pleasure that the en-
tire STAFF of the

SPUR SECURITY BANK

WISHES ALL

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS






Christmas Greetings

We join with all your other friends of this community to extend to you a very sincere wish that this Yuletide season may enrich your life with its spirit of friendliness and beauty.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Allen Auto Supply

Santa and his reindeer have deposited a sleighful of good wishes here at Rucker's Shop . . . and like the good Santa's helpers that we are—



we're passing out greetings for one and all that Christmas be so very bright and gay . . . and the New Year hold only the best of everything! Won't you stop by at Spur and pick up our good wish for you!

Rucker's Shoe Shop



Merry Christmas 1949



WITH FRIENDLY AND HEARTY WISHES FOR A HAPPY YULETIDE!



Leon Ice Co.

QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS



1. The Swedes have a fun. They like their thought of the Christmas morn'g. What should be done to the mistletoe for each nation? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf

2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Cash not gifts. They were Melchior, Gaspar and (a) Samuel (b) Casper (c) Shadrach

3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1843 (b) about 1787 (c) about 1903

4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas eve? (a) Pope Gregory (b) Franz Pleunman (c) St. Francis of Assisi


5. The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first had the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France

6. "Silent Night, Holy Night" was the first ballad of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Beethoven (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Beethoven

Speaking of Christmas

SPeAKING OF CHRISTMAS . . . Throughout the world wherever Christmas is celebrated it is customary to place a lighted candle in the window . . . The legend is that candles originally were set out to light the Christ child's way as he made his visits through the children . . . One explanation of the custom of hanging stockings on Christmas Eve recalls the baronial halls of England where huge fireplaces were constantly in use . . . Each Christmas a special log, the Yule log, was thrown on the fire . . . This log burned steadily as long as the feasting and celebrating continued. Naturally, it burned with a pungent odor and stockings were hung over the fireplace to absorb some of this odor and to protect the owners from evil spirits . . . Christmas Eve, 1682, Nevada . . . Two friends celebrated with a near tragedy in Virginia City . . . Just as dawn was breaking, they embarked on a perilous promenade over the town's rooftops . . . A policeman, mistaking them for burglars, drew his revolver and prepared to shoot—but a passerby stopped him . . . Had he fired and the bullets found the mark, the world would have been deprived of two great humorists—Artemus Ward (Charles Farrar Browne) and Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) . . . Mince pies, so long a part of our Christmas tradition, originally had a deeply symbolic significance . . . The first mince pies were patterned in oblong shape, after the manger in which Christ was born . . . The crust represented the gold brought by the Three Wise Men; the many spices, the frankincense and myrrh . . . On May 11, 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay outlawed Christmas . . . Anyone celebrating, stopping work, serving holiday fare or deviating from normal daily life would be fined five shillings . . . The righteous Puritans were sure they were acting wisely—for how could good Christians condone the pagan origin of Christmas? Did not such a holiday encourage excess in eating and drinking? . . . It was 22 years before that law was repealed.





We've said it before . . . we say it again . . . And this greeting is truly sincere . . . All wrapped up in tinsel and holly Are our good wishes for the New Year!

Riter Hardware Co.
Spur, Texas

Druids First to Use "Magic" of Mistletoe



The greens which are used for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients, and many of them which adorned pagan seasonal rites were later taken over to grace the ceremonies and celebrations of Christmas Day.

In both England and America, the holly and the mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.

It was the Druids who first used the mistletoe. "Heal-all" was their name for it. The plant was supposed to have curative values, and gradually they assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Their priests, each year around the time when we now celebrate Christmas, would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments of white, they ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles especially made for the solemn occasion they cut away the mistletoe.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave to it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountain" is done by the Swiss brotherhood in the picturesque town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottlieb Wyna, the custom is more than 60 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through that land, killed Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury the victims.

If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own admission, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12.

Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Swiss brotherhood made their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they did so at the fountain in the "Fountain" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads.

On New Year's eve, between 9 and 10 o'clock, the brethren make another round of the fountains, this time singing an old song which concludes with the wish that St. Sebastian may intercede for all in the New Year so that they may be safeguarded from war, pestilence and other perils.

Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague

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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, We have tried to be good this year. We want a tricycle and a little red wagon. And Santa some little cars and airplanes too. Candy, Nuts and fruit. Bring our sisters something nice too. Don't forget Mother and Daddy and all the little boys and girls. We will leave our room warm so you can warm your toes and fingers if it's very cold. We will try to come see you when you come to Spur.

Love
J. D., Norman Hicks, and Johnnie Dickens, Texas

Dear Santa, I have been a good little girl most of the time. Would you bring a movie projector and a doll. I am 7 years old. My brother wants a chemistry set.

Love
Jeanne Holly Hubcock, Texas

Dear Santa, I'm a little boy three years old and I think I have been a pretty good boy. For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a tricycle. Hope you remember all my pals too.

Your Friend,
Ray Hindman
Spur, Texas

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy and I want a new bicycle for Christmas and so does my brother and my mother and father want a new car.

Love From
Jerry Rambolt
Patton Springs

How did you choose the toys for your youngsters this Christmas? A New York toy manufacturer declares that only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children each Christmas. Most, he said, buy toys that please themselves, rather than the children.

The man, who owns a company that makes creative playthings, warns that "gadgets" toys may be harmful and frustrating. And, he adds, children quickly tire of them. "The best toy a parent can buy," he said, "is a set of plain unpainted, wooden unit blocks. Children will use and enjoy them from age 18 months to nine years."

He said that girls between age 3 and 7 should have a "doll corner." He said the corner should be supplied first with a large wooden stove, bed and cupboard.

"The doll corner will become the most treasured play place in the little girl's life," he said.

He contends boys from ages 2 to 7 mostly enjoy "transportation" play—trucks, cars and boats.

There was no statement about what parents should choose at Christmas for the young teen-age boy or girl—in the 13-16 year-old group, whose interests already are deeply grained in social activities, and who prefer parties and dances to play-at-home activities.

Perhaps by next year, this manufacturer, or some child psychologist will have solved this problem.

1949 all through the house



The near-sacred hush of late Christmas Eve is a precious thing brimming with the promise of a glorious day to follow.

PALACE DRUG Co.
SPUR, TEXAS

Christmas Joy to All 1949



As the anniversary of the Great Event draws nigh we extend to one and all our best wishes for a happy Christmas season.

Tom Kizer
Pete Kizer
O. C. Arthur

Spur Auto Company

Calvin Davis
Fred Kenney

Dunlap's Specials for "Last 3 Days Before Christmas"

Complete Your Shopping From These Values Thursday, Friday & Saturday

TIME to pick your

Advance Spring Cottons

NOW—

and take advantage of these low, low prices on

Carole King JUNIORS

\$5.98 \$7.98 \$8.98

Made especially for us... so that we may bring you these lovely advance styles in washable, wearable cottons at a price you can afford. They're excitingly designed to flatter the trim junior figure.



A FROSTED REFRESHMENT
Neat white pique weskit bugs slim figure... changes the mood of your gingham plaid. Junior sizes 9 to 15.
\$7.98

B CAMEO GEM
Plaid gingham with remarkable white pique veskit. Wee waist accentuated by deep slanted pocket. Sanforized* Junior sizes 9 to 15.
\$8.98

C SUAVE SPECTATOR
End and end chambray with very new fashion in sleeves and collar. Mercerized... Sanforized* Junior sizes 9 to 15.
\$7.98

D TIC-TAC-TOE
Whisk into a striped chambray in colors that brighten work or play. Mercerized... Sanforized* Junior sizes 9 to 15.
\$5.98



*Residual shrinkage less than 1%



Swansdown's

Look for it in December Glamour patterned fabrics will be important this Spring... especially when handled as handsomely as in this Swansdown suit! It's designed for an indoor AND outdoor life... It's detailed jauntily with four angle-end tabs on the hip-bone length jacket. A tiny collar, a notched cutaway jacket line, and an inverted kick pleat on the straight skirt complete the impression of smart simplicity. The check is pure wool, of course. The suit comes in sizes 10 to 18. It's advertised in the December issue of GLAMOUR.

\$49.95

Handkerchiefs

Ladies pure linen handkerchiefs. Hand made in China hemstitched and embroidered.
70c Value

2 for \$1.00

Ladies Hats

One group of ladies new fall and winter hats.
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Junior High Enjoys Christmas Program

At an assembly for Junior High School a Christmas program was presented for the enjoyment of all Junior High Classes. The assembly room

was decorated with various Christmas symbols and pictures of Madonnas, copies from the Old Masters. A blower of Christmas holly decorated the walls. This border was drawn by Miss Helen Dean Bingham and other members of the seventh grade classes who assisted her.

At the beginning of the assembly program trophies which had been won by Junior High boys' and girls' basketball teams were presented to the school by Curtis Blair as a representative for the winners. These trophies had been won at the District meet.

The program consisted of the following:

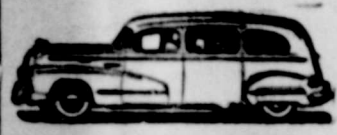
- "The Sugar Plum Tree", by Eugene Field, Joe Bruce Long;
 - "The Littlest Angel", a Christmas reading, Carolyn Kelley;
 - "Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star", a play, Eighth Grade boys and girls;
 - "Why", Lida A. Wood, La Vonne Dean Reagan;
 - "Blue Christmas", and "Here Comes Santa", a chorus of seventh grade boys and girls.
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Thursday Luncheon Club Feted

The Thursday Luncheon Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Engleman, Thursday night, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. for their annual Christmas dinner. The rooms carried out the Christmas colors red and green. The buffet table was laid with a red and white chintz cloth flanked by bouquets of holly and red carnations. Following a turkey dinner the guests exchanged gifts and played bridge. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Smart, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blackshear, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Swenson, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnston and host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Engleman.

Seaman Second Class Bob Steele who is stationed on the light cruiser Manchester at Long Beach, Calif., is visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Steele over the Christmas holidays. Bob will return to Long Beach Monday Dec. 26.

Class Honors Mrs. Melvin Ratheal

The members and guests of the Althean Sunday School Class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. A. C. Hill, Sunday Dec. 18 at 9 o'clock for a coffee in honor of their teacher, Mrs. Melvin Ratheal. Mrs. Melvin Ratheal, honored guest, was showered with Christmas presents from the tree. Date loaf cake and coffee were served to Mesdames: Bob Blackshear, E. H. Carpenter, Lester Garner, Melvin Ratheal, Hunter Wilson, Abb Bingham, Jerry Ensey, Ralph Sherrill, George Gabriel, N. C. Moffett, Ruby Bilberry, Dillard Williams, Joe Grimland, Stella Morrow, Evalene Holly, C. A. Alldredge, and hostess Mrs. A. C. Hill.

Mrs. Addy Hosts Christmas Party

The home of Mrs. Nell Addy was the scene of a Christmas party held Monday night at 7:30 p.m. Following a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, games of "42" were played. Later gifts exchanged by Miss Bertha Nell Walker, Miss Faye Middlebrooks, Mr. and Mrs. Seger Jenkins, Miss Nina Havens, Odell Wilson and the hostess, Mrs. Nell Addy.

Mrs. Davis Hosts 1917 Study Club

The members of the 1917 Study Club met Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Nell Davis for a Christmas dinner. The rooms carried out a Christmas motif with boughs of cedar and red candles bringing out the colors red and green. The centerpiece of the dinner table was miniature silver bells intertwined with red carnations which had been sprinkled with snow. Following the Christmas dinner with turkey and all the special occasion trimming, Mrs. J. H. Bowman, read the poem, "Littlest Angel". Gifts were exchanged by Mesdames: J. H. Bowman, Fred C. Haile, W. F. Godfrey, S. L. Benefield, W. T. Andrews, F. W. Jennings, M. H. Brannen, Durwood Woodward, John Blaska, Clark Forbis, R. C. Forbis, R. E. Dickson, Tom Kizer, William Ligon, J. E. Berry, Tom Johnston, and hostess Mrs. Nell Davis.

Mrs. W. Hinson Host To Party

The members of the Dickens County Home Demonstration Club had their annual Christmas party Dec. 13 at the home of Mrs. Wallace Hinson. Table games were played and a visit was made by Santa. Santa greeted the guests with gifts, candies, nuts and fruits. Following the appearance of Santa a refreshment plate of cookies, and coffee were served to Mesdames: Arce Watson, Ollie Hindman, Floyd Barnett, Joe

McDaniel, John Bachmen, W. H. Condon, R. E. Johnson, Dalton Lelew, T. B. Watson, Floyd Smith, Linda Beadle, J. J. Denton, Jr., Pearl Morgan, J. W. Holloway, S. L. Benefield, F. B. Crockett, Bobby Crockett, Douglas Hinson, Donna Hinson, Betty Hinson, Sheila Watson, and hostess, Wallace Hinson.

Santa Claus Greet's Twentieth Study Club

At seven o'clock on Dec. 20, members of the Twentieth Century Study Club met in the home

of Mrs. O. L. Kelley for an annual Christmas dinner. The house was beautifully and appropriately decorated. The dinner was served to twenty-one at a table aglow with Christmas symbols. Handmade corsages, which were presented by Mrs. E. S. Lee and Mrs. Kelley were used as place cards and added greatly to the festive atmosphere and the Christmas spirit of each member.

Following the dinner Mrs. O. M. McGinty and Mrs. J. C. McNeill reported the highlights of the State meeting of Women's Federated Clubs which they at-

tended recently in Austin. While Christmas Carols and hymns were being sung, Santa surprised members of the party and presented lovely gifts from the Christmas tree. Members attending were Mesdames: O. C. Arthur, Cliff Bird, T. H. Blackwell, E. B. Crockett, Eric Foster, Henry Gruben, B. F. Haile, J. A. Koon, E. S. Lee, George S. Link, O. M. McGinty, J. C. McNeill, P. C. Nichols, W. S. Patrick, L. D. Ratliff, A. M. Walker, Miss Margaret Elliott, and hostess, Mrs. O. L. Kelley. Mrs. Mansel Bragg and Mrs. Willis Jernigan were guests.



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Mr. and Mrs. William O. Farmer of Las Cruces, N. M. are visiting with her mother Mrs. W. L. Hyatt, during the Christmas holidays.

Tommy Aldredge visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Aldredge over the weekend. Tommy is a student in Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Caudle and family attended a Sunday party at Abilene Sunday afternoon. Mr. Caudle portrayed Saint Nick since he was unable to attend the party.

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The first Christmas card was designed in 1843.
Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Christmas
BEST WISHES
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CHRISTMAS PRESENT

By Shirley Sargent

THE SMALL KITTEN called Tupid watched preparations for Christmas dully. Only the middle boy, one Archie Raymond, noticed his apathy. The tree, in all its green splendor, stood tall in the living room bedecked with an increasing number of ornaments.

"Careful," Marcia Raymond admonished her son sharply. "Don't hang those big balls down so low. The kitten will break them."

Gently Archie lifted them to a higher bough, drawing in the pungent scent of the pine. Only he saw that the kitten walked slowly under the tree unaware of the boughs tickling her furry back. His youngest brother had named the roly-poly button-nose kitten Tupid. Young Billy was easily aroused to fits of anger. His favorite expression, under stress, was a haphazard "You 'tupid, you big 'tupid."

Archie, his ten-year-old brother, Joe, and his parents laughed at the little boy's wrath and, because the kitten was slower than the others in

Archie could see that Tupid had no interest either in the swaying boughs or the brilliant-colored fragile balls. For two days Tupid had wandered carelessly about the house and yard. He wasn't playful or friendly and he had stopped purring. Only Archie sensed that the kitten was lonesome for his sisters and brothers and his mother. At first there had been four balls of fur and a proud old alley cat mother. As they grew, they had become playful, pattering swiftly through the house. But now they were all gone, including the mother. Just Tupid was left to keep. Even the black imp with shoe-button eyes had been given away. Tar Baby, who had been the boss of the litter, had been gone barely two days, and Tupid missed him.

"Well," his father's voice boomed again, as he climbed down the ladder. "All done in time for Christmas Eve. Come here, Joe, Archie, you too Billy. I want you to see this tree."

Mrs. Raymond switched the lights off and Archie shivered in delighted excitement as the tree blazed, illumined by the strings of lights and balls. The magic moment was shattered by the sharp ring of the doorbell.

A rush of cold air came in as Mr. Raymond flung open the door wide to admit a bundled figure. "My father says I can't keep the kitten," Gerald Parks recited automatically, close to tears. "I have to give it back because it gives my father hay fever." Gerald went out in another rush of frosty air, but not before Mrs. Raymond had pressed a fat candy cane into his mittened hand.

Tar Baby huddled in the middle of the floor. "Watch it, boys," Mr. Raymond warned. "Let's just watch him. He feels strange here now; he'll be all right in a while."

Archie saw Tupid jump from the sofa with a purr of delight. Tupid circled and smelled at the black kitten until he was satisfied. Then his tongue flicked out to lick the kitten. Tupid's paws caressed him as his tongue washed him. The black kitten stood passive, as Tupid showered his post-up love on him.

"They, mommy," Billy haphazardly, "Tupid's kissing him, isn't he?" "Um," Mrs. Raymond agreed, "Tar Baby's Tupid's Christmas present."

Mr. Raymond's eyes swept his son's awe-struck face. "No," he said firmly. "He's our Christmas present too."

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Soldiers from the garrison went a-hunting in the woods just north of the river and came back with a fat buck deer, some rabbits, a raccoon or two, a few wild turkeys. Added to the roasting pig (contributed by some festive-minded citizen) and the magnificent Christmas pudding, these morsels provided abundance for all. Everybody—the civilians and the military—drank a toast to Thomas Jefferson, the President of the United States.

UNIVERSAL FRIEND . . . Santa, the universal friend of little folks, has managed to gather together a group of kiddies from all over the world. Represented here are the small fry of Paraguay, Greece, Poland, Austria and Italy.

The punch was "dizzy" and there were fife and drums and a couple of fiddles to play for the dancing.
It was getting late when a watcher in one of the blockhouses gave a warning shout that Indians were approaching, but they turned out to be friendly Indians who came bearing gifts to the feast. They watched the white folks dance, and when the whites were exhausted, the redskins took the floor and began a wild, whooping dance of their own which climaxed Chicago's unique Christmas celebration in 1804.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.



By Vera Tarpley

"BUT THEY don't believe in Christmas, Jim—you know that." Laura washed the hadn't spoken quite so loudly; her remark had stopped in midstream three rapid-running conversations. Her guests studied the rug pattern. Jim merely looked at his wife in silence.

"I mean, after all," she went on, "it's not their religion. . . so I assumed it would be embarrassing—to them—to invite them to our Christmas party." She swallowed uncomfortably.

"And I assumed that this party was for all the fellows in our office, including Ben." He smiled then, but didn't soften the accusation. Everyone in the room knew of the close friendship between Jim and Ben—they only guessed at his wife's resentment of the friendship.



"He asked us to sing 'Silent Night' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies."

Mr. Adams, office manager, broke the silence next. "I wouldn't worry about it too much, Jim. After all, Christmas is . . ." He emptied his glass and returned it to the coffee-table. "And we all feel a little differently about the holidays than they do."

About nine o'clock carolers came to the door, singing lustily and slightly off key. "Let every heart prepare him room. . ." The oldest caroler was scolding twelve. He rattled a box full of coins. Mr. Adams snatched the donation box from him, ceremoniously deposited nine pennies, and passed from guest to guest, bowing after each donation. Everyone put in nickels and dimes. Jim put in a five-dollar bill and everyone shouted "Show-off!" Laura was annoyed but kept still. Laura and Jim's little girl, Bonny, was out caroling too, but her group covered a different neighborhood.

No one noticed much when the telephone rang later in the evening and Jim went to answer it. But they noticed Jim's face when he returned to the living-room—it was white and twitched unpleasantly. Laura walked over to him. "Who was it, dear?"

"It was Ben—he called to apologize for not coming tonight. His daughter's been in Children's Hospital for the past month, you know."

Adams broke in. "Say, that's right—Ben said she was pulling out of it—that was last week I believe. How's she doing, did he say?"

"She died this afternoon."

Nobody seemed to have anything more to say after that. The party broke up within the next half-hour.

Just as the Adamses were leaving, Bonny came in from caroling. She was flushed with happiness and excitement. Laura clutched her in her arms convulsively.

"Did your group make a big haul tonight, Bonny?"

"Did we!" she gasped. "We got more than any other group I bet! And Mom, we sang for that Mr. Ben at Daddy's office, and—"

"Oh but you shouldn't have!" Laura looked at Jim with alarm.

"Why not, Mom? He asked us to sing 'Silent Night,' and guess what? He gave us ten dollars! And she invited us in and gave us candy and cookies, and gee, they're nice! And I told them hello from you and Daddy, and you know what? She cried! Isn't that funny, mother?"

Jim looked at his stricken wife and wanted to take her in his arms, but Mr. and Mrs. Adams were standing there with their mouths open, so he merely grasped her hand firmly. Bonny bubbled on happily.

"And you know what else? Mr. Ben asked me what the donations went for, and when I told him he took all the money out of his wallet and put it in our box, can you imagine? And then I asked him if he had any boys or girls like us and would they like to go caroling with us and he said no. And then she started crying again and we left. Wasn't that funny?"

Mr. Adams cleared his throat. "By the way, Bonny, just what were those donations for anyway? I forgot to notice when they came around here."

"Why, for the Children's Hospital fund—or something like that—it was all printed on the box."



Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trod the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, needing light for his way.

When buying toys for children remember that those of the constructive types are best—they develop the youngsters' ingenuity.

The wild boar has been revered from ancient times, and was especially honored at Christmastime for having taught mankind the art of plowing by rooting into the ground with his tusks.



AND I WANT . . . This is a candid camera shot of a little girl being interviewed by a genial Santa on the subject of her desires in the line of Christmas presents. The rapt expression on her face is typical of small girl-and-boyhood when a lovely crisis like this presents itself.



BACKED UP . . . What would Christmas be without bright new dollies for little girls to cherish? Giving promise of a goodly crop of dolls for this Christmas are these finished heads on racks in a factory, ready to be given "sex and limbs."

December 25 was decreed as the date of Christ's nativity by the Roman emperor Julian who began his reign as a Christian, but reverted to paganism before his death.



The tide of good will again is full across the earth. Our wish is that it flood your heart with happiness and make this your Merriest Christmas!

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SPUR, TEXAS

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and countryside
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1949
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SPUR, TEXAS

Merry Christmas

1949

Down through the ages comes the glorious Christmas story. In this timeless, ageless season we greet our friends and neighbors.

Dunlap's
& Employees

Christmas Greetings
1949

May countless blessings bring true joy to you and yours at Christmastime.

Save Today At **WESTERN AUTO Associate Store**

MR. AND MRS. DOYLE SCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Morrison, Don and Karen journeyed to Vernon last week to see Littlefield and Garland battle for semifinals.

Patsy Hyatt visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lewis, Junetta, John Paul, and Zella Watson, in Lubbock this past weekend. She returned to Spur Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fulbright of Rowell, N. M. were visiting in the home of her sister Mrs. J. W. Martin of Duncan Flat last week.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

WANT ADS GET RESULTS



By Dorothy Boys Killian

IT WAS Christmas Eve but the group of people sitting on the floor in the Reeds' living-room certainly weren't in a festive mood.

"Doggonit!" Dad exclaimed as he stared gloomily at the shiny tracks and the motionless ears of a new electric train. "What's wrong with this thing anyway?"

"We've put it together exactly according to directions, I'm sure we have," fifteen-year-old Rick insisted.

"Well, something's got to be done," said Mom, looking in from the kitchen where she was stuffing the turkey. "Little Jackie's been praying for that train for months, and how'll he feel tomorrow morning if the thing won't run?"

"Maybe Ralph can help. He's coming by for me in a few minutes, you know," said Wilma, the pretty big sister of the family.

"Oh, him!" Rick was scornful. "That guy from the big city with his socks and ties and handkerchiefs that match! What does he know about motors?"

"Rick!" Mom reproved.

"Oh, I know you all think of him as an outsider," Wilma said. "If you only really knew him, better! Mom, I do wish you'd let me ask him to breakfast tomorrow."

"I'm sorry dear, but I just don't think he'd fit in."

The doorbell rang. Wilma answered it and she and Ralph exchanged happy hellos.

Rick immediately threw out the challenge to the tall, blond, well-dressed young man. "We can't make this train go. Can you tell what's wrong with it?"



He picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

"Praises be!" Dad heaved a loud sigh of relief.

Ralph quietly got up from the floor and turned to Wilma. "Maybe we'd better go now, if we want to catch the gang."

"Alright, Ralph," Wilma said. Her eyes turned pleadingly to Mrs. Reed. "Mom—"

"Oh, yes, Wilma," Mom interrupted. Turning to Ralph she said heartily, "In all the excitement we almost forgot to ask you to be sure to come over for late breakfast with us tomorrow. It's just a simple family affair, but we surely would like to have you with us."

"You bet," Dad's eyes twinkled. "Something might go wrong with it again and we'd feel safer with you around to fix it."

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmons and Paul, were among the Spurites to attend the Littlefield and Garland football game at Vernon Friday.

"Maybe," Ralph said quietly. "I need to have a train something like this."

"Look out, that cotton batting stuff will stick to your trousers," Dad warned.

"That's snow, and the snow around here is clean."

Dad looked slightly startled.

Wilma smiled. She remembered how impressed Ralph had been by the whiteness of the drifts even on Main street last night.

"The flakes are practically sooty before they even reach the ground in Chicago," he had said.

"Tracks are O.K.," Ralph straightened up. Then he picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

"The professional touch!" Rick muttered.

"There may be oil in the commutator," Ralph said. "That sometimes happens with a new engine. I'll see if I can get it out."

"I'll get you a rag, Ralph, just a minute," Wilma got up and started for the kitchen.

"Never mind, this'll do," Ralph answered, pulling his perfectly folded, wine-colored handkerchief out of his jacket pocket.

He worked quietly for a moment, gently poking the corner of the handkerchief into the inside of the engine. Then he set the engine carefully down on the track and said, "Turn on the juice, will you Rick?"

Rick meekly moved forward the black lever at the transformer. There was a whirring sound, the wheels began to move, and the little puffer-billy whizzed and clacked around the curve.

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CHRISTMAS
peace on earth,
good will
to all men.

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We all join in Wishing you a
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At this season of cheer and happiness. We pause from the business world to wish the best of everything to our many friends and customers.



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May Your Christmas
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May the laughter of friends... the companionship of family... the sentiment and charm of the Holiday Season make your Christmas happy and gay.

We, your friends and neighbors, at your service company will be working day and night keeping the lights gaily gleaming to make your Christmas bright.

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No Finer Gift Than A Roper Range For The Whole Family

Legend of the YULE LOG

In Virginia, the old Dominion, storied land of early American history, there is an old tradition of the origin of the Yule log that is retold every Christmas. As the family sits around the Yule log and sips their Christmas eggnog on Christmas eve, the ancient legend is recounted again. One very cold Christmas eve, when the frosty wind howled across a world of snow, an old man was sitting in his little cabin wishing that he had a fire to warm him. Suddenly he heard the cry of a little child away out in the cold. The old man hobbled to the door and gazed out across the snow. The wind and the snow came rustling in and the old man shivered until his "coldest two teeth" chattered with cold. The plaintive cry of the child came again above the whistle of the wind. It went straight to the old man's heart and he wished with all his power of longing that he might have the strength to go out and find the unfortunate babe. The cry came a third time - and then a wondrous thing happened. A miraculous power filled the old man's veins. His muscles became strong and tense, his crutch fell back into the cabin and he stepped from his threshold out into the snow. Hurrying over the snow with a speed he had not owned since boyhood, by and by he came to a little child lying in a snow bank. He bent down and touched the child and a great new strength flowed over him, a strength which seemed to give him wings as he sped back to his cabin. Arriving there, he placed the child upon the bed, tenderly drew the ragged coverlet about it and then looked to see if there were a bit of furniture he could use to make a fire with which to warm the little one. At that precise moment a great log rolled across the threshold and into the fireplace. The little child looked at the log with eyes like stars - stars which sent gleams of light that kindled the log with the most brilliant fire the old man ever had seen. The dingy little room immediately was filled with radiance and warmth, and as the light enveloped the child he laughed and laughed with a merrily like a song from the heart. The old man turned his eyes to where the fire burned and watched the flames leap in beautiful rainbow tints over the log, and as his old eyes watched, the colors seemed to form the shape of the Cross in the fire. The flames of the Cross leaped higher and higher, blue, red, yellow and white, and as the old man watched this display, suddenly and magically there appeared a table in the center of the room, covered with a Christmas feast such as never before had been spread before his eyes. And never again was the old man hungry or cold, and never after that was there a Christmas in old Virginia without the Yule log and the Christmas Child to give light and warmth. And that is the story of the Yule log as it is told in Virginia every Christmas eve. The ideal Christmas tree is the fir, because of its tendency to hold its needles longer. A final step in trimming the Christmas tree is frosting it with fluffy snow. A simple and popular form of snow is ordinary soap flakes.



We couldn't say for sure that you're on Santa Claus' gift list. All we can be certain about is that your name is on our list of those we wish all the season's joys.

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END OF THE RAINBOW... The rainbow of at least one human desire had fulfillment at the end when Judy Sue Warchauer found herself face to face with the doll of her dreams - and it was the very one she wanted for Christmas.

Russian People Are Also Able to Say "Merry Christmas"

"B. Rojdestvom Khristovym." That's what a Russian would say to you if you were in Russia on Christmas day and he wished to extend the season's greetings. The phrase is the Russian's way of saying: "Merry Christmas." In the past, the Russian's Christmas was closely associated with his church; but how the day is observed now that the religious life has been subjugated in the Soviet city would have to be behind the "Iron curtain" to know. But it was not always like that. In other days, the Russian Christmas was much like the Ukrainian. There was a Santa Claus known as "Dedushka Moroz" and there were traditional gifts of red boots for children and golden slippers for young girls.

In certain parts of the country the "babushka" (grandmother) was the legendary dispenser of gifts. According to one story, she repented of unkindness and ever since has tried to make amends by distributing gifts to children at Christmas.

Jake Commander, who was formerly with the U. S. Navy in San Diego, received his honorable discharge some few days ago. Jake was in the navy for three years. For the time being Jake will be employed with the Home Dept. Store, here in Spur. Jake is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fagan, of Spur.

Paul C. Hendrick of Nashville, Tenn. has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hindman for the past few days. Dick and Paul were very close friends in the Army.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of smoking. Hot ashes dropped on tissue paper or a carelessly-tossed match could result in tragedy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From us to you, sincere good wishes for a Happy Yuletide!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

MAY THE JOY OF MANY GOOD FRIENDS GLADDEN YOUR CHRISTMAS THIS SEASON.

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 FOR RENT: piano. See John E. Berry, Phone 215. 7-41p

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FOR RENT: Furnished apt. Kate Buchanan. 9-11c

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LOST
 LOST: Whiteface heifer left ear crops, V in right T. L. on left side. Tommy McArthur. 8-31p

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 HELP WANTED: First class porter, colored or Mexican, good wages. Experience necessary. No government or others need apply. Spur Auto Co. 3-31c

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ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
 Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of Spur Security Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 19 day of January, 1950, at ten o'clock A. M. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Respectfully,
 E. S. Lee Cashier 8-41c

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Fourth Wise Man Topic WSCS Meeting
 The ladies of the WSCS of the First Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. George S. Link for their Christmas party. The room was artistically decorated with holly and mistletoe carrying out the Christmas colors of red and green. The afternoon program was opened by Mrs. J. C. Payne, who gave the devotional; Mrs. J. A. Koon gave a brief summary of the "Fourth Wise Man"; and Mrs. Cal Wright led the closing prayer. The many guests were greeted with gifts from the Christmas tree. Following the unwrapping of gifts, refreshments of pie topped with whipped cream and coffee were served to Mesdames: J. A. Koon, Etta Fite, S. H. Nalley, Cal Wright, Lela Evans, C. H. McCully, Tom Johnston, W. F. Gilbert, Eric Foster, J. C. Payne, R. L. Walker, C. F. Cook, W. S. Campbell, and hostess Mrs. George S. Link.

Mrs. Hagins Hosts Cauthen Party
 Mrs. Elmer Hagins was hostess at a Christmas party for the Elmer Cauthen Circle of the First Baptist WMS at her home Monday evening, December 19. Decorations were of the Yuletide theme including the traditional Christmas tree and candles. Medleys of recorded Christmas carols were played as guests arrived. The program for the evening was introduced by Mrs. Bill Glenn. A Christmas story, "Christmas on the Plains", was given by Mrs. C. P. Scudder. Mrs. L. M. Huff sang familiar carol of "The First Noel". A reading by Mrs. Grady Lackey, "A Christmas Carol" by James Russell Lowell, concluded the program. Gifts were exchanged by members and names of "secret pals" were revealed. Names were drawn for new "pals". Plans for filling a Christmas basket for a local needy family were completed. Applesauce cake with whipped cream topping, coffee and mixed and nutty were served to Mesdames: E. H. Carpenter, W. F. Patrick, W. B. Steele, Gaven Jones, L. M. Huff, Jr., T. E. Springer, Grady Lackey, Melvin Rathel, Walter Gruben, C. P. Scudder, E. E. Caudle, Bill Glenn, Walter Johnson, Jr., N. C. Moffett and the hostess, Mrs. Elmer Hagins. Miss Gracie Fields student at Hardin-Simmons is visiting her sister Mrs. Grady Lackey for the holiday.

Services Held For Mrs. Mary Allison
 Funeral services were held for Mrs. Mary Etty Allison, 77, former resident of Spur, Dec. 5, 2:30 p. m. in Rosenberg, Texas. Rev. J. P. Rutledge officiated the services at the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Allison was born July 13, 1872 in Arkansas. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. J. H. Ashcraft, of Glidden; Mrs. A. M. Elliott, of Houston; Mrs. E. J. Lassetter, of Spur; Mrs. Edward Stran, of Whittier, Calif.; four sons: Claud J. Allison of Rosenberg; R. C. Allison of Brownwood; J. W. Allison, of Ruskin; E. Allison, of Los Angeles, Calif.; 7 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Pallbearers were Bryan Rawson, H. Cecil Baker, Ed Rutger, Ira McCullough, Glenn Elliott, and Justin Stein. Feester Funeral Home had charge of all arrangements. Interment was in W. O. W. Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS
 We take this means to thank the Dry Lake Community, all nearby churches, hospitals, and funeral home for the wonderful help they have shown toward us in the time of need. God bless everyone of you. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Phillips John D. Phillips

Gregory's Hosts 1931 Study Club
 The 1931 Study Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregory Monday night for their annual Christmas party. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregory, host and hostess greeted the many guests in their lovely home at 7 p.m. The room was decorated with a Christmas motif. Boughs of cedar, pine, and mistletoe were arranged throughout the receiving rooms. Following the Christmas dinner with all the trimmings the husbands, entertained with their idea of a "woman's business meeting". Gifts were later exchanged by the guests, and Christmas carols were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Albin, F. R. Blair, Beal Brasher, Bynum Britton, Spencer Campbell, Jerry Ensey, Sam Hawks, Harold Karr, Paul Marion, Rob Simmons, A. M. Stoy, Wilburn Ball, Dale Young, Jesse Morrison, Pete Kizer, Mrs. Evalene Holly, Pete Woodson, and host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gregory. Naval Aviation Cadet John Roberts of Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida is visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roberts during the Christmas holidays. Cadet Roberts will return to Pensacola Dec. 31 and will later be sent to Whiting Field for his basic flight training.

Mrs. Joe McDaniel Hosts Club Party
 The ladies of the Soldier Mound Home Demonstration Club met in the home of Mrs. Joe McDaniel Thursday Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m. for their Club Christmas party. The receiving room was decorated with a large Christmas tree and boughs of pycnanthus, and shoe-maker boughs. A brief Christmas program of poem reading, All the members taking part and the exchanging of gifts followed the program. Refreshments of pimento cheese, and tuna fish sandwiches potato chips, olives, fruit cake, tea, and coffee were served to Mesdames: Henry Gruben, W. H. Condon, Ollie Hindman, W. T. Williams, John Aston, Dee McArthur, T. B. Watson, Cal Martin, John Bachman, Floyd Barnett and hostess, Joe McDaniel.

Buckner-Fortune Exchange Vows
 Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Buckner of McAdoo are announcing the recent marriage of their daughter, Miss Rosemary Buckner to B. L. Fortune son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fortune of Ft. Worth. The marriage was performed in Ft. Worth in the home of the bridegroom's parents. The couple are at home at 908 Haskell St. Ft. Worth, Texas.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
 The combined choir of the Spur Churches gathered at the Methodist Church Wednesday night Dec. 21 at 8 p. m. to sing Christmas Carols over the loud speaker system. Christmas music on the organ and Chimes will be played tonight at 8 p. m.

Local Girl Pledged To Owls Social Club
 Stephenville, Texas, Dec. 22 Frances Holloway, of Spur, is one of 58 students to accept a bid to a social club recently at Tarleton State College in Stephenville. Frances, who is majoring in home economics, is pledged to the OWLS social club. She is one of nine girls pledged to this club.

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Western Gun-Law Days

BRIMSTONE

Wed. & Thurs.

"GIFT NITE" 200

ARE YOU HAVING IN-LAW TROUBLE

Also News Reel

RELIEF AT LAST
 EASE YOUR COUGH
 Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and soothe raw, inflamed and heat raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly silences the cough if you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION
 For Coughs, Croup, Colds, Bronchitis

Plan a Merry Christmas around these SAFEWAY VALUES

CLOSED MONDAY, DEC. 26

Candy
 GUM DROPS
 JELLY BEANS
 ORANGE SLICES
 1-Lb. Cello 23c
 Chocolate Drops 1-Lb. 29c
 Satin Mix 1-Lb. 25c
 Cherries 1-Lb. 53c

Eggs
 Local, guaranteed 45c
 Morning Star 47c
 12-Grand 44c

Canned Fruits
 Pears 33c
 Cherries 15c
 Cocktail 34c
 Apple Sauce 15c
 Ripe Olives 31c

Typical Savings
 Soup 21c
 Pickles 35c
 Dressing 31c
 Peas 17c
 Cherub Milk 34c
 Shortening 75c
 Crisco 81c

TOMS
 14- to 18-Lb. Average
 Lb. 49c

HENS
 12- to 14-Lb. Average
 Lb. 63c

Farm Fresh Produce
 Cranberries 1-Lb. 17c
 Pascal Celery Lb. 6c
 Oranges 9c
 Apples 10c
 Apples 25c
 Oranges 43c
 Pink Grapefruit 10c
 Tangerines 12c
 Fresh Dates 19c

Guaranteed Meats
 Heavy Fowl Dressed and Drawn Lb. 49c
 Fresh Oysters Std. 16-Oz. Can 69c
 Hams Picoch No. 1 Grade Sugar Cured Half or Whole, 12- to 14-Lb. Avg. Lb. 53c
 Picnics 35c
 Roast 35c
 Pork Chops 49c

SPUR, TEXAS

SAFEGWAY



SPUR
 Friday & Saturday

HALE
 OUTCASTS OF THE TRAIL

—PLUS—

CALL of the FOREST
 Starring ROBERT LOWERY
 A SOUTH GUILD PRODUCTION