

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM—

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TALKING WITH
OLD
SANTA CLAUS

Last week when Santa was walking about the streets and stores in Muleshoe he paused for a moment to talk to these youngsters. Receiving a gift of candy from Santa is 19 months old Clay Mims, and his sister, Jill, who is four. The children's parents are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mims, of Lazbuddie. (Staff Photo)

Slemmons, Smith, Wagnon, Win In Xmas Contest

Dr. T. M. Slemmons home won first prize of \$25 in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting contest, according to manager Ray Franz, who made the announcement this week following the decision made by a panel of secret judges.

Dr. Slemmons home, located at 1107 West Eighth street was decorated with garlands of greenery around the windows, doors and woven among colored lights along the eaves of the porch and into the ornamental grillwork of the porch. A beautifully decorated and lighted tree was visible through the large picture window of the home. The decorations are the work of the Slemmons' son, Senn, in whose name the entry into the contest was made.

Gary, 8, and Cindy, 3, children of the John Smiths, at 1103 West Ninth, won second place award of \$15 in the contest, with theme carried out in red lights. A Christmas tree was outlined in red lights on the wall of the Smith home, and alternating white and red lights illuminate a flocked tree in the window.

The judges awarded third prize of \$10 to the decorative scheme at the Vance Wagnon home, located at 1307 West Seventh street, where blue was the predominant color in lights strung along the eaves of the porch and decorating the facade of the home.

The judges expressed their gratitude for the number of homes they found decorated and stated they were sorry they could not award first place honors to all the homes they viewed. Their decision, the judges remarked ruefully, was not an easy one to make, as all the homes showed considerable thought and artistic ability.

Small Crowd Sees Junior Class Play Thursday Evening

A fine performance of the Junior class play, "Joan of Arkansas" was put on the boards in the Muleshoe High school auditorium last Thursday evening before a disappointingly small audience.

The play, under the direction of C. D. Clary, class sponsor, was notable for the excellent acting turned in by June Freeman in the title role, and by Mary Kinsey, playing the part of a maid. Mr. Clary reported that many who purchased tickets for the production did not attend.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Darlene Hall and I have been a good little girl and I want you to please bring me a "Saucy Walker Doll", a wardrobe, a doctor's set, and a tea set. Santa, please go and see all the other boys and girls. If you don't have enough to go around maybe I can give some of my dolls to the little girls.
Love,
Darlene

Dear Santa,
I want a bride doll for Christmas. I have my Christmas tree up and five gifts under it. I have three sisters and one brother. I would like for you to bring them something.
Love,
Patricia Walter

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I am in the first grade. Please bring gifts for every good boy and girl.
Love,
Brenda Faye Sims

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 6 years old and I have tried hard to be a good little boy, so would you please bring me a play gun, a guitar, a space gun, a gun and scabbert set and I have a little brother who is 4 years old, he would like a big horse, a ball, a guitar and anything else you care to bring him. I also have a little sister who is 3 months old and bring her a little doll and some little rattlers.
We're very anxious for you to come.
We love you,
David, Ronnie and Debbie McDonald.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a bicycle and fringed jacket, and a set of dishes. I want a Toni doll too.
I love you,
With my best wishes,
Shirley Hurst

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I want a machine gun and wagon. My brother wants a gun and bicycle and football.
I love you,
Carl Burkhardt

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Dear Santa,
I am in the second grade. I am a little boy 8 years old. Dear Santa I want a wagon, an electric train, cowboy hat, a cash register, a boat, a long whip, and a pair of shoes. Please bring Dale a knife. Please bring Mrs. Harris something, too.
I love you,
Thomas Ray Wilson

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I am in the second grade. Dear Santa I want a nurse kit. Please bring my sisters and brothers some things too. Please bring Mrs. Harris something too.
Bring me some candy. Bring my sister and brothers some candy too.
I love you,
Della Ross

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a bicycle and some Chinese checkers.
I am in Mrs. Harris room. Please don't forget her.
I will be good this year.
Linda Dement

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the second grade. I want a stick horse, a Marine pistol and a cowboy hat.
I love you,
Floyd Rush

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 7 years old I am in the second grade. I want a electric train and a bicycle and some tinkler toys. My mother wants a bed spread and table cloth.
I love you Santa.
Love,
Max Eubanks

Dear Santa,
I am a girl 4 years old. Please bring me a doll with clothes, and a set of dishes and a pair of shoes. I will be good.
To bring me a doll with clothes and a ice cream set, and a set.
I am 9 years old, and I will be good.
Romona and Joyce

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County Irrigated Lands Break Production Record With Over Bale To Acre; Total 42,000 Bales Ginned

Although exact figures are not available, County Agent J. K. Adams estimated Tuesday morning that approximately 42,000 bales of cotton have been produced and ginned in Bailey county this fall season. Adams points out that some cotton reported by gins north of the sand hills, as well as in the south part of the county was brought in from outside the county, about an equal amount of county grown cotton was ginned outside Bailey, which would just about even the score for a fairly accurate count.

With less than 1,000 bales estimated left to be ginned, most gins in Bailey county reported a good season, reflecting an extraordinary fall crop taking all factors into consideration.

The county was allotted 120,000 acres for cotton production, with

Local area gins estimated they had less than 900 bales left to gin, with less than 100 bales on the gin yards Tuesday morning.

Cagers Place Two On All-Tourney Team Sat. Night

Although Muleshoe boys and girls cage teams took consolation prizes in the Lazbuddie tournament Saturday, both teams placed members on the all-tournament teams.

Muleshoe boys team won over Bovina B boys 68-19, using every man on the squad, and playing reserves most of the way. Eugene Shaw made nine points in a row and wound up with 24 for the game, while Gordon Wilson had 14 for the Mules. Haney was high man for the Bovina team.

The Mulettes came from behind in the final moments of the game to win 44-38. Barbara Douglas and Jean Montgomery were stand out players for the Mulettes.

Farwell boys and Springlake girls took top honors in the tournament finals.

Choir Carols For Sick and Shut-Ins

Members of the choir and young people of the congregation of the First Baptist church visited the sick and shut-ins after services Sunday night, singing Christmas carols and traditional holiday music.

Next Sunday night the young people of the church will conduct a Student Night program, featuring college and high school students of the congregation, prior to Rev. Shepherd's closing message.

40,000 acres in the northern irrigated section of the county, and about 80,000 acres allotted to cotton in dryland areas.

Irrigated land owners planted their acreage and fought the drouth with copious irrigations during the summer. The dryland farmers waited in vain, in many instances, for sufficient rainfall to make planting possible. Only about half the allotted acreage was planted in the dryland area, 30,000 acres of which survived the drouth, wind and hail, producing an estimated 4,000 bales or an average of one bale per eight acres planted.

Cotton production in the irrigated section, estimated by last minute gin contacts, totaled about 37,880 bales, indicating a good possibility that all production records were shattered this fall with an average of well over a bale per acre.

The Journal has been carrying weekly reports from gins in the Muleshoe area, which totaled 25,380 bales early Tuesday morning.

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Other Industries. I am somewhat optimistic on clothing, aircraft, manufacturing, air-line transportation, office equipment, electricity output, petroleum production, natural gas, and shoes. I am also fairly bullish on rubber, papers, electrical equipment, certain types of building, and nonferrous metals.

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whole, I look for better weather in 1955.

Retail Sales. I forecast that the outlook for retail sales is encouraging, at least through the first half of 1955.

Profits. Stiffening competition is chipping away at the profit margin. Return on invested capital is in a long-term downtrend. The first few years after World War II were the golden years for the novice in business and for the inefficient. Those days are gone for awhile.

Selectivity. Higher labor and other costs, plus intensified competition will continue during 1955. I forecast a high degree of selectivity in the effect of this trend on individual activities and companies. Victory will be for the nimble and for the strong!

Dividends. Recent high expenditures for new plant and machinery have left some concerns with very high depreciation charges. As new capital commitments are cut and depreciation remains high, cash inflow could expand. Such companies should be able to pay out in dividends a higher percentage of earnings in 1955 than in recent years, notwithstanding a moderate profits shrinkage.

Inventories. Inventories have

been permitted to run down during 1954. As total business expands, there will be a tendency to replace reduced stocks, especially during the first half of 1955. Total manufacturers' inventories however, may build up more rapidly than total business inventories. I forecast that total wholesale and total retail inventories will show little change from 1954 levels.

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Annual Carload of Feed Sent To Orphanage At Waco Saturday By Friends In Muleshoe And Bailey County

No one seems to remember when the custom of shipping a car load of feed from Muleshoe to the Methodist Home, an orphanage at Waco began. Memory of its being done in 1927 and each year thereafter was found, however. The climax of the operation perhaps was reached in 1950 when the Y. L. and Progress Methodist Churches sent three car loads of feed for the dairy herd of the home.

It seems that in 1927 or a few years prior W. M. "Judge" Wilterding, deceased, proposed that the churches on the Y. L. circuit sponsor the sending of a car load of feed to the orphanage. The project met an enthusiastic reception not only among members of the churches, but among every friend of orphan children.

The custom has continued from that day. Year after year, at Christmas time, for approximately thirty years the car had been spotted on a siding near one of the elevators and filled with

ground bundles, hay, and grains and sent on its way.

Unloading the car has become a tradition among the boys at the Home. Each year they make a party of the occasion. Refreshments for the party are often found in the form of peanuts, fruit and candy that is sometimes buried in the feed by the generous ones who fill the car.

This expression of Christmas cheer initiated by the church at Y. L. has for a number of years been a joint project of the Progress and Y. L. Methodist Churches. However, "filling the car for the orphanage" has never been on a denominational basis.

Donors this year: Byron Gwyn, Bill Garrett, James Wedel, Joe Sooter, Troy Actkinson, D. Warner, Dillard Chitwood, Tom Smith, Gordon Murray, Rev. Carrol M. Jones, Leon Lewis, D. E. Head, Bill Millen, George Mitchell, Art Ryan, B. H. Bickel, Miss Dottie Wilterding, Rev. L. D. Cleveland, S. E. Cone Elevator and employ-

es, Roy Hogan, L. D. Tipton, H. W. and J. W. Herrington, Reece Wilterding, and Marvin Wilterding

Telephone Loan Given Approval

Approval of a loan revised to \$860,000 for Five Area Telephone Cooperative has been announced by the Rural Electric Administration in Washington.

Walter Damron, president of the Cooperative, which has its headquarters here, Saturday received a telegram advising him of this formal approval. The loan had been restudied after directors made some changes in the plans.

Work of staking out lines and other preliminary engineering surveys have been under way for some time. The Cooperative will have five rural exchanges.

Babson's Annual Predictions For New Year

By Roger W. Babson

General Business. Despite wails from some quarters, 1954 saw a drop in the average Physical Volume of Business of only 5% from the record year 1953. 1955 could see a rise of about the same amount. Certainly, the director of business until mid-1955 will be upward.

Businessmen Will Wake Up. During 1954 many businessmen rediscovered the meaning of the word "competition". Sales will continue to be made only with real effort in most lines.

Consumption Outlook. Consumption in a number of lines has been proceeding at a more rapid rate than has production. I forecast a better record in early 1955 for both steel and automobiles.

Textile Industry. Textile industry operated at extremely low levels throughout most of 1954. Coal and railroad equipment also exerted a strong downpull. I forecast that the textile and coal industries will be in a recovery phase after their long stay in the doldrums.

Private Construction. I forecast that home building and general construction will be somewhat lower in 1955 than in 1954, but this important industry should

still operate at high levels next year.

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during 1955 living costs will show little over all change from present levels. There may be some firming during the first half, but the late months may again witness a minor softening.

Rents, Etc. I forecast rental expenses may edge somewhat higher; clothing costs should be steady to moderately higher. There is small chance that food expenses can be greatly reduced.

Money Supplies. I forecast that money supplies will be ample for all legitimate business needs during 1955. With little likelihood of business getting out of hand on the upside, credit easing is more likely than credit curtailment in 1955.

Inflation. Fears, or perhaps hopes, of an inflationary boom should be buried. Barring outbreak of war, our productive capacity is sufficiently large to meet all demands for goods. I forecast that runaway inflation is probable, even if the money managers increase the supply of money or ease credit.

Interest Rates. Until the Treasury finds a way to balance the budget, hold business at high levels and unemployment at a minimum, I forecast little likelihood of higher interest rates.

Bond Prices. With the possible exception of tax-free bonds, I see no reason for increased bond prices in 1955. I forecast an increase in the issuance of tax-free revenue bonds.

Stock Prices. After so sharp a rise, the market could have a reaction; but I am forecasting no crash in 1955, such as we had in 1929. In fact, the situation changed for the better October 11, 1954.

Wages. I forecast that the wage trend in organized industry will continue to move higher at least in the first half of 1955. During the first half year, when business will be improving, the labor chiefs will also be quick to resort to the strike weapon.

Other Labor Gains. I forecast that the heavy guns of the labor big wigs will be trained on the guaranteed annual wage, shorter work week, and more pensions. With a better congressional control of appointments to the National Labor Relations Board, the decisions of that body will swing more toward labor than toward management.

New Inventions. These will mostly be a labor-saving type. I forecast a marked increase in automation and cybernetics, and other marvelous changes in pro-

duction methods.

Employment. Unemployment outlook is brighter, since business will be on the upgrade during the first half. I forecast that local and seasonal unemployment will still prove a knotty problem.

Failures. The salient business characteristic of 1955 will be bitter competition. Many companies already weakened by competitive conditions will no longer be able to keep afloat. I forecast a rise in both the number and the total value of failures during 1955.

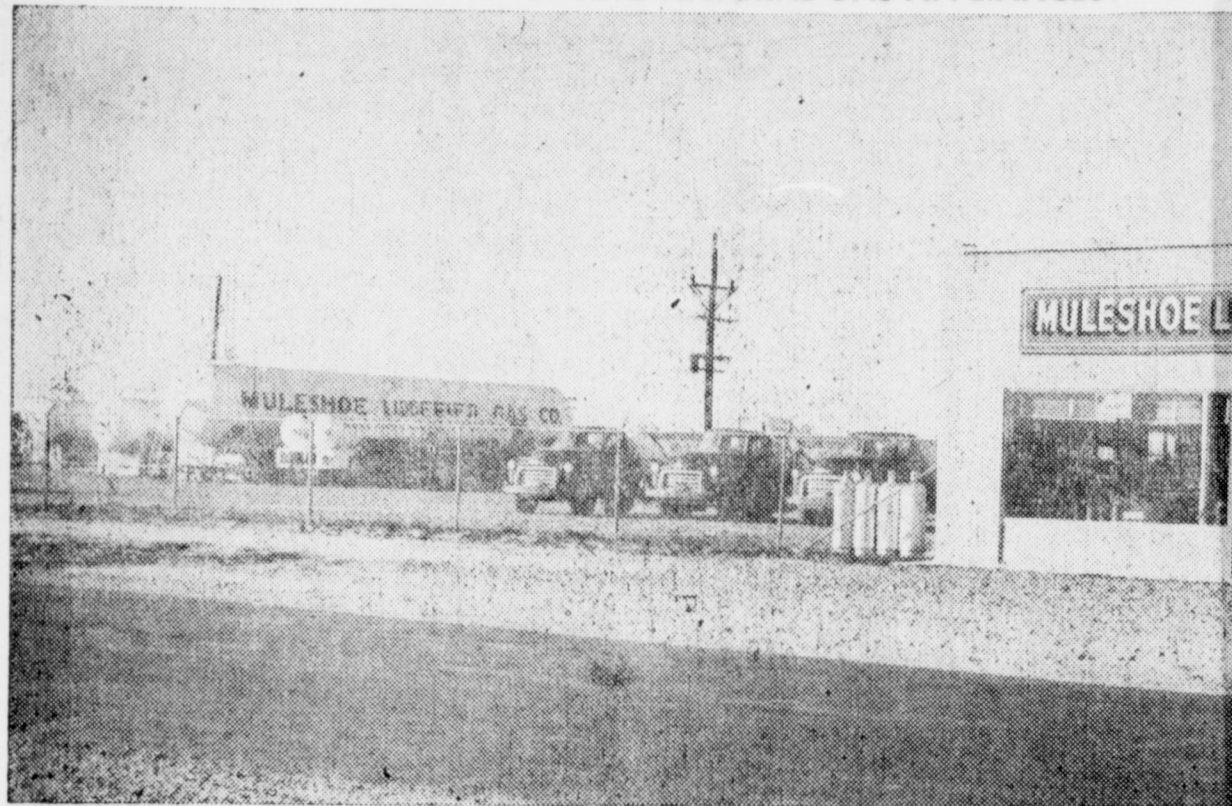
Mergers. I forecast that mergers and consolidations will be encouraged by federal officials, if, by merging, a weak company can be saved. But while every effort will be made to prevent bankruptcies, Washington will frown on large mergers and consolidations.

General Real Estate Sales. The time is already past due when real estate prices should have been falling. Only a fear of World War III and easy credit forecast that a downturn in prices cannot long be postponed.

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Miss Sarah Evonne Myers Becomes Bride of Temple Carter At Clovis



MR. AND MRS. TEMPLE CARTER

Miss Sarah Evonne Myers became the bride of Mr. Temple Carter in a single ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Clovis, N. M., at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, December 7.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Myers of Muleshoe and he is the son of Mrs. N. E. Carter of Stephenville.

Rev. J. E. Underwood, pastor of the church officiated.

The bride wore a grey street length suit, which she complemented with white accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Linda Whitson, maid of honor, was attired in a black taffeta dress, with which she wore red accessories.

Billy Joe Whalin, of Lubbock served the groom as best man.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple left on a week long trip to Carlsbad, N. M. They will be at home in Muleshoe.

Guests attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Whalin, Lubbock; Mrs. Bob Gross, Muleshoe; Mrs. N. E. Carter, Stephenville; Mrs. Sara Andrews, Amarillo; Gordon Ab-

bot, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Busby, Gloria Stinson Wanda Busby, Mrs. W. E. Young and mother and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dale Bellar, all of Muleshoe.

Cobbs Employees Enjoy Xmas Party

Employees of the Cobbs Department Store and their families enjoyed a Christmas party Monday evening of this week.

Some twenty-nine persons enjoyed a supper at West's Post Of-

ice Cafe, and later went to the store for an exchange of gifts. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Wingo, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Workman, Mr. and Mrs. Lud Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. George Province, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Busby, Mr. and Mrs. Charles King, Mrs. Jimmy Morris, Mrs. Rosie McKillip, Mrs. Beverly Heathington, Shirley Mathiesen, Mary Wingo, David Wingo, Jim Wells, Paula Province, and Gerald Priboth.

greetings
of the
Season



To all of you
from all of us, go
best wishes for a happy
Holiday season and
a New Year rich in the
good things of life.

PICK 'N' PACK
FRUIT STAND



MITCHELL CONOCO STATION

SEASON'S GREETINGS



MAW AIN'T MUCH ON SPEAKIN' A PIECE, BUT SHE WANTS US McCOYS TA SHORE THANK YA CRITTERS FER DOIN' YER INSURANCE BUSINESS WITH...

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FRESH FROSTED **TURKEY HENS** lb. 55c
FRESH DRESSED **HENS** lb. 49c

SELECT, PINT **OYSTERS** 89c
PINKNEY'S PURE PORK **SAUSAGE** lb. 37c

WILSON PLAIN **Sliced Bacon** Lb. **29c**

U. S. CHOICE BEEF **CHUCK ROAST** lb. 39c
U. S. CHOICE BEEF **CLUB STEAK** lb. 59c

FIRST CUTS **PORK CHOPS** lb. 59c
SHOULDER CUT **PORK ROAST** lb. 39c

U. S. CHOICE **ROUND STEAK** Lb. **69c**

COFFEE Schillings **99c**
Any Grind, Lb.

LARGE CAN **EAGLE BRAND MILK** 29c
CAMPFIRE, NO. 300 CAN **PORK & BEANS** 3 for 27c
CURTIS, 10 OZ. BAG **MARSHMALLOWS** 19c

WHITE HOUSE, NO. 303 CAN **APPLE SAUCE** 19c
PET **MILK** large can 12 1/2c
ALMA, NO. 300 CAN **NEW POTATOES** 10c

WALTER WILLIAMS, ASSORTED **CANDY** All 29c Size **25c**

NORTHERN **TISSUE** 3 for 25c
NORTHERN, 80 COUNT BOX **NAPKINS** 2 for 25c
CUT RITE, 125 FT. ROLL **WAX PAPER** 27c
REYNOLD'S, 25 FT. ROLL **ALUMINUM FOIL** 29c

WOLF, NO. 2 CAN **CHILI** 49c
DEL MONTE, 14 OZ. BOTTLE **CATSUP** 21c
DOLE, NO. 2 CAN CRUSHED **PINEAPPLE** 28c
HUNT'S, NO. 2 1/2 CAN **PEACHES** 29c
DEL MONTE, HALVES, NO. 303 CAN **PEARS** 29c

200 COUNT BOX **KLEENEX** 10c

BAYER'S, 15c TIN **ASPIRIN** 10c
MODART, 75c SIZE **SHAMPOO** 43c
COLGATE, 50c SIZE **DENTAL CREAM** 30c
ISOPHROPHYL, PINT BOTTLE **ALCOHOL** 15c

10 LB. BAG EVERLITE **FLOUR** 79c

JELLO Assorted Flavors, Pkg. **5c**

DEL MONTE, NO. 303 CAN **FRUIT COCKTAIL** 22c
WILSON'S, 12 OZ. CAN **CHOPPED BEEF** 38c
SALAD BOWL, PINT JAR **SALAD DRESSING** 27c
CRUSTINE, 3 LB. CARTON

POWDERED, 1 LB. BOX **SUGAR** 12 1/2c
HOLLANDAILE COLORED **OLEO** lb. 21c
FRENCH'S, 6 OZ. JAR **MUSTARD** 11c

SHORTENING ... **65c**

LIBBY'S, NO. 303 CAN **PUMPKINS** 12 1/2c
HI HO, LARGE BOX **CRACKERS** 35c
TOWIE, 8 OZ. BOTTLE **CHERRIES** 29c
RED LABEL, 1 1/2 LB. BOTTLE **KARO SYRUP** 23c

GREEN FIELD, NO. 303 CAN **GREEN BEANS** 10c
DEL MONTE, NO. 303 CAN **SPINACH** 15c
CAMPFIRE, NO. 303 CAN **BLACK EYE PEAS** 10c
HI-C, 46 OZ. CAN **ORANGE ADE** 29c

LIBBY'S FROZEN, 10 OZ. PKG. **STRAWBERRIES** ... **17c**

LIBBY'S FROZEN, 6 OZ. CAN **GRAPE JUICE** 20c
LIBBY'S FROZEN, 6 OZ. CAN **ORANGE JUICE** 17c
LIBBY'S FROZEN, 6 OZ. CAN **LEMONADE** 17c

LIBBY'S FROZEN, 10 OZ. PKG. **BLACK EYE PEAS** 25c
LIBBY'S FROZEN, 10 OZ. PKG. **BRUSSELS SPROUTS** 27c
SWANSON'S, 8 OZ. PKG. **POT PIES** 33c

EGGS Robnett's Caged Grade A Large Dozen **49c**

fresh fruits and vegetables

Pecans Peper Shell Lb. **39c**

CALIFORNIA **ORANGES** lb. 12 1/2c
WASHINGTON, RED DELICIOUS **APPLES** lb. 15c
GOLDEN FRUIT **BANANAS** lb. 12 1/2c

DIAMOND, 1 LB. CELLO **WALNUTS** lb. 29c
FIRM HEADS **LETTUCE** lb. 10c
LARGE BUNCH **GREEN ONIONS** 5c

CELERY Fresh Large Stalk **7 1/2c**





SEASON'S GREETINGS

SANTA IS EVERYWHERE AT ONCE . . . and that's the way with our good wishes for you. Wherever you are, they are with you and we are hoping you have the best Christmas ever. Thanks to all of you for your patronage that makes it possible for us to wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas.



Farm Equipment SALE

On W. R. Hatcher Farm, 4 1/2 miles east of Morton, Texas, on pavement.

Wed., December 29

SALE TO BEGIN AT 1:30 P. M.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 — UTU 1952 M Factory equipped butane Tractor, Planter & Cultivator. 1 — Z model 1948 Moline Tractor, butane. 1951 ZA motor in tractor installed. Hydraulic lift system installed. 1951 model John Deere Boll Puller mounted with Fowler blower. Four row cultivator and planter or lister with this tractor. 1 — 1951 model 20 Ferguson Tractor, butane or gasoline. Overhauled with Model 30 sleeves. Two row cultivator, planter, lister, ditcher blade, 5 foot dirt mover, three disc border disc. A frame, two row tool bar. 1 Two disc one-way breaking plow, three point hookup. 1 — 4-row knifing attachment and tool bar. Rotary hoes and knives. 1 — 4-row stalk cutter. 1 — 4-row pickup knife sled with hoes and dirts. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 — Sets Lister Markers. 2 — Three bale cotton trailers with fifth wheel. 1 — One bale cotton trailer, two wheel. 32 — 3-inch irrigation tubes. 48 — 2-inch irrigation tubes. 6 — Tin Dams or Ditch Stops, new. 1 — Comforter for Moline Tractor. 1 — Set Snap-on power lift extension for Moline tractor. 1 — 1952 Ford 6 Pickup, four speed transmission, motor never been overhauled. <p>— Other small items, sweeps, etc. Anyone else wishing to sell farm equipment may add to my sale.</p> |
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Turner Twins Enter Into Unusual Kind Of Partnership With Lewis Ranch

An unusual partnership has been set up between two Muleshoe High school 4-H club boys and the Lewis Brothers, area cattle raisers and ranchers.

The boys are Royce and Doyce Turner, who have both been in the news recently winning the State hybrid corn contest, purchased six polled Hereford heifers Saturday from the Lewis Brothers to feed out for breeding purposes.

Actually, the heifers were not purchased outright. The Turner twins will feed out the heifers and show them in breeding shows and sell them, retaining two thirds of the income, and giving the Lewis Brothers firm one third.

The unusual aspect of the ar-

angement is that most feeding out programs are done on halves with each partner receiving fifty per cent of the income from the sale of stock.

The arrangement was made on the basis of past performance by the Pleasant Valley farm boys who are also feeding out three fat steers from the Lewis ranch to show in the Ft. Worth Fat Stock show in the championship class.

The boys are carrying a phenomenal load of livestock work, feeding out and taking care of several head of cattle, swine and poultry, as well as sheep.

In rural Norway the women bake a year's supply of bread at Christmas time and store it in mouse-proof rooms.

Soil Tests Should Be Made Before Spring Planting

Soil compaction someday may rank with erosion as a factor limiting crop production, says Jack H. Barton, extension soil and water conservationist.

Land used for intensive cultivation and grazing is in greatest danger.

Compaction of the soil, says Barton, begins to limit crop production when the soil particles are pushed together so closely the movement of air and water through the soil is restricted. Plant roots, upon reaching the compacted layer — or hard pan — begin to grow in a lateral direction.

Soil compaction is often associated with clay and clay loam soils. The conservationist says they also form in sandy and medium organic type soils.

"Best remedy for this condition is to work with nature and not against her," says Barton. He urges farmers to simplify tillage operations to decrease the number of trips over a field with heavy equipment. Avoid working or grazing fields that are too wet.

A good rotation system will increase the organic content of the soil. Well fertilized, deep rooted crops will help crack the hard pan, Barton says.

A compacted soil holds less water and is more subject to erosion than a soil without this hard layer, he says.

Now Is The Time To Winterize All Farm Machinery

Up to 30 percent can be added to the life of farm machinery by giving it proper winter protection. And, too, says W. L. Ulrich, extension agricultural engineer, time will be saved in getting the machinery back on the job when it is needed next spring.

Here are suggestions from the engineer for winter care. Keep machinery under shelter when it is not in use. Bright metal parts, such as plow wings, mower sickles, cultivator points and other working parts should be coated with grease or a rust preventative. Rubber tires should be blocked up to take the weight off of them while in storage.

Drain the gasoline from auxiliary motors. Remove the spark plugs and drop three or four ounces of cylinder oil in each cylinder and turn the motor over a few times.

The cooling system on all motors not used during the winter months should be drained. Place a cover over the engine exhaust pipe to keep out moisture. Lubricate all grease points on machinery when it goes into storage and change all batteries. It's a good idea, says the engineer, to remove batteries from the motor and check them at regular intervals to see that they remain fully charged.

Finally, says Ulrich, while the machinery is in storage give it a "thorough inspection" for worn and broken parts. Make note of the repairs needed so they can be made before the machine is put back into operation.

Proper winter care of farm machinery is a practice, concludes the specialist, which if carried out can make the farm operation more efficient.



Merry Christmas



and good wishes for a happy holiday season

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TO NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Edwards left last Thursday for Trion, North Carolina, where they will visit relatives and friends. Mr. Edwards said it had been many years since he had spent Christmas back there, and he was looking forward to an enjoyable time. The Edwards will return home around January 1.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Earl Jennings, student at the University of Texas, is spending the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Jennings, and other relatives and friends.

HERE FROM AUSTIN

Spending the holidays, here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gupon, is Marilyn Gunton, student at the University of Texas, Austin.

MISSIONARY SPOKE AT FIRST BAPTIST

Mrs. John Parker, Baptist missionary to Chile, spoke to members of the First Baptist Church here Sunday morning. Mrs. Parker gave an excellent talk on her work in that country, and of the work of other Baptist missionaries.

She and her husband will leave for Chile sometime in February.

HERE FROM ROSWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Goss, of Roswell, N. M., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Goss and other relatives and friends here the past weekend.

GREETINGS

May the spirit
of the
first Christmas
shine brightly in
your heart.



SINGLETON FUNERAL HOME

Phone 2660 or 2670

Mrs. Claude Farrell Hostess As Half Century Members Enjoy Party

Last Thursday afternoon the home of Mrs. Claude Farrell was the scene of a Christmas party for members of the Half Century Club. Meses. Nick Matthiesen and Daisy Ingram were co-hostesses.

The beautifully decorated Christmas tree was the center of attraction. Other decorations in the home were in the holiday motif.

Gifts were exchanged around the tree, followed by an afternoon of visiting and playing of games.

Refreshments were served to the following: Meses. Snow Davis, Jennie Panter, Laura Gilbreath, Ina Gross, Anna Moeller, Gussie Mardis, Berdia Paul, Mattie Duke, Lula Kistler, Beulah Carles, Sallie Harden, Hattie Rocky, Pearl Moore, Lucy Layne, Mattie Haney, Lois Schoenberger,

Frances Williams, Clara Willman, Annie Stephens, Hertha Walker, and from Missouri, Mrs. Laura B. Cox.

Visitors attending were Meses. Luana Watts and C. D. Watts, Miss Claudia Huber and Davy Jean Anderson.

Members and visitors were presented with the traditional Christmas flower as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bobo.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sallie Harden, January 6, 1955.

EXPECTING PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Fowler are expecting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Fowler, Sr., of Brownfield, Friday. They will spend the holidays here.

DICTIONARIES for sale at The Journal office.

Fellowship Hall Scene of R. E. A. Christmas Party

Employees of the Bailey County Electric Co-op Association and their families, and directors and their families enjoyed a supper and Christmas party at Fellowship Hall last Friday evening.

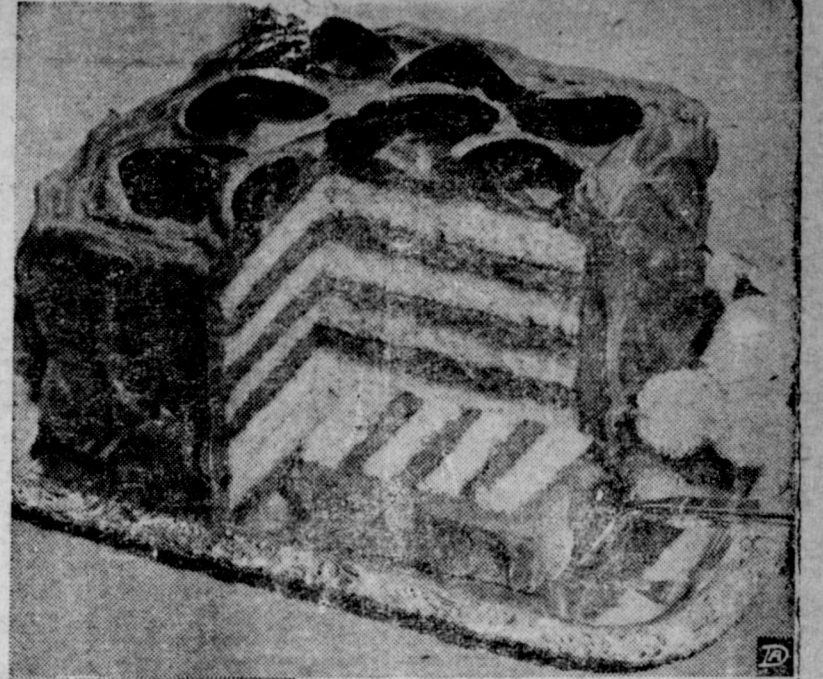
A delicious meal of turkey ham, dressing, English peas, sweet potatoes, cranberry salad, rolls, apple pie, and coffee, was served.

Short talks were given by manager D. B. Lancaster, K. L. Kimbrough, R. A. Axtell, H. E. Schuster, and Joe Sooter, president.

Several games were played and gifts were exchanged. The beautiful Christmas tree was the center of attraction.

Ninety-five persons were present.

HOPE . . . FOR THE BEST!



Comedian Bob Hope recently returned from abroad, where he appeared at the London Palladium in a command performance attended by Queen Elizabeth and members of the royal family. While there, he did a television show featuring international stars.

In honor of Mr. Hope's London appearance, Swans Down Mixes created this wonderfully golden four-layer cake, richly frosted with a luscious chocolate frosting. You, too, will find that, where cakes are concerned, a chocolate cake is always a "command performance" with menfolk everywhere!

Command Performance Cake
2 packages (20-oz.) yellow cake mix
Chocolate Seven Minute Frosting
1/4 square unsweetened chocolate
1/2 teaspoon butter

Prepare cake batter as directed on package, using both packages of cake mix and doubling the water and eggs. Pour batter into two 9x9x2-inch square pans, which have been lined on bottoms with paper. Bake as directed for square cake on package. Cool layers, then split each layer, making 4 layers.

Prepare one batch of Chocolate Seven Minute Frosting. Spread between layers of cake. Prepare second batch of Chocolate Seven Minute Frosting; spread over top and sides of cake.

Melt chocolate and butter together. Dip tip of teaspoon into melted chocolate and swirl on top of cake, making several small swirls.

Chocolate Seven Minute Frosting. Combine 2 unbeaten egg whites, 1 1/2 cups sugar, dash of salt, 1/2 cup water, and 2 teaspoons corn syrup in top of double boiler. Beat about 1 minute to mix well. Then cook over boiling water, beating constantly (with sturdy egg beater or at high speed of electric mixer) 7 minutes, or until frosting will stand in stiff peaks. (Stir frosting up from bottom and sides of pan occasionally with rubber scraper.) Remove from water, add 1 teaspoon vanilla, and beat 1 minute. Meanwhile, melt and cool 2 or 3 squares unsweetened chocolate. Gently fold cooled chocolate into frosting. (Do not beat.)

Merry Christmas

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Christmas is Here

What a bright and shining day is Christmas! Children, agog with wonder, see their dreams come gloriously true. Grown-ups recapture the magic of life's happiest hours as Time wings swiftly back o'er the years. To all, we wish a Christmas rich in fulfillment of their dearest hearts' desires.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am ten years old today. I have been a fairly good girl this year. We are having a Brownie Scout party this afternoon, wish you could be with us, but know you are very, very busy. I would like for you to bring me a doll with clothes, and luggage. Please visit Pat and Andy. Also visit all the poor and sick children. Please visit all the children who do not know Jesus. Please go to see the children in China, Chili, Korea and all the foreign countries.

Love you,
Eugenia Ruth English

P. S. I wanted a po-go stick, but Pat sent me one for my birthday, so give the po-go stick to

run out of dolls, give mine to some little girl.
some other boy or girl and if you

Dear Santa Claus,
I've just had a birthday on Dec. 18, and I was 7 years old. I am in the first grade and Mrs. Obenhaus is my teacher, and she says I'm a pretty good little girl and I made all S on my report card. I would like for you to bring me a new doll with clothes, a cabinet and luggage for the doll. If you go to Oakland, Calif., be sure and go see my sister, Pat, as her husband Andy is in Alaska and is by herself. I have another sister, Eugenia Ruth, but she will write you what she wants you to bring her.

Be good to all the boys and girls and don't forget the Mothers and Dads, and please go see M.S. Obenhaus.
Thank you Santa.
Love,
Ellen Louise English

Dear Santa,
I am five year old Hal Stephen Anderson. Please bring me some more tracks for my electric train. I also want switches, a tunnel, a station, and a signal light.
Have a Merry Christmas, Santa, and please wake me.
Hal Anderson

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a bicycle with side wheels? I am 7 years old and in Mrs. Witherpoon's room at school.
Don't forget the other boys and girls.
Thank you so much.
Love,
Elaine Gulley

CARD OF THANKS
We want to express our deep appreciation to all our friends who showed their kindness during our recent bereavement.
We especially want to thank everyone for the food and flowers sent.
Mrs. Nadine Burleson
Mrs. A. N. Arnn
Earl Burleson Family
O. L. Baisden Family

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bicycle with side wheels that would be just right for a 4 year old boy.

Don't forget the other children.
Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Kenney Gulley

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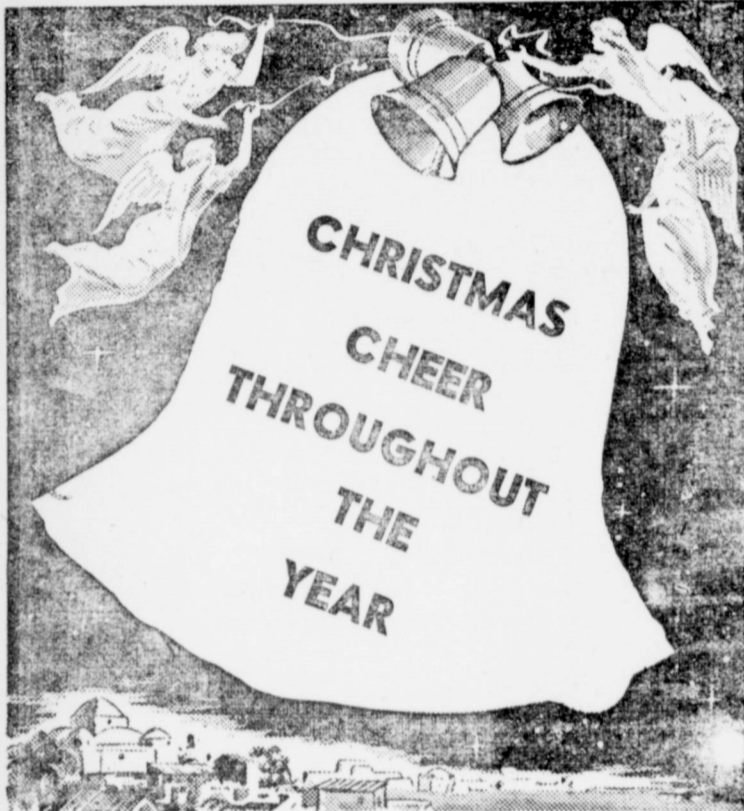
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Where good luck and good fortune smile
With good friends to journey beside you
And gladness to measure each mile.
And where ever the pathway may lead you
May sunshine lend joy to the way
These wishes are not just for Christmas
But for day
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GREETINGS

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EDWARDS GIN

Ray Edwards

Horace Edwards



use the Want Ads to BUY SELL RENT HIRE

1. Personals

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FOR SALE: 4 room house to be moved. See G. J. Garth at Needmore. 1-8-3tp

2. Lost and Found

STRAYED: 1 Bay horse Notify O. C. Thomson, Rt. 2, Muleshoe, Texas. 2-51-1tp.

7. Wanted To Rent:

WOULD LIKE TO RENT: 160 to 320 acres irrigated land. Will buy equipment or put down pump for long term lease. Good references. 1 1/2 mi. south, 3 1/2 west Amherst, Milton Williams, Rt. 2, Sudan, Tex. 7-1-4tp.

FARM FOR SALE OR TRADE: 177 Acres, 8 mi. south, 1/2 east of Muleshoe, Burl Pierce, Box 272, Turkey, Texas. 8tp.

8. Real Estate For Sale:

FOR SALE: 2 bedroom home in Lenau Addition. FHA loan, low monthly payments. Muleshoe Liquefied Gas Co. 8-51-3tc.

SALE OR TRADE—Grocery stock and fixtures, building, and 4-room house (on small lot) for 160 acres. Or would sell. C. H. Rush, Levelland. One block N red light on Littlefield highway. Phone 265W, box 343. 8-54-4tc

BY Owner—40 acre farm. No improvements. In shallow water area. \$50 per acre. 4 E. on the Plainview highway, 1-4 N. B. H. Wagon, Box 206, Muleshoe. 8-52-2tp

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FOR SALE: Slightly used 6 in. pump, 70 ft. setting, 10 hp electric motor. Also I have lots for sale with all utilities. LEWIS STEWART. 10-49-2tp.

FOR SALE: 10 in. pump with 60 ft. setting, in good condition at a bargain if sold soon. Vernon Finley, 1 1/2 mi. east, 1/4 mi. south of Y. L. Church. 10-51-4tp.

11. Swap:

SALE OR TRADE: Extra good stock farm, in northwest Arkansas. For irrigated or irri-gationable land in shallow water district. W. J. Whittis, Siloam Springs, Ark. 11-51-3tc.

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DICTIONARIES for sale at The Journal office.

13. Appliances For Sale:

FOR SALE: Stainless Steel Health Food Juicer, slightly used, at Hunke Electric. 13-51-2tp.

14. Property For Lease:

FOR MONEY LEASE: 160 acres, Pleasant Valley community, 1 mile west Pleasant Valley; 10 in. well, electric motor. No equipment to buy. Good cotton allotment, \$30 acre. George Gatewood. 14-51-3tp.

FOR CASH LEASE—100 acres irrigated land, 4-room house and bath. Electric motor on pump. Call Dee Clements at REA. 14-51-3tp

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FOR SALE—Hoeme plow with extensions; large size feed mill; two bottom John Deere breaking plow; John Deere mower, side delivery rake and hay baler. 30 milk cows. Carroll M. Jones, Muleshoe. 16-1-3tp

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Garza County, Texas, will, on the 10th day of January, 1955 at a regular term of said court in the Court House located at Post, Texas, receive bids for cash lease on One Hundred Eighty-nine (189) acres of Garza County School land located in Survey No. 4, League No. 212 in Bailey County, Texas, said lease to be for a three year (3 yr.) period, beginning January 1st, 1955 and terminating December 31st, 1957, and will be for agricultural purposes only.

Successful bidder will be required to sign a written contract with the Commissioner's Court regarding requirements of said lease.

The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE

A LETTER TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS OF LITTLEFIELD MEMORIAL PARK:

This is to remind you of what you were told by the Counsellor who was in your home to explain the Advertising and Educational program at the time your property was placed with you. A Memorial Park very rarely is successful if placed in too close proximity to another Memorial Park. It is advocated that they not be placed closer than 50 miles. That is why the location for your Park was chosen in Lamb County. Not the fact that it was in, or near any certain city, but the fact that it was 60 miles from the Clovis Park, and 55 miles from the Plainview Park. There has to be enough population between locations in order to have enough property sold to make a large enough Trust Fund to maintain a beautiful cemetery.

AS MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, we have lived according to their "Creed of Ideals", which is:

"We, the members of the National Cemetery Association, being ever mindful of the kindly and considerate service which should be rendered to the individual and the community, recognize the following principles of our profession:

TO DEVELOP and maintain beautiful memorial areas; TO PROTECT SUCH AREAS WITH INDEPENDENT AND ADEQUATE IRREVOCABLE PERMANENT CARE Trust Funds designed and set aside for that sacred purpose, to use only honest methods of operation and sale, and direct them toward service to the public, rather than the idea of speculation, so that the memory of those left in our care will live forever as a comfort to their dear ones."

As you can readily see, for every \$100,000.00 worth of property sold, if 20% were put into the Trust Fund, the amount would be \$20,000.00. As you remember, Littlefield Memorial Park is placing 20% of every dollar into an irrevocable, irrevocable Trust Fund, of which The Security State Bank of Littlefield is the Trustee (inquire at The Security State Bank, or Mr. Pat Boone, Jr., who is Attorney for Littlefield Memorial Park). Only the interest from the money placed in the Trust Fund can be used down through the years for the care of the cemetery, to keep it beautiful.

The Financial Statement of the Perpetual Care Trust Fund is published according to the Laws of the State of Texas, each year to keep the property owners and public informed as to the status of the Trust Fund. WATCH YOUR COUNTY PAPER FOR THE STATEMENT sometime during the month of January, 1955.

LITTLEFIELD MEMORIAL PARK, INC.

By: MARTHA MARIE SIMMONS,

Secretary-Treasurer

News From Three Way . . .

Funeral Services Held For Wilbie Burleson; Cub Scouts Have Christmas Party In Cass Stegall Home

Wilbie Burleson died suddenly at his home Friday morning, December 17.

Last rites for Mr. Burleson were held at the First Methodist Church in Littlefield with Rev. Rufus Kitchens officiating, assisted by Rev. Motes and Rev. Vanderpool. Interment was in Littlefield cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Nadien; his mother, Mrs. Vivian Arnn; one brother, Earl Burleson; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Nanny Thomas, all of Goodland.

Honorary pallbearers were Alex Reed, George Mayo, Pete Tarlton, Millard Townsend, Jack Lowe, John Shackelford, Strott Walker, Leon Reeves, Glen Williams, and Frank Griffith.

Has Minor Surgery
Kay Lemons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurl Lemons underwent minor surgery recently. She is doing fine.

Attends Fathers Funeral
Horace Hutton received word Friday that his father, Jessie

Hutton of Shallowater had passed away. Funeral services were Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hutton had been in ill health for several months.

Visit Griffiths Home
Guests in the Frank Griffith home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pruitt of Roswell, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Perrin and children of Morton, and H. W. Terrell of Amherst.

Play At Pettit
Three Way girls and boys played in the Pettit basketball tournament last week. The boys won consolation and the girls won second place. The Bula girls defeated Three Way 48-47 for first place.

Cub Scout Party
The Den 2 Cub Scouts enjoyed a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Cass Stegall Wednesday afternoon after school. Gifts were exchanged and games were played.

Refreshments of ice cream and Christmas cookies were served to Mrs. Haskel Kirby and Paul; Mrs. W. T. Parker and Tommie; Mrs. C. L. Taylor and Dorman; Mrs.

Millard Townsend and Jeff; Mrs. Oran Reeves and Oran Granville; Mrs. Clyde Lines and Clyde, Jr.; Mrs. Clint Everett and Kenneth and Mrs. Tommy Galt and Ricky.

The grade school basketball teams played at Dora Thursday evening. The girls won their game, but the boys lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dupler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mann and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mann plan a trip to California for Christmas to visit relatives.

Pack Meeting Of Cub Scouts Held Tuesday Evening

December pack meeting of the Cub Scouts was held in the Junior High School auditorium at 7:30 in the evening, December 16.

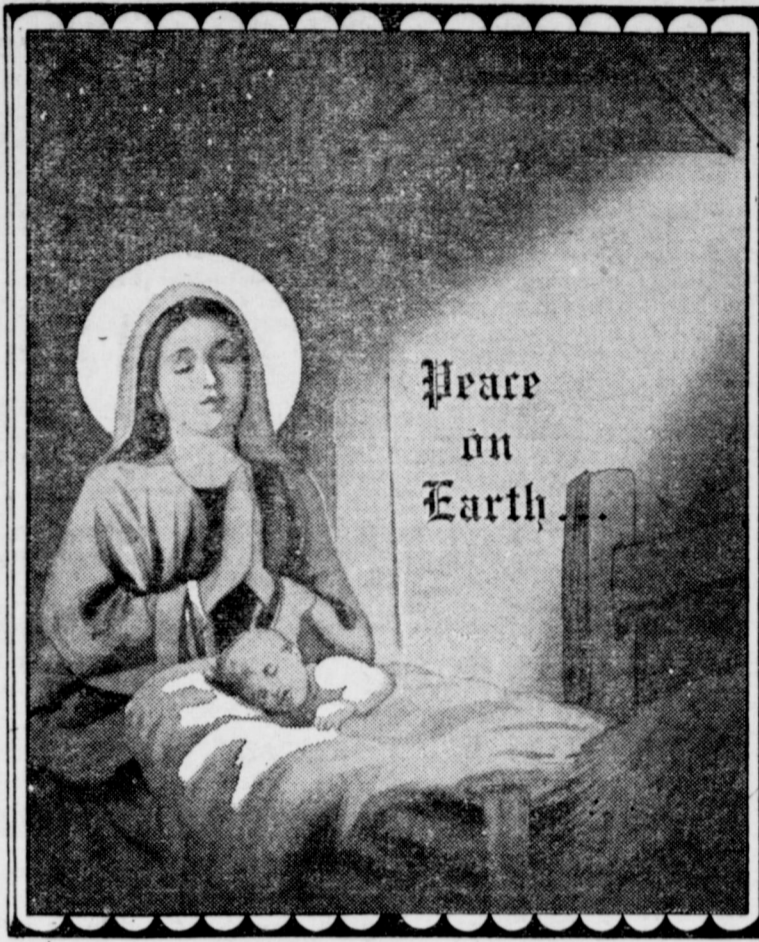
A prayer of thanks opened the meetings. Awards were made by Blondie Ray, and two scouts graduated. They were Dixon

Ray and Ronnie Locke. Frank Cox, new scout master, was in charge of the graduation exercises.

Den mothers received service stars for faithful service, and Santa left nice gifts for everyone. The next den meeting will be held following the holidays. On

January 11, a scout leaders meeting will be held at 1:30 pm, at the R. E. A. building. The new charter will be made at that time.

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Fidelis Members Enjoy Xmas Party

Nine members were present for the Christmas party of the Fidelis class, which was held last week with Mrs. Frances Garrison serving as hostess and Mrs. Marie White as co-hostess.

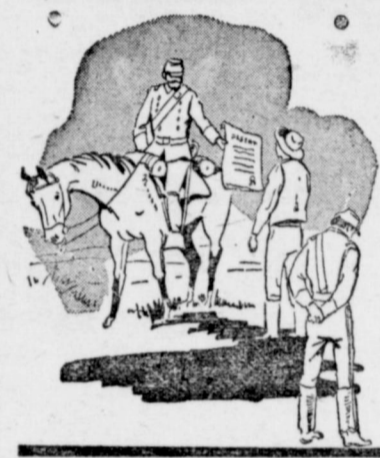
The ladies present were Mmes. Doris English, Lou Green, Dorothy Green, Ruby Brasher, Marie White, Grace Lane, Frances Garrison, Leona Glenn, Jewel Pool, and Johnny Shepherd.

Mrs. Lou Green, president, was in charge of the business session. The devotional, brought by Mrs. Grace Lane, was taken from 2 Luke, chapters one through twenty. She then read a poem, "A Christmas Bit".

President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of war the battlefronts are often quiet and serene, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25th, in 1868, that President Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an amnesty proclamation which did not exclude any persons or classes of persons—not even the highest officials of the Confeder-



Previous amnesty proclamations, issued both by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

After the business hour journeyed, a social hour followed, and refreshments were served.

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Soil Compaction Danger Is Cited

The harvest season in Texas is nearly complete and that means a slackening of farm activities. But it is not too early, says M. K. Thornton, extension agricultural chemist, to begin planning for next year's operations.

A first, according to Thornton, is to take and submit soil samples for analysis. Knowing what the soil needs in the way of plant food and organic matter is an important part of any soil building program, says the specialist, and a sure answer to "sick" soil

is a complete analysis.

He cites the outstanding corn yields made this year by farmers who followed soil treatment recommendations as examples of the value of soil testing. The top yield in the State was made by Doyce Turner of Lamb county who posted an all-time record high of 204.3 bushels of corn an acre. It was grown on land which had been tested. Organic matter was supplied by the application of three tons of cotton bur compost an acre. An application of 200 pounds of 16-20-0 fertilizer was recommended at planting time and a side dressing of nitrate later but the corn grew so

fast by side dressing time it was too tall to make the application. If soil samples are submitted now ahead of the spring rush, Thornton says the recommended fertilizers can be purchased and stored. They'll be on hand when needed and there'll be no question about getting the kinds and amounts needed, he adds.

Doing the job now is insurance against not doing it when the rush of farm work begins with spring operations and too, results will be available for planning next year's cropping program.

Local county agricultural agents can supply information and the blanks which should be sent to the soil testing laboratory with each sample.

Squeeze Increases On Dairy Farmers Seen By Economist

The cost-price squeeze on Texas dairy farmers will continue and may tighten in 1955.

John G. McHaney, extension agricultural economist, says prices for milk in relation to the cost of feed probably will be lower than this year. Prices for dairy products on the whole may stay about where they are, McHaney predicts.

Farmers will enter 1955 with about the same number of cows as a year earlier. Total milk production in the U. S. next year is expected to equal the record 124,000,000,000 pounds in prospect this year.

McHaney says the high production of the past two years has been produced on very poor pastures in many areas. With revived grasslands, he says, next year's milk flow could exceed this year's.

The price outlook is not too favorable from a supply standpoint. Stocks of all dairy products in July were 5,000,000,000 pounds greater than a year earlier.

The average price received by U. S. farmers for all milk will be about \$4.00 per hundredweight in 1954 compared with \$4.32 in 1953 and \$4.85 in 1952, a decrease each year.

VISITED IN HOBBS

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Whipple and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waggoner visited the past weekend in Hobbs, N. M., with the parents of the ladies, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Graves.

MET DAUGHTER IN AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Copley and children Don and LaVon met their daughter and sister, Doris Jean, in Amarillo Saturday night when she arrived on the bus from Siloam Springs, Ark., Doris, a student at the John Brown University at Siloam Springs, is here for the Christmas holidays. She will return to her studies January 1.

WERE IN DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cox were in Dallas several days last week on business.

VISITED PARENTS

Mrs. Arthur Crow spent most of last week in Wolforth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Jackson. On Friday afternoon, she attended a tea in Lubbock at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Harold.

TO GERMANY

Lt. I. W. "Weldon" McCarty left recently for Germany, where he will be stationed with the U. S. Armed Forces. His family is residing in Lubbock.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Barbara Jones is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Carrol Jones, of Progress. She is a student at McMurry College, Abilene.

HERE FROM TECH

Donaldson, freshman Tech, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Donaldson and other relatives and friends.

FROM A. & M.

Billy Wayne Wagnon is here to visit through the holidays with his parents, the B. H. Wagnons, and other relatives and friends.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS HELD ALL DAY MEET

Members of the Primitive Baptist Church here in Muleshoe enjoyed an all day meeting the past Sunday at the church. Services in the morning were followed by a delicious meal at the noon hour, and singing in the afternoon. To climax the day gifts were exchanged around the Christmas tree.

Visitors from Portales, N. M. and Anton attended.

VISITED AT DIMMITT

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Baker and family visited with the L. O. Arnold family Sunday at Dimmitt.

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RAYMOND AND RUBY GREEN

THIS & THAT

About Homemakers & Homemaking in Bailey County

By Mollie Stinson
Here are some last minute ideas for Christmas gifts from the kitchen. What would be more welcome than sweetmeats from the kitchen gaily wrapped and tied with Christmas ribbons?

One pound fruit cakes and larger decorated with candied fruits and nuts and wrapped in cellophane are beautiful and most acceptable. Fill a clever cookie jar with luscious homemade cookies — decorated or plain.

If you are good at baking yeast breads, make some Holiday Tea Rings, Julia Kaga, and loaves of bread. Wrap attractively and presto — your next door neighbor and other friends welcome your thoughtfulness. Aluminum foil is attractive for wrapping and protects gifts of foods. Pack cookies in decorative tins or gaily wrapped boxes. They will be gratefully enjoyed throughout the yuletide season.

Homemade candies always make a hit. Make them several days ahead of time and pack in tin boxes. If you have a 4-H girl in your house she probably has some good candy making ideas after this month's demonstration.

Gala popcorn balls or popcorn and peanuts wrapped in colored cellophane and tied with bright ribbon are good gifts for children.

Other ideas for Christmas gifts are wooden bowls with Texas

pecans and nutcracker; a Mexican basket filled with colorful fruits.

Jams, jellies, cakes, pies or whatever you decide to give from your kitchen will always be appreciated and you'll be remembered for a gift with its personal touch.

Here are three holiday recipes that I thought you might be interested in; they are from a new Extension bulletin "Christmas Time at Home".

Cranberry Relish Bread
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour,
1 teaspoon baking soda,
1 teaspoon salt,
¾ cup sugar,

1 egg,
1/4 cup orange juice,
3 tablespoons white vinegar plus water to make 2/3 cup,
1 teaspoon grated orange rind,
¾ cup melted shortening,
1 cup halves or coarsely chopped raw cranberries,
1 cup chopped nuts.

Sift together flour, soda, salt and sugar into mixing bowl. Beat egg; add liquids, orange rind and melted shortening. Add all at once to flour mixture; stir until flour is just dampened. Add cranberries and nuts; stir just enough to blend well. Turn into greased 3¼x4½x2½ inch loaf pan. Bake 60 to 70 minutes or until done at 350 degrees F. (moderate oven). Remove from pan; cool several hours or overnight before slicing.

Frosted Grapes
2 egg whites,
2 teaspoons water,
2 bunches grapes,
Loaf sugar, crushed.
Beat egg whites and water to-

gether until frothy. Dip grapes in to mixture, coating each one well. Drain slightly, then sprinkle with crushed sugar. Let stand overnight in a cool dry place.

Sugar Coated Nuts
1 cup sugar,
½ cup water,
½ teaspoon vanilla or peppermint.

1 cup nut meats.
Dissolve sugar in water and bring to a boil. Cook until syrup spins a thread (228 to 230 degrees F). Add flavoring and stir until white and creamy. Blend with nuts and spread on waxed paper, separating each coated nut. If sugar mixture hardens too rapidly, place over hot water to soften.

Dear Santa.
I have talked to you a couple of times, but so you won't forget, I will put in on paper for you.

I want a bicycle, baton, and talking doll.
Don't forget my brothers Arthur Charles and Kenneth and other little boys and girls.
I love you,
Pamela Diane Splawn

Dear Santa.
I want a girls bicycle and a fringed jacket, moccasins and some dishes and a sweater.
I am going to be up at Missouri next Christmas. Thank you.
Sue Carol Smith

Dear Santa Claus.
Because I wrote this letter is because I thought you might not know Donna White's letter from mine and because I wanted a few other things.
What I want:
I want a baby live goat and a

doll house and some doll clothes, a drum, a school set that has school things.

I want a teddy bear, a small one, a yo-yo that shines in the dark.

Love,
Donna Precure
Dear Santa,
I want some moccasins and a baby bottle, fringe jacket and a nurse kit.
Thank you,
Deann

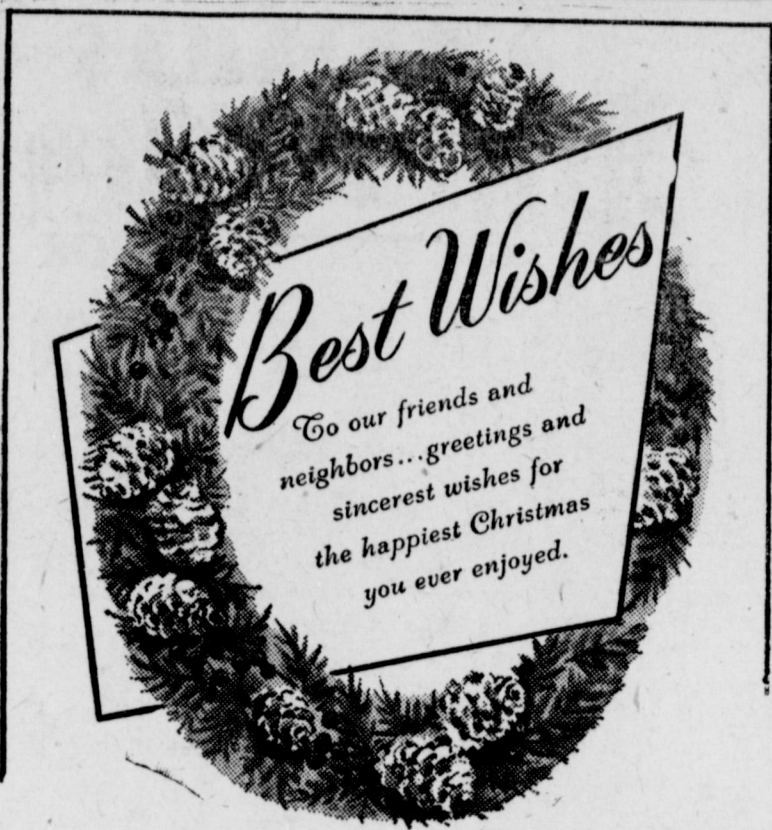
RETURN FROM NYC
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Millen and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Willman and daughter Kay, returned Saturday afternoon from New York City, from attending the National Farm Bureau Con-

vention. They visited St. Louis, Washington, D. C., Williamsburg, and other points of historic interest.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a piano, a walking doll that talks, a set of dishes, a baby kit with baby bottles and other things, and a fringed jacket.
Love,
LaQuita Flanagan

SISTERS VISITED
Guests last weekend in the Robert Blackwood home were his two sisters and their families, of Lubbock.

SEE THE JOURNAL office for "Thank You" cards and personal stationery.



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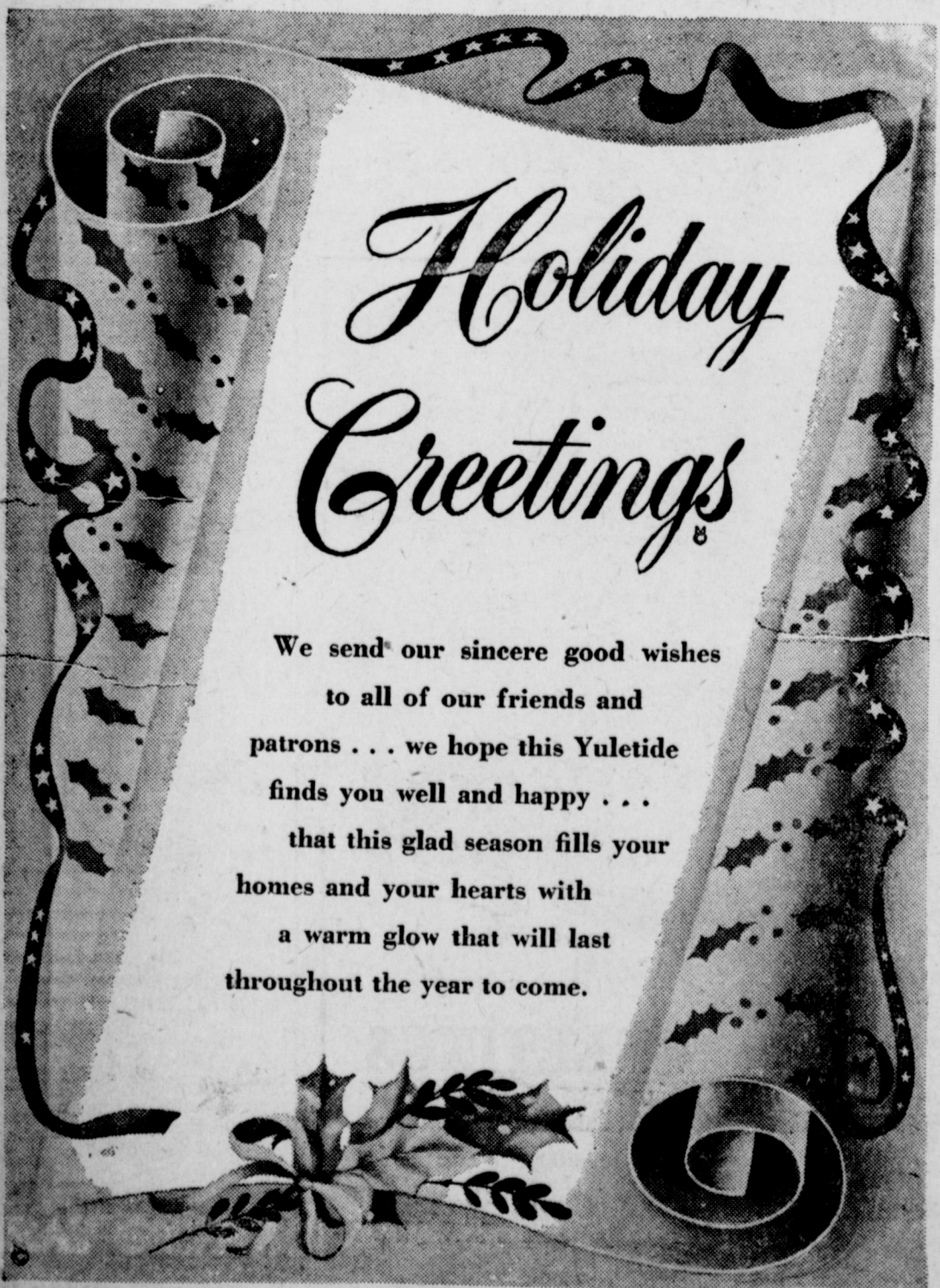
Our Christmas book is open to this glorious day of meditation and joy. We wish you holiday happiness -- and a Merry Christmas!

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Joyful and triumphant, the message of Christmas echoes once more throughout the world, lifting every heart with its glorious promise. May the infinite blessings of the Day surround you and your family and abide with you throughout the years to come.

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Announcement of the Incorporation and Charter OF THE Bailey County Memorial Park

Bailey County Memorial Park was Chartered under the laws of the State of Texas, receiving charter No. 77616 on November 1, 1954. The charter is registered and certified by Sec. of State C. E. Fulgham, with capital stock of \$12,000. Maps and registration are recorded in the Bailey County Clerk's office in Muleshoe.

GUARANTEE OF PERPETUITY

A trust fund has been set up at Security State Bank in Littlefield guaranting \$7,000 for each acre in Bailey County Memorial Park. In case of default by the incorporators, the trust fund will be administered by the banks trust officer to insure th perpetual care of the Park. The money in the trust fund is loaned out, drawing interest at all times.

OFFICERS

Officers of the corporation are all members of one family: Hamp McCary is vice-president; Rhennard McCary, his son, is president, and Beatrice McCary is secretary-treasurer. Financial references and inquiries should be directed to either Security State Bank or First National Bank in Littlefield, Texas.

Because Bailey County Memorial Park will be of great benefit to Bailey County residents, the incorporators feel duty bound to acquaint them with the following facts and background information to prevent misunderstanding

Any person recommended, who is accepted and who is participating in our program will be allowed to recommend three or more families for participation in the program. Representatives at present will not call on persons unless recommended by participants in our program. Recommendations will be taken only from persons who are now participants in the program. The incorporators feel the program to be a sacred one for the people of Bailey County, and can only make one call, and one call only to recommended persons to explain the program. At the present time the incorporators are GIVING plots for the good will of recommended friends and the only charge is :for perpetual care. This perpetual care is good for as long as the American dollar draws interest.

The incorporators apologize for being so slow in developing the Memorial Park, but the land cannot be leveled and floated until the windy season is over. A contract was let this week to J. O. Crawford for irrigation purposes, and evergreens, and flowers will be planted as soon as weather permits. A beautiful rock memorial will be erected in Garden I, with a cement sidewalk and roadways. A full time gardner will be on the grounds at all times. The Park will be dedicated as soon as all facilities in the first acre are complete.

Bailey County Memorial Park is located 3 1/2 miles from Muleshoe on the south side of Clovis highway. It is a part of the Southwest quarter of section 33, Block X, W. D. and F. W. Johnson subdivision, with 10 acres dedicated to Garden I of Memorial Park. The land encompasses 25 acres in all.

For information ask any of the 154 of your friends and neighbors who have already become participants in the program. May we extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your cooperation and friendliness during the early days of this program.

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Gallant Girl Never Gives Up Hope When Tuberculosis Strikes Again and Again



Christmas, somehow, has taken on a new meaning this year. A gallant girl in a hospital bed 250 miles away is giving it a special glow.

Out in McKnight Sanatorium, near San Angelo, a very short time ago Lora Simpkin's life hung on the outcome of a hazardous lung operation. The odds were fairly heavy that she wouldn't see this Christmas dawn.

But she will — and that is what makes Christmas, 1955, different.

Lora is just one of thousands of Texans who have TB, but to this erstwhile occupant of a newsdesk her audacious defiance of the deadly bacillus has made her a sort of symbol for all of them.

With Lora it isn't borrowed courage either. Tuberculosis has taken seven years out of her life. It hit her when she was 21 and she has cheerfully refused to observe a birthday since then.

There have been times in those seven years that she appeared well on the road to recovery and a normal life only to find the tough little bug gaining the upper hand again.

She's had the works in medical treatment. Bed rest, surgery, miracle drugs, pneumotherapy. To some of these measures she responded with marked improvement — for a time.

And every time her hopes of health were dashed, she shrugged off the disappointment, refused to admit defeat.

Perhaps it is that innate fortitude — or maybe it is just the way she screens it with a rapier wit.

Whatever it is, and without any effort of her own, Lora became the emblem for this writer's personal quarrel with tuberculosis and what it does to Texans.

Late last year she was making such strides toward recovery she was allowed limited activity, part of which she was editing the hospital paper.

Then came bad news. Lora wasn't doing so well. She was back in strict bed rest. Eventually the only alternative appeared

—more surgery.

She'd been there before. She knew the odds. But she sent a cheerful reassurance along to the Texas TB Association where her bubbling good humor has sparked a wealth of anecdotes.

On her way to the operating room, they say, she wagered her doctor a steak dinner that she would be well enough for medical discharge in six months. It was by no means that simple.

For two days and a night the issue was in doubt.

Then came the heart-warming news, "Lora made it. She is going to live."

That was mid November but somehow the words had the song of Christmas bells.

Last week Lora was sitting up in bed, and although breathing with difficulty, was helping di-

rect plans for a pageant of The Nativity she wrote last year.

And somewhere in the hospital program, with the inimitable Lora touch, there will appear her flippant parody of a familiar Yuletide classic. It begins, "Twas the night before Christmas in Dorm Number 10" Christmas? It's wonderful . . . !

Sammy M. Nichols Aboard Navasota With 7th Fleet

Sammy M. Nichols, seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Nichols of Star Route 1, Muleshoe, is serving aboard the fleet oiler USS Navasota which returned to Long Beach, Calif., Dec. 11 from duty with the Seventh Fleet in the Far East.

During her fifth tour of duty in the Far East, the Navasota refueled and replenished more than 150 ships, varying from aircraft carriers to small patrol craft in the Philippines, Formosa, and Mid-Pacific areas.

The Navasota will undergo upkeep at Long Beach.

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SEASON'S

FOR CHRISTMAS

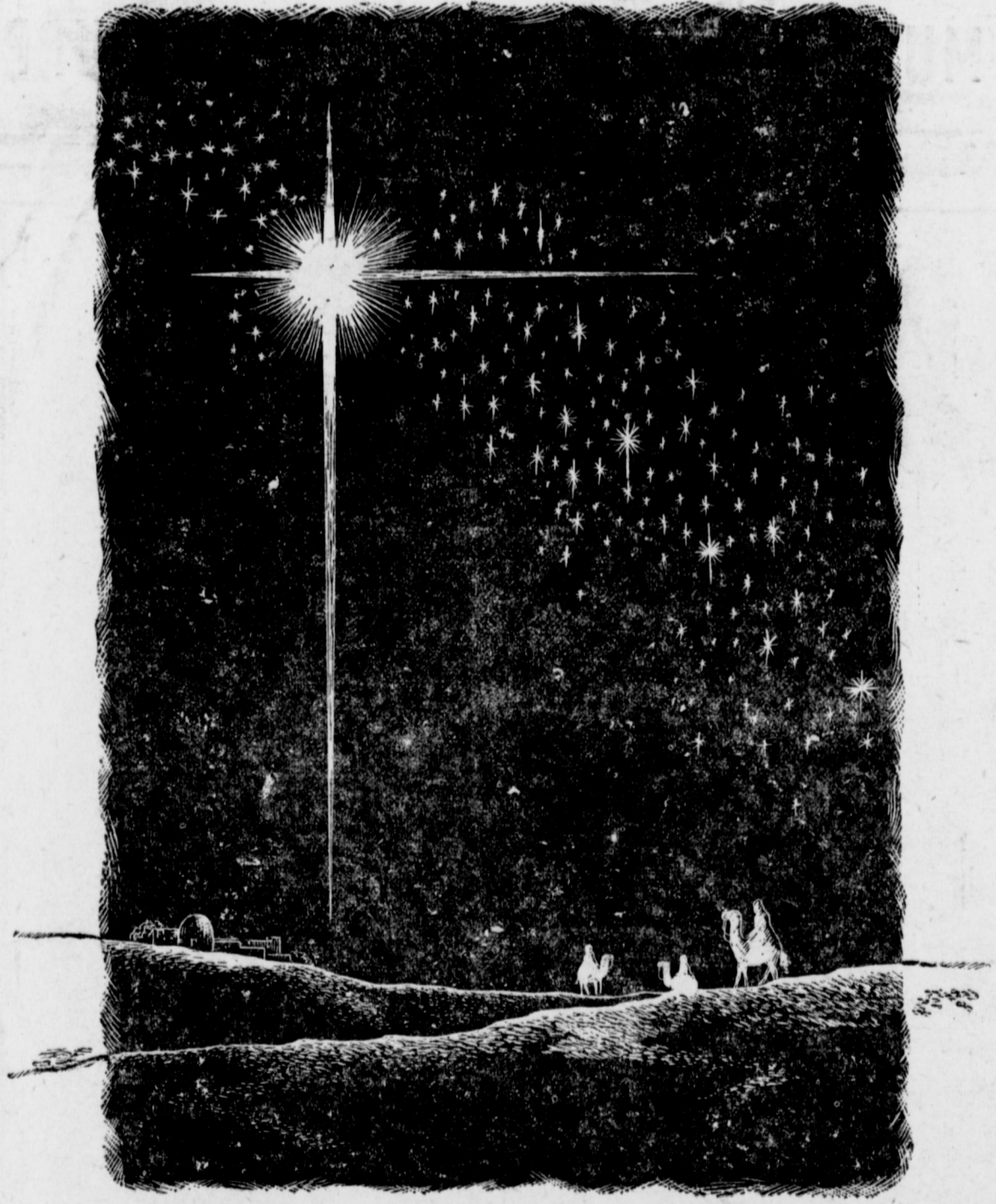
GREETINGS

AND THE NEW YEAR

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Christmas



O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.



Merry Christmas

Once again on this happiest of days,
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 To all of them -- wherever they may be
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From All Of Us At —

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a STRING of LIGHTS

By Don Wheeler

WE WERE in a dust covered box that sat in the corner of Mr. Barker's attic. All through the year no one ever bothered about us, but now, at Christmas time, we knew that once again we would be the center of attraction. Grumbling and grunting, Mr. Barker lifted our box into his arms and started down the attic stairs. Being a rather plump fellow with a stomach that protruded so far he couldn't see his feet, he was, I regret to say, somewhat clumsy. About half way down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs. I was uninjured, but I'm afraid some of my friends suffered from the fall. A few minutes later we were all unpacked and laid on the huge dining room table.

"Well now, let's see, John," said Mrs. Barker. "We can use this string of lights, and this string and oh! We don't want to use this old string again, John! They've been around here for years. Throw them out in the trash with these other things that were broken when you fell."

I was shocked! For years I had been used to decorate the Barker's Christmas tree, and now, simply because I was getting a little old, they were throwing me out! It is true that my popularity with the Barkers had declined through the years. When I was new I was used at the top, but each year



About halfway down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs. I seemed to find myself placed lower and lower on the tree.

Unwanted Home

My friends, most of them broken in tiny pieces, and myself were cast upon the trash pile in the alley I felt sorry for them. They had many years of use ahead of them had Mr. Barker been more careful, but now they could never be used again. But what of me? I wasn't broken; only a little old.

For two days I lay on the trash pile with my broken friends, and then, on the third day, a small child, who seemed to be searching the trash cans in the alley to see if he could find something of value, came upon me. With a cry of delight he gathered me into his tiny hands and scampered out of the alley and to the edge of the small town, where he lived in a broken down little old house.

How glad were his brothers and sisters when they saw me! That evening they trimmed their tiny tree, it was scarcely three feet tall, and I was the principle item of decoration. One of my lights was placed at the top of the tree and the rest were wound in and about from top to bottom. Then the tree was placed in the front window and for the first time in my life I was given the task of lighting an entire tree.

That evening it snowed and snowed and the wind whistled harshly about the corners of the house. I was glad that I was in a warm house instead of being on the trash pile in the alley.

A Visitor Comes

Suddenly there was a loud rap on the door. When Mr. Cullen opened it I heard a man's voice ask, "Have you seen the Granger boy? He was out playing this afternoon and hasn't come home yet. We think he's become lost in the storm. The whole town is out looking for him. Would you like to help, Mr. Cullen?"

Mr. Cullen quickly put on his coat and scarf and followed the man into the dark cold night. They had been gone only about twenty minutes when again there was a knocking at the door. When Mrs. Cullen opened it, in stepped a tall man, carrying a boy in his arms. The boy's ears and nose were blue from the cold, and his teeth chattered.

"Mrs. Cullen," said the man, "this is Tommy Granger. I'd like to leave him here while I go tell his parents we've found him and send word to the others to stop searching. It's no wonder he was lost in a storm like this. I was almost lost myself until I saw the light from your tree in the window."

How proud I was when I heard those words. My lights seemed to brighten and shine as they had never done before; especially the one at the very top of the tree.

Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely overshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okeechobee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America. In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall,

Greetings

Whatever else might be lost among the years, let us keep Christmas. Let us hold close this day, remembering family and friends. May yours be a very joyous Holiday, surrounded by all whose love and friendship you cherish.

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**Holiday Whirl
Means Extra Work
For You-Know-Who**

The holiday whirl is about us again and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1955."

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the mornings and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year, by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think, much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season.

**Once Plentiful Reindeer
Dwindle In Numbers**

Santa's helpers—the reindeer—once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conservationists once feared the animals might become extinct.

Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left.

In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with its eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate and with the supply so short, protective measures don't allow the reindeer to come southward for the holiday season.

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Today's Meditation

GOD'S WORD IS OUR LIGHT
Read Jeremiah 7:1-7 or II Timothy 3:10-17.
Stand in the gate of the Lord's

house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the Lord. (Jeremiah 7:2.)

One of the dramatic moments in the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II occurred when the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland presented her with the Holy Bible. Then the Archbishop of Canterbury said, "Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing this world affords."

The Bible is the most valuable thing the world affords. In the march of human events, it speaks to every need of mankind. It gets at the heart of things, and teaches man how to live on intimate terms with the things that abide. Here is wisdom. This is the royal law. These are the lively oracles of God.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy Word. We are grateful for the blessings it has brought to our world. Through Thy Son interpret it to our hearts. Led us to establish our daily living on its eternal truths. In the name of Christ, our light. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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Christmas Eve Business

By Dorothy Boys Kilian
THE TELEPHONE rang just as Chris Jackson had climbed on the stool to put the silver star on the very tip-top of the fragrant green fir tree.
"It's for you, Chris," Karen said a moment later. Some strange man.
"They told me here at the drug store," a voice came to him over the wire, "that you might be able to fix up my car. Something's gone seriously wrong with the clutch, and my wife and I are on the way to Detroit for the holidays."
"I'm sorry, Sir, but we don't have night service at my garage. We're all locked up for the night, and my assistant has gone out of town."
"Can't you come down yourself?" the voice persisted.
"Tell you what," Chris suggested. "There's a train through here at 10:00, and it's only an hour's run to Detroit. Why don't you take it on in to the city and leave your car here. I'll get at it first thing the morning after Christmas, and you can get someone to drive you down for it then."
"The hitch is," the stranger replied, "that we've got a new bicycle and a lot of other unwrapped gifts for our grandchildren crammed into the back seat. In fact, we're playing Santa, and we've simply got to get that stuff under their tree tonight."
Chris glanced into the living room and saw Karen holding the star, confidently waiting for him to return to their trimming party. He was about to say into the

GREETINGS
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phone. "I simply can't make it," when a vision of those unknown children in Detroit crowded into his mind. When a little fellow is expecting to see a shiny new bicycle under the tree and then it isn't there—

A Finished Task

An hour and a half later he straightened up beside the gleaming black Cadillac, wiped his greasy hands on an old rag and said, "There you are, Mr. Baxter. You'll get that bicycle delivered in plenty of time now."
"Yes, if I can pry my wife loose from your house," the portly gentleman's eyes twinkled. "When I left there a few minutes ago, she and your Karen were in the midst of the coziest coffee huddle you ever saw. It certainly was nice of you to send us up there to wait."
"Oh, well, it was too cold in this garage tonight to have you people stand around for a couple of hours," Chris said diffidently.
"Maybe some day you'll have a garage with all the latest and the best," Mr. Baxter smiled. "Like warm waiting rooms and 24 hour service."
Chris sighed. "I'm just getting started, you know, and of course there's another older garage already established in the village."
"I know there is," Mr. Baxter looked grim. "As a matter of fact, I called them first, and they wouldn't open up tonight for love nor money. The owner was having a party or something and just couldn't be bothered."
"Well, you know how it is," Chris murmured.

A Good Return

"I know how you are," the gentleman said firmly. "And because of that I also know what I'm going to do. Here's my card—"
Chris looked at the white slip and let out a low whistle. "State Auto Club, Harold F. Baxter, 1st Vice President."
"We've been wondering about the advisability of designating an official garage for the Club in this vicinity, now that the new road goes through here," Mr. Baxter went on. "And after tonight, I know we need one."
Chris couldn't help gasping. "You mean—?"
"Yes, I mean you," Mr. Baxter said. "It's dependable people like you we want on our books. And I'm certainly going to recommend your company for the position."
Chris grinned. "My company is just me and a part time assistant right now, but with the advertising your outfit will give us, we'll really begin to grow up. I just can't tell you what this means to me."
"Let's get back to the women," Mr. Baxter interrupted in friendly gruffness. "I'd like another cup of that coffee."

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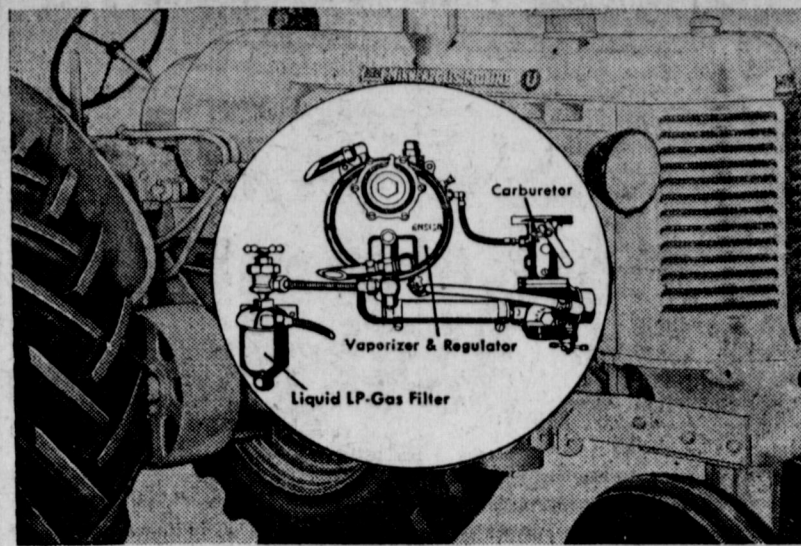


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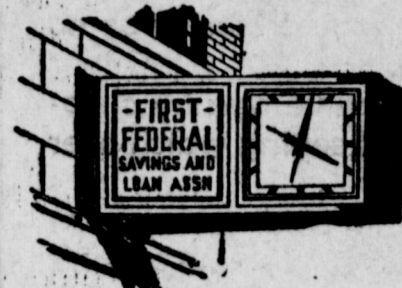
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"And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Baby lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.

(From The Gospel of St. Luke II:7-20.)

Saved From The Round File

By Carol Pouncey

The wonderful Christmas time is here at last, and if we could all be as sincere and trusting in our beliefs as the children we would all enjoy the holidays infinitely more. If, for only a few hours we could again find our hearts as clean and free from doubt and suspicion as are those of the little folks, how much more we would have the true Christmas spirit.

We want to take this occasion to extend our personal thanks to all of you who have through your friendly cooperation made our work so pleasant here at The Muleshoe Journal.

We have not felt at all like a stranger, simply because you have made us feel at home during the short time we have been privileged to be a part of The Journal family.

Thank you all, and may you enjoy the finest Christmas you have ever known this year.

When this is printed the writer will be firmly insconced before a roaring wood fire deep in the wilds of western Louisiana, up in the piney hills of our homeland.

Many of us will be spending Christmas day with our families either here or elsewhere. But there will be those who must work on during the Holy Day, and to them we would extend an extra warm word of Christmas wishes. To the policeman, firemen, telephone operators, doctors and nurses, the waitresses and the cooks, we will be thinking of you, and thanking you for your faithful service while the more fortunate of us loaf during the Christmas day and you stek by your posts for our health and safety.

Just one more thing. If you get in your car anytime this week end, please drive carefully.

Merry Christmas, everyone.

Today's Meditation

Read Hebrews 1:1-9
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2:14.)

Wise men of the East followed the light of the Christmas star. They followed its leading, and came, and found the Christ Child. To God they gave glory.

Who gives God glory now? Do scientists? inventors? producers? distributors? poets? philosophers? planners? Have the wise men of old descendants among men today?

In the face of the thought that another war would be fought with deadly atomic weapons, we look to the living Christ as our hope for peace. In Him we become filled with hope. In His strength we do not feel so helpless or so hopeless that we cannot understand measures that will make for peace.

Glory to God comes first before there can be any peace on earth. Only when the whole world sings from the depths of humble and contrite hearts, "Glory to God in the highest", are we ready for "peace on

earth, good will to men." The glory to God that puts man in his place will make brothers of us all. Peace on earth will then follow.

PRAYER

O God, help us to keep our eyes and attention on Thy glory. Through us reflect the light of Christ to a world groping in darkness, doubt, and uncertainty. Use us to lead others to accept Thy salvation offered through Christ. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Glory to God comes first before there can be any peace on earth. Ethel G. Heers (Iowa)

The everpresent power of God which brings courage, joy, and healing to men of all ages, wherever it is understood, will be emphasized at Christian Science services Sunday.

The Lesson-Sermon entitled "Christian Science" will include the following selection from the Bible (Matthew 2:1, 2): "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east,

and are come to worship him."

Readings from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will include the following passage (109:24): "When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is renewedly fulfilled: 'Unto us a child is born, . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful.'"

The Golden Text is from II Peter (1:21): "The prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I would like a pair shoes, a blackboard, doll and trunk.
I love you.
Joan Lemons

Dear Santa,
Jan would like a doll and buggy and toys. She loves you, Santa.

RETURNS FROM VACATION

Grandma Riddle has returned from a vacation in Hobbs, N. M., where she spent 10 days visiting her children.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Friends will be happy to learn that Mrs. Rubie Troutman has returned home after spending some time in West Plains hospital. Mrs. Troutman was poisoned December 5, but is able to see friends now.

WERE IN ANTON

Mr. and Mrs. Jacque Baker were in Anton the past Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mitchell.

EXPECTED GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baker, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Baker, of Farmington, N. M., are expected Christmas guests in homes of Jacque and Wiley Baker and families.

EXPECTED GUESTS FROM OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Prather, formerly of Bailey County, but now of Venita, Okla., are expected guests for Christmas in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bickel.

TOOK BUSINESS TRIP

Cayle Reed was in Oklahoma City last weekend on business.

WILL BE HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Floyd, of Floydada, are expected guests here for the Christmas holidays in the Frank Prather home.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bryant were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bryant of Lubbock, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fudge, of Hereford.

CHOIR WENT CAROLING

Approximately forty members of the choir of the First Baptist Church went caroling following services at the Church Sunday evening. They entertained at the hospital and for a number of shut-ins.

TO HOUSTON

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Finn and son are spending the holidays in Texas City with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Finn, Sr., and in Houston with her brother, Orvil Mosley and family.

MAGIC SLATES, 2 sizes, on sale at The Journal.

SAND HILLS PHILOSOPHER DIFFERS

With Neighbor Who Says Christmas Is Developing Into a Nuisance

Editor's note: The Sand Hills Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm takes note of Christmas this week. That means everybody has heard about it by now.

Dear editor:
I was talking with a man the other day and he said he had come to the conclusion Christmas is a nuisance.

"All this rushing around, all this buying, all this trying to make sure you send a gift to everybody who sends you one, all this straining a point to get your kids something they're gonna break up or outgrow anyway, it's nuisance", he said.



I do not take that attitude. Most people are gonna spend more than they ought to anyway, even in July, and doing it for the profit of their children or their friends at Christmas is a fine thing.

Of course, I have long argued that the government is missing an opportunity by not naming a new bureau and figuring out a way to equalize Christmas giving. A sort of guarantee a man will reach a yuletide parity and the money he spends on presents will be equaled by the value of the presents he gets.

As it is, a man can go in the hole on the deal, and I believe there would be a lot more gift-giving, a lot more free spending, if everybody knew when the Christmas rush was over they could sit down and figure up what they spent, figure up what they got, and know that the government would make up the difference.

Until the government figures out this program however, I figure Christmas will continue as usual, as one-sided as it may be, and I'm in favor of it.

Changing the subject, I understand some people are criticizing the Republicans for suggesting the tax cut they voted earlier this year will have to be called off before it goes into effect. I do not see anything wrong with this. As for the tax cut to take ef-

fect next spring, but now they say the government, like you and me, needs the money and the cut should not go into effect, which has made some people mad.

There's not taking a yuletide attitude toward this. I'd rather have six months of believing I "gona get a tax cut, than to have no promise at all.

Anticipation is two-thirds the pleasure of any enterprise. Ask any kid just ahead of Christmas.

Merry Christmas.
Yours faithfully,
J. A.

DICTIONARIES for sale at The Journal office.

Peace on earth

Joy to the world through a new spirit of Peace and Good Will...this was the message of the first Christmas. May that spirit be rekindled in your heart today... and brighten your life with a deep and abiding happiness.

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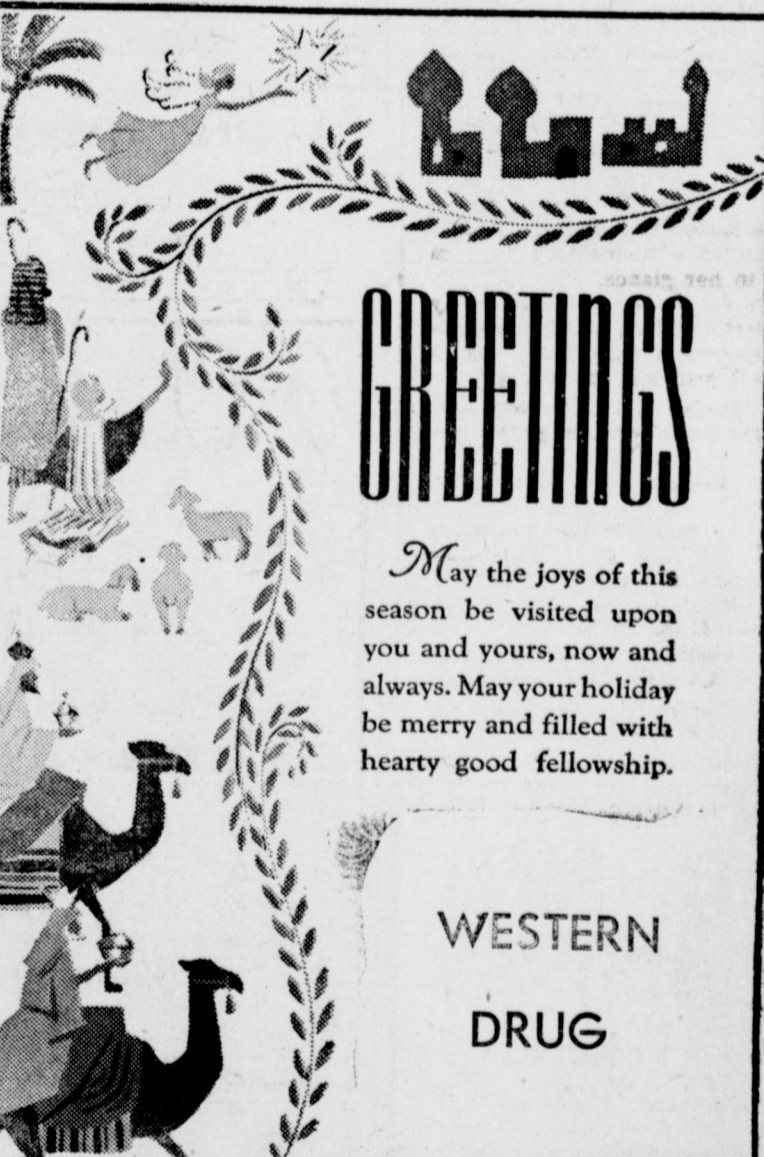
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It's hail and hi-ho! Santa's on his way! Now's the season for fun and well-wishing; so, happy holiday to all!

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GREETINGS

May the joys of this season be visited upon you and yours, now and always. May your holiday be merry and filled with hearty good fellowship.

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A Merry Christmas

To all our friends and neighbors we send our sincerest wishes for a joyful, cheerful, healthful Holiday Season.

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Christmas REUNION

By Norman A. Disher

THERE was little doubt about it; it was Laura. I hadn't seen her for five years but I'd never forget that exquisite face. Laura and I had been engaged about five years ago but it hadn't worked out because she'd decided one day that she wanted to do things before settling down. Going to Spain was one of them and I had been in Europe during the war so going back didn't appeal to me. I was ready to call one spot home so when I told her about the house I was building in Carmel she wasn't pleased. After that she avoided setting a definite date and finally I saw what was going to happen so I let her go.



This all came as a shock to me and I didn't know what to say.

It was a hard thing to do but it was the best way.

She looked my way and saw me then motioned me to come over to her stool.

"Hello Bob, it's been a long, long time."

"Five years Christmas, remember?"

I looked at her eyes, they were softer now, kinder and older.

"Yes, I remember. Still single?"

"Oh yes, yes," I looked out the window at the grey afternoon.

"I figured I'd run into you one of these days. How come you're still single. A nice person like you shouldn't have trouble getting married."

"I've never found anyone I liked well enough. They all seem sort of anti-climatic after you Laura."

Her Surprise

She looked at me and I thought I detected a momentary flash of fear in her glance.

"We did have something pretty wonderful, didn't we. I've regretted spoiling it more than once. I guess I was just too young."

She smiled in a funny way so I thought I had best change the subject.

"I thought you were in Europe?"

"I was Bob, but there's nothing there any more, just nothing. San Francisco has more of a flavor than Paris and the rest of the places. Maybe it's just me. I wandered around for almost five years and I still didn't find anything."

"You seem to be a more mature person now Laura."

"Five years have done that. What are you doing now?"

"Still writing a column, same one," I replied.

"Bob, do you understand why I left?"

Her Secret

I winced inside. I had hoped she'd let it pass but she seemed to want to open the old wound.

"No, I don't."

"Well, it was because I had to find out where home really was—I had to find what love really meant. I met a person over in England that I thought was what I wanted. I thought I fell in love with him until we went together for awhile and I began to notice small things about him that I didn't like; oh things like the way he contradicted me on small unimportant matters. One day it all blew up because I had remarked that you and I had never been so tense together. Then it dawned on me that you were really what I had wanted after all but I was just too dumb to see it. That's when I came back. I had to grow a little more to catch up with you. Do you see now?"

This all came as a shock to me and I didn't know what to say.

"Why haven't you tried to get in touch with me?" I asked her.

"People change."

"Not me Laura; not where you're concerned."

"I wasn't sure Bob—there's so much I want to say to you."

I looked at her soft, pink face and her wheat-colored hair and the way she felt for me with her eyes. Our eyes met and I took her hand.

"Let's get out of here," I whispered.

As I pushed open the doors that led to the sidewalk I could hear a group singing Christmas carols. I turned to Laura and I kissed her while we stood in the grey evening light.

"It's going to be a wonderful Christmas," she whispered.

SEE THE JOURNAL office for "Thank You" cards and personal stationery.

Safety Engineer Outlines Rules For Xmas Living

"Even a thousand Christmas presents would be no substitute to your family for YOUR presence. For this reason, I urge everyone planning to take a motor trip this holiday season to drive with extra care."

R. B. Roaper of Houston, President of the Texas Safety Association, and Chief Safety Engineer for Humble Oil & Refining Company, made that comment today on the holiday Traffic Hazards program being conducted by the Texas Safety Association, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and the National Safety Council.

"In December, the weather man throws his whole book of tricks at drivers and we drivers," said Mr. Roaper. "We can expect rain, snow, sleet, ice, and hail."

"And to add to the problem we find more than half the day in either dusk or darkness in December. Putting all of these factors together, it doesn't make for easy driving."

Mr. Roaper said the best all-around safety advice he could give motorists was "slow down—adjust your speed to conditions." But he added these suggestions for motorists planning holiday trips.

1. Plan your trip so that as

much of the driving as possible will be accomplished during the light hours of the day.

2. Postpone your trip entirely when the weather is particularly rainy, snowy, or when sleet and hail are in the weather forecast. Be sure to consult a weather forecast for the area to which you're driving.

3. Be certain your car is in top mechanical condition before attempting to take any sort of a trip.

4. Use tire chains at all times when the road is covered with snow or ice.

5. Most important of all: Adjust your speed to conditions.

"Thousand of Americans homes will be saddened by traffic deaths at this time of year," Mr. Roaper continued. "Many of these deaths need not occur—will not occur—if every citizen in Texas gives some thought and effort to safe driving."



CITY STAR . . . A towering skyscraper is framed by a street light whose glow is much like the Star of Bethlehem.

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CHRISTMAS IS FOR GIVING

By Maud McCurdy Welch

TOMORROW was Christmas and Tommy was worried. It hadn't snowed at all, and if there was no snow to shovel, how could he make any money for Christmas? Tommy lived in the neat farm cottage with his Uncle Pete and Aunt Lucy. Aunt Lucy had just told him he could go over and see Jimmy Reeder but be sure to be back by five o'clock. So Tommy started walking slowly toward the Reeder farm, as he had a lot of thinking to do.

In the small sitting room Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete were talking. Aunt Lucy insisted that two dollars was an awful lot to pay for a dog. They were poor people after all and could only afford to give Tommy sensible things.

Uncle Pete thought Tommy should have the puppy he wanted. He was only seven, and needed a playmate.

Tommy was walking along still slowly, trying not to think how wonderful it would be if he could have this little puppy. His name was Blaze, and he was a runt. That's why he cost only two dollars. Tommy thought how the pup would frolic along beside him and wag his tail, and how they'd race over the fields when spring was here. But no use thinking about Blaze. He had to get a job.

It was when he was passing the big house where Mr. Robert Thatcher lived, that the idea came. Tommy went in and asked Mr. Thatcher for a job. Mr. Thatcher was said to be a bad-tempered.

"This green vase — the small one. It should equal a candy dish any day."

Margie crossed the room to where Brad was standing. "It's very pretty, all right. I guess maybe it would do. It doesn't look damaged — no chips or anything."

"Why don't you wrap it, Honey?" Brad said. "I'll load the car out in front and pull in the rest of the packages."

None Too Soon

A few minutes later, as he was climbing out of the car, Brad noticed a pleasant middle-aged couple heading up the steps of his house. He gulped as he recognized them. That had been a close call!

"Hello, Mr. Simpson!" he called. "Mrs. Simpson! Merry Christmas! We were just heading over your way."

The couple turned to greet him. Mr. Simpson's hand was a small, neatly-wrapped package.

"We were just bringing your gift by," Mr. Simpson said. "Merry Christmas to you."

"Won't you come in?" asked Brad. "Margie has your present inside." He crossed his fingers. He HOPED Margie had wrapped the green vase by now.

As usual, Margie had taken care of her little task with wifely dispatch. The vase was wrapped and waiting on the living room table. Inwardly feeling a great surge of relief, Brad handed the package to the Simpsons.

Truth Awakens

When the thank-yous had been exchanged and a few moments properly dedicated to small talk, the Simpsons excused themselves, stating that they had a number of calls yet to make.

As Margie closed the door behind her she burst into giggles. "Golly! That's one time my husband was on the job. We would have felt just horrible to slight them again this year. They are sensitive. I'm glad you talked me into giving them the vase. I wonder what they gave us!"

"That's easy to find out," said Brad. He tore eagerly at the wrapping on the Simpson's present.

"No, he said when it was opened. 'Oh no!'"

He held up a candy dish. "They gave us the same thing last year."

Margie looked thoughtful. "That's funny," she mused. "I wonder why they did that."

"I don't know," said Brad. "Unless..."

"A grimace of pain crossed his brow. "Unless they..."

"They did!" cried Margie. "I remember now, they did. It was the candy dish they gave last year. It was the green

New Do-It-Yourself Idea



Making your own scatter rug in any color, size or shape you wish out of squares of washable undyed carpeting is latest idea to emerge from do-it-yourself movement. Black and white checker-board rug in photo was made from 12-inch squares of undyed nylon-viscose carpeting. All-fabric dye was used to dye black squares, while snowy whiteness of alternating squares was attained by simply washing the undyed material. Since the dyes come in 50 colors, any combination of hues may be obtained.

Directions for making a rug of either checker-board or alternate-diamond design have been announced by Tintex Home Economics Bureau. After cutting undyed washable carpeting into foot or yard squares, place half the total into the washing ma-

chine and fill with hottest water available. While washer is filling, pour all-fabric dye into quart of hot tap water and stir with wooden spoon until dissolved. Empty dye solution into machine and let it run through regular cycles. Repeat process with balance of squares for second color, first cleaning machine with rinse of water and soap.

After squares have dried, lay them out on reverse side and press strips of hot-iron tape along dividing lines, as shown above. When turned over, you'll have a new rug that meets your own decorating needs perfectly.

If you plan to wash the rug later, apply liquid latex along the borders prior to taping, suggests the Tintex bureau. This will enable you to remove the tape easily and provide skid-proofing while the rug is on floor.

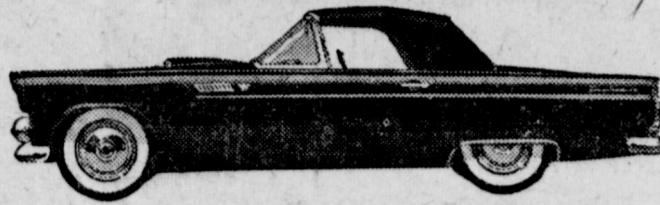
Dear Santa, I want a walking doll, a stove that cooks and a set of china dishes. Please bring my brothers gifts too, and please bring Patty a walking doll too.

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There in the stable, wrapped in the swaddling clothes, a manger for darkened sky came to life with a light of ethereal beauty, above the Child.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I want you to bring me a bicycle, and anything else you may have for me. My teacher says we all need a new pencil.

I have a little brother, Lynn, 4 years old. He wants a pedal car and some little toys. And my little sister, Glenda is 10 months old. She wants a doll and chair.

If we are not at home we will be at my Grandmothers at Dexter, N. M., and you can leave our things there.

I love you,
Bobby Trapp
Santa, we lked what you brought us last year.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a watch, a Pierce Corvette Sports Car. Please bring my brother toys too.

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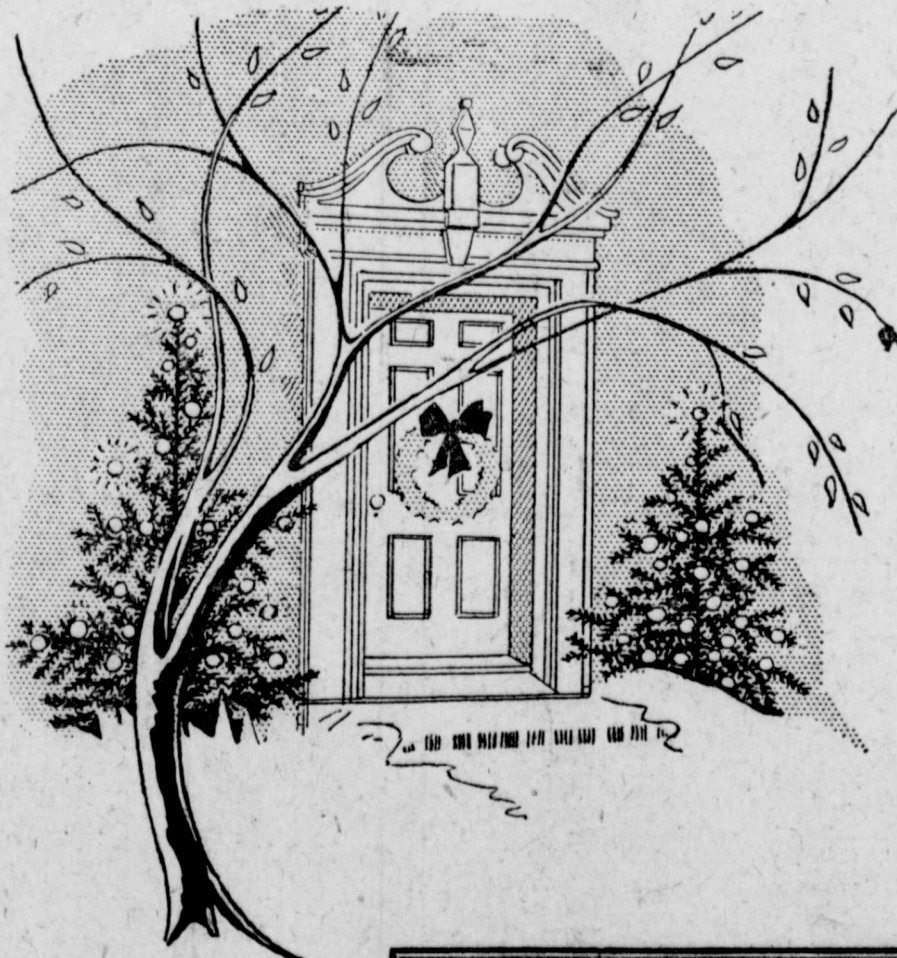
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May this be your happiest Christmas and may the New Year bring you some new joy each day.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

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Greetings

May you receive the many blessings
of the season, filled with Christmas
gaiety, and laden with the promise
of a bright, prosperous future . . .
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Quick Xmas Quiz

1. Why are candles used during the Christmas season?
2. Who gets credit for origin of the custom of hanging Christmas stockings?
3. Is Kris Kringle and Santa Claus the same?
4. A familiar plant to us — what is the golden bough?
5. Who was Joel Polinsett?
6. Who sent the first Christmas cards?
7. Which state has a town named Santa Claus?
8. Legend says the crown of Thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
9. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
10. Who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas?"

ANSWERS
1. As symbols of the Star of Bethlehem. 2. Saint Nicholas once dropped some coins down the chimney of a poor family. The coins fell in a stocking hung up to dry. 3. Kris Kringle is recognized as Santa's helper. 4. Mistletoe. 5. The American statesman who brought the poinsettia from Mexico. 6. Henry Cole, an Englishman, in 1843. 7. Indiana. 8. Holly. 9. Christ Child. 10. Clement Moore.

XMAS CUSTOMS
The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.



LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . . Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Ferri, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 12 feet tall, include the Madonna and infant; St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.



MODERN TRADITION
A new Christmas tradition has been brought about in recent years or perhaps it should be called a pre-Christmas tradition. At any rate, it's that time of the year again and safety organizations, insurance companies, fire department officials, even this newspaper give out with the perennial Yuletide warning: "Don't you have a Christmas tree fire this year."

Precautions against fire is especially urged during the Christmas season because of the hazards presented by decorations, gift wrapping, defective wiring for Christmas tree illumination, and the tree itself.

This warning is necessary because of the established fact that fire takes a toll of more than 7,000 lives each year in the United States, with mortality from this cause naturally reaching its peak during the winter months. You can keep from having a Christmas tree fire in your home by being especially careful about two things: the tree and the lights. Choose your tree carefully. One that has been cut too long or stored in a warm place will lose its needles quickly and is a definite fire hazard. If possible cut your own tree or buy it directly from the grower, then keep it in a cool, shaded place out of the wind until you're ready to decorate it.

Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

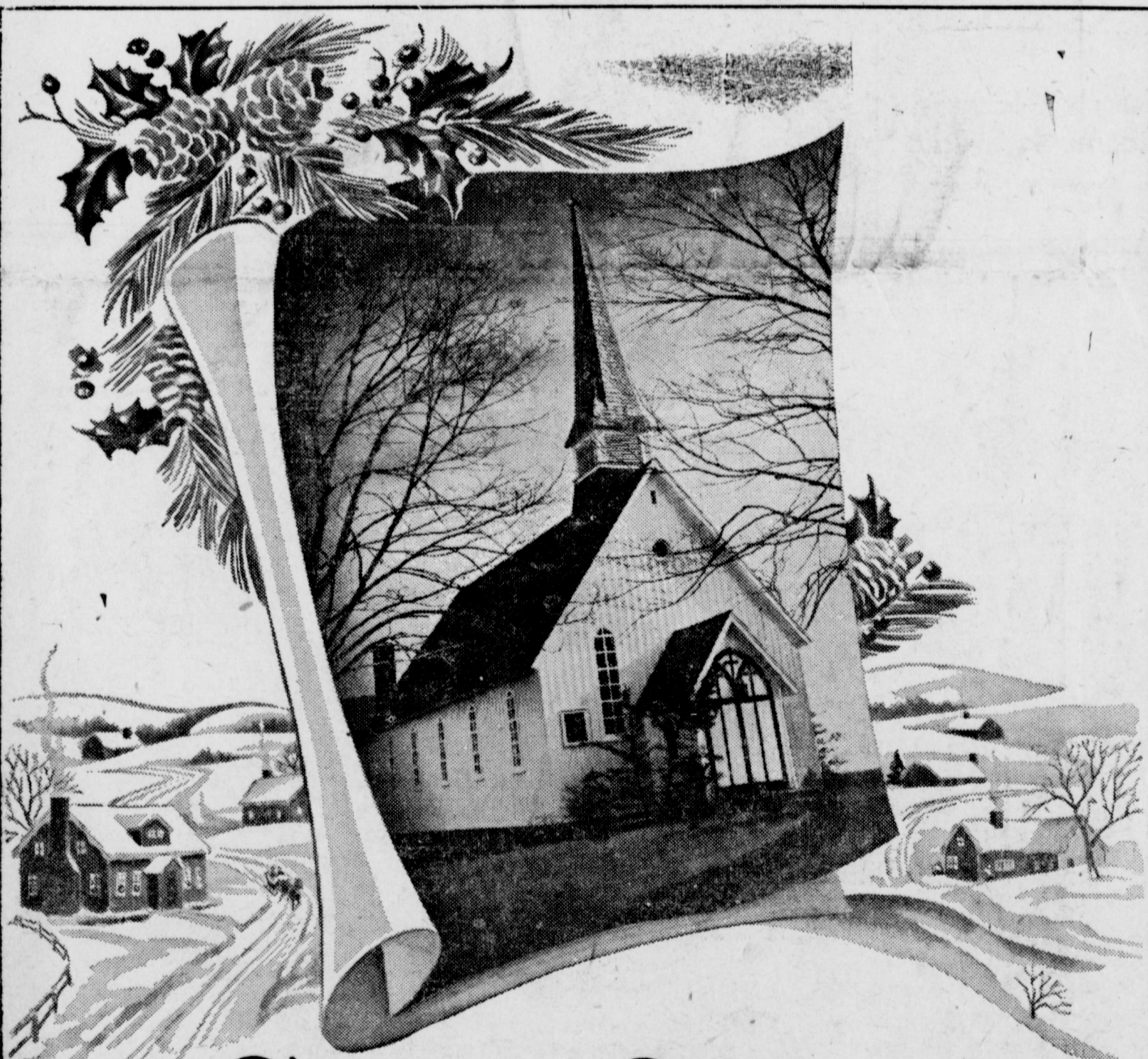
St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Junius I, St. Cyril appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

Sometimes Christmas is written Xmas because "X" is the Greek equivalent of "ch" and stands for the word "Christ".

Although Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the roots of the observance go deeply into the folklore of the Druids, Scandinavians, Romans, and Egyptians.

The Christmas seal has become an annual institution an offers at the Christmas season an opportunity for rich and poor alike to help in the fight against an ancient enemy — Tuberculosis.

The street festivals of Italy and Spain had fire works at Christmastime. America now has illuminated community trees. In some places, fireworks still persist.



Season's Greetings

As we approach the season that symbolizes peace and good will, we recall with gratitude the friendships we have made in the years that have passed. May this greeting serve to carry the wish that your Christmas be joyous and the New Year hold all that you desire.

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Greetings

To all our friends—old and new—our warmest wishes for a Merry Holiday Season!

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Merry Christmas

May the joyous spirit of Christmas come to dwell in your home during this glorious season and remain to brighten your life throughout the New Year . . .

GILBREATH SEED AND GRAIN CO.
AND ALL EMPLOYEES



By Shirley Sargent

RALPH RANSOME, a forceful-looking, dark-haired man of about fifty, left the office early Christmas Eve. There was no use saying, he reflected almost bitterly, the office staff had been having a Christmas party since noon on company time. His family accused him of not having any Christmas spirit. Well, the office staff had too much of it.

The gaily decorated streets were lighted as he walked along the downtown area. Hurrying crowds seemed to be in a gay mood. Ralph remembered the Christmas of his own youth. He lived on a ranch with four other brothers and sisters, an aunt, two fatherless cousins and his parents. With that many mouths to feed, they were lucky to find a dime, an orange,



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meats and a hand-knit pair of socks in their stockings.

Now it was vastly different. Ralph thought, Christmas was commercial and presents elaborate, often useless. Molly, his wife, bought the gifts for their three children. A less brilliantly lighted store window attracted him. Sports equipment was exhibited. Ralph remembered his boy's shout of pleasure last Christmas when he had opened something he wanted particularly. "Gee, dad, how did you know? Just exactly what I wanted."

And Ralph had to say, in honesty, "Thank your mother, son, I just work here."

Julie, his nineteen-year-old, had burst out, "Oh, daddy, it just isn't any fun when you don't take part. You don't even know what you're giving us."

After All, He Paid

Well, who paid for it? Ralph thought now. So long as they got what they wanted . . . but did they? Maybe Julie and Jim had been trying to show him that they wanted something from him. Something he picked out. Ralph thought again of his boyhood presents that had been made especially for him. Why, he realized, that was what made them special.

The children were right then.

All he did was pay for their gifts. This year he could pay double and take a chance that he would choose things they liked. It was supposed to be the thought, not the gift that counted anyway. Why, last Christmas it was that Jim had given him that awful pipe rack. But Ralph had accepted it with pleasure and still displayed it in a prominent place because Jim had worked hard to make something he could use. And the ill-fitting, hand-knitted socks from Martha. Those gifts had meant more to him than any store-wrapped package could. He turned and hurried into the store.

Getting The Spirit

Ralph shopped carefully among the jostling crowds. He thought carefully as to whether the gift would be practical or not, appreciated or not. Molly was first and that was easy for Ralph knew she had wanted a watch for years. The children were harder. Julie was in college. She had everything. No, wait . . . She loved music. The type Ralph had no patience for. A Brahms symphony wasn't entirely practical, but he knew it would be appreciated.

He felt excited. This was fun. Challenging too. Other shoppers' faces reflected his own growing excitement. Next, year, he vowed, he and Molly would shop together. He backtracked to the camera department. Martha, their seven-year-old, was a photography fan. He bought several rolls of film and a "How To" book. Then, Jim. The boy lacked coordination, yet liked sports. A basketball and a punching bag. That ought to do it.

Later, as he let himself in the house, Ralph could hardly wait to see their faces tomorrow. But he didn't need to wait. As he placed the packages around the tree, Julie's delighted squeal brought the rest of the family in. When he

turned around, he met four pairs of shining eyes that expressed their affection more clearly in words.

"Gee, dad," Jim sputtered, "you finally got the Christmas spirit."

Ralph smiled back at them warmly, "Guess it's catching, and incurable."

Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?

For the answer to this common belief about Santa and Christmas, we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silently, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

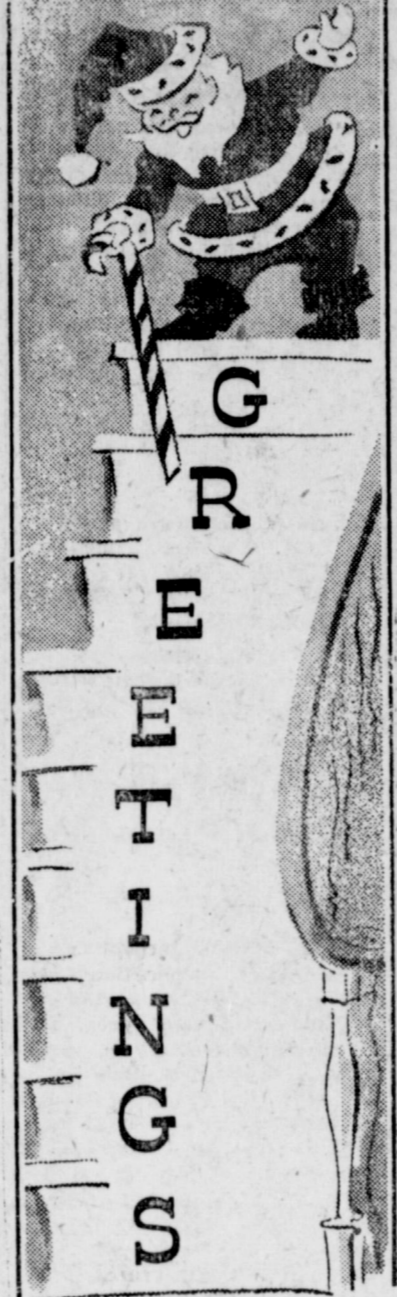
Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A.D. and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.

If you have relatives or friends in Germany, they may write, "Ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr." If so, they wish you a Happy New Year. The Swedish and Norse greetings are different from the ones above, although they are almost the same. The Swedes say, "Got Nytt Ar," and the Norse "Godt Nytt Aar."

Any way you hear it, though, it seems the same. The three words mean not only Happy New Year, but imply best wishes for all the days ahead.

DICTIONARIES for sale at The Journal office.



Merle Norman
Cosmetic Studio
Lauranette Mason



Greetings

Once again it's the time of the year for Joy and Merriment, and we wish to take a moment to extend to all our friends our very best wishes for a Holiday Season full of good cheer and happy times.

SAM E. FOX
THE TEXAS CO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our friends and patrons, we wish all the pleasures that come with a joyous Holiday Season.

WILLSON-SANDERS
LUMBER

Blessings at Christmas

The spirit of that first Christmas is the most precious gift of all. May it abide with you and yours now and always.

REDWINE SHAMROCK SERVICE

Yule Greetings

May an abundance of good-will, good cheer, happiness and prosperity bless your home during the holiday season and in the New Year to come.

WE'LL BE CLOSED
Christmas Eve
AND
Christmas Day

CROSS ROADS CAFE
BUTCH AND RENA BAKER
And All The Staff



At Christmas

Our wishes go out to all our friends and patrons for a bright and cheerful Holiday Season.

Muleshoe Ice & Produce

Frank and Ethel Benites

New Year Gatherings Are Ancient Tradition

Gathering with family and friends to celebrate the New Year is a custom older than when the date January 1 became accepted as the first day of the year.

Watching the old year out and the new year in is one of the oldest and most universal of all celebrations. The ancient Romans got together, although they celebrated the New Year in the spring, to wish each other health, wealth and happiness in the days ahead.

And, long before this time, the Vikings built huge fires at the turn of the year to propitiate their fierce Norse gods.

Christmas cakes, iced cookies and other goodies are survivals of the old custom of giving confectionary gifts to the Senators of Rome.

The Christmas wreath represents the crown of thorns, and the berries the drops of blood.

Gregorian Calendar Unified Our Timekeeping

Our present calendar—the Gregorian—was the first calendar to achieve any semblance of world unity on the time front.

The coming of this calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in 1582 laid the groundwork for universal celebration of New Year's day.

Europe, which for centuries had celebrated March 25 as the first day of the year, was the first to adopt the Gregorian calendar. But it was not a complete adoption until 1752 when Great Britain joined the other European countries recognizing January 1 as the first day of the year and instituting use of the Gregorian calendar.

Of course, the date of January 1 is not celebrated by everyone. The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox. The Moslem calendar, which dates to 626 A.D. has 12 months that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes.

And, the Gregorian, although it performed a great job of unification, still doesn't satisfy everyone that uses it. Periodically some one comes forth with what they consider a better way of marking time.

Feasting Important To World Observance Of New Year

Feasting is as important a part of a New Year celebration as of Thanksgiving, with a good meal on the first day of the year symbolizing that there will be plenty throughout the days ahead.

The New Year's day banquet differs as one travels around the world. An important dish among the Spaniards is sopa, rice cooked with olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables and meat particles. Africans partake of cous-cous, which is composed of wheat grains, lamb and vegetables. Pickled greens, raw fish, roast bird and shrimp fritters are menu headliners in Japan, with pickled chrysanthemum petals considered a special delicacy. The Swedes temper their feasts with a special drink, called glögg which is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamom. It is usually set afire before serving.

Feasts in England and Western Europe are similar to our American menus, chief difference being in the choice of side dishes. Turkey, duck or goose make the popular roast in England and in France. Latin countries bedeck their holiday fowl with truffles, chestnuts and olives and one might find snails on the menu in France.

ROSE BOWL

The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1902. Michigan beat Stanford, 49-0.

Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

The Colorado Blue Spruce, the Black Hill Spruce, or the Alcock Spruce are the most preferable trees for use as Christmas trees.

Legend has it that before the Crucifixion the berries of Christmas Holly were white instead of red as now.

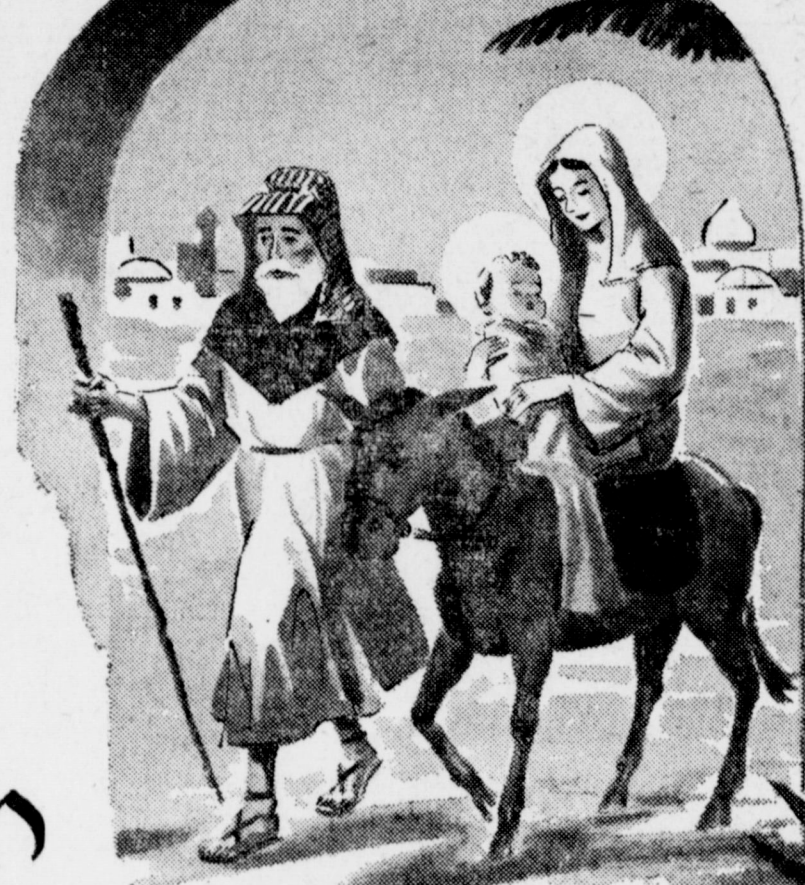


Christmas is for the YOUNG

Christmas is for the young! How many times do we hear this statement? Much too often.

Christmas belongs to all of us, to share, to take part in the celebration of the birth of the Saviour. For a true Christmas we need the greatest event in the history of the world.

It seems to some that Christmas will then be young at heart



GREETINGS

May the spirit of Peace and Good Will that came into the world with Him on that first Christmas, abide with you and those dear to you, now and always...

We Pause This Christmas Season To Express Our Appreciation To Our Many Customers and Friends For Their Patronage In The Years Past.

THE DYERS

Merry Christmas



To YOU!

From the Employees of

Pioneer Natural Gas Company




SEASON'S GREETINGS

At this cheery time of year...we wish everybody a good, old-fashioned Merry Christmas, replete with all the joy and contentment of a Happy Holiday.

BOVELL MOTOR SUPPLY



Greetings

In sincere and friendly appreciation of your patronage and good will...

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ALSUP CLEANERS

Charles and Eva Mae Alsup and Boys

Tye Melson
Lucy Miller

Kathryn Detwiler
Jimmy Kemp



**Christmas Plant,
Poinsettia, Named
After Statesman**

The poinsettia, "The Christmas Plant," takes its name from a brilliant American statesman, Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Poinsett was U.S. ambassador to Mexico and a friend to several American presidents, yet he achieved his principal fame by introducing this Mexican plant to American botanists. Upon his return to his South Carolina home, Poinsett grew the unusual house plant and was directly responsible for its ensuing popularity in this country.

The beautiful poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled with care. Constant warmth is needed, with most experts recommending temperatures between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 55 at night. Sudden changes in temperature cause the plant to drop its leaves.

The brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time, however, make the poinsettia a decoration "must" in most homes and is reward enough for any effort needed to make the plant thrive.

**Mexican Custom
Will Brighten
Christmas Party**

If you're planning a Christmas party for the kiddies, why not brighten up the affair the Mexican way? Make plans for a "pinata" and we promise it will be the high spot of the gathering.

Widely used in Mexico throughout the year, the pinata is busiest at Christmas time, during the Mex-

ican Christmas Festival which



lasts 21 days. It is constructed of thin, fragile clay, filled with sweets, meats and trinkets, then suspended from the ceiling as a form of decoration.

Sometime during the gathering, each of the guests is blindfolded and given a stick which is brandished in the air until the pinata is shattered and the delicious contents pour forth.

It's a wonderful way to entertain the kiddies, but the game may be—and often is—enjoyed by older folks.

**Cedars Of Lebanon
Oldest Christmas Trees**

What some people consider to be the world's oldest Christmas trees have been standing on a Mediterranean plateau for centuries. These are the cedars of Lebanon, protected by both religion and by law.

Some of these magnificent trees have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

These trees were not always protected. Once, as the result of an agreement between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon, conscripted Hebrew laborers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem, as the contract stated "cedar trees without number."



SANTA KNOWS . . . Boys will be boys, but Santa warns that time is growing short. Andrea Kiecsek, who came from Poland to live in U.S. with parents, talks it over with Santa.



KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass. who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1953 Christmas celebration.

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Read the Journal Want Ad's

Merry Christmas

In the true spirit of the Yuletide season, we wish you a rich abundance of health, happiness and contentment.

**Spence Radio
And
Television Ser.**

GREETINGS

May the joys of this Holiday season fall with abundance upon you and yours...now and through all time to come.

TENNIES' BEAUTY SHOP

Tennie Lambert — Jessie Waldrop

A Christmas Wish

Our wish for you this Christmas and through the new year, too—is that the Season's many joys will bring happiness to you, and bestow the many blessings to make your dreams come true . . .

**IRRIGATION
SUPPLY**

Season's Greetings

This is the time of year for counting blessings. Among ours, none is more dearly treasured than the friendship of those whom we are privileged to serve. Not to be measured in dollars and cents, this is by far our most precious possession. To continue to deserve it is our constant aim.

To all who have helped make this year a memorable one for us...our sincere thanks and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season...for a New Year richly rewarding in the best things of life.

LAMBERT CLEANERS

— AND —

ALL THE EMPLOYEES

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May your rosiest dreams of Christmas all come true and may you and yours enjoy the happiest New Year ever.

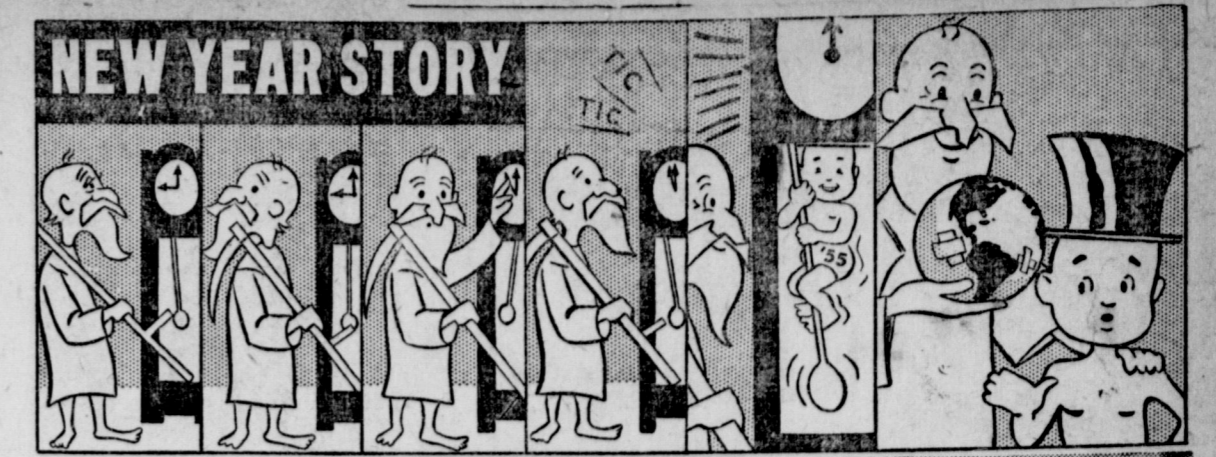
BLACKBURN FOOD MARKET

Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations.

Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

This was in the small village of Garcia, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.



Washington Began Open House Custom

Some historians credit George Washington with starting the custom of receiving friends, and holding "open house" on New Year's Day.

The first president began this custom in 1790, when New York was the seat of the government. He made a practice of opening the doors of the presidential mansion for a reception on each New Year's Day. Home and foreign diplomats were invited as well as the local citizenry.



TIMES SQUARE . . . The Gay White Way, before and after. At left, the way it looks each year as crowds welcome the new year. At right, department stores getting ready by boarding up their windows to prevent breaking of display windows by happy celebrants.

New Year Calls For Celebrations

New Year's is celebrated in unusual fashion in many parts of the world and as a rule, it is a time for gaiety and for throwing off the shackles of another year.

It is one of the happiest days on the Japanese calendar. Even the poorest manage to have a new suit of clothes for this day, which is spent visiting friends. Celebrations sometimes last as long as two weeks, with three or four days vacation from work taken by many happy celebrants.

Christmas Wishes

This is the time of year for counting blessings. Among ours, none is more dearly treasured than the friendship of those we are privileged to serve.

To all who helped make the year and the past a happy memory for us, we tender our thanks and sincere appreciation, and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and for a New Year of the best things of life.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bass



Bright as a Christmas candle, gas as Santa's smile, our Holiday wishes go out to you. May the true spirit of the season long shine in your heart.

CITY CLEANERS

FARMER COUNTY Farm Bureau News

By **RAYMOND EULER**

At the last Farm Bureau Director's meeting in this county, unanimous endorsement was given CROP, Christian Rural Overseas Program. We hope that in the not too distant future, further activity will be evident with the enlistment of Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations in the county.

Your American Farm Bureau sponsored the one billion dollar farm surplus foreign disposal legislation in the last session of Congress. \$3,000,000 in commodities was set aside from this program for distribution by charity organizations operating in areas of extreme destruction such as South Korea. The expense of distribution must be borne by the distribution agency. This is where CROP comes in, representing 35 different Christian denominations. Final distribution is made by missionary representatives of those church groups.

Bailey County, through Farm Bureau, Churches, CoC, Scouts,

etc., has made great progress in the direction of supporting this program with one purpose, getting the commodities to those who really need them. They have set a goal of forty bales of cotton this year, and a large segment of that county hasn't raised any cotton for four years. This is enough to deliver about 800 bales of surplus cotton to these needy people.

Carol Jones, District Director for CROP was in town last week for a little while. Together, we called on the North Plains Gin and L & H Gin to discuss the program. Both of them contributed and offered assistance to you farmers who wish to make any sized contribution from your gin. We are sure all other gins will cooperate with you in this program, too. Cash is acceptable, too. If you have grain in the elevator, you can designate your gift through the manager.

F. J. Deering, editor of Farmer-Stockman writes: Safety officials are still trying to reduce highway fatalities by blaming speed. This is a debatable conclusion in face of accidents involving one or more drinking drivers. The speed limit is the easy way out for public officials who don't want to put the blame on beer and whiskey, where much of it belongs. Next time there's a wreck piled up in front of your farm, see if there isn't some liquor involved. Then see what is done about it. Chances are you'll never see drunk driving men-

tioned when the charges are filed. Why not? Consider This: Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

There are Scandinavian, French and ancient Egyptian legends which claim to have given the Christmas tree to the world. The first authentic mention of a Christmas tree is of one in Strasbourg, Germany, 1605.

D. H. SNEED SUPPLY CO.

Harold Sneed Jean Lovelady

A. P. Reagan George Lott

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Christmas Greetings

Our sincere wishes come in a big package...big enough to contain loads of cheer and good will for all our friends and neighbors.

Happy Holiday to all!

THE FASHION SHOP

Dorothy Matthiesen Elizabeth Barnett

Joyous Christmas Wishes

Age-old yet ever-new is the tradition of spreading Christmas cheer. In this spirit we extend our best wishes for your good health and happiness.

TEXAS MACHINERY CO.

Letters To Santa Claus



RESOLUTIONS

why make 'em
then break 'em...

Let's face it—there are no easy New Year resolutions. With each new year, man makes all kinds of promises to himself and to others. And, each year these same promises and resolutions fall by the wayside even before the NEW wears off the incoming year.

There is no easy resolution, for no resolution is worth the making unless it corrects a fault or curbs a bad habit. Something must be sacrificed if a resolution is to be worthwhile.

The chief reason most resolutions are never kept is because they were impractical to begin with. This year, 1955, we might all resolve that we will make no foolish resolutions that we shall not be able to keep.

With the world situation being what it is at the present time, we might all do well to settle on one single resolution—the will to work together for the achievement of a world peace. If we do this, and each live up to our individual responsibilities in regard to the achievement of such a high ideal, no other resolutions will be required.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and I would like for you to bring me a diver. Would you bring me a billfold? My little brother has been a good boy. He would like for you to bring him a freight train and he would like for you to bring him a teddy bear. My other brother has been a good boy. He would like for you to bring him a blackboard and he would like a rocking horse. Would you bring him a pair of guns?
I will see you next Christmas
Bruce Little

Mother and Daddy something good two.
Love you lots,
Carolyn Nowlin
P. S. My two big sisters will be pleased with anything you will bring them. They are 11 and 14 years old.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doctor kit, a telephone set, train with the train section gang car, bicycle for Christmas.

I like you dear Santa.
Don Lenau
P. S. Also a Pogo stick.

Dear Santa
I am a little girl seven years old, and in the first grade. I want a real baby doll with real booties and bonnet with a basinet. With that I want some clothes to fit him in a little bag. Don't forget the other boys and girls. Bring my two sisters and

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy nearly 5 years old. I have tried to be a good boy.
I would like to have a tractor that I can ride, a set of guns and holsters and maybe a ball. The rest of my family would like to have candy and nuts.
I will leave something on a table for Rudolph.
With Love,
Gary Murrah

It Can Be Wished In Many Languages

"Happy New Year!"
As the year 1855 rolls westward from the Admiralty's date line, these words will ring out in many languages.
Should you be in gay Patee, the greeting you'd hear would be "Bonne Annee!" Down in sunny Italy, they say "Buon Capo d'Annee!" which doesn't sound too different. In Spain, it's "Feliz Ano Nuevo!"

In various central European countries the Christmas Crib, staged in a box, is carried thru the streets by groups of singing children during Christmas time.

Christmas giving in England dates from the reign of Henry VII when Christmas boxes and New Year gifts were a common enactment of royalty from their subjects.

The author of the favorite children's Christmas poem "Twas the night before Christmas", an eminent New York professor, felt his creation was below his dignity and would not admit he wrote it for 20 years.

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

Season's Greetings

Everything's ready for another merry Holiday season ...including our warmest greetings to all our friends!

THE MULESHOE JEWELRY
THE SCHUSTERS AND THE McREYNOLDS

Merry Christmas

The joy of giving... the thrill of receiving... all the warmth and good will of the Christmas season, we sincerely wish for you and yours.

B & G 7-11 Food Store

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Benefield
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Green

Greetings

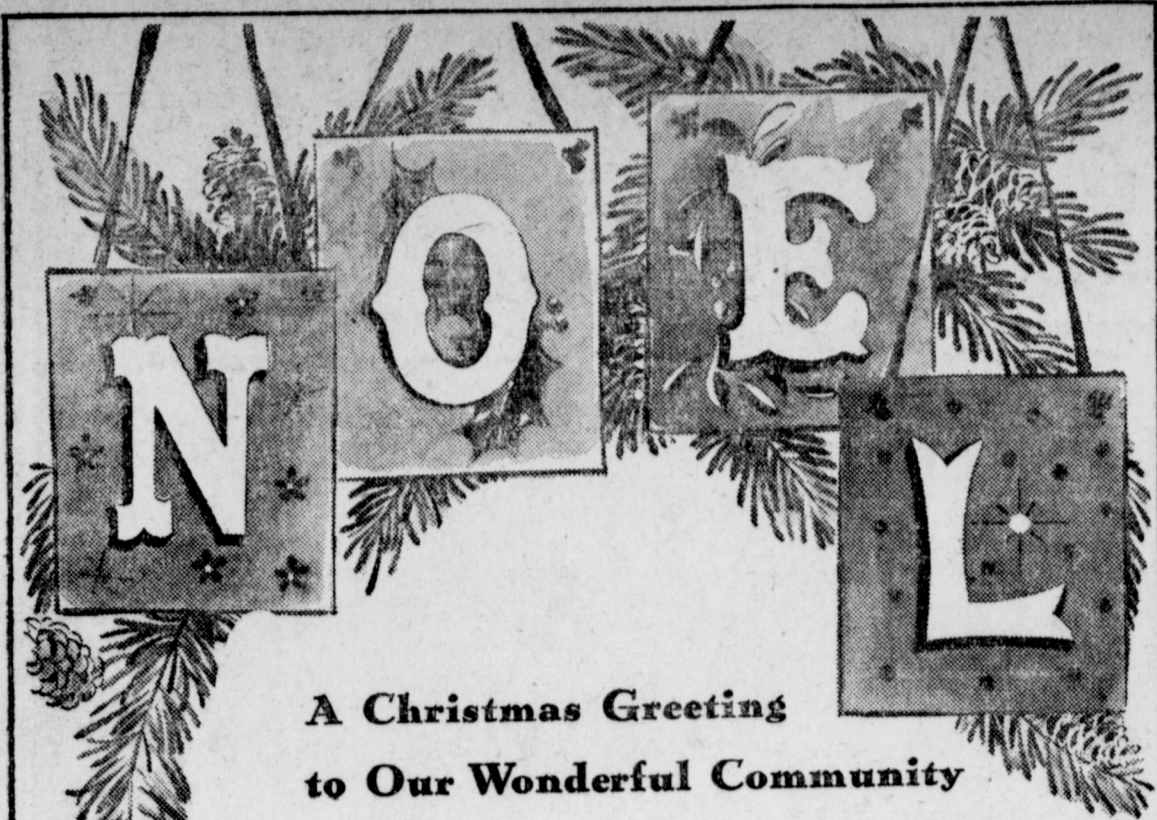
Now, at the happiest time of the year, we take the opportunity to express our deepest appreciation of your loyalty and friendship and extend our warmest wishes for your health and happiness.

S. E. CONE GRAIN CO.

Best Wishes for a
Happy Holiday Season

Comes Christmas... and warmly we welcome another opportunity to extend best wishes to all our friends and neighbors for a very happy Holiday Season, filled to overflowing with all of the best things in life.

**HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT
LUMBER CO.**



**A Christmas Greeting
to Our Wonderful Community**

...We'd like to shake the hand of every one of you. We'd like to wish you all a personal Merry Christmas. But, please take the thought for the act and accept our sincere good wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity now and always!

H. C. **HOLTS** CLYDE

Frank — Short — Ernest
Donald — Guy — Mary F.

THE BLUE SILK DRESS

By Sally Sandusky Eads
NANCY POWERS counted her egg money, then put it into the teapot and set it on the mantle. There was more than enough to pay for that pretty blue silk dress she had tried on at The Style Shoppe. Cyrus would be mighty proud when he saw her in that dress. He was going to town right after dinner to try to swap cars with Tom Newell, but Cyrus would have to pay boot.

Nancy hoped the boot would not be too much, because Cyrus had his heart set on having that almost new car for them to drive to the New Year's Party.

She glanced at the kitchen clock. "My goodness! Cyrus will soon be here for his dinner."

When Nancy saw Cyrus walking slowly down the snow-covered



"No, Nancy. That's your dress money." He pushed the money away from him.

path toward the kitchen door, she said, "Somethin' musta happened." He looked tired, and disappointed. She hoped somebody else hadn't traded for Tom Newell's car. Well, she wouldn't ask for awhile.

"What's the matter, Cyrus Pow-

ers?" she asked when he had finished eating.

"Nothin' Nancy, only I've decided ag'inst tradin' for Newell's car. I'll have the old one greased and washed, and it'll look pretty good, agoin' to the New Year Party."

"Cyrus Powers, you know better'n that," Nancy accused. "You was proud when we was young, and you've not changed. Why, you used to take me to the Parties in the finest rubber tire buggy in the county. Your horses always matched your buggy in looks, and you still want a good lookin' turnout, when you go some place."

Cyrus laughed. "And I had the prettiest, best dressed gal of all."

An Old Story
Nancy smiled. She'd heard that before. She started clearing off the table. "Cyrus, tell me the truth. Why did you change your mind about tradin' for that same-as-new Ford car?"

"Nancy, you're too inquisitive. But the truth is, I had Bud Carter take my bank book to town this mornin' and have it balanced. We lack fifty dollars havin' enough boot money. I could borrow it, but that would worry you and me both."

"Uh-huh." Nancy reached for the teapot and laid thirty-three dollars on the table in front of Cyrus. "Now, get to town and trade for that car before somebody else beats you to it."

"No, Nancy. That's your dress money." He pushed the money away from him.

"Shucks! I don't want a new dress. Get goin' before I spill dishwasher on you."

A Good Cry
After he was gone, Nancy sat down and, woman like, had a good cry. It had been so long since she'd had a new dress, but she wanted Cyrus to have the car he'd set his heart on.

She mended and pressed an old dress to wear. Late in the afternoon, she went to the barn and fed the cattle and horses, and milked the cows. Then she locked up the chicken house. It was getting dark when she saw Cyrus coming into the driveway. She wouldn't get to see the new car until morning.

Cyrus was laughing when he came in. "I found a place in town where they paint cars while you wait, and fix them to look like new. They said our car was in good shape." He was holding something behind him.

"You don't say! Cyrus, what's that you're holdin' behind you?" He grinned and set a dress box on the table. "Since we only had a paint job to pay for, I knew we could afford something else for the party."

Nancy took off the box lid and

lifted out the blue silk dress. She smiled, then her face crumpled. Cyrus really had wanted her to have the dress. She mustn't cry. "Cyrus," she scolded, "I told you to get the Newell car... But you can't trust a man to do as you tell him."

Cyrus grinned, again. A Happy New Year Grin.



Islanders Are First To See Every New Year

Residents of Chatham Islands, New Zealand, are always the first to welcome in the New Year. This particular distinction is brought about by the fact that the Islands lie just east of the starting point of time—the Admiralty's date line. It is made to curve east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean.

The year 1955 will leave the islands and race westward along the equator at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour. At 12:01 on January 1, 1955, in the islands, it will still be the last day of the year 1954 in New York and London. The milkman will be making his 7 a.m. rounds in New York and Big Ben will be striking the noon hour for Londoners.

By the time the New Year reaches the howling mob in Times Square, the Chatham Islanders will be preparing to set down to their New Year's day feast.

ALL BAWLED UP . . . The excitement of welcoming the New Year is fine while it lasts. Some folks, however, like George here, want to tuck themselves in after the year is properly ushered in. So, please be quiet, won't you?



CLINE'S STUDIO
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cline

Christmas Greetings

The spirit of Christmas warms every heart, brightens every eye, lightens every care... It moves us to express our deep appreciation of the friendship and loyalty of our customers, and to wish for all a rich abundance of the Season's happiness

E. R. HART CO.

The Spirit of Christmas

In all the hustle-bustle of our happy Holiday preparations, let us never forget the true spirit of Christmas, so beautifully expressed in those carols of beloved memory. Let us dedicate ourselves to the ideal of which the Angel sang: "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

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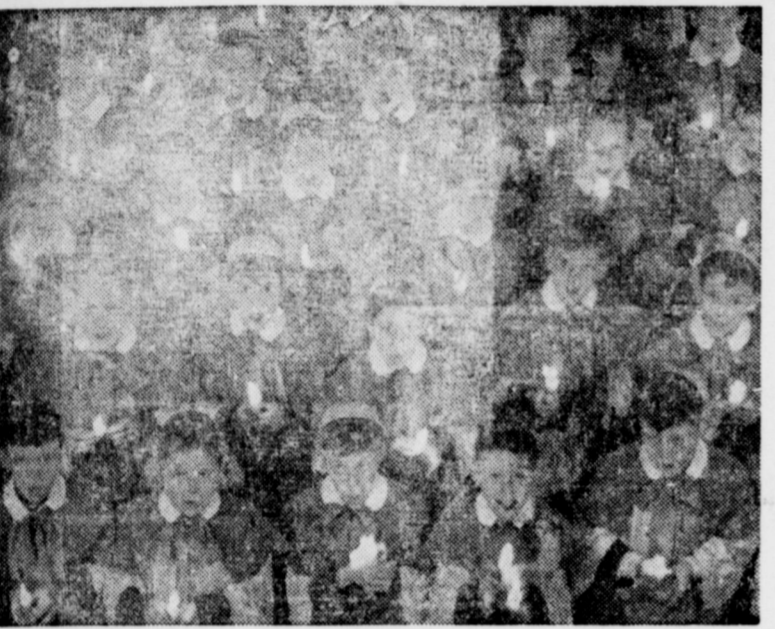
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Every year about this time we hear the same story: Christmas is getting too commercial. Last year, in fact, some grown-ups rebelled and said because Christmas was getting "so commercial" they intended to tell their children that there was no Santa Claus.

Like little Virginia O'Hanlon, who wrote the famous "Is there a Santa" letter to the editor of the New York Sun, children are very easily disillusioned. But, like Virginia, they need only reassurance from someone they believe in to sustain their wonderful belief. It is entirely wrong for us to shatter their dreams.

Christmas IS commercial in some aspects. Thousands of people earn a livelihood working the year around in toy shops or factories which produce Christmas specialties. This, in itself, does not make Christmas "too commercial," for toymakers have produced Christmas novelties for hundreds and hundreds of years.



JOY TO THE WORLD . . . The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.

The first Christmas cards were mailed in 1846 by Henry Cole, an Englishman. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and bore the now famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myra

Saint Nicholas lived some 1600 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.

Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the infant smiled and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century.

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Before the revolution, New Year's was a gay time in Russia. In some cities the streets were decorated with flags and lanterns and thronged with merry-makers.

DICTIONARIES for sale at The Journal office.

Outdoor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen Shrubs

It won't be a chilly Christmas for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside home decorations expected to be even more popular than in past years.

It's nice to have bright decorations outside, tree experts say, but too many home owners give their home grounds evergreens a hot foot while stringing them with overly-powerful Christmas lights for a blinking, brilliant colorama. They offer this advice to protect trees while utilizing them to the best advantage in achieving that beautiful outdoor display:

Use only electrical fixtures designed to be strung on outdoor trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-watts. They're bright enough to be gay and colorful, yet don't generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine if needles or foliage are turning brown in vicinity of lights. If so, rearrange the lights. Not even a beautiful light display is worth marring valuable evergreens that are a source of beauty the year round.

It is reputed that the first Christmas card, as we now know it, was dispatched in 1845 by W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters.

A strange Christmas custom in Finland is the annual Christmas Eve steam bath taken by the entire family. After the bath everyone is supposed to roll in the snow.

Christmas south of the equator falls in midsummer. Thus the decorations are fresh flowers and the goodies often are fruits taken direct from the trees.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy fifteen years old and I would like to have a new car for Christmas, one with power seats, power windows and a 200 horse power motor.

I have been a good boy all year Santa and would appreciate it if you would bring me this car. I am driving a old one now and it does not run so good it stays in the shop most of the time. Also

bring me a new shotgun to hunt ducks with.

Your little friend,
Gene McKnight

I am a little boy 6 years old. Please bring me some chaps guns and a pair of roller skates. And bring my little sister a doll and buggy and some little dishes.

And we would like to have

fruit, nuts and candy also. Santa, please remember all the other little boys and girls.

I love you,
Michael and Finetta Marlow

The hanging of the mistletoe and the burning of the Yule log are two of the most ancient customs which come from our pagan ancestors.

This Weeks Mystery Farm

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE MYSTERY FARM? If you are the first correctly to identify the farmstead pictured below, you will be awarded two tickets to Cox Drive-In Theatre in Muleshoe. Watch The Journal each week for a picture of an attractive farm home of the Muleshoe country.



Just phone The Journal and inform us where you live and whose farm you think this is. There will be two tickets each for the first out of city dweller and the first city resident to telephone or call at this office. Phone 5400 and 7220.

Season's GREETINGS

*** May time turn backward in its flight... and make you a child again just for a night... as Santa bows in with a sack full of gifts and a wealth of good wishes from all of us to all of you.

MULESHOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Each Christmas we realize more and more the obligation we have to the people of this area. Whatever success we may enjoy depends entirely upon the friends we serve. Since we are truly grateful for all you've done, we want you to know our thoughts are with you during this, the happiest season of the year.

Season's Greetings

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