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MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO ALL READERS OF THIS NEWSPAPER IS THE WISH OF THE FOLKS WHO MAKE IT

Daughter Perished When Explosives and Buns Burned

Through a farm home in Lamar County, Texas, the young daughter of a Talco resident was killed and her mother and two other children were injured when a fire broke out in the kitchen of the home on Thursday night.

Donna Carol Freeman, 12, was killed when she was struck by a falling stove during the fire. Her mother, Mrs. Freeman, 32, was burned on her face and arms. Her two other children, 10-year-old Betty Jo and 8-year-old Betty Jo, were also injured.

The fire broke out in the kitchen of the home on Thursday night. The cause of the fire is not known. The fire department arrived on the scene shortly after the fire broke out. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

The fire caused a great deal of damage to the home. The kitchen was completely destroyed. The living room and bedroom were also damaged. The fire department is still working to clear the debris from the home.

The family is now staying in a hotel in Talco. The fire department is still working to clear the debris from the home. The fire department is still working to clear the debris from the home.

Roads Selected For Construction In Lamar Co.

The State Highway Commission has just approved a program of work that will be carried out in Lamar County during the next two years from finances that will be available over this period of time from combined federal and state funds.

Selected for construction or improvement are:

- From F. M. Road 194 at Blossom to U. S. Highway 271 at Pattonville, a distance of approximately 5.8 miles.
- From end of F. M. Road 1498 at Hazeldell east and north to F. M. Road 1497 at Rockford, a distance of approximately 7.7 miles.
- From F. M. Road 197 north to Garrett's Bluff, a distance of approximately 2.0 miles.

Upon acceptance by the county and fulfillment of the conditions of this order, the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with construction in the most feasible and economical manner, and to assume the roads for maintenance upon completion of construction.

Selected for improvement F. M. Road 195, 6.5 miles northeast of Paris.

Improvement F. M. Road 38, 2.5 miles south of Roxton by construction of a bridge.

Lamar County will furnish all required right-of-way free of cost to the state.

Subscription to This Newspaper A Perfect Gift

Why not solve your gift problem now by sending this newspaper for a year to those you wish to remember at Christmas? It will remind the recipient every week in the year, 52 in all, of your thoughtfulness. A never failing source of gratification to both local and former citizens.

To those whom you remember with a year's subscription will be notified of your generosity.

Former Resident Dies Thursday

Mrs. Lettie Anderson, 66, former resident of Talco, died Thursday of last week in a hospital in Muleshoe after a week's illness due to a heart ailment.

Besides her husband, S. D. Anderson of Muleshoe, Mrs. Anderson is survived by two sons, Harry M. Anderson, a furniture dealer in Mt. Pleasant, Bill Anderson of New York City and three daughters, Mrs. Raymond Patton, Hollis, Okla.; Mrs. Clarence Bearden, Dimmit, and Mrs. Ray M. Smith, Houston. Other survivors are three brothers, Willie C. Williams, Marlin; Milton Williams, Borger and Curtis Williams of Waco; three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Henry of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Tol Johnson of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Maggie Roach of Marlin. Her mother, Mrs. A. H. Williams of Marlin, also survives.

Funeral services were held at Hollis, Ok., Friday afternoon.

Old School Bldg. Sold and Being Torn Down

Burks-Clear Post A. L. of Talco, has sold the old brick school building on F. M. 71 to a church near Mt. Pleasant, and it is being torn down. Sale price was \$500. Brick and lumber in the building will be used to erect a church south of Mt. Pleasant on Highway 271.

The Post also sold the five acres of land upon which the building stood to Renford Sikes for \$1,500. He will build a nice home on the property.

Trojans Lose to Queen City

Queen City basketball team played Talco here Thursday night. The Queen City Bulldogs jumped to an early lead and never relinquished it as they dropped the Trojans from the unbeaten ranks in District 14-A, 46 to 36.

The pre-season favorites at one time enjoyed a 22 point lead but the Trojans staged a last quarter rally that fell short. Bobby Martin led the Trojans in scoring with 11 points, followed closely by Gilbert Burks with 8 points.

Whatley and Odom tied for high point honors for Queen City with 11 points each. The Bulldogs showed great ability to make their long shots.

The Trojans will journey to Commerce Dec. 29 to play in the East Texas tournament. The first game after the holidays will be with Commerce High School on Jan. 5 in Talco gym.

Queen City girls also trounced their visitors, 50-33. Half-time score was 25-21 with Queen City in the lead. Belle Kirkland led the victorious ladies with a total of 35 points. Melba Buzbee starred on defense.

Mother Killed

Flames from a fire in the Red River area near Detroit, Mich., killed a mother and her two children. The fire broke out in the kitchen of the home on Thursday night. The cause of the fire is not known. The fire department arrived on the scene shortly after the fire broke out. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

This Newspaper Published Early

Christmas day arrives on Thursday this week. In order for this week's edition of this newspaper to reach subscribers before that time, it was printed two days earlier than usual.

This was a big undertaking for our force, due to a heavy run of Christmas advertising, containing good wishes for the Yuletide season.

We have done the very best we could in the time allowed before Christmas to do it.

Merry Christmas, Everybody!

"Fan," meaning an enthusiast, comes from the word "fantastic."

BATTLE REPORT CHANGE PLANNED

Washington.—Because people apparently think a casualty is a fatality, the Defense Department says it no longer is listing all men killed, wounded or missing in Korea as "casualties."

The Pentagon announcement said its weekly report will continue to show totals for dead, wounded and missing, but still not total them up and list them as casualties.

grown Ringnecks aroused a desire in the newspaperman for his gun and dog and an opportunity to hunt them.

Tribute to Those Who Made This Newspaper

Well, folks, here is the Christmas edition of this newspaper again on the eve of the Lord's natal day. Most people have been very co-operative in buying enough advertising to justify a larger newspaper, and we hope you like it.

Advertisers have made it possible. They are saying Merry Christmas and expressing thanks and good wishes to many readers of this newspaper.

But some of the credit also goes to our faithful employees and reporters. They came thru in grand fashion since last week's edition announced we were stepping up our schedule two days to enable everyone to have this edition before Christmas. God bless you, reporters, no publisher ever had a finer force to aid him in an emergency.

Former Resident Buried Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday in Memphis for John Marcus Tue. Mr. Tue, a former resident of Talco, had been living in Turkey 27 years. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Ludie Hill; four daughters, Mrs. R. P. Crist Jr., Colorado Springs; Mrs. John D. Hensen, Amarillo; Mrs. A. L. Moore, Lubbock, and Mrs. Lynn Butler of Talco; a son, Woodroe Tue of Plainview; a brother, Chris Tue, a half-brother, Charlie McKnight, Lawton, Ok., a half-sister, Mrs. Florence Hill, Clarksville; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler attended the funeral.



May the great joy of the season find its way into your hearts in large measure.

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BEST WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY

And may your hopes and prayers be answered, too, is the Christmas wish of your friends in the Talco State Bank.

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Get G. I. Hun in Food Fields Korea

— Chinese are not the only ones to be hunted in the fields of soldiers and officers. In the fields seek pheasants, ducks, deer and boar with which the countryside abounds. Armed with shotguns or rifles, the U. S. servicemen go about the task of bagging "something different" for a change from the daily Army diet of "meat and potatoes."

which have been planted in many fields as a defense against Communist infiltration. Some of the mines were also planted by U. N. forces in earlier battles on the central front.

Occasionally some hunters near the front come back with a prisoner found hiding in the fields. Army special services provide many units with shotguns which can be borrowed, but other soldiers prefer to buy their through the post exchange at about half the selling price in the United States.

The pheasant shooting is in December and January when the ground is frozen. The birds live on berries, cereal, grain and by picking up stray grains of rice from the rice fields. For some reason there are practically no rabbits in Korea.

Most units rotate their shotguns so that everybody who wants to may have a crack at

If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be at Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported



from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.



EVERY AVERAGE American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly-cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen trees growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas day or to leave it too long after the 25th. Trees of all kind will become highly inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week should take special safeguards to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

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

Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

WHO HAS ONE of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa.

The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the



country, and talking to thousands of youngsters on street corners and in department stores, Santa usually comes to the same conclusion each year. Times and customs change, but children seldom do.

Requests that Santa receives follow a general pattern each year—everything from bicycles to roller skates and cowboy suits for boys, with dolls and elaborate accessories the favorite with the girls.

There are some exceptions. Lots of children make requests for useful items, typewriters and such, in the hope of becoming writers and stenographers. Last year one lad asked for a Bengal tiger.

Santa, understanding human that he must be, promises to fill all the requests that he can and explains tenderly why there are some that are out of reach.

St. Nicholas Possessed Of Great Virtue, Piety

Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, was said to have been a saint of great virtue and piety.

An ancient legend is told that he became the patron saint of school 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 in Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a vision, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayers and also forced the murderer to confess his crime to authorities.



CHRISTMAS CANDLE . . . The soft, steady glow of a lighted candle is one of the treasures of Christmas which no one would want to lose. Another treasure is the happy child.

The number of men and women engaged in the oil industry (more than 15,000) is 40 times as large as in 1916.

Everyone Wants To See Just One 'Good Old' Yule

"How I would long to see just one more 'old-fashioned Christmas!'"

These are familiar words at a time of the year. Before the Yuletide season is over, some member of the family, grandfather or grandmother, probably, is certain to pass that remark, as they have done each Christmas of the past.

And yet, if we search back into the records . . . to the turn of the century, say . . . we find that, even then, someone was wishing for "an old-fashioned Christmas." It is then that we realize that the celebration of the birth of Christ has not changed greatly with the passage of centuries. Basically, Christmas is the same, year after year. It is only the world and the people who are not the same.

He may not admit it, but when grandfather first began to raise a family, he overheard his elders musing over the changing Christmas customs and heralding the approach to "complete commercialism" of the Yuletide celebration. Even then they were worried.

No one can deny that Christmas has been greatly "commercialized" since the days of early America. Yet, so has the entire nation. In the days of our ancestors there were none of the vast trading centers and commercial marts that we know today. Our very way of life has been greatly changed with modernization. Our holidays, and Christmas is the principal one, have managed to keep abreast.

Still, without reservation, Christmas is basically unchanged in its true meaning as a celebration of the birth of the Christ-Child redeemer, come to save the world. No matter how great or how small the presents piled beneath the tree, each Christian heart never ceases to remember that Christmas is Christ's day.

Custom of 'Pinata'. Observed in Mexico, Is Spreading to U.S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmeats and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling.

Each of the guests, not always only just children—is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

Merry Christmas

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PARIS

CHRISTMAS GREETING

Please accept our cordial wish for a prosperity and contentment to each of you may we say, "Thanks to all the good friends of this organization for enabling us to continue to be of service to you."

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Livestock Down, Short

in America the high-hanging mistletoe is treasured chiefly for its power to invite a kiss from a pretty girl. The bulk of the holiday decorations comes from the Carolinas, Tennessee and the southwest where off-season agricultural workers gather the branches for shipment throughout the nation.

The white-berried plant also serves as a winter food supply for mockingbirds, robins, and waxwings. These small birds are responsible for the spread of the tree-damaging parasite. After eating the berries the birds clean their beaks on the trees, firmly planting the mistletoe seeds they do not eat. The tap root of the seedling pierces the tenderest portions of the tree—young branches or buds—and the tree sap is drawn into the thick leaves and translucent berries of the guest plant.

Though the mistletoe plays the dual characters of destructive killer and promoter of love, superstition has it that the plant can switch roles in a twinkling. For instance, if the yuletide mistletoe bough isn't removed from a house by Candlemass Eve (February 1), each leaf left will produce a goblin to plague the careless occupants during the year.

Prices lost ground steadily. At the close of this year of 1952, virtually all classes of livestock were selling many dollars per hundred below a year earlier and many steers going to market represented \$50 to \$100 per head less. Many cows that had cost \$950 to \$325 a year ago for stocking purposes would currently bring half that.



Kris Kringle Isn't Really Santa Claus

Popular notion seems to imply that Kris Kringle is a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. Just what motivates this idea is not at all clear, since Kris Kringle is really a modification of Christkind who, although endowed by German legend as a gift-giver, resembles Santa Claus not in the least.

Santa Claus, as we know him in America, never really caught on in Germany. St. Nicholas comes around on his liturgical feast day—December 6—with his pockets bulging with candy and nuts and trinkets. Well and good, but German parents maintain, as did their predecessors of the Reformation era, that the central idea of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, should dominate the observances.

Nor is Christkind depicted as the infant Jesus himself, but rather as his messenger and gift-bearer who comes to earth at Christmastime to bring happiness to good children. The Christkind is usually represented as a child dressed in white robes, wearing a golden crown and having big, golden wings.

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa

Santa Claus plays a very significant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.

A WISE MAN SAID
"I expect to pass through this life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
—Stephen Grellet.

NATURE STILL HAS REAL UPPER HAND

Wooster, Ohio. — Nature still has the upper hand at Ohio's Agricultural Experiment Station here, agricultural scientists found out the other day.

They held a meeting to show the editors of city newspapers what they had been doing. But during the meeting a group of fruit experts had to leave. They said there were a lot of apples on trees at the station and they had to be picked before they froze.

BELEGGED RACCOON PLAYS DOWNTOWN HIDE-SEEK
Billings, Mont. — A pet raccoon with bells on played hide-and-seek on a downtown street.

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Director



... A HERALD OF THE KING ...
Tree Decoration Has Ancient Source In Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

Christmas Helps World's Economy
Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent.



DOLLIES ALL ... Barbara Johnson (left) and Patricia Abel, both orphans, are in a virtual paradise, seated amid so many playmates. The dolls, more than 800 of them, were dressed by volunteer workers for distribution to charitable organizations as Christmas gifts.

Labrador, most easterly point of the American continent, has a population around 4,700.

Merry Christmas
This is the season of the year when we welcome the opportunity to renew friendships and to express our appreciation for your cooperation which has made possible a very satisfactory year for us.
Happy New Year
May the Yuletide bring abundant joy to you and yours and may the New Year bring true health and happiness to each and every one of you.

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By John C. Whita, Commissioner

BOLLWORM PROGRESS REPORT

Mention the "Pink Bollworm" to farmers in northern Texas and you'll get a mild alarm. But mention it in South Texas! The effect is immediate and explosive. Some farmers fully realize the dangerous situation and its threat to the entire cotton crop. Others concede the progress of the insect but are opposed to some control measures necessary to fight it. Yet all agree on one point. The pink bollworm has hit them hard in the past season. This year the insect took about one out of every four bales of Rio Grande Valley cotton and destroyed millions of dollars worth of cotton throughout the infested areas. Left unchecked it could spread throughout the entire state and ruin our cotton production. This past season was "Get With Pink Bollworm

John H. DeVaney Funeral Thursday

John H. DeVaney, Mt. Pleasant druggist, died Dec. 17 in a Mt. Pleasant hospital after a lingering illness. He was born at Lake Creek, July 13, 1885 and had lived in Mt. Pleasant the past three and a half years.

Prior to going to Mt. Pleasant, Mr. DeVaney had a drug store in Bogata.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Eunice DeVaney; a daughter, Mrs. Carr Denman, and a grandson, John DeVaney Denman. He is also survived by five brothers and one sister, Walter DeVaney of Lake Creek, Ben DeVaney, Chandler, Ariz., Roscoe DeVaney and Mrs. Sam Booth, both of Anson, Fred DeVaney of Cooper and Edgar DeVaney of Los Angeles, Calif.

Final rites were held in the Methodist church Thursday afternoon under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Rubal Moore and Rev. Charles H. Brown, pastor of the First Christian Church. Interment was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

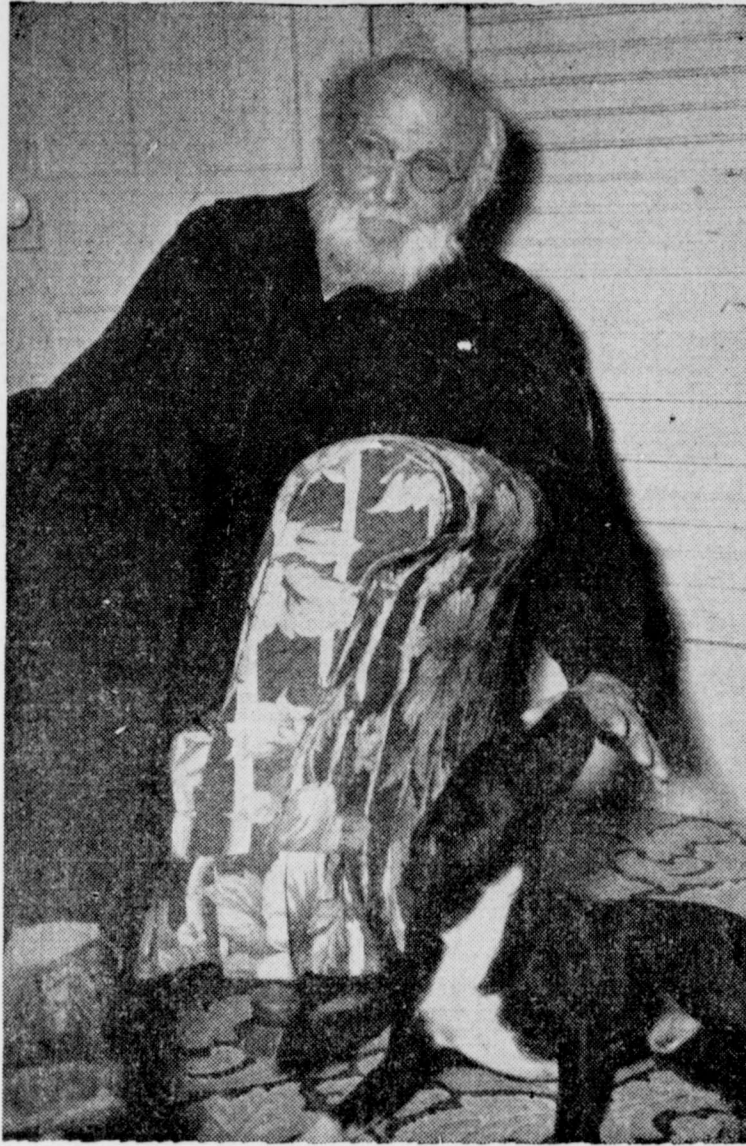
Active pallbearers were Gus Swaim, V. Thedford, Ben Scott, Allen Wilhite, Truitt Patrick, Earl Nance, Bird Old Jr., and Joe Buford.

Serving as honorary bearers were Floyd Thomas, A. G. Daniel, G. C. Proctor, Rex Pyron, Tom Connor, H. C. Avery, Oscar Lilienstern, D. D. Lide, Earl Lide, Bird Old Sr., Mel Dozier, Edgar Hutchison, M. B. Peyton and Paul Hamilton.

Mr. DeVaney came to Bogata twenty years ago as a druggist, making friends of everyone within the trade area. It saddened many hearts on hearing of this good man's passing and our condolences are extended his family.

Attending the funeral services from Bogata were Aubrey Buckman, Lenox Hudson, Jimmie Underwood, V. Thedford, H. H. Wilkinson, Gus Swaim, Mel Dozier, Mark Peyton, Mrs. Ralph Harbison and Mrs. Alvin Wood.

James W. Grant to Celebrate 100th Birthday on Sunday, Dec. 28th



James W. Grant of Frogville, Ok., father of Miss Nita Grant of Deport, will be 100 years old on Monday, Dec. 29. A big celebration is being planned for Sunday, Dec. 28, so all the relatives and friends may call to wish him well. A family dinner with birthday cake and all the trimmings will be held at noon, with open house in the afternoon.

Texan by birth but Oklahoman by choice, James Grant is spending his fading years with a 72-year-old son, Ed, at Frogville in Choctaw County. Even at 99, he's independent and does just as he pleases.

They made him give up his grist mill three years ago. Getting too old to work, they said. Up until last year, the old gent managed to get around to visit his cronies. Got so he couldn't climb on his old horse. Had to sell the horse.

Squirrel hunting, down in the woods, sort of passed the time away, too. Ninety-nine year old legs won't stand much walking, and he had to put away his gun last summer.

White whiskers, bleached by time, cover old Jim's jutting jaw. Past the beard, and into his strong, sharp eyes, you can see history that'll never find its way into the school books.

Cotton and ginning was Grant's first love. Born three miles west of Clarksville on the old Paris stage line, he moved with his family to Blossom Prairie at an early age. They set up for farming where now is Deport.

Jim wasn't a lazy young'un. At 10, he was driving a team at the old mule gin. That gin business paid off, though. By 1890, he was owner and operator of Grant Gin in Deport.

He freighted cotton from Deport to Black Bayou at Jefferson, crossing Sulphur when it was two miles wide and cotton had to be moved across on flatboats. It then took eight to ten mules to pull a wagon, depending on the size of the load.

He moved to Oklahoma, then Indian territory, in 1900 and has resided there since that time. On Oct. 16, 1872, Mr. Grant and

his schoolmate sweetheart, Eliza Horne of Deport, were married in the Presbyterian church, which stood then where the Deport cemetery is located. To this union were born eight children, four of whom are living. They are Ed, with whom he makes his home, Miss Nita Grant, Deport, Mrs. N. D. Webb, Dallas, and Mrs. B. E. Nobles of Hugo, Ok., who is the youngest, now 71. Mrs. Grant passed away in 1904.

Most of 21 grandchildren, three dozen or so great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren are coming from all over to see Grandpa on his 100th birthday.

Being 99 doesn't keep him from reading the paper, sitting in front of the fire place, and just lounging around.

Maybe He Went Out for a Beer

After sitting through an afternoon of legal preliminaries, one defendant skipped out on Lamar County Court.

Paul Williams, a Parisian charged with unlawful sale of beer in a dry area, is the missing party.

County Judge Joe Hammack said Williams, out on \$500 bond, was to have returned when the trial resumed at 6:30 p. m. Jury, judge and attorneys showed, but not Williams.

Bond was immediately forfeited and a new bond was set for \$1,000 with a warrant issued for his re-arrest.

Statistic reported last week. The factory lay-off rate was only one half the rate a year ago, the bureau said. Discharges declined sharply in nearly all consumer goods industries.

To protect the life of the President and to suppress counterfeiters are the two statutory duties of the U. S. Secret Service.

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT REACHES NEW HIGH

Washington.—Factory employment soared to a post-World War II peak of 16.4 million and unemployment claims dropped to a post-war low of only 617,000 in October, the Bureau of Labor

Talco Activities Ten Years Ago

Week of December 25, 1942

War ration book No. 1 had been available. Deadline for securing ration book had been extended from Dec. 15 to Jan. 1.

Churches had been faced with a shortage of ministers. At least two of every three new men graduating had entered chaplain service.

The Book Lovers Club had been entertained with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Bob Parker. Gifts had been distributed from a tree to 14 guests.

Around 60 Red River County men had reported at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, for induction into the army.

Second Lt. Winston Churchill had been stationed at Camp Maxey, an officer in the medical administration corps.

A pear tree 135 years old had been reported still bearing fruit by J. H. Redding. The tree had been planted by his grandfather and had provided fruit for seven generations.

Miss Rebecca Scarborough and Loyce N. Seay had been married at the First Baptist Church parsonage by Rev. M. F. Downing.

Mrs. H. D. Pointer, 72, died at her home at Pattonville.

War ration books had been issued. They consisted of books for sugar and coffee, under the food commodities; and gasoline mileage rationing book. Other books were to be issued early in 1943 for meats and canned food.

Farmers were asked to prepare for a great food production year and raise all food possible for the next year.

N. O. Enloe and C. P. Johnson, Paris businessmen, had died.

insect can spread, pink bollworms were found in 39 new counties this year where it had never been seen before. To combat further spread, we will set up about 300 new seed sterilization points in East and North Texas next year to establish a "front" beyond which few "pinkies" can pass.

Continued cooperation and vigilance on the part of cotton farmers will be required to minimize the threat. Seed from infested areas should always be sterilized before planting or storing. Fields should be cleaned of stalks soon after harvest. And a constant watch should be kept for the insects appearance in new areas.

Perhaps a new systemic poison will be developed which will affect the pest. But until that time, we must rely on present controls and the willingness of the farmers to protect Texas' largest industry—cotton.

GOOD QUESTION

A mother was telling her six-year-old son about the golden rule.

"Always remember," she said, "that we are here to help others." The youngster mullied this one over for a minute then asked: "Well, what are the others here for?"



Season's Best Wishes
The peace and happiness of Christmas belongs to you.
1952

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WHICH WAY
 "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"
 "Sure, son."
 "Well, if a doctor is doctoring a doctor, does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor wants to be doctor or does the doctor doctoring the doctor doctor the doctor the way he usually doctors?"



Be ye not as the horse or as the mule, which have no understanding; whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.—(Psalms XXXII-9.)

Let us not, through fear or other compulsion, be driven into the ways of goodness. Rather, should not a man, through his own free will and human inclinations, want to live and walk daily in the way of the Lord? Understanding shall be ours if we shall earnestly and humbly seek it through God's mercy. His guidance and help; we have the promise that it shall not be denied us.

Roy Bean Court Fines \$353.73 For Charity

Judge Roy Bean's court under direction of Burks-Clear Post, did a land office business last Saturday.

You were fined if you did and fined if you didn't.

Members of the Post wish to thank all the people in and around Talco, for the splendid cooperation given us. We are very happy to report that we were able to collect the grand sum of \$353.73 for charity. We assure you that we will help all the needy families with clothes and groceries, and it is humanly possible," J. L. Bagby told The Times.

THESE FUNNY PEOPLE

The teacher had a lot of paper work to do, so she placed her hat in front of her class of 6-year-olds and asked them to write a description of it. At the end of five minutes little Elmer piped up, "Please, teacher, are there two bs in 'shabby?'"



LAST REQUEST . . . Christmas came early last year for Gerald Washburn, 8, of Seattle. He was brought from his sickbed to sit with Santa Claus for a special visit before he entered a hospital to undergo surgery for a brain operation.

Charles Dickens' 'Life of Our Lord' Is a Moving Story

LAST YEAR, the heretofore unpublished Dickens' manuscript "The Life of Our Lord" was presented to the world.

Written 100 years earlier for the exclusive audience of the author's own children, it is a child's life of Christ—a simple, moving narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that incomparable Dickens genius which insures its place by the side of the famous "Christmas Carol" among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature.

Because he felt such deep veneration for the life and lessons of our Saviour, he left instructions



that this particular manuscript should not be commercialized. Thus, the manuscript was a precious family secret for 85 years. But when Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child, died in 1933, it was finally brought forth and sold for the staggering amount of \$210,000 — or, \$15 per word.

Purchased by the London Daily Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens himself, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ. For, according to Dickens:

"Everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for people who did wrong, or were in any way ill or miserable, as He was.

"And as He is now in heaven, where we all hope to go, and all meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you can never think what a good place heaven is, without knowing who He was and what I did."

Indian peace pipes usually were made from stone quarried in Minnesota.

Then there was the lad that moved to the city when he heard the country was at war.—W. O. W. Magazine.

Christmas Angel Wings



Christmas is the cookie season and an especially good Christmas cookie is Angel Wings. This rich oatmeal cookie has a delicate crispness and a flavor that is "oh so good." They're pretty to serve too, with their lacy edges and decoration of nuts, citron and candied fruit. Try Angel Wings with a frosty fruit punch for elegant holiday entertaining.

Angel Wings

Makes 4 dozen cookies
 1/2 cup sifted enriched flour
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup shortening, soft
 2 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
 1 cup quick rolled oats, uncooked
 Citron, candied cherries and chopped nuts

Sift together flour, sugar and salt into bowl. Add shortening, eggs and flavorings. Beat until smooth, about 2 minutes. Fold in rolled oats. Drop from a teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet, allowing about 2 inches between cookies. Flatten with a knife dipped in cold water. Decorate with pieces of citron, candied cherries or nuts. Bake in a moderate oven (375°F.) 10 to 12 minutes until cookies are golden brown around the edges. Remove from cookie sheet immediately.

Fred Roberts Passes Away

Fred Roberts, 61, passed away at 11:20 p. m. Monday at his home at Rosalie, following a long illness.

Funeral services are set for 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Bogata Baptist Church, with burial in the cemetery there.

He was born July 16, 1891 in Arkansas. Survivors are Mrs. Roberts, Rosalie, and five children, Mrs. Travis Thomas of Lubbock, Mrs. Thomas Westbrook and Mrs. Lowell Francis of Deport, Mrs. Stanley Cox of Paris and Mrs. Lawrence Wood of Rugby; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

DOING HER BEST

"Fancy letting your wife go about telling the neighbors she made a man of you. You don't hear my wife saying that."
 "No, but I hear her telling my wife she's doing her best."

GOOD QUESTION

Judge (after charging jury): "Is there any question you would like to ask before considering the evidence?"

Juror: "A couple of us would like to know if the defendant boiled the malt one or two hours and how did he keep the yeast out?"

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rodgers and daughter, Lou Ann of Sunray, are expected Tuesday for the Christmas holidays with their mothers, Mrs. J. M. Johnson in Deport, Mrs. Stella Rodgers in Bogata, her sister, Mrs. Norwood and other relatives and friends in Talco.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Norwood and daughter, Roberta Ann of Abernathy, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Norwood in Talco and his grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Johnson in Deport.

THEY ARE

All men are not homeless, but some are home less than others.

Cant Find a Man? Cheer Up, Ladies You're Not Alone

Chicago. — Lady, if you can't find a man, cheer up. You are not alone.

There definitely is a shortage of men, an American Medical Association Journal editorial said last week.

And the situation will get worse.

The Journal said that if it had not been for the war deaths in World War II the present excess of American women over men would be about one-third of a million less.

Other factors contributing to the scarcity of men, the editorial said, is the high death rate in males, and the entrance of more female immigrants into this country.

But because of continuing war deaths, "the present indications are that this excess will become even larger in the future," the AMA editorial predicted.

The 1950 census showed there were 1,430,000 more women than men in the United States. The greatest difference occurs in the age groups over 45 years, where women outnumbered men 1,000 to 956, the Journal said.

The ratio of the two sexes at birth has been stable from year to year, it said, about 1,055 men to 1,000 women. But the ratio of deaths in men has been increasing. In 1930, this ratio was 1210 deaths in men per 1,000 women; in 1951, it was 1,333 men to 1,000 women.

A net gain of 181,500 women over men occurred by migration during the five years immediately following World War II, according to the article. And more men than women have been leaving the country.

SCOTCH

Three blood transfusions were necessary to save a lady patient's life at a hospital. A brawny young Scotchman offered his blood.

The patient gave him \$50 for the first pint, \$25 for the second pint—but the third time she had so much Scotch blood in her she only thanked him.

IN OTHER WORDS

A brakeman went into a railroad eating house and asked the waitress for two eggs on toast. The waitress yelled, "Adam and Eve on a raft!" The brakie changed his mind and told her, "please make that just one egg." The gal hollered out, "Kill Adam."—Texas & Pacific Topics.

Judge Too Slow In Age of Jets

Fairfield, Calif. — A Navy pilot, Ensign Marvin S. Cohn of Portland, Ore., was cited for automobile speeding here Nov. 25 while awaiting shipment to Korea.

Justice of the Peace George C. . . received a letter from Cohn two weeks ago saying "I will be unable to appear in court as my ship has sailed for Korean waters . . ."

"However I would caution you to submit any financial claims rapidly, because jet flying, especially in the Korean theater, has turned out to be hazardous." And he mentioned the possibility of the justice receiving "an addressee deceased" letter in return. . .

Judge Crowley sent a request that the fine be paid. It came back this week stamped "addressee deceased." Across a corner of the letter was scribbled:

"Ensign Cohn was killed in his jet plane when it crashed about the U. S. S. Philippine Sea Nov. 18 while on training maneuvers." In San Francisco, Cohn's sister, Mrs. A. B. Sanford, confirmed the report of his death.

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"There are a billion germs on the average dollar bill."—News-paper filler. This information doesn't frighten us, as a dollar passes through our hands so fast a germ would break his neck if he were to jump off it.—The Bristol (Va.) Herald-Courier.

Regardless of your walk in life, smooth running gets you there a lot quicker.

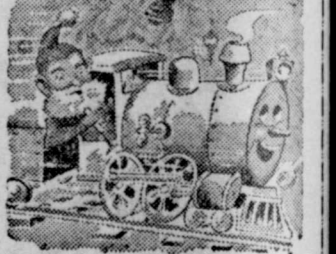
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FREE SHOW

We invite all school children to be our guests at the showing of pictures that will delight them on Christmas eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24. There will also be FREE candy for all children who come.

A Smooth Holiday Track



We'd like to "engineer" a Merry Christmas for you.



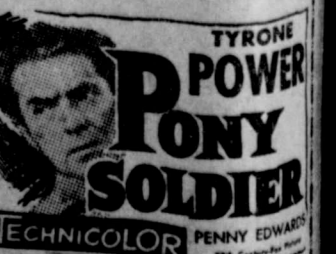
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Public Health is At Higher Level Than Ever Before

AUSTIN. — Death won't cloud holiday festivities in as many Texas homes this year as in seasons past.

By the large public health is at a higher level today than ever before, statistics compiled by the State Department of Health show.

The result is that more parents are alive to be with their children, for maternal deaths have been reduced by 88 per cent in the last 15 years. And more children are alive and vital, anticipating the sacred day we call Christmas because infant deaths have been cut by 46 per cent.

Life is longer today than ever before, not just in Texas but the nation over. It is due to be that a man of 50 years was in his twilight years. Today a 50-year-old is merely middle aged.

"We take a lot of pride in our progress," State Health Officer Geo. W. Cox said, "but there is

no end to improvements yet to be made. It's always this way when you deal with the problems that control the health of people."

Dr. Cox, who has been directing the state public health program since 1936, is fond of pointing out that "health is a purchasable commodity."

His tenure has brought the construction of more facilities for public health than any other combination of preceding administrations. Pursuing a policy of decentralization, 47 local health center buildings have been built and staffed throughout the state.

One of the most striking gains has been made against typhoid fever. Deaths due to this cause have been cut by 98 per cent in the last decade. A reduction of 95 per cent has been registered against diphtheria, 64 per cent against tuberculosis, and 96 per cent against pellagra.

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ELGINS, Hamiltons, Bulovas and Midos watches. Carlisle Jewelry, Talco.

BUXTON Billfolds with your name imprinted at no additional charge. Carlisle Jewelry, Talco.

FOR SALE—1946 Moline Z tractor and implements and 1936 Chevrolet truck. Mrs. Hugh Evans, Deport.

BUY NOW for Christmas on **LOWRY'S**, Mt. Vernon, budget plan. Pay next year. Open each night until 9:00. dbt

USE LOWRY'S, Mt. Vernon, Texas, convenient charge, budget or lay-a-way plan to do your Christmas shopping for the entire family from baby to grandad. Open each night until 9:00. dbt

CHOOSE from our large display of finished monuments and markers. Granite—marble—Bronze. Every memorial guaranteed. Star Memorial Co., New Dallas Highway, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

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DO YOU HAVE a budget account at **LOWRY'S**, Mt. Vernon? If not, why not open one and do your Christmas shopping this year from "The World's Largest Display of Hardware, Furniture, and Gifts on the Ground Floor." Open each night to 9:00. dbt

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Saturday, December 20:
Two Elgin Watches, one for the man and one for the lady.

December 24, Christmas Eve:
Grand Prize
\$400.00 half carat diamond ring. Register each day, all drawings at 3:30 p. m. at

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Mt. Vernon, Texas

Christmas Tree Is 150 Years Old In This Country

A CHRISTMAS TREE will be put up in two out of every three American homes this year. Yet the trimmed Christmas tree, as it is known today, is only about 150 years old in this country.

The Pilgrims forbade Christmas celebrations on the grounds they were pagan. A Massachusetts law in 1689 subjected anyone to a fine who observed the day by feasting, refraining from work or in any other manner.

It was not until near the end of the American Revolution that the Christmas tree took hold. German immigrants, homesick for the tradition of their native land, put them up.

The custom of the lighted Christmas tree, some historians tell, originated with Martin Luther. He was fascinated by evergreen trees, glistening with starlit-snow, pointing to the heavens at Christmas time. So he brought an evergreen tree into his house and lighted it with candles for his children.

Another old German legend credits St. Boniface with the origin of the Christmas tree. Having converted some oak tree-worshipping Druids to Christianity, he took them into a forest, cut down an oak and pointed to a stately fir along side. "Take this tree," he said, "into your homes as a sign of your new worship. Celebrate God's power no more with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. R. E. BAUCUM, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. R. S. Welborn, supt.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
6:30 p. m.—BTU. Mrs. C. C. Collins, director.
7:45 p. m.—Evening worship.
3:00 p. m. Monday—WMU. Mrs. R. J. Rosson, pres.
7:00 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer and song service.
7:00 p. m. Thursday—Brotherhood. M. J. Davis, pres.



IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

C. F. SHIREY, Minister
Bible Study—Sunday 9:45 a. m.
Worship service—10:50 a. m.
Young people's classes—6:30 p. m.

Worship service—7:30 p. m.
Ladies Bible class—Wednesday, 2:15 p. m.
Singing, prayer, Bible study—Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
We welcome you to any of our services.

Ginning Figures For This Area

Lamar County cotton gins turned out 22,935 bales of this season's crop up to Dec. 1, according to figures released by the Bureau of the Census.

That was 733 bales more than the 22,202 bales ginned to the same date last year.

This season's crop, however, was nearly finished when the report was made and estimated ginning will be around 23,000 bales when the gins shut down. The county produced 24,406 bales last year.

Other counties in this area and their ginning figures prior to December 1, with last year's ginning to same date, are as follows:

Red River—11,869 and 10,334.
Delta—18,924 and 14,974.
Fannin—31,887 and 26,257.
Bowie—4,279 and 4,373.

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CHRISTMAS '52

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This newspaper makes every effort to learn about and print all the local news. If you

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Or make an outstanding record in any endeavor, the publisher and your friends want to know about it. Tell us. Telephone or write up the event and give it to our reporter or mail it to us. Thank you.

Spending Christmas in the Joe Grant home will be Mr. and Mrs. Hal Murrell and son, Grant of Lufkin.

Sale of Used TRUCKS

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Maurine Hearn Former Deport Girl Wins Award

Miss Maurine Hearn, Deport born and reared woman, has won the Progressive Farmers' award of "Woman of the Year in Service to Rural Homemakers."

Along with the honor appeared the following in the last edition: The extension program in Bolivia, South America, was given a boost when Miss Maurine Hearn, Texas state home demonstration leader, arrived for a year of work. Miss Hearn, who is known for her earnestness to "get the job done right," is well qualified to promote extension work. She began her career as a county home agent, served next as a home industries specialist, was promoted to a district agent, and has been state leader since 1944.

Miss Hearn has continually studied to be able to serve rural homemakers better. She is a graduate of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, and has studied during summers and various times at Sul Ross State Teachers College, Alpine, Tex., and at Cornell University. At Cornell she studied psychology and sociology for extension workers. In 1949 she took a year's leave of absence from the Texas Extension staff to attend Harvard University and Radcliffe College. She received an extension fellowship from the Carnegie Foundation. At Harvard she took advanced courses in the graduate school of education. She has also worked ceaselessly to better the training of home demonstration agents and what they could offer the rural homemaker.

Miss Hearn will assist in training personnel in organization and developing the extension program which has been operating in Bolivia for the past three years. The home economics program for rural homes in the area was initiated only recently. Miss Hearn's headquarters are at La Paz, leading city and seat of the national government. The city is an important distribution center for the surrounding region which is largely agricultural. This assistance to Bolivia extension work is sponsored by the Point Four Program.

Miss Hearn was the first woman to serve as president of the Texas Agricultural Workers Association. She is also a member of the American Home Economics Association and Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary extension service fraternity.

Texas women who have won "Woman of the Year" awards previously include Miss Nette Shultz (1944), Miss Laura V.

METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS PAGEANT

The Methodist church presented a beautiful pageant "Jesus Christ Shall Reign." The entire front of the church was white with scenery of Biblical times, which made it very impressive.

The character who took part were: Hiram, Arnold Phillips; Joallah, Nancy Buchanan; Martina, Mary Ann Brown; Innkeeper, Bobby Brown; Joseph, Donald Ray Brown; Mary, Sally Ann Dale; Shepherd Lad, Jimmy Winchell; the Three Shepherds, Reggie Thompson, Bobby Jack Brown and Mike Thompson; the Angel, Marjorie Richardson; Wise Men, Lefty Hammond, Richard Rothwell and Larry Horton.

The narrators were Rev. John Dvorak and Gerald Kempe.

Hammer (1945), Judge Sarah T. Hughes (1946), Mrs. R. L. Campbell (1948), Mrs. J. A. Lewis (1949).

Report News Early To Insure Its Being Published

This newspaper wants all the local news it can get, but it must again remind those who have items for publication that it does not have time to set on our press day, the news that should have been turned in Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Reports of showers, weddings, parties, club meetings, church reports and similar matter must be reported not later than 24 hours after the event occurs.

Please co-operate with us to help us give you the very best local newspaper possible, and you will not be disappointed when your reports fail to appear.

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REV. E. W. HENRY, Pastor
Sunday, 9:45 a. m. — Sunday School. Claud Boyd, Supt.
Sunday, 11:00 a. m. — Morning worship.
Sunday, 6:30 p. m. — B. T. S. J. J. Nelson, director.
Sunday, 7:30 p. m. — Evening worship.
Tuesday, 2:00 p. m. — W. M. A. Mrs. E. W. Henry, pres.
Wednesday, 7:00 p. m. — Prayer meeting.

WE GOT PLENTY

Carrollton (Mo.) Republican Record: Mr. Truman has certainly kept America a land of plenty—owe plenty, spend plenty, tax plenty and waste plenty.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HAS SOCIAL

Jack Brown entertained his Sunday School class Sunday night. Mrs. A. E. Foster, counselor for the youth, assisting him in entertaining. The youth from the other churches were invited.

Numerous games were played and enjoyed by all. Mr. Brown was presented a lovely gift from his class. Delicious refreshments of chocolate, sandwiches and cake were served to twenty-six young people. Rev. John Dvorak conducted the games.

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Bogata's John Davis Comes to Cotton Bowl New Year for Final Football

Bill Rives, sports editor of the Dallas News, devoted two columns in a recent edition to Bogata's John Tate Davis, son of Mrs. Jessie Davis of Bogata and Pat Davis of Mt. Pleasant.

Davis is top pass receiver for the Tennessee Volunteers, who came to the Cotton Bowl on New Year's.

Davis feels like a man without a country, to use his own words. The youngster is Johnny Davis, left end for the Tennessee Volunteers. Davis' home is Bogata. He's the only Texan on the Tennessee roster; indeed, he's the only Lone Star State boy who ever has played for the Texan who coaches the Volunteers—Gen. Bob Neyland of Greenville.

Davis feels a little awkward about the fact that he will be trying, with his fellows, to lick the University of Texas.

"Gee," he remarked to this columnist recently, "I feel like I'm between a rock and a hard place. If I say something good about Tennessee, I'll get in dutch with the home folks.

"I feel like a man without a country."

Then, in an afterthought, he murmured:

"I hope I don't pull a Lauri-ella." Last year, the Vols' All-American fullback, Hank Lauri-ella, had a miserable day against Maryland during the Sugar Bowl game in his home town, New Orleans.

Davis' embarrassment is not got to bring about a decline in his play, however. He's a stout competitor under normal conditions and he likely will be at his best here because he says that appearing in the Cotton Bowl game "will be my greatest thrill."

Then, with a flair for the dramatic, Davis said:

"Playing in the Cotton Bowl will sorta be the coup de grace."

The boy from Bogata was not eagerly hunted by Southwest Conference schools, although a few conference bird-dogs talked to him, among their number being Assistant Coach Buddy Jungmichel of Texas.

Davis figures the main reason for the cold shoulder was the fact that he had only two years of eligibility remaining, because he had played two seasons at Paris Junior College.

Tennessee, however, must have reasoned that Davis would be a good hand to have around, even for two seasons. And nothing has happened to bring the Vols any regrets.

Davis, who stands 6-1 and weighs 180, is the Volunteers' leading pass receiver. During the past season, he caught fourteen passes and gained 297 yards.

End Coach Chan Caldwell of Tennessee says flatly that Davis would be an All-American if he were on a team which made more use of the passing game.

"He's a good faker, he's got fair speed and he has quick actions," says Caldwell.

Tennessee, which has agents all over the nation keeping an eye out for good prospects, heard about Davis' outstanding work in his last year at Paris Junior College. He played both offense and defense. On the attack, Davis caught thirty-one passes, gained 746 yards and scored eleven touchdowns.

The performance was phenomenal, considering that he had played only on defense the season before and that he possessed little or no high school experience.

Davis completed only one year in high school, a season in which the Bogata team lost ten straight. He was hurt that year, wrenching some muscles near his pelvis and doctors told him not to play any more football.

Although Davis doesn't say so, he apparently had a burning desire to get a college education, and he decided to try to go to Paris Junior College, near his home.

"I went to see 'em four times," he said, "trying to get an athletic scholarship. But, after all, I hadn't done anything in football and they were leery of me.

"Finally, they gave me a half-scholarship for the first year. The second year, I got a full scholarship."

Two years ago, Davis was a guest of the sharp-eyed Tennesseans at the Cotton Bowl game. Since Tennessee had shown such a strong interest in him, he was favorably disposed toward the Volunteers. In addition, some adult friends at Bogata had spoken favorably about Tennessee and had pointed out that Coach Neyland was from Greenville, which is not far from Bogata.

When, as Davis expressed it, Tennessee "slipped up on Texas" and won the Cotton Bowl game, he decided to become a Volunteer. As soon as he stepped on the Tennessee campus, he was immediately tagged "Tex," of course.

At that time, he probably had little notion that he would end his college playing days in the biggest stadium of his home state.

Mrs. Amy Craddock, who has known John Tate since he was a little shaver, add her personal comment:

"Home town folks are back of him 100 per cent. All that sweet milk that guy has drunk shouldn't get all the credit, for his mother is one of the best cooks in this neck of the woods. If you have ever seen John consuming his mom's victuals, you'd understand."

The actress was trying on a gown in the wardrobe department. "I don't like that color," commented a designer. Now, if you'd wear a dress to match those stockings you're wearing, you'd be a sensation."

"I certainly would," she replied. "I'm not wearing any stockings."



CLIFFORD F. HOOD

Clifford F. Hood, a former Illinois farm boy, has been elected president of the United States Steel Corporation, effective January 1, 1953. His election was announced by Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman of the board and president of the Corporation, who will continue as chairman and chief executive officer. Mr. Hood has been connected with U. S. Steel since 1917.

DIDN'T SPEAK NO AMERICAN

Naples, Italy. — A 21-year-old Italian carpenter bought himself a United States Air Force officer's uniform and glorified in the new respect shown him.

One night he made a mistake. He stopped three United States Marines and bawled them out in heavily accented English for not saluting.

The carpenter was jailed. His bruises are healing rapidly.

HORRIBLE HUBBY

The young wife greeted her husband affectionately on his return from the office. "Poor darling. How about some tender chops with golden brown potatoes and green peas and mushrooms on toast?"

"No, darling," he answered firmly. "Let's save money and eat at home."

SHUCKS THE ANSWER

The teacher was explaining an algebra problem. "And now," she said, after completing the equation, we find that 'x' equals zero."

"Ye gads!" said a pupil. "All that work for nothing."

GIRLS AGAIN

"I read in a book that Apollo was chasing a nymph and she turned into a tree."

"He was lucky. The one I'm chasing always turns into a jewelry shop or a restaurant."

Only the U. S. President and the Governor of Massachusetts have the official legal titles of "Excellency."

Carbon Monoxide Is Silent Killer

AUSTIN.—"You can't see it—you can't smell it—you can't taste it and yet it can kill you," said Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, referring to carbon monoxide. A silent enemy, it strikes its victims in closed rooms, garages and cars where wood, coal, gasoline, or natural gas is burning.

Some victims of this silent poisoner never knew their life was in danger. As others died, they may have realized that the killer was at hand, but were helpless to do anything about it. They were so benumbed that they could not get out into the fresh air; they couldn't walk or even stand up. Those who escape, once this silent killer permeates a closed room, garage or automobile, are rescued by someone who discovers their plight.

Carbon monoxide is given off when wood, coal, gasoline or natural gas is burning, but not all the gas is burned. Its danger is greatest in cold-weather because people tend to close their houses and cars so tight that no fresh air can circulate. When this happens, carbon monoxide accumulates to a dangerous concentration. It kills because it prevents the victim from getting enough oxygen.

To help prevent such deaths all stoves should be vented, keep heated rooms ventilated, do not leave gas heaters burning while you and your family are asleep, do not entirely close all the windows in your car and do not run your car in a closed garage.

Whether your stoves, heaters and your car serve you and family usefully, capably and safely, or whether they become agencies of death depend upon how wisely you use them. Remember, ventilate at all times.

AN EARLY START

Draftee: "Goodbye, dear. Look after the home well, and if you need money while I'm gone, just go to the bank."

Wife: "Yes, dear. What time does the bank open this morning?"

KEEP QUIET

Father: "You talk too much, son. Follow my example. You'll notice I am generally pretty quiet."

Son: "Yes, Pop, but you've got more to keep quiet about."

During the first half of 1951 American oil men drilled over 15,000 miles of "hole."

Ford Gems Bring Total of \$157,595

New York.—A glistening diamond and emerald necklace which Henry Ford gave his wife for Christmas 21 years ago was sold—piecemeal—at auction last week for \$98,500.

The necklace was of 15 pieces of the late Mrs. Ford's jewelry auctioned off for a total of \$157,595. The jewelry was ordered sold by the executors of her estate.

Highest bid for the necklace in its entirety was \$88,000. It was then auctioned off in parts to bring the higher price.



A bountiful, merry Christmas to one and all.



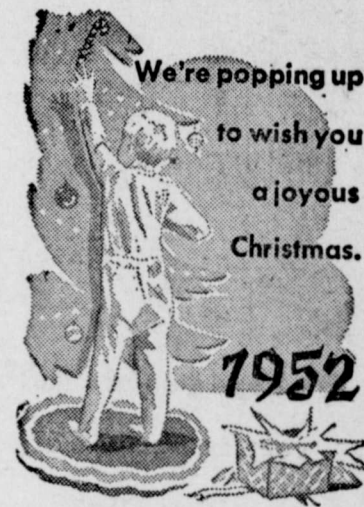
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Another of Mrs. Ford's necklaces—of 265 diamonds and 12 rubies—was bought for \$45,000 by a Manhattan jewelry dealer. Chicago Jeweler Harry Levinson paid a total of \$51,000 for ten of the total 15 pieces of jewelry, including two sections of the Christmas necklace.

Country roads are almost always sixty-six feet wide because that was the width of the original surveyor's chain.

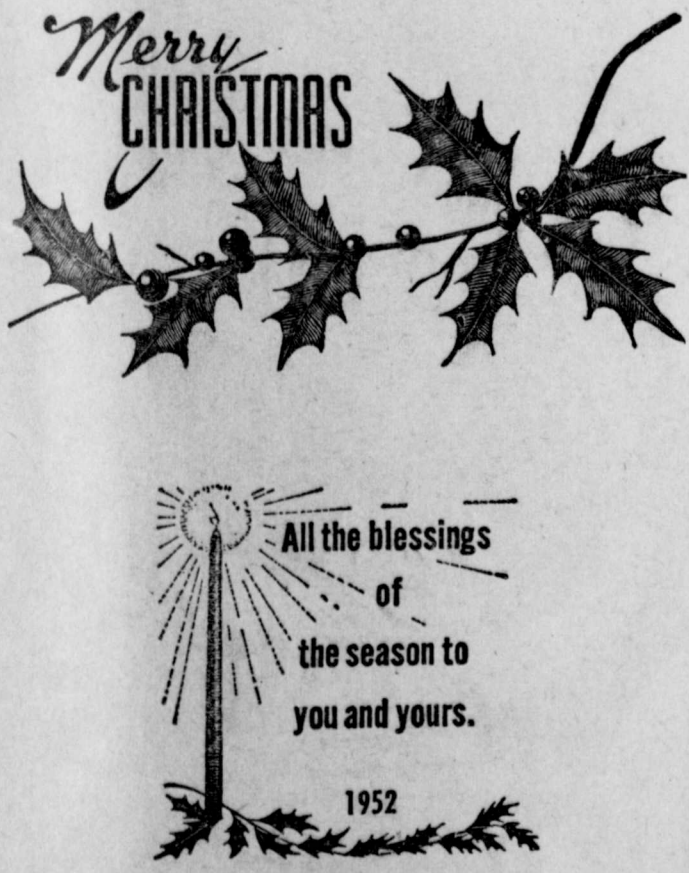
THE CYNIC
"Senator So-and-So didn't run very well in the primary," opined a young voter. "Put on a hard campaign, too. Considering his poor showing, must have cost him about a dollar a vote."
"Humph," retorted the old timer, "with all this inflation, ain't that about the goin rate these days?"

Flying a national flag upside down at sea is a signal of distress.



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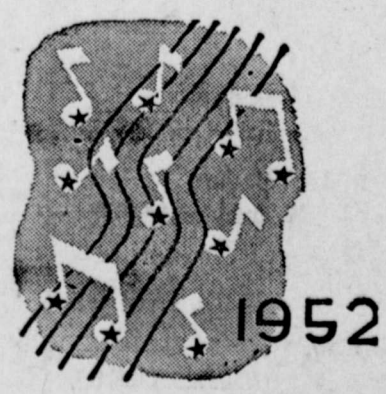
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1—Who was Kris Kringle?
2—What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
3—Who wrote the first Christmas Carols? When?
4—What superstition had the Scotch about the Christmas candle?
5—By what other name is mistletoe known?
6—Where did the custom of kissing under the mistletoe begin?
7—When were Christmas candles first used?
8—How long has the practice of gift giving at Christmas been observed?
9—How did the custom of hanging Xmas stockings originate?
10—Why are candles used during the Christmas season?
ANSWERS
1. Santa Claus' helper. 2. "Little Christ Child". 3. St. Francis of Assisi and his friars—in Italy—during the 13th century. 4. It was considered an omen of bad fortune if the candle went out before midnight. 5. The Golden Bough. 6. England. 7. In the middle ages—at the Jewish "Feast of Lights." 8. Since the fourth century. 9. St. Nick once dropped a purse of coins down the chimney of a poor family. It landed in a stocking that had been hung to dry. 10. As symbols of the star of Bethlehem.



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LOCAL NEWS ABOUT BOGATA

W. C. Barnard of Dallas, was at home over the week end with his family.

Mrs. Charlie Gifford of Clarksville, was a guest of Mrs. Anna Gifford on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clift of Saint Jo, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dill.

Ralph Grogan of College Station and Lloyd Grogan of Rugby, were guests Sunday of Dale Craddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harbison were in Antlers, Ok., Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Harbison.

Miss Wanda June Barnard of ETSTC, Commerce, has arrived home to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Barnard at Cutland.

Philip Harold and Patty Sue Hobbs spent Tuesday with their grandmother, Mrs. F. M. Hobbs, and other relatives at Holdenville, Ok.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Palmer and children of Mt. Pleasant, were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Ward and family.

Dale Craddock accompanied his niece, Carolyn, to Paris for a visit with his brother, Rex Craddock and family.

Miss Kathryn Kidd is home from Denton to spend her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Kidd.

Here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Tobe King and daughters, is Gerald Lee King of Texas University.

Tom DeBerry has returned home after a visit in Austin with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roach, relatives and friends.

Miss Laverne Chesshir of Gladewater, is spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Chesshir.

Mrs. Hester Roberts was in Paris Sunday to visit Mrs. Geo. Crane, who is recuperating following a recent major operation.

Pfc. Jack Holt arrived home from Ft. Ord, Cal., Sunday to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Holt and family for the holidays.

Dinner guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Drew Hancock were Mr. and Mrs. Henry DeBerry of Austin and Dr. and Mrs. C. McCain.

A change of address from Baytown to Houston comes from L. B. Sale, who adds he doesn't want to miss a copy of the Bogata News.

After a severe attack of shingles lasting six weeks, Mrs. Amanda Harbison is slowing improving and is able to sit up part of each day.

Mrs. Foy Thmes of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Durham and daughter of Paris, were week end guests of their mother, Mrs. VOLLIE Monroe.

Pvt. Freddie Wilkinson arrived Sunday from Bisbee, Ariz., for a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkinson, and other relatives.

W. M. Ward and Hugh Riley Forester are spending Christmas with Mr. Ward's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Muri Clipper and family at Buras, La.

Miss Barbara Hobbs, teacher in the Pecan Gap school, arrived Friday for the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hobbs at Halesboro, and her grandmother, Mrs. G. C. Hobbs.

Claude Earl Reynolds and Dale Craddock arrived home Friday night from Austin to spend the holidays here.

In Dallas Sunday to visit his sisters, Misses Janice, Justine and Jean Ford, was Joe Ford. He was accompanied by Quinon Davis and Dale Craddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leftwich, Chyrel and Steve of Goldsmith, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brown at Bogata and his relatives in Talco.

Miss Sistine Robinson of San Angelo, arrived Wednesday by plane and is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon DeBerry and their son, PO3c Thomas G. DeBerry.

Miss Jodie Craddock is spending the holidays in Greenville with Mr. and Mrs. John Coats, and Mrs. Vannie Seaman and daughters in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Evans had their son, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Evans and a grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Evans as Sunday guests from Dallas.

After a visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Leverette, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Rodgers of Slaton and Mr. and Mrs. Lois Rodgers and two children of Portales, N. M., have returned home.

Mrs. Frances Ward and children have returned from Beaumont, where they visited her sisters, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Janesse and other relatives.

A son was born in a Dallas hospital Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brown of Bogata and Mr. and Mrs. Pike of Jacksonville, are the baby's grandparents.

Miss Carolyn Hale has arrived home from Haskell, where she is a member of the faculty in the schools, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Hale.

Mrs. Jeff Hancock has returned home after a week's stay in Ft. Worth, attending her daughter, Mrs. Ted Tompkins, who has been quite ill, but is much improved.

Attending a program at the DeWitt studio in Paris Monday afternoon were Mrs. Aubrey Buckman, Lynn Buckman and Nelda Huddleston. Lynn is a voice pupil and Nelda takes piano and organ with Miss DeWitt.

Petty Officer 3c Thomas G. DeBerry arrived Dec. 18 from China Lake, Inyokern, Calif., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon DeBerry and uncle, Tom DeBerry, returning to the post Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Furguson of Williston, S. C., arrived Sunday night for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Kate Shuman in Deport and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Furguson at Bogata.

Arriving from Houston Thursday to spend Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Ward, are Mr. and Mrs. James Ward and two children, Al and Ivydene Dee.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Harbison and daughters and Mrs. Alma Harbison of Dallas, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dameron and Mr. and Mrs. Babe Gibson at Rosalie. Mrs. Alma Harbison remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Summers of Alpine, are here to spend Christmas at their home. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ogle of Alpine, who spent Saturday night and resumed their trip to Little Rock, Ark., to visit relatives.

Misses Regina and Carolyn Craddock of Paris, were guests Sunday of Mrs. Amy Craddock and Dale and their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood. They attended the program at the Methodist church Sunday night. Carolyn remained until Monday.

A baby daughter, weighing 7 pounds and 8 ozs. was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Grayson on Tuesday, Dec. 23 in a Houston hospital, and has been named Diane. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Grayson of Houston and Mrs. Amy Craddock of Bogata.

Visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bunch Humphreys and sister, Mrs. Irene Garrett and the Wilkinson families, are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Humphreys and daughter, Pam of Salinas, Calif., and Major W. V. Humphreys, wife and little daughter of Moses Lake, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Singleton and son, Joe Al, arrived Saturday from Lawton, Ok., for a visit in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Singleton in Deport and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward in Bogata. Mr. Singleton, in the army for several years, received his discharge at Ft. Sill on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lum Fennell left Sunday afternoon for Livingston in response to a message that their daughter, Mrs. Arvil Chandler, was critically ill at a hospital there. They were accompanied by Raymond Fennell, who returned Monday night. Mrs. Chandler's condition remained unchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon DeBerry and Petty Officer Thomas G. DeBerry attended the wedding on Monday night in Texarkana of her niece, Miss Sue Pinkham, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pinkham. The wedding was solemnized at the bride's home. Her mother was formally Miss Bill Stone.

Fred Morris of Mendota, Ill., is spending the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Cooper and his wife and two children, who have been here several weeks, will return home with Mr. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Ward will leave Wednesday to spend Christmas in Ft. Worth with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McMinn and children, returning Friday. Their son, Mr. and Mrs. James Ward and two children of Houston, who have been on vacation and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, will go to Ft. Worth for a visit with his sister and family, the McMinn, enroute home.



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CHRISTMAS LECTURE... "Now this is a Christmas tree," big brother appears to be telling the toddler. "It grows in the living room only once a year, and it always has a lot of nice presents under it."

Games for All Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Xmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astna, erireden, ehsgil, dynca, gosiknet, erte, trepsen, hupnc, alsorc, and niborb.

A person who raises frogs for market is a ranaculturist.



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LOCAL NEWS

MRS. O. B. HOPWOOD
PHONE 1608 or 79

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Goodroe visited friends in Paris Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bowman went to Kilgore for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Parrish left Friday to visit Loyd Parrish and family in Irving.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Henderson left Monday for Fairfield for a three-day hunting trip.

J. W. Anderson of Lufkin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Grady Tra-week Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Grances Cox left Friday afternoon to spend the holidays with her family in Minden, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lemmond and children, Mary and Guy Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Riley, Sunday.

Miss Nelda Jones and John Paul Jones of Ft. Worth, were here Sunday and will spend Christmas day here.

A daughter was born Dec. 20 Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hall of Talco. She weighed 7 lbs. and 10 ozs., and was named Shella Mae.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hilliard of Lufkin, are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Hoffman and family.

Mrs. L. F. Cato of Black Oak, Ark., arrived Monday to visit her mother, Mrs. F. A. Jones and other relatives.

Mrs. Walter Sikorsky and children of Bryan, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. McPherson and three children left Friday after school hours to visit relatives in Gainesville.

James Henry, student of a Jacksonville school, is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Henry, for the holidays.

Miss Janie Wilson of Dallas, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Williams.

Solon and Ben Loving of ETSTC, Commerce, will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Loving.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Jones went to Commerce Sunday and brought Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Sally Wages, home with them for the holidays.

Billy Ray Whitney of Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., is here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitney and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts and Eloise will spend Christmas with Mrs. Roberts' grandmother, Mrs. T. E. Puckett in Gilmer. Mrs. Puckett is very ill.

Mrs. J. D. Henry and five children of Houston, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawthorne, and other relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Shirey and children will leave Thursday to visit their parents in Homer, La., for the remainder of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Young and daughters of Snyder, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dreman of Newsome, will spend Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. David C. Thompson and family.

Faye D. Stevenson returned Sunday from Glen Rose, where he attended the funeral of his father, who passed away Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Horton and children will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Horton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier in the Bridges Chapel community.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Goodloe and baby daughter, Bebe Jo, will be Christmas day dinner guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goodloe.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bond left Sunday for Dallas to spend the holidays with their son, George L. Bond and family and their daughter, Miss Louise Bond.

Miss Wanda Clark of Dallas, will spend her holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clark and her sister, Mrs. George Burleson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sloan and Jimmy will spend Christmas day with relatives in Shawnee, Ok. They will visit in Tonkawa, Ok., and return home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stevens of El Dorado, Ark., will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Washington Wednesday and Thursday.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Tidwell and Miss Alice Ruth Tidwell were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Westbrook of Pattonville and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Westbrook of Hooks.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Gieger, Loren Glen and Gayla Sue of Tyler, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Matherly and three children of Burk Burnett, will spend Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gieger.

Miss Imogene Rodgers, student of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rodgers, for the holidays. The Rodgers family will visit relatives in Paris and other places in Lamar and Red River Counties during the time.

The junior high school band and choral club and the high school choral club presented a program in the school auditorium Thursday morning for the entire school. About 75 school patrons attended. This was the first appearance this school term for the junior choral class and junior band.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith, Johnny and Jean are here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffith, for the holidays. They will also visit Mrs. Griffith's relatives.

Mrs. Lucille Perkins went to Dallas Friday to meet her sister, Mrs. Virginia Baldez of Mexico City. They returned here Saturday. During Mrs. Baldez's visit here they will go to Cooper to see relatives there.

Kyle Leftwich of Commerce, Roy Leftwich and family of Odessa and Mr. and Mrs. Bural Leftwich of Edna, will spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. George Leftwich. They will also visit their sisters, Mrs. Clarence and Wesley Leake and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin honored their granddaughter, Little Miss Shelia Griffin of Clarksville, with a birthday dinner at their home Sunday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Griffin and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Griffin of Clarksville, were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. James Foster of McDonald, N. M., visited Mr. Foster's mother, Mrs. Coleman Curlee, and Mr. Curlee the week end. While here Mr. and Mrs. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Curlee visited in Longview and in Temple, Ok., in the home of Mrs. Curlee's brother, Luther Ellison.

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Billy Joe Vickers, accompanied by his father of Bogata, went to Hobbs, N. M., Thursday to attend his brother who had been in a car wreck earlier and was in a hospital. He was able to accompany Billy Joe home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Lawrence of Kilgore, spent the week end with their daughter, Mrs. C. R. Sikes and family. Mr. and Mrs. Sikes, Charlotte and Randy will spend Christmas day with Mrs. Sikes' sister, Mrs. Roger Williams and family in New London.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Parr of Orange, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Parr and Pat and Mr. and Mrs. A. Britt and family. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Easterling will also visit the Parr family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Edgeworth, Donna Faye and Frances of Paola, Kans., arrived Thursday of last week to visit Mrs. Edgeworth's sister, Mrs. Joe F. Mitchell and family. The Mitchell family and the Edgeworth family went to Neches to spend Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Minshew.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Lizzie Copeland were her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Keith of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Roberts of Bogata, her brother, Lewis Saunders of Beaumont and Mrs. Bill Warden and Nick of McKinney. Mrs. Copeland, who suffered a heart attack last week, is improving.

A WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE
Little Sue was all eyes at the fashionable church wedding. "Did the lady change her mind?" she whispered to her mother.

"No, dear. What makes you think so?"
"Cause she went up the aisle with one man and came back with another."

YES, I DO
"All you think about is golf, golf. I'll bet you don't even remember the day we were married."
"Yes I do, dear. It was the day I sank that fifty-foot putt."

63 PER CENT OF AUTOS PURCHASED ON CREDIT

More than 63 per cent of all the new and used cars purchased in 1951 were bought on installment credit, Thomas W. Rogers, executive vice-president of the American Finance Conference, told the organization's 19th annual convention at the Palmer House in Chicago.

"In 1951, an estimated 13,500,000 persons bought new or used cars and 63.62 per cent of the new car sales and 63.89 per cent of the used car sales involved the use of credit," Rogers said.

Goldfish originated in China.

SOPHOMORE CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday night the sophomore class of Talco High School was entertained with a Christmas party at the Humble recreation hall by Sammie Burton, Miss Merle Flanagan and the room mothers.

The hall was decorated with the class colors. Many games were played and enjoyed by all. The class presented Mr. Burton and Miss Flanagan with a gift. Refreshments were served to seventeen sophomores.

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Nancy Ann Leake Was Interesting Pioneer Settler When Area Was Wild

The many relatives and friends of Nancy Ann Leake were greatly saddened to hear of her death at Talco Sunday morning, Dec. 7. Mrs. Leake would have been 93 years of age Jan. 22, 1953.

She was born in what is now Franklin County, but what was then a part of Titus County, Jan. 22, 1860, to Mary and James Wilkins Wims. Both of her parents had come from Tennessee to Texas in the earlier pioneer days of Texas. All of her brothers and sisters have preceded her in death except one brother, Gus Wims, who resides in Red River County. The father and mother of Nancy Ann Leake were the parents of a number of children, including Mrs. Leake, Mrs. Susan Smith, Mrs. Mary Dickerson, James Wims, Dick Wims, and one or two children who died in infancy. The old Wims family, who came from Tennessee, were a nucleus of early pioneer life and activity both before and af-

ter the Civil War period, and its roots have been deeply laid in the lives of this community as is evidenced by the many descendants and collateral relatives of the family of James Wilkins Wims.

The passing of Mrs. Leake will arouse many fond recollections among the older citizens of this community who with her in the pioneer days of this State lived and grew up when this area was very wild in terrain and when the early socials of that day were brush arbor meetings, house raisings, quilting parties and fish fries.

When Nancy Ann Wims was 18 years of age, she married John Lee Grimmette, who was born in Georgia and whose family brought him as a child to Texas after the devastation of the Civil War. To them one child was born, Addie Lee Grimmette, who is now living at McKinney, and who is the widow of the late L.

J. Truett of McKinney. Mrs. Leake's direct descendants are her daughter, her four grandchildren, Annie Lee Worthy, Harvey K. Truett, Luther L. Truett and Addie Warden, all of McKinney. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Grimmette, the first husband of Nancy Ann Wims, died in 1890, and on April 23, 1893, Nancy Ann Grimmette re-married Thomas Lawson Leake, who preceded her in death on June 5, 1944.

Nancy Ann Leake and husband, Thomas Lawson Leake, resided for many years in the home built by the first husband of Mrs. Leake, Mr. Grimmette, on the then open prairie approximately three miles west of Talco, and the old home was for many years considered one of the finest in this area. This home, as did so many of this era, contained a through hall or breeze-way where the owners and their friends and neighbors sat for social conversations and pleasures and rest after a day's work. This home was almost directly in between the home of her brother, the late Dick Wims, and the early log home of her father and mother, the remains of which are still standing approximately 3/4 of a mile west of the old home place. The old family burying ground, which is located directly north of her father's old home, contains the graves of several Confederate Veterans, and from its tombstones reflects the fact that the father of Nancy Ann Leake was a grown man at the time of the battle of the Alamo and reflects many interesting historical and cultural events long since forgotten, except by a few remaining old settlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leake moved from their farm home in the early nineteen-twenties. It was unfortunate that the younger people of this community who have known Mrs. Leake only as a very aged and ill person during the past few years could not have known her during the prime of her life. In between the death of her first husband and her remarriage, she ran her farm alone and cared for and educated her only child. She was famous for her quick wit and her high spirits and energy, the bountiful table which she set, and her fierce defiance of anything she considered wrong as well as her equally fierce devotion to those things and those friends that she considered in the right. She was an excellent horse-woman and an excellent shot, both with rifle and shot gun, and could be truly called "a character" as the term is used frequently to apply to one of the old settlers in an era long gone. She was greatly upset when the numerous lakes in the county filled in, and when lakes and

America Has Provided World With Poinsettia

WHILE IT SEEMS rather odd, it certainly is interesting that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant—the poinsettia. This plant, like so many others of our best flowers, is native to tropical America. The florist has been able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, so that, with its flaming red bracts or leaves, it makes a most desirable Christmas plant.

There is a sentiment that goes with most Christmas plants—we hate to throw them away. What can be done with the poinsettia? Most of us figure that it is easier and cheaper to throw it away. However, if properly handled, it will bloom for you a second or even a third or fourth year. You can even propagate it, if you wish, and have more plants.

Give the plant a resting period around the middle of February. The florist simply lays it under the benches, but you will probably put it in your basement. Water it occasionally—enough to keep the wood from wilting, but no more. Then, around the latter part of May or early in June, bring it out, cut it back rather severely, and re-plant it. You can then put it outside if you wish in the shade of a tree or shrub, and water it enough to keep it growing. Of course, if you have a nice, warm, sandy spot, you might plant it right in the ground, but most of us prefer to leave it in the pot.

Mistletoe Outlived Sinister Meaning

Mistletoe, once used as a weapon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and peace.

According to Norse mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun, Loki, another god, plotted to destroy Balder.

Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so it was with a mistletoe arrow that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hoder, to kill the sun god.

Higher powers intervened, however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigga's care, and the mother of Balda saw that it was never again used to do harm.

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS . . . Despite the spectacular mouse that Andrea Kleczek is displaying, Santa Claus being the jolly and understanding old gent that he is no doubt will let the seven-year-old off with a warning that time is running out for good behavior.

Mount Everest has never been climbed.

Joplin, Missouri, is located in a rich mining district, that produces lead, zinc and coal.

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches

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... rivers which had at one time been very clear became muddy, so that fishing was poor, and she was greatly upset when the hunting of game almost came to a standstill a few years ago. She was likewise greatly thrilled at the re-introduction of game such as deer, and the prospect of hunting in the future being re-established as it had been in her youth.

One of the biggest deer horns ever taken in this county was from a deer killed in her front yard and these horns hung for many years on the front porch of her old home place.

The oldest of the old settlers still remaining in this area will mourn her passing not only as an individual and friend, but as probably the oldest and last person whose recollections are from their childhood tied in and connected with the pioneer days of this area, when the brush was full of deer and wild turkeys; when hogs ran wild and fed on acorns and nuts; when the booming of the prairie chickens could be heard morning and evening; and when the now little town of Old Hagansport boasted three very fine doctors who were graduates of medical schools, a music teacher, an expression teacher, school, churches, a good trading center and a couple of saloons.

The interment for Nancy Ann Leake was at the cemetery at Mt. Vernon beside the body of Thomas Lawson Leake, her second husband, after the funeral Tuesday at 10 a. m., Dec. 9, 1952, held at the First Methodist Church, Talco.—Reported.

Origin of Gift-Giving Told in Many Versions

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart.

This started it all. Now gift giving is traditional.

Merry Christmas

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Irving Cobb insisted that one of the saddest announcements he had ever seen was one posted before a negro church saying: "Next Saturday nite the annual strawberry festival will be held. On account of lack of funds, prunes will be served."

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Health Officer Warns Against Colds, Influenza

Austin. — This is the season of the year when influenza or "flu" is most prevalent, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. Colds, gripe, influenza, whatever we may call them, are believed to be spread from person to person through discharges from the nose and throat. To protect yourself and others from such disease, here are some things to be remembered: Influenza is highly infectious. Practically everybody is susceptible to it. No matter how many times you have had the disease you may contract it again. Therefore, keep away from people who are sneezing, coughing, or sniffing or who are actively ill with colds, influenza, or pneumonia. Keep away from crowded places. Have your own towel and always wash your hands before eating, and sneeze or cough into your handkerchief.

Keep fit by drinking plenty of water, by eating simple nourishing food, by some exercises out of doors every day, by dressing according to the weather, by having plenty of sleep in a well ventilated room, and by keeping the bowels regulated.

Don't neglect your "cold." If you have the slightest suspicion of fever go home, go to bed immediately and call your physician. Stay in bed until he tells you that you can get up, and follow his advice explicitly.

Disastrous results may ensue if influenza cases are allowed to get about too soon. Persons convalescing from influenza are particularly susceptible to other infections. If you are just getting over some illness, return to your normal routine of life gradually.



AN AGE-OLD STORY RETOLD
"She brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

CHANGING TIMES

Grandpa: "When I was young, all I wanted was a gig and a gal."
Pop: "When I was young, I wanted a flivver and a flapper."
Son: "Just give me a plane and a Jane."

Dr. Moore, Author Of 'Night Before', Was Ashamed of It

Everyone knows and loves the poem which begins—
"Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;—
but the man who wrote it, Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, was ashamed of it and would not allow it to be published under his name for more than 20 years.

Dr. Moore, an aloof professor of Greek and Oriental literature in the Episcopal Seminary in New York, wrote the poem on Christmas eve 1822 and read it to his seven children.

He had not planned for the poem to go further than his own family, but a relative who was visiting the Moores put a copy in her diary. The next year the relative's father sent it to a newspaper.

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

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

Ironically, the professor's serious works are forgotten today. He is mentioned in encyclopedias because he wrote the celebrated Christmas verses.

Wax From Candles Calls for Caution

With so many candles placed about the home to give a festive air during the holiday season, candle wax drippings on rugs, tablecloths, and mantels are almost inevitable.

Wax spots on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape up the wax, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging it lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test this mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto your best linen tablecloth can be removed by the same method of first scraping—being very careful not to injure the fiber or thread—and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride. If the stain is colored, use the solution suggested for a colored spot on a rug, after you've used carbon tetrachloride. Again you are urged to test an inconspicuous spot for possible fading from use of the solution.

AGREEMENT

Butcher: "I can't give you any more credit, sir. Your bill is bigger now than it should be."
Customer: "I know that. Just make it out as it should be and I'll pay it."

Christmas Has Everything

Christmas has everything—hasn't it?

Christmas holds tightly many happy memories, is loaded with joy and good cheer right now, and pierces uncertainties of the future with the bright twinkle of hope.

Christmas lifts you out of your ordinary self and pushes you up into being a person far nicer than you have thought you were.

Christmas opens up friendships more numerous, more delightful and more heart-warming than you knew you had.

Christmas appeals to all five of your senses. Is there any sight lovelier than gaily wrapped gifts, multicolored candles, shiny holly and decorations on a Christmas tree? Isn't there contentment in the fragrant smell of fir balsam in the living room and of spicy odors in the kitchen? Wouldn't the days seem empty without hearing again the universally-loved carols and the laughter of happy children? Isn't self-control overstrained by the taste of festive, tempting foods? And don't we respond to the invigorating touch of the sweet air outdoors and the welcome warmth of home and family within?

It looks like Christmas.

It smells like Christmas.

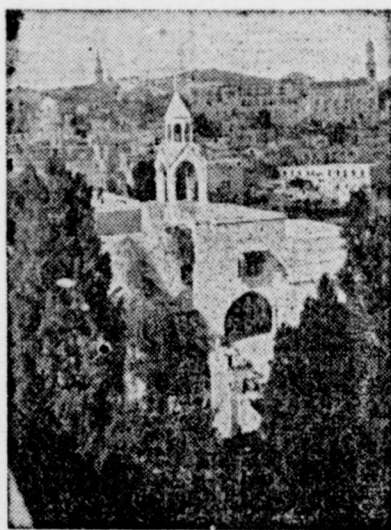
It sounds like Christmas.

It tastes like Christmas.

It feels like Christmas.

It must be Christmas.

Merry Christmas!



BETHLEHEM

The Church of the Nativity

Oology is the study of the science of birds eggs.

While U. S. population was increasing 15 per cent, 1940-1950, per capita use of oil jumped 56 per cent.

Christmas Was Once Holiday That Moved About on Calendar

Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian church usually celebrated it in April or May, Western Europe sometime in January.

In 337 A.D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he 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.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7.

ARMY HAS WON 138,840 DECORATIONS IN KOREA

Soldiers serving during the Korean conflict have received 138,840 awards and decorations. There have been 57 winners of the nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 600 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

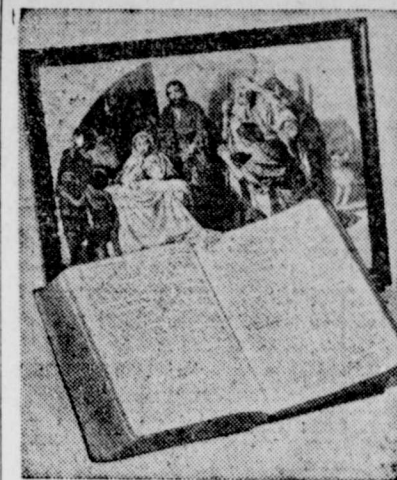
Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.

He is reported once 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."

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



STABLE AT BETHLEHEM: The shepherds "came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

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CURIOSITY ENDS IN WOMAN'S DEATH

Manchester, England. — Mrs. Elizabeth Ainscow, 77, heard a woman's voice downstairs as she prepared to go to bed.

"Who's that down there with you?" she called to her husband, also 77, to whom she had been married 50 years.

"Nobody," the husband answered.

Suspicious, Mrs. Ainscow ran downstairs, fell and was killed.

The voice she heard was that of a woman announcer on the radio, it was disclosed at the coroner's inquest.

WOULDN'T BE NOTICED

A man applying for a job was told that the company had all the employees it could use.

"Yeah, but you could still hire me," said the applicant. "The little bit of work I'd do wouldn't be noticed."

UNKLE HANK SEZ

A PERSON ALL WRAPPED UP IN HIMSELF MAKES A HECK OF A LOOKIN' PACKAGE.



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United States Is Christmas Carol 'Meeting Place'

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The United States, meeting place of carols from all Christendom, contributes yearly to the traditions of Christmas music by writing new songs and popularizing old ones.

The carols of Europe arrived with the peoples who came to America to settle. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Adeste Fideles), eventually translated into 119 languages and dialects, belonged to no one nation but was the common gift of the continent. From Germany came Luther's hymn for children, "Away in a Manger, no crib for a bed..." England sent "God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay..." And France provided the beautiful "Cantique de Noel" or "O Holy Night."

Three American composers did much to revive the ancient custom by writing new songs which are, today, among the world's best-loved carols.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was the inspiration of Edmund H. Sears, a Massachusetts Unitarian minister, in 1849. Less than 10 years later Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., Episcopal rector from Williamsport, Pa., composed both the words and music for "We Three Kings of Orient Are."

Perhaps the best-known American carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks in Philadelphia. The young Episcopal minister, later bishop of Massachusetts, was inspired to write the poem by the memory of a trip to the Holy Land two years earlier. The rollicking "Jingle Bells," though non-religious in theme, also came from the pen of a churchman, John Pierpont, and has enjoyed almost a century of popularity.

ALL FIXED

Boss: "Did you mail the two letters I give you?"

Office Boy: "Yes, but I noticed that you put the three cent stamp on the foreign letter and the five cent stamp on the city letter."

Boss: "My goodness! What a mistake!"

Office Boy: "Well, don't worry, I fixed it. I just changed the addresses on the envelopes."

KEEP QUIET

Father: "You talk too much, son. Follow my example. You'll notice I am generally pretty quiet."

Son: "Yes, pop, but you've got more to keep quiet about."

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Alcorn Amazed Christmas is Here Again, Even If He Hasn't Been Busy

Editor's note: Achin Alcorn, philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Sulphur, has discovered it's Christmas time again, his letter this week reveals. Somebody must have told him.

Dear Editor: Although it seems like it was only a month or so ago when I wrote you Christmas greetings the last time, here it is time for another one.

People say when time flies fast it's a sure sign you've been busy, but I don't believe that will hold in my case. If I've been busy the past year, it certainly wasn't intentional, I wasn't aware of it, and if I was, I don't intend to be any more.

Of course, being busy is subject to all kinds of interpretations. A man can be busy with his feet propped on his desk and his eyes closed, if his brain is working. Eisenhower was pretty busy when he was flyin to Korea, but I imagine he wasn't half as busy then as he's gonna be if he succeeds in figurin out a solution to the Korean problem.

But I didn't start out to talk

about serious things this week. I just wanted to let you know writin for your paper has been a lot of fun durin 1952 and I'm lookin forward to writin for you some more in 1953.

In the meantime, Christmas is at hand and it ought to be enjoyed. I know there's trouble in the world, but it takes more than trouble to put a stop to Christmas. Why, in the past 1,000 years there probably hasn't been over 75 or 100 years when the world was completely at peace, the rest of the time there's been a war of some kind goin on, but that's the thing about Christmas, you go ahead and celebrate it, war or peace, good times or bad.

But to get off the serious side, I hope you and all your readers get everything you all want for Christmas, not just what you deserve, that's no satisfactory standard to go by. As for me, all I want is to keep my sense of humor. Most people have a sense of humor, but there's one or two I know who could stand to have theirs improved a little. Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully, A. A.

T. E. L. Class Has Christmas Party

The home of Mrs. M. E. Jones was the scene of the annual Christmas social of the T. E. L. Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Thursday evening with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Cogburn as hostesses. Christmas decorations were used effectively throughout the house. The coffee table held an arrangement of holly, pine cones and poinsetta as a background for the lighted candle and the Bible, which was open at the 2nd Chapter of Luke, portraying the greatest story ever told, that of the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Eleven members were present, each bringing a toy to be given to a child who otherwise, might not receive one for Christmas.

After the devotional and a short business session, games were played and carols sung.

The dining table was covered with a green linen cloth with a center arrangement of a reindeer pulling a sleigh filled with miniature Christmas trees. A menu of salads and decorated fruit cakes was served to Mmes. Baucom, Hendrix, Henderson, Nelson, Nugent, Beasley, Davis,

HOUSEWIFE WINS IN SENSE CASE

Birmingham, England. — A housewife this week was awarded a claim of \$4,500 against a motorist who deprived her of the art of making gravy.

Mrs. Patricia Eaves, 28, told the court the fractured skull she received in a traffic accident had taken away her sense of smell and taste.

"When I am doing the cooking I can't tell by taste whether there is too much or too little salt in the gravy," she said. "I used to be thrilled by the freshness of a spring morning and the smell of dew on plants and the tang of the air. Now it has gone forever."

THIS ONE, TOO

One of a colony of summer campers was in conversation with the proprietor of a crossroads store.

"This community seems to have an unusual number of odd and peculiar people in it," said the summer visitor to the native.

"Yep, that true," crisply replied the store owner, "but most of 'em goes back to the city by the last of September."

Prestidge, Smith, Gann, Jones and Cogburn.

Morning Coffee Club Has Party

The Morning Coffee Club entertained with their Christmas party Monday night at the home of Mrs. Harold Bonham, with Mrs. Mac Pittman and Mrs. J. T. Goodroe as co-hostesses.

The Christmas motif prevailed throughout the house. The centerpiece for the dining table was a lovely poinsetta, and a pink and white Christmas tree was the main attraction in the living room.

After a delicious buffet dinner, gifts were exchanged and the evening spent playing Canasta and Forty-two. These members and their husbands were present: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Cox, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Kelley, Mrs. D. M. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Goodroe, the hostess, Mrs. Harold Bonham, Mr. Bonham and two visitors, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones.

SAYS RAIN BETTER

Candidate: "Well, how did you like my speech on the agriculture problem?"

Farmer: "Tweren't bad. But a day's rain would do a heap more good."



Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled with the yoke of bondage.—(Galatians V-1.)

Our founders came in search of freedom; they found it and left it to us, through the Constitution, to guard and maintain. Our country, then, was founded upon the teachings of Christ, for our forefathers knew that where Christianity dies, freedom dies. We today have only to look beyond the Iron Curtain to where God-less communism has enslaved men and their souls, to appreciate this truth.

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