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## Work to Begin on Red River Bridge December 28

Work orders for the Red River bridge at Albion on Highway 37, north of Clarksville, have been issued and the initial phase of construction is due to start December 28.

It is understood that the work unit scheduled to be on hand for the beginning of this project will not be large. In a few weeks, however, the bridge site will become a scene of bustling and growing activity.

Harry Short of Cooper, former resident engineer of the Texas Highway Department for Delta County, was assigned to the Red River bridge project as engineer in charge of construction.

G. M. Kerbow, also of Cooper, an engineer with the State Highway Department several years, has been named as an inspector. He will work in Mr. Short's department.

Construction of this bridge will require at least two years, according to Mr. Kerbow. Cost will be in excess of \$600,000. Length of the span will be nearly a third of a mile.

Harry Newton of Graham, holds the contract for this project.

Costs of the bridge and several miles of new highway to be constructed in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, will total approximately \$1,000,000. Funds have been earmarked by the Oklahoma Highway Commission for the new road.

Highway 37 is completed to the river bank on the Texas side. The new approach connecting with the

## Funeral Services For Bob Berry

Funeral services for Bob Berry, long-time football and track coach at East Texas State, will be held at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday in Paris.

Berry was fatally burned when fire swept his home in Johnson City, Tenn.

Berry won more than 100 football games while coaching at East Texas from 1935 to 1951, and his track teams had a national reputation. Before that he had been coach at the high school and junior college in Paris and a two-sport star at Texas A&M.

Men who played under Berry are coaching throughout the Southwest. In 1950, "Berry-coached coaches" had more football teams in the state high school play-offs than any other college in Texas. Following his resignation as head football coach and director of athletics at East Texas in 1951, Berry operated a dry-cleaning plant in Johnson City.

## NON-SINKING BATHING SUIT

Washington.—It may be a shock to the life guards, but there now is a bathing suit whose makers claim it will keep a non-swimming girl afloat.

It was demonstrated here Tuesday by a model who floated like a cork while smiling like a model.

Stabilization of the south bank of the river will be necessary to protect the bridge from the threat of a shift in the course of the stream's channel.

# Merry Christmas

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

## Stiff Fines Paid By Truckers for Overloading

AUSTIN. — Truckers arrested last year for highway law violations jumped to more than 23,000, according to the annual report released by Kent Odom, Chief of the License and Weight Division of the Department of Public Safety.

The report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1953, shows truck law violators paid \$516,842.00 in fines. This is an increase of more than \$52,000.00 over the previous year. These fines were paid into the road and bridge funds of the county in which the truck operator was arrested.

A sharp increase in the number of truckers arrested is shown by the report. The 23,319 arrested last year exceeded the previous year by more than 2,200. The offenses consisted principally of operating overloaded trucks, failure to pay sufficient registration fees and operating faulty and unsafe equipment upon the highways of the state.

When a truck is apprehended upon the highways with a gross weight in excess of the amount for which it is registered, the law requires that the operator must pay the additional amount of the license fee to the county tax collector.

There are 65 men in the Department of Public Safety who are charged with the duty of protecting the 44,179 miles of the State highway system from unlawful and unwarranted abuses. Under Texas laws, sheriffs and constables are not permitted to stop or arrest the driver of an overloaded truck.

## First Day Winter Brings Cold Wave

First day of winter made its advent with a mist lasting thru-out the day. A mass of cold air moved in Monday night and Tuesday noon some of the clouds had disappeared. The bright sunshine was welcome but failed to raise temperatures but a few degrees during the day. The cold wave sent the mercury down below the freezing mark Tuesday morning.

Forecasts for this area predict the mercury will be from 18 to 25 degrees by Wednesday morning.

## New and Renewed Times Subscribers

The Times thanks those whose names appear below for their subscription patronage:

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## Fire Damage Slight At Nobles House

Fire at a rent house occupied by Harley Kennemore and family, on the C. H. Nobles place south of Deport, did little damage early Thursday morning. The fire, was reported to have caught from a faulty flue, and did slight damage to the roof. Deport Volunteer Fire Department answered the alarm and soon brought the blaze under control.

## Grand Jury Will Convene Jan. 4

January term of District Court for Titus County will convene at 9 o'clock Monday, Jan. 4, according to District Clerk Homer Bowden. It will run for five weeks.

A new grand jury will be empaneled on that date and those selected on the panel include:

John W. Terrell, David C. Myers, Lovice Brown, Gus Presley, J. R. Summers, G. D. Blackstone, Freeman Bridges, J. T. Tosh, Anson Ramsey, J. A. Davis of Talco, A. J. Brown, O. R. Ferguson, Thomas J. Hood, Haywood Ryan, Clifton Tigert and A. C. Blackburn.

Twelve men will be chosen from the above group as the new grand jury.

## Lose Two From Family In Week

W. D. (Cotton) Holcomb, resident of Mt. Pleasant, lost two members of his family by death in a week's time. Both were residents of Franklin County.

Joe Holcomb, 89, whose home was near Sulphur Bluff, passed away in Franklin County Hospital last Friday morning at 8:20 o'clock from the effects of a heart attack. Friday morning Mrs. Joe Underwood of Mt. Vernon, also died of a sudden heart attack. The former is a father and the latter is a sister of Mr. Holcomb of Mt. Pleasant.

Survivors include sisters, Mrs. Claude Pettit of Mt. Vernon and Mrs. Riley Gibson of Talco, and a brother, Jim Holcomb of Sulphur Bluff.

## ONE MORE FOR GOOD MEASURE

Compton, Calif.—X-ray examinations indicated that Mrs. Mildred Churchill was going to have twins. Her husband, Leroy, wouldn't believe her.

He was right. Mrs. Churchill gave birth to triplets—two girls and a boy, Lynwood Hospital disclosed.

## Farm Population In Texas Drops Forty Per Cent

WASHINGTON. — Texas' farm population dropped more than 40 per cent in the thirty years between 1920 and 1950, the Agriculture Department reports.

This was the largest decline reported in any state except Oklahoma, which had a 43 per cent drop, the report said.

The number of farmers increased in only three states during this period — California, Washington and Oregon.

In the whole west south central area, the report said, the number of farms and farmers have been steadily dropping, while the size of remaining farms have been getting bigger and bigger.

In the region as a whole, the number of farm residents dropped 36 per cent, the number of farms fell off 22 per cent, but the average size of farms increased 56 per cent during the same thirty years.

When the last census was taken on April 1, 1950, Texas had 1,387,000 farmers. This compares with the high points in the state's farm population of 2,395,000 in 1922 and 2,423,000 in 1933. Between 1940 and 1950 alone, Texas' farm population dropped 35.8 per cent.

In 1920, almost half of all Texans lived on farms. By 1950, only 18 per cent of the total Texas population was found on farms.

## New Power Line Now In Service

Electric power service on the eastern division of the Community Public Service Co. was off for an hour and three-quarters Tuesday afternoon while construction crews cut over to a new six mile line that has been constructed from the junction of TPL, south to Pattonville.

Construction of a new FM road from Pattonville to Blossom would have necessitated moving the old line, so a new one was built and the old one will be torn down.

## Mrs. B. L. Deviney Buried Sunday

Mrs. B. L. Deviney, 74, of Detroit, who died Saturday, was buried Sunday afternoon at Detroit, after services in the Baptist church.

The former Miss Emma Talley, daughter of Allen and Pline (Richardson) Talley, Mrs. Deviney was born in Clarksville, Nov. 12, 1879.

Besides her husband, she leaves these children: Charles Deviney, Angleton; Roy Deviney, Mount Vernon, and Mrs. J. D. Wilson, San Antonio; four grandchildren, and a brother, Allie Talley in California.

## Final Rites Held Mrs. Hattie Tower

Final rites were held Dec. 15 for Mrs. Hattie A. Tower at the Baptist church in Hagansport. She was 84 and death came suddenly at the home of her son, G. D. Tower, of Pittsburg, where she had been living the past two years.

Ministers in charge of the services were Rev. I. E. Alldridge of Gladewater and Rev. W. D. Hollingsworth of Winfield. Interment was in the Hagansport cemetery.

Mrs. Tower was born Oct. 18, 1869 in Tennessee and moved to Texas when she was 12 years old. On Nov. 7, 1892, she was married to F. C. Tower who preceded her in death Aug. 15, 1928. She had been a member of the Methodist Church for 60 years.

Survivors include two sons, C. L. of Talco and G. D. of Pittsburg; one daughter, Mrs. L. M. Mitchell of Talco; one sister, Mrs. Emmie Thornton of Paris; 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Thomas Tower, Worth Tower, J. F. Tower, Kenneth Tower, John Mitchell and Ralph Lanham.

## Franklin Infant Burial Thursday

Funeral services were held Thursday in Hagansport for Kathy Lynn Franklin, 17 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmeth Franklin of Bishop, conducted at the Church of Christ with H. L. Reynolds in charge.

The infant died Tuesday morning in the Kleburg County Hospital at Kingsville after a short illness. She was born July 19, 1952 and is survived by her parents; one sister, Wilma Kay; and grandparents, Mrs. I. H. Swarts and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Franklin of Hagansport.

The Franklin family formerly lived at Hagansport, having moved to Bishop about four years ago.

Texas leads all states in railway mileage with a total of 16,473 miles.

## TRYING TO EAT THE EVIDENCE

Mendham, N. J.—The motorist gave his driver's license to the policeman when he asked for it. Then suddenly he grabbed it from the startled cop and began eating it.

Police said John A. Steinberg of Chester admitted his license had been revoked in Plainfield last May for a drunken driving offense. He was fined \$100.



Best Wishes for Christmas

SALLIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

SALLIE GAGE

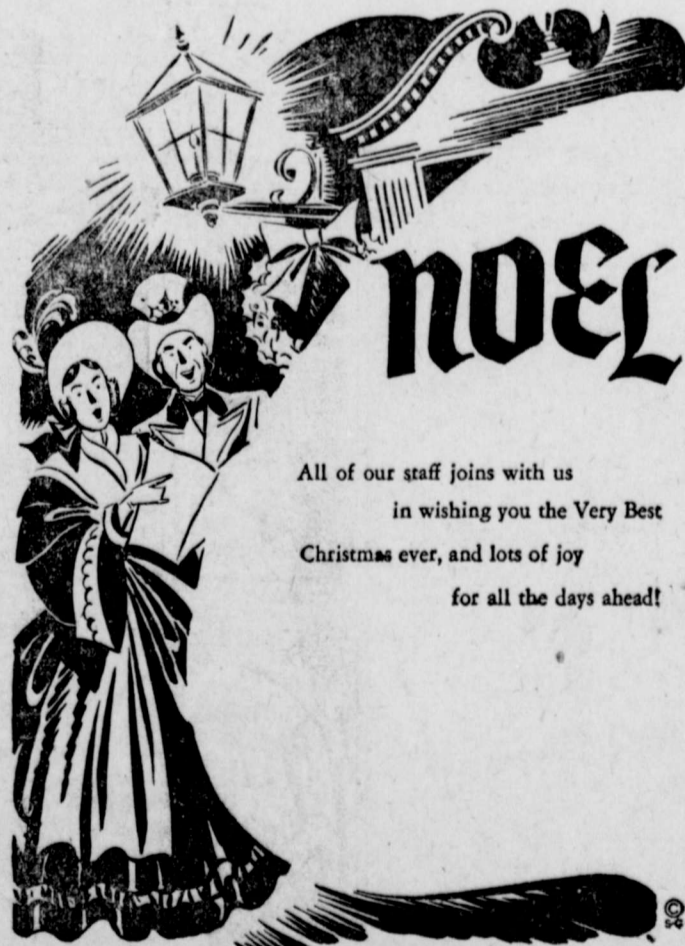
LYDA LATHAM

TALCO



SWAIM'S FOOD STORE

MARKET AND FEEDS



All of our staff joins with us in wishing you the Very Best Christmas ever, and lots of joy for all the days ahead!

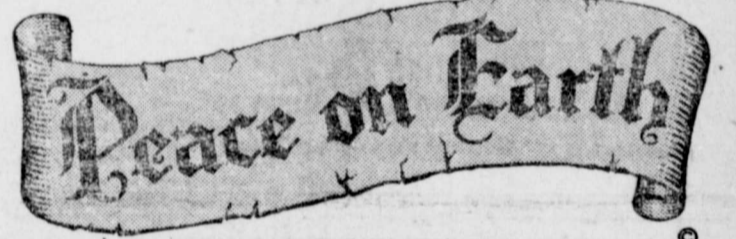
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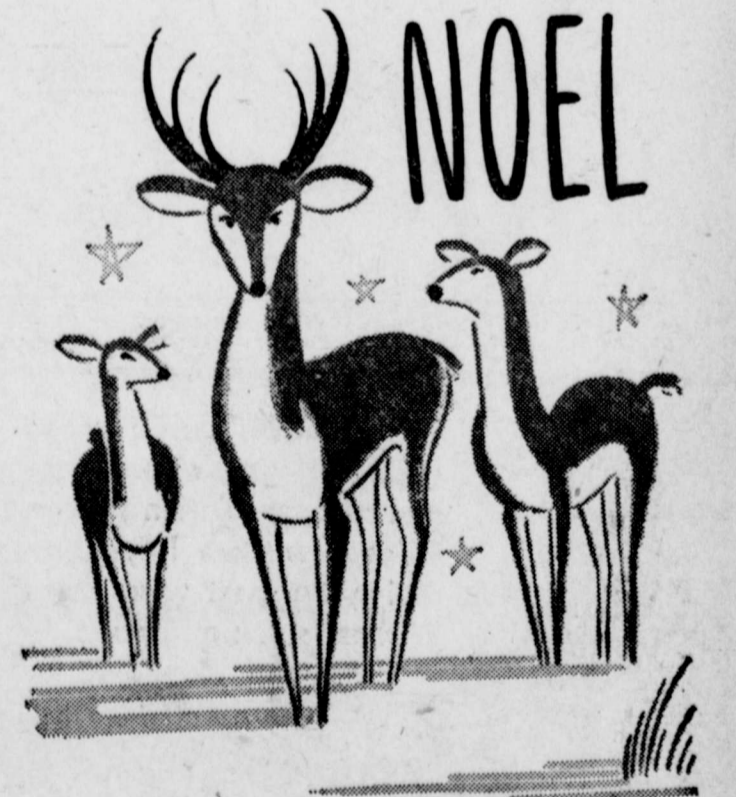
TALCO



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

GREETINGS! Our best wishes for a holiday that is check-full of many, many good things — such as — happiness, good cheer and the wondrous joy and peace of a HOLY CHRISTMAS.

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### Alcorn in Favor of More Christmases With More Giving and More Receiving

Editor's note: As best we can tell, Achin Alcorn, philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Sulphur, has the Christmas spirit this week.

Dear Editor: I was talkin with a man the other day, I won't call his name because even if we have got freedom of the press I don't like to be horse-whipped, and he was muttering about how much trouble Christmas is.

"Just not worth the effort," he complained. "All this runnin around, tryin to buy everybody a present you figure is gonna buy one, tryin to gauge just about what price range they'll be in so you don't overdo the thing. I tell you, we ought to call the whole thing off."

I do not look at it that way. I

go on the theory that if everybody buys everybody else a Christmas present, the amount of cheer is about the same as it was before we started so the thing for some of us to do is to hold back and stay on the receive end exclusively, so the total amount of cheer can be increased. I'm in favor of sendin Christmas presents all right, but at the same time I recognize some of us have a duty to keep our arms open so the senders have a chance to achieve their aim. I don't intend to be a kill-joy.

It's the same thing on the national level or the international level. If a man runnin for office didn't have somebody who needed helpin, he wouldn't have enough planks in his platform to

stand on, and very few candidates could think of any reason for runnin. If every nation in the world suddenly informed the United States everything in their countries was in fine shape and they wouldn't be needin any more help, this nation would be as lonesome as a country dog when the folks have all gone visitin.

As far as I'm concerned, Christmas is a fine institution and I'm in favor of more of em. Maybe not too close together, but the idea of abolishin em altogether is ridiculous.

Maybe givin is sometimes overdone, especially for the people who've already got nearly everything they need, but the idea of givin is sound and we don't want to do anything to discourage it.

I just want to say I sure have enjoyed writin for this newspaper this year and while it was a sacrifice lots of time to be sittin leanin against a tree with a pencil and tablet when I could have been on my tractor goin up one row and down another addin to the surplus, enlightenment has to keep pace with material progress and a pencil is easier to sharpen than a plow point.

Merry Christmas to you and all your readers.

Yours faithfully, A. A.

### IT'S TRUE, GIRLS, BACHELORS HARD TO FIND THESE DAYS

Washington.—No wonder single girls suspect there is a shortage of available young bachelors. It's true.

The Census Bureau went into the problem, analyzing last year's supply of "eligible" civilian males as against the number of young women of marrying age.

For statistical purposes, the bureau called females of 17 through 24 years "eligible." Males were rated eligible at 21 through 27, because men are generally about three years older than women at their first marriage.

After eliminating servicemen living in barracks in this country and in overseas posts, the bureau turned up these comparisons:

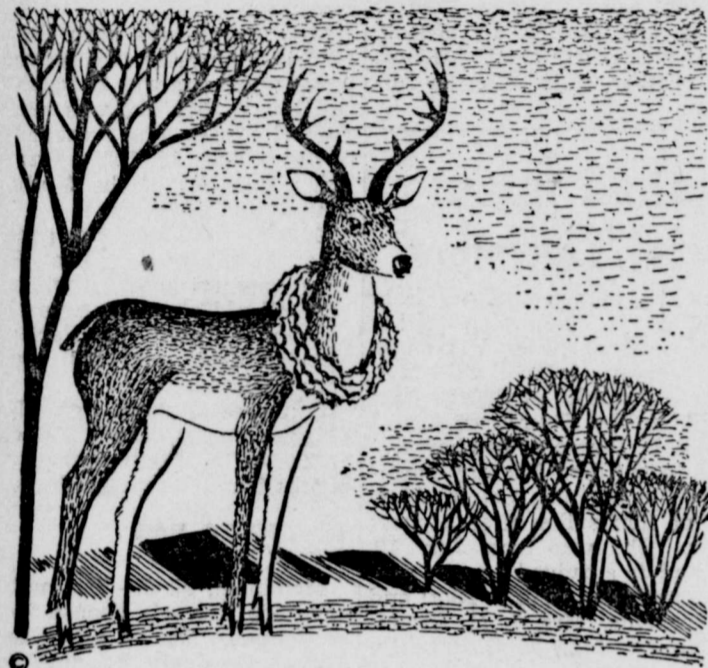
There were only 61 eligible civilian males in the 21-22 age group for every 100 girls of 18 and 19 last year. There were 89 of such males per 100 girls in 1950, but then the draft bit into the supply.

Things were better but not perfect for the single women aged 20 through 24. In that age group there was .94 of a man of 23-27 years for every woman. Back in 1950 there were 1.05 men, meaning a man for every girl and 1-20 of a man left over.

From 25 on up to age 35, the bachelor girls finds a better chance, statistically speaking.

It has been a good year for the automobile concerns. The oil magnates have just about taken the entire output of solid gold automobiles.

The University of Minnesota and the University of Michigan meet on the football gridiron each year to battle for "The Little Brown Jug."



To all our many friends who've been so dear,  
And to our many customers so loyal,  
We wish you all the best of luck and cheer;  
And happiness to make your Christmas royall

**Joe Wunsch**  
MERCHANT TAILOR  
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#### GET HIS ATTENTION

Grandpa's purchase of a Missouri mule for this farm was a sad deal. Unable to make the critter gee or haw or whoa or anything, he hired a professional mule trainer. The first thing the trainer did was to whap the mule over the head with a two-by-four plank. The mule didn't budge. The trainer whacked him again with his murderous bludgeon.

"Hey," protested Grandpa, "are you aimin' to kill off my mule?"

"Guess you don't know nuthin' about these here animals," said the trainer. "First off, you gotta get their attention."

#### SMART COOKIE!

"I know the kind of man you're looking for," George complained to the dream boat, Millie. "If I were only rich you'd accept me fast enough."

Millie smiled.

"You know, George," she remarked, "that's the nicest compliment I have ever received. It's most flattering."

"Flattering that you're a gold-digger?"

"Exactly," the girl replied. "All the other fellows tell me how beautiful, how graceful, how charming I am. But you're the first one to give me credit for having common sense."

#### EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

BURT LOCKHART  
in Pittsburg Gazette

Now is the time when little son does his work without being told.

If you develop a barbed touch you need not expect to have many close friends.

He is a lucky guy who can flirt with Lady Luck and not get the cold shoulder.

Probably another reason why beauty does not last is that so much of it rubs off.

Oldsters, too, enjoy Christmas even if they have to play second fiddle to the kiddies.

Reckless spending eventually leaves the individual or the government with a headache.

They call it filthy lucre, but we notice that a lot of it is used to clean up the government mess.

In the good old days most of our necessities were luxuries. Today luxuries have become necessities.

The old fashioned man who believed in paddling his own canoe now has a son who demands a 60-foot yacht.

New styles of wickedness are always coming into the market. New garments make them look more respectable.

The kiddies want the earth with a candy fence around it, but when they grow up it's the earth with an oil well on it.

Our reader up the street says he realizes that he can't take it with him. His main worry is whether he will get there.

If the world ever should come to an end, Christmas would be the ideal time. Everybody's heart is in the right place then.

Remember way back when every well-regulated home was provided with several cords of firewood stacked in the back yard?

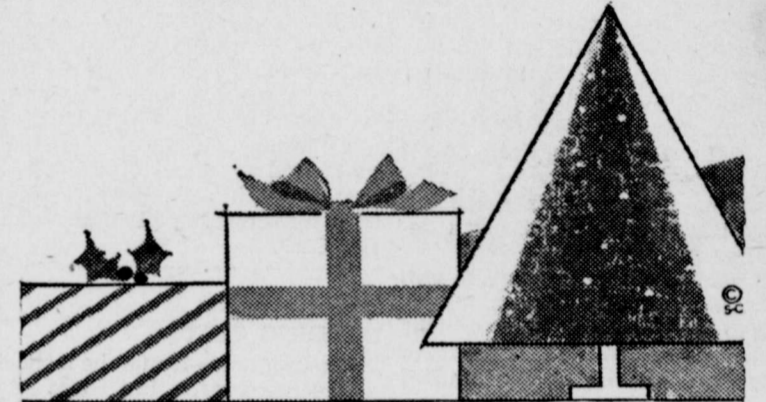


By the time a man lives long enough to afford porterhouse steaks and cocanut pie along comes his doctor to tell him he had better confine his diet to mush.

Christmas in America promises to maintain its high standard of excellence. Some 18 billion dollars are expected to pass over the counters for gifts. How much love and affection the gifts will carry it is impossible to compute.



A greeting, small,  
that says to all —  
May you have the very best  
Christmas ever yet enjoyed!



**Dr. and Mrs. John R. Brittain**  
DEPORT

## Merry Christmas



Given our choice of good wishes for our friends, we'd like to see the Christmas Spirit manifest every day of the year. It is that time when the whole world is kin, when petty differences are forgotten and friendships are bound together in a closer relationship, when worries are left behind and the future looks more cheerful than ever before.

This institution plans to maintain this policy throughout the coming year; it is our pledge to show you we appreciate every courtesy and favor that has been ours. So we say again

Sincere Good Wishes  for Every Day in the Year

## The Liberty National Bank

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**Warren Lawler Weds Hobbs, N. M., Girl**

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lawler announce the recent marriage of their son, Warren Lawler to Miss Genell Helms of Hobbs, N. M. The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents at Hobbs in the presence of a few close friends and relatives.

The bride was attired in an ensemble of beige, shoulder length veil and carried a white Bible topped with pink rosebuds. The couple's attendants were a maid of honor and best man, close

friends of the bride and groom. Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Lawler left for Las Cruces, N. M., where he is a freshman in college and is majoring in agriculture. They will make their home there while Warren is in school.

The groom was born at Bogata and with his parents, lived here before moving to the west several years ago. He is the grandson of Mrs. Clyde Lawler of Bogata and Mrs. Lillie Dugger of Fulbright.

Bakelite was invented by Leo Hendrick Baekeland.

**It's Christmas Again!**



**IT'S CHRISTMAS AGAIN!**

To all of us, the Christmas holidays are the most sacred season of the year. The Christmas spirit dominates every home where children hang their stockings. Santa Claus becomes a reality for every adult when tangy fragrance of fir or cedar or hemlock from the tree permeates the living room.

We feel Christmas in our hearts as we go to church. Christmas is in every shop where men stop work to hang wreaths on walls and from the ceiling; it is in every town square; in every office where ribbons sway below the ceiling and tiny trees adorn the desks.

Each Christmas takes us back to the days when racing reindeer were our dream of fast transportation. Again we hear fairy bells tinkle as Dancer and Prancer whirl Santa's sleigh from chimney to chimney. It's Christmas!

**Year's 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.

Those whom you remember with a year's subscription will be notified of your generosity. Use the order form elsewhere in this edition.

**RAN FOR HELP**

A Boston salesman visited Texas and heard one particular Texan boasting about heroes of the Alamo, who, almost alone, held off whole armies.

"I'll bet," challenged the Texan, "you never had anybody around Boston as brave as that."

"Did you ever hear of Paul Revere?" asked the Bostonian meekly.

"Paul Revere," said the Texan, "isn't that the fellow who ran for help?"

**SPECIAL PRAYER**

After overhearing the doctor tell her father that he should go to a warmer climate, the little girl was saying her evening prayers.

"God bless mama, God bless baby brother, and please, God make things hot for daddy."

**Talco Boys to Take Training Together**

Four boys from Talco, who enlisted together in Paris this month, will go through basic training together, according to M-Sgt. Raymond Sanders, recruiting officer in Paris.

The boys are Bobby Leo Medlin and Jackie L. Medlin, twins and Alton G. Lewis and Hoyt T. Taylor.

These are the first recruits at the Paris station to take advantage of the new enlistment privileges authorizing boys to enlist and take their basic training together.

**ONE IN A MILLION**

School teacher next door says you have to watch your words these days, since the kids are sharp and like to take your questions literally. She says that when she asked her kids the other day if Washington would be considered a remarkable man if he were alive today, she got this reply:

"He sure would. He'd be about 200 years old."

**DRY OLD TEXAS**

An old Texas cowpoke on vacation a thousand miles from home stopped at a country store. The farmers were discussing crops. The Texan laughed, "Ha, it's so dry in Texas we got fish three years old that don't know how to swim."

**U. S. Treasurer Sees Return of States Rights**

The lady from Bountiful, Utah, whose signature is probably the most coveted in the land, was in Dallas Friday with a few choice words to say about States' rights.

"The Federal Government," said Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, Treasurer of the United States, "will continue to help local governments in providing many services for the people."

"But the emphasis will be shifted to the municipalities and states."

"The initiative," she told a gathering of the Texas County Treasurers Association, "will come from you and not from a bureau in Washington."

"As states grow strong, so shall our nation. . . We came dangerously close in recent years to losing sight of the truism."

"An ever-growing central government has within it the seeds of state socialism."

"It is the height of folly to spend the substance and genius of our people to maintain a strong military force to prevent an attack upon our way of life, only to have state socialism sneak in by the back door."

"The efforts of this administration are directed toward keeping the back door locked and barred while at the same time maintaining a heavily armed guard at the front door."

**DIGGING POST HOLES FINDS JAR OLD COINS**

Sealy, Texas.—A workman digging the foundation holes for Frank Koy's new garage punched his post hole digger into a jar containing \$322 in silver and gold dating from 1844 to 1902.

Koy, who bought the place three years ago, awarded some of the money to the digger, Joe Brandt, and other men on the job. He said the rest probably would pay for the new garage.

**LULLABY**

George C. Cutley asked his client the direct question: "Before I take your case, I want the truth. Did you commit this crime?"

"No, George," he replied, "I didn't do it and I can prove a lullaby."

"You mean an alibi."

"No. My wife will testify that at that hour I was singing the baby to sleep."

**Kirksey Retires As Mail Carrier**

Ernest L. Kirksey, mail carrier at Wichita Falls, retired Dec. 1, after being on the job 24 years. He is 67. A native of Red River County and for many years a resident of Clarksville, Kirksey was a welder and machinist before moving to Wichita Falls.

A Wichita newspaper carrying a story of his retirement said he had been bitten only three times by dogs since 1929 and quoted him as saying, "I feel fortunate since some carriers have been bitten as much as three times in one week and twice in one day."

He has a cabin at Possum Kingdom lake and expects to catch up on hunting and fishing.

**OUR DECISION**

Jury Foreman: "We find the defendant gorgeous, breath-taking, sweet, loveable and—not guilty."

**Bowie Oil Test Gets Underway**

Work is under way on a new oil test in south central Bowie County. It's the No. 1 S. J. Morris, a planned Rodessa zone test to be drilled by J. K. Wadley of Texarkana. Site is six miles north of Carbondale.

**AMEN!**

When the pastor of a small church finished his sermon, he gave a few minutes to one of the brothers to say a few words on his pet subject—prohibition.

"Brother," said the prohibitionist, "if I had all the whiskey, brandy and champagne in the world, I would fling it all in the river."

He sat down, and in the pause that followed, the parson, himself an enemy of strong drink, arose and announced: "We now will join in singing Hymn 157, 'Shall We Gather at the River?'"



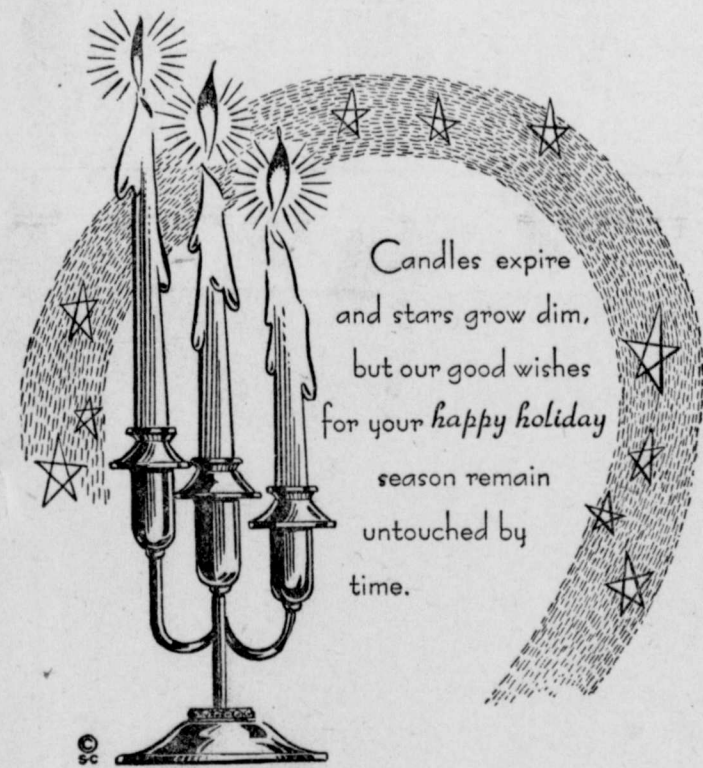
We wish you a Merry Christmas and extend to you our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous new year.

**PALACE DRUG STORE NO. 2**

J. L. ROMINE

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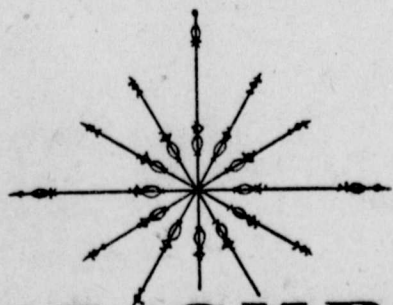
PARIS, TEXAS



Candles expire and stars grow dim, but our good wishes for your happy holiday season remain untouched by time.

**Robert's JEWELERS**

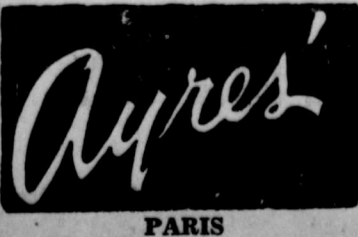
North Side Plaza—PARIS



**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

Reborn on this Holy Day is the blessed spirit of brotherhood, good will, and the eternal wish for the universal peace of man . . .

Thus, on His Day, we say unto you — when this Spirit of Christmas enters into your home, may it bring to you our eternal wishes for your health and happiness! It is in genuine appreciation of your friendship and patronage that we extend these hearty wishes that every joy be yours for the coming season.



PARIS

**Merry Christmas**



May your Christmas Day be one of happiness, peace and contentment, with your loved ones at your side!

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This area experienced a tem-  
perature of 24 degrees last Fri-  
day morning, coldest since last  
January 16, when it dipped to 21.  
Stock ponds froze over and some  
cars without enough anti-freeze.  
Maybe the Weatherman was just  
rushing the season. Winter did  
not begin, according to the calen-  
dar, until Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Moore of Deport, one  
of Texas' most distinguished and  
useful citizens, came by our office  
on Monday to personally wish  
newspaper folk a Merry Christ-  
mas and a Healthful New Year.  
Such thoughtfulness and consid-  
eration for friends is one of the  
characteristics that has helped to  
make hers a most fruitful life. A  
Happy Yuletide and many more  
of them is our wish for this fine  
lady.

We hope our readers like the  
Christmas appearance of their  
home town newspaper this week.  
It represents considerable effort  
upon the part of those who make  
it, and gives those who desired to  
do so, an opportunity to say  
"Merry Christmas" to all our  
readers. It comes earlier in the  
week than usual to reach them  
before Christmas and permits our  
reporters and printers to spend  
the holiday with their families.  
A happy and contented Yuletide  
to everyone, is our wish for you.

**A Mess of Pottage**

By HUBERT M. HARRISON  
We are losing our liberties by  
accepting doles, subsidies and  
"grants-in-aid" from the Federal  
Government, which now amount  
to two and a half billion dollars  
a year to the States and two bil-  
lion a year to individuals. We  
are selling our birthright for a  
mess of pottage as surely as Esau  
did to his brother Jacob, in the  
old Bible story. When we take  
Government money, we take  
Government dictation.

A commission of able men and  
women, headed by Dr. Clarence  
Manion, former dean of law at  
Notre Dame, is now studying the  
whole cast subject in an effort  
to come up with some practical  
recommendations to the President  
and Congress by next March.

This situation in our Govern-  
ment has come about through the  
demands of different pressure  
groups for special privileges, the  
greed for power of Federal bu-  
reaucrats, and the failure of many  
State legislatures to provide for  
needed services at home.

Senator Lyndon Johnson, in an  
address before the Texas Re-  
search League in Austin in Octo-  
ber, reviewed some of the waste-  
fulness and duplication of effort  
and the exasperating red tape  
that attend Government activi-  
ties.

Senator Price Daniel, speaking  
to the Texas Manufacturers As-  
sociation in Houston recently, ex-  
pressed similar views and urged  
a return of much Government-  
owned land to private owners so  
it can be put back on the tax rolls.

Government ownership of prop-  
erty and Government doles and  
grants to the States and to in-  
dividuals now present one of the  
most serious issues in our Gov-  
ernment. Congress will try to  
solve the difficult problem in the  
face of selfish and misguided  
pressure groups of various kinds.

Human nature being what it is,  
groups that have been enjoying  
Federal subsidies are not going to  
give them up without a struggle.

Can Americans solve this prob-  
lem? Are we, as citizens, capa-  
ble of the patriotic devotion, the  
study, the expert knowledge, the  
courageous denunciation of super-  
power in Big Government and  
the spirit of self-sacrifice that  
will cause us to give up special  
privileges in order to save our  
Nation? Are there enough men  
of courage in Congress who will  
resist the temptation to buy votes  
with Government money?

We are nearing the hour of de-  
cision. God help us if we do not  
take the right course and begin  
the long, hard task of finding our  
way back to sanity and solvency.

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made of 3 1/2-in tubing. Buck's  
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Molly Pitcher took her hus-  
band's place in the Battle of Mon-  
mouth, in 1778, as he lay dying  
beside his cannon.

President Warren G. Harding  
was the first President of the  
United States to ride to his inaug-  
uration in an automobile.

**Weather Changes  
Cause Skin To  
Chap and Crack**

AUSTIN. — State Health Offi-  
cer Geo. W. Cox looked at the  
calendar today and saw chapping  
weather ahead.

"Two weather changes—dew  
point and barometric pressure—  
cause skin to chap and crack,"  
the season-conscious Dr. Cox  
pointed out. "Chapping is always  
more frequent and severe from  
December through February."

That is the time of year when  
weather forecasts are likely to  
read: "Low barometric pressure,  
moist air followed by sudden high  
pressure and dryness with low  
dew point." It adds up to real  
chapping conditions.

Dew point is the temperature at  
which moisture begins to con-  
dense into visible form. It makes  
a useful index of actual humid-  
ity. When it is low, chapping can  
be severe.

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

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

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

And if you happen to have a  
psychrometer, an instrument  
which determines humidity, you'll  
be able to foresee chapping weath-  
er ahead and take precautions.  
Don't think in terms of "relative  
humidity," though. That indi-

**WILKINSON**

By JACKIE NELL HAREN  
The Wilkinson school turned  
out for the Christmas holidays  
Friday afternoon, after they had  
their Christmas tree. They will  
return to school Jan. 4.

Mrs. A. T. Blalock has been vis-  
iting her daughter, Mrs. Rose  
Riddle, in Dallas.

Mrs. Charlie Gentles of Fresno,  
Calif., has been visiting friends  
and relatives in this community.  
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blalock  
and daughters visited relatives in  
Texarkana, Saturday.

Lyndal Haren, little son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Loyd Haren, is ill at his  
home.

Mrs. Sally Haren has returned  
from New Boston, where she has  
been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Blalock  
and children visited Mr. and Mrs.  
Morris Blalock, Sunday.

**Smokers Blamed for  
Five Church Fires**

Austin.—Smokers have been  
blamed by Acting State Fire Mar-  
shal Eugene Sanders for fires that  
burned five Texas churches last  
year.

Careless smoking habits ranked  
third in the causes of 85 major  
church fires in the state in 1952,  
Sanders' report said. Defective  
heating systems were blamed for  
13 fires and defective wiring and  
other misuse of electricity caused  
another 12.

Lightning started three church  
fires, the causes of seven were  
unknown and the rest resulted  
from miscellaneous causes.

**Judge Convicted and Fined  
On Drunken Driving Charge**

DETROIT.—Circuit Judge George  
B. Murphy, 66, was convicted by a  
judge of drunken driving and fined  
\$100.

Circuit Judge Philip Elliott of  
Flint described the fine as ordinary  
and told Judge Murphy, "I believe  
you would prefer that I treated your  
case like any other."

The maximum sentence under the  
law is 90 days in jail and a \$100 fine.  
In addition, Judge Murphy faces a  
mandatory suspension of his driver's  
license for at least 90 days.

The tall, neatly dressed defendant  
said nothing as he listened to the  
verdict and the sentence. Afterward,  
in his chambers, Judge Elliott told  
Murphy, "I am sorry." The case was  
tried without a jury at request of the  
defendant.

Judge Murphy denied that he was  
intoxicated when he hit a parked  
car. He admitted having two high-  
balls made with scotch whisky.

ates the percentage of atmos-  
pheric saturation at a given tem-  
perature, and is unreliable be-  
cause warm air can hold more  
water vapor than cold air. For  
example, relative humidity of 80  
per cent indicates far less mois-  
ture at 40 degrees than it does  
when the thermometer stands at  
30 degrees.

The state of Delaware has a  
perfect circular arc for one of its  
boundaries.

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located at Lead City, S. D., and  
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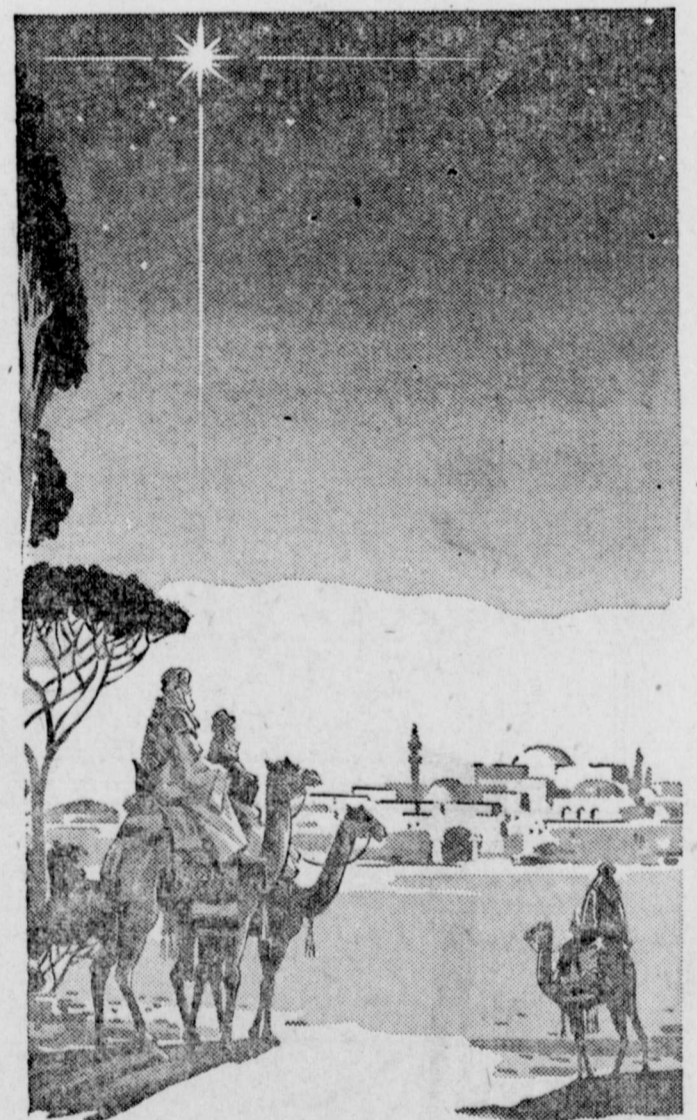


Our thoughts, like good angels, fly to you  
on Christmas to wish you every blessing of  
this happy season.

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Just as the Wise Men of old were guided  
on their holy journey by  
the wondrous brightness of a shining star,  
so may our good wishes  
guide our many friends to a happy  
time to come — blessed with  
the spiritual gladness of the holiday  
and its happy memories.

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tunity to express again our apprecia-  
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## HUMBLE CAMP

By MRS. A. L. RODGERS

Mrs. A. L. Rodgers and Monty were in Paris Monday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Weaver of Greenville, spent the week end with the Travis Ganns.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dyson spent the week end in Winnsboro and Quitman visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Rhoads and two daughters of Winnsboro, spent Sunday in the camp visiting friends.

Mrs. P. P. Hendrix, Mrs. D. J. Smelley and Mrs. R. A. Henderson were in Paris Tuesday.

Miss Annette Lewis spent Monday through Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodgers in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Trimble have as their guest this week their brother-in-law, H. S. Taylor of Shreveport, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Morrison were in Sulphur Springs, Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Travis Bruce and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Loucks of Van, spent Sunday and Monday visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Jim Bagby and Mr. Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Buralow and Johnny were in Kilgore Friday and Saturday visiting their parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Edgeworth and two daughters of Paola, Kan., are visiting Mrs. Edgeworth's sister, Mrs. Joe Mitchell and family.

Kyle Leftwich of ETSTC faculty in Commerce is here for the holidays with his mother, Mrs. George Leftwich and other relatives.

Douglas Cox and son, Don, of Mexia, former camp residents, were here Monday thru Wednesday on business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Howard, Bill and Mickey were in Big Sandy for the week end visiting the Byron Howards and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hopkins and son, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hopkins of Florida, were in Dallas for the week end visiting relatives.

Miss Virginia Tidwell of Dallas, is here with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Turner and Robert Joe until after the holidays.

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

Miss Joy Parker, a teacher at Garland, is home for the Christmas holidays. She met her brother, Bob in Dallas and he accompanied her home.

Mrs. J. E. Cox went to Dallas to meet her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Temples, who are coming in by plane from California for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sloan, Miss Wanda Sloan, Miss Eloise Roberts and Billy Gurganus attended a Christmas party given by Bankers Life and Casualty Co. in Adolphus Hotel in Dallas Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Mitchell and daughter, Donna Beth, were in Hawkins over the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elaud Clark. Mrs. Mitchell received word Monday that her brother-in-law, Joe David Woolery, was seriously injured in a tractor mishap in Jacksonville. He is in a hospital there.

Dick Trice of Los Angeles, arrived Tuesday to spend his vacation here with his family, Mrs. Trice, Carol and Judy. They will spend Christmas in Waco, visiting relatives and then move to California the 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Williams, two daughters and a son of Kilgore, moved into camp Friday into the house vacated by the Henry Thomas. Mr. Williams was recently transferred here from the New London district.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mitchell, Joann and Barbara, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Don Edgeworth and two daughters of Paola, Kan., attended the wedding of their brother, C. A. Minshew Jr. of Commerce to Miss Lonetha Parsons of Belk, at the Belk Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Gibson went to Paris Friday evening to attend the wedding of M. R. (Super Frances) Pruitt to Miss Betty Frances Hornbeck. The wedding was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harlan. The bride's home was in Paris and the groom's home in Sulphur Springs. They are both attending ETSTC in Commerce.

Among the college students home for the holidays in the camp are Jimmie Stewart of ETSTC, Bob Parker, Texas U., and Mary Hopper of Oklahoma A. & M. in Stillwater, Ok. Miss Jonetta Hart of Henrietta, Okla., also a student of Oklahoma A. & M., came with Mary Hopper for the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hopper.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilbanks and family had as their guests for the week end and Sunday, their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. James Harkins and son of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKnight and two daughters of Kilgore, and Miss Betty Lou Wilbanks of Shreveport, La., also for Sunday, the mother of Mrs. Wilbanks, Mrs. Julia Cameron and brother and sister and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Cameron and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Wilma McKelvey, Imogene and Janell, all of Argo.

Pvt. Pierce Hendrix came in from San Francisco, Calif., Friday for a few days leave enroute to Ft. Lewis, Wash., the point of embarkation for overseas duty, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Hendrix. Their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. (Sheny) Blalock, of Denver, Colo., are here for the holidays.

Lt. (jg) Edward Nelson from USS Sarsfield at Key West, Fla., has been spending a ten day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson and Ronnie. Their daughter, Miss Helen Jo Nelson of Dallas, spent the week end here with them. Edward accompanied her to Dallas Sunday evening to catch a plane for Florida to report back to duty.

**JUST ONE**  
"Daddy said there was not another woman in the world like you, Aunt Marjorie."  
"That was very flattering of him."  
"And he said it was a good thing, too."

companied her to Dallas Sunday evening to catch a plane for Florida to report back to duty.

**MORE FLOWERS**  
The young man was rather shy, and after she had thrown her arms around him and kissed him for bringing her a bouquet of flowers, he jumped up, grabbed his hat, and made for the door.  
"Oh, don't go," she protested. "I didn't mean to offend you."  
"I'm not offended," he replied. "I'm going for more flowers."

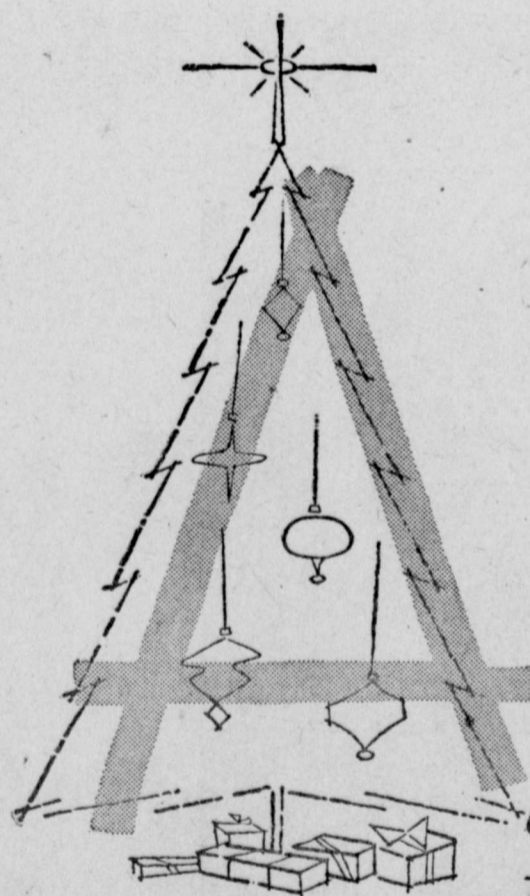


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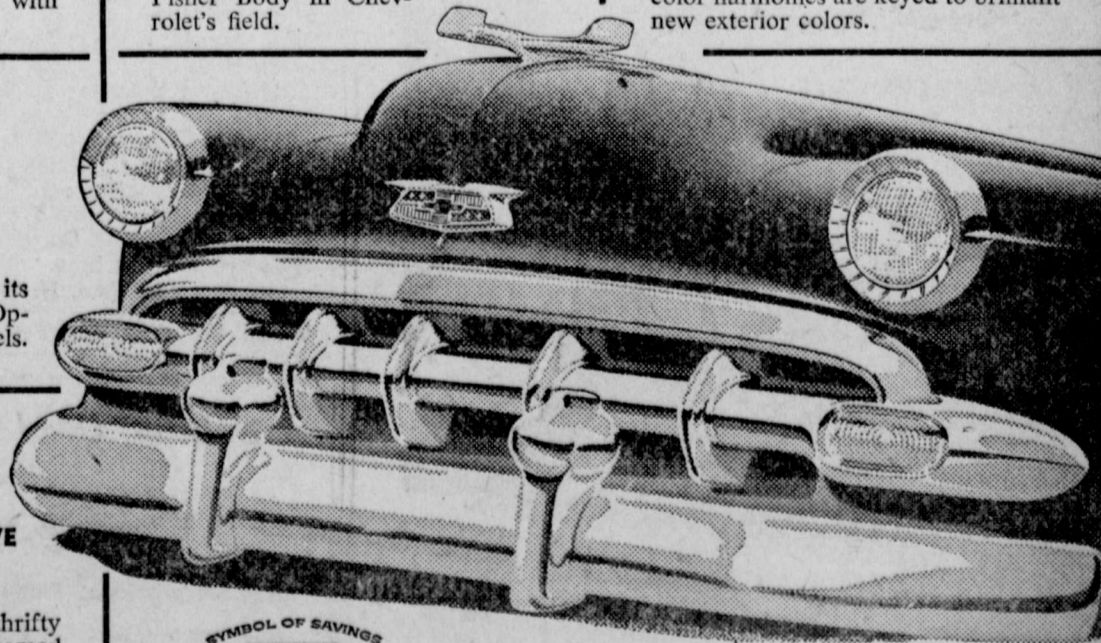
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**Peggy Grammer Weds Alford Hebert**

Miss Peggy Grammer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grammer, and Alford Hebert were married Tuesday at the Assembly of God Church in Mt. Pleasant. Pastor of the church, Rev. Munsey, read the rites. They were accompanied by the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

**IT SURE IS!**

Wife: "Don't you think, dear, that a man has more sense after he's married?"  
Husband: "Yes, indeed, but it's too late then."

Mrs. Hebert is a sophomore in Talco High School while Mr. Hebert, whose mother is Mrs. Stella Brown of Nederland, is employed at Rivercrest plant. They will make their home here.

**Fine Arts Observes Keeping Christmas**

The Fine Arts Club's annual observance of "Keeping Christmas" this year consisted of a Christmas Pilgrimage Tuesday afternoon by the group of eleven women to the homes of five members. Each home was decorated according to the individual's ideas, depicting the true spirit of Christmas.

First home visited was that of Mrs. J. H. Weatherall, where the guests were greeted by a Santa on the porch. Inside the entire house gleamed with a lighted tree and various arrangements of Christmas greenery and candle combinations. A nativity scene was on one table. The refreshment table was covered with a green linen cloth and held an artistic arrangement of pine branches, gilded pine cones and holly leaves and glowing candles.

The next home visited was that of Mrs. M. E. Jones, which was beautifully decorated throughout. There was a tall lighted candle by the front door, in the living room a lovely white tree with blue ornaments stood by the window, there were logs burning brightly in the fireplace and candles agleam on the mantle. The dining table was covered with an exquisite gold colored nylon net cloth interwoven with gold metallic threads, and the centerpiece consisted of candles, foliage and ornaments mostly in gold color, which color was also carried out in the refreshments.

In the home of Mrs. M. J. Pendleton a lovely tree with packages and toys underneath dominated the scene. The refreshment table was laid with a white lace cloth and centered with green foliage, frosted large pine cones, lighted red candles. Also featured in the room was a gayly sequined decoy duck nestled amongst a cluster of frosted pine cones.

Mrs. Howard Johnson's home was resplendent from the entrance porch to the kitchen with holly, mistletoe, poinsetta, frosted evergreens and fruit and foliage. Her dining table was covered with a green linen arrangement of pink tinted foliage and angel hair, green and gold ornaments, and lighted candles.

The last home visited was Mrs. G. N. Anderson's where a traditional brightly lighted and decorated green Christmas tree ornamented corner of the room, and there were many gaily wrapped packages underneath. On one table a nativity scene signified the religious aspect of Christmas. The dining table was covered with white linen overlaid with an imported white linen cut-work and lace cloth, and off center held an arrangement of a small decorated plastic tree and red candles in crystal candelabra. Mrs. Dick Trice presided at the silver service from one end of the table.

Concluding the festivities the group sang the old familiar Christmas carols and exchanged gifts from the packages under the tree. Members present were: Mmes. G. N. Anderson, C. C. Collins, R. T. Fuller, Gene Gandy, F. B. Haynes, Howard Johnson, M. E. Jones, S. O. Loving, M. J. Pendleton, R. P. Trice, and J. H. Weatherall.

Mrs. M. J. Pendleton will be hostess at the club's next regular meeting, January 5.

**Frances Carrol Weds Herbert Myers**

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carrol announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Frances to Herbert Myers of Carlsbad, N. M.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Melvin Ray in the home of the bride. For her wedding the bride chose a blue faille dress fashioned with a sweetheart neckline and a full skirt. Her accessories were navy blue and her flowers were pink and white carnations.

Mrs. Myers is a graduate of Bogata High School and of a beauty school in Dallas. She was employed as a beauty operator at Miss Tom Underwood's beauty shop in Bogata before moving to Carlsbad a few years ago.

The groom is employed by the United States Potash Co. and the couple are now at home at 607 West Green, Carlsbad, N. M.

Times' Classified Ads Pay.

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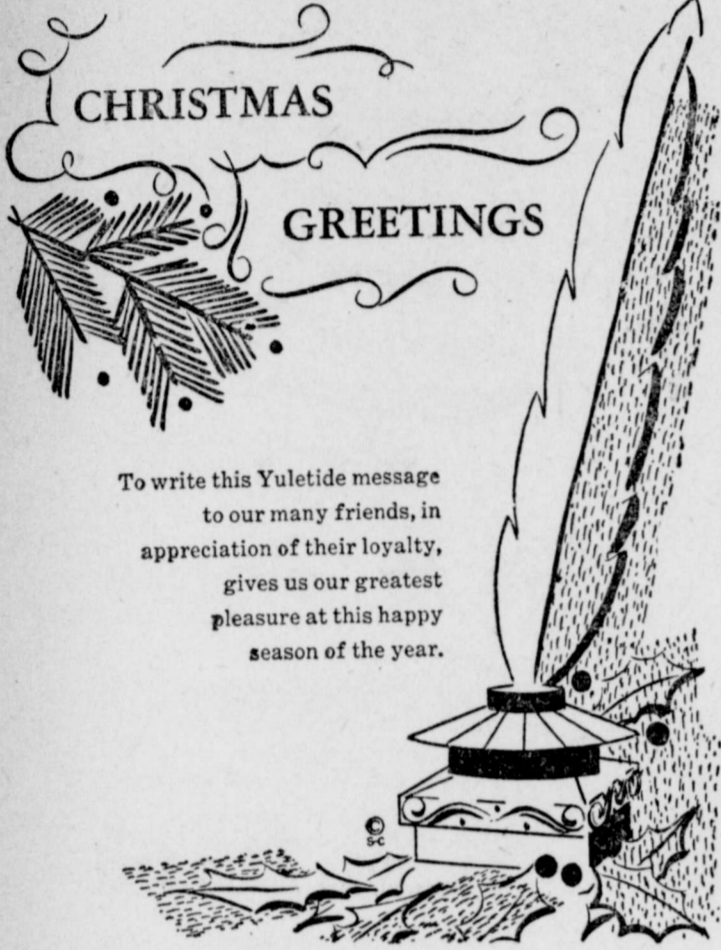
**Fidelis Class Christmas Party**

The regular monthly business meeting and social of the Fidelis Class of Calvary Baptist Church was held on Dec. 17 in the home of Genevieve Stewart. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Mrs. Joe F. Mitchell and the devotional was given by Mrs. G. G. Ryan. During the meeting class Secretary Genevieve Stewart reported that boxes containing a Christmas gift and nuts and candy for each of the children at South Texas Children's Home at Beeville had been mailed and that project was complete.

During the social hour going away gifts were presented to Mrs. Joe F. Mitchell, Mrs. C. K. Reeves and Mrs. R. P. Trice and a Christmas gift was presented to the class teacher, Mrs. C. C. Collins. After these presentations class members exchanged Christmas gifts.

Refreshments were served from the dining room and Mrs. T. W. Orr presided at the coffee table, which was laid with a forest green cloth centered with a bouquet of red carnations in a brass bowl and on either side were brass candelabra filled with red candles. Other table accessories were brass and decorative Christmas napkins were used.

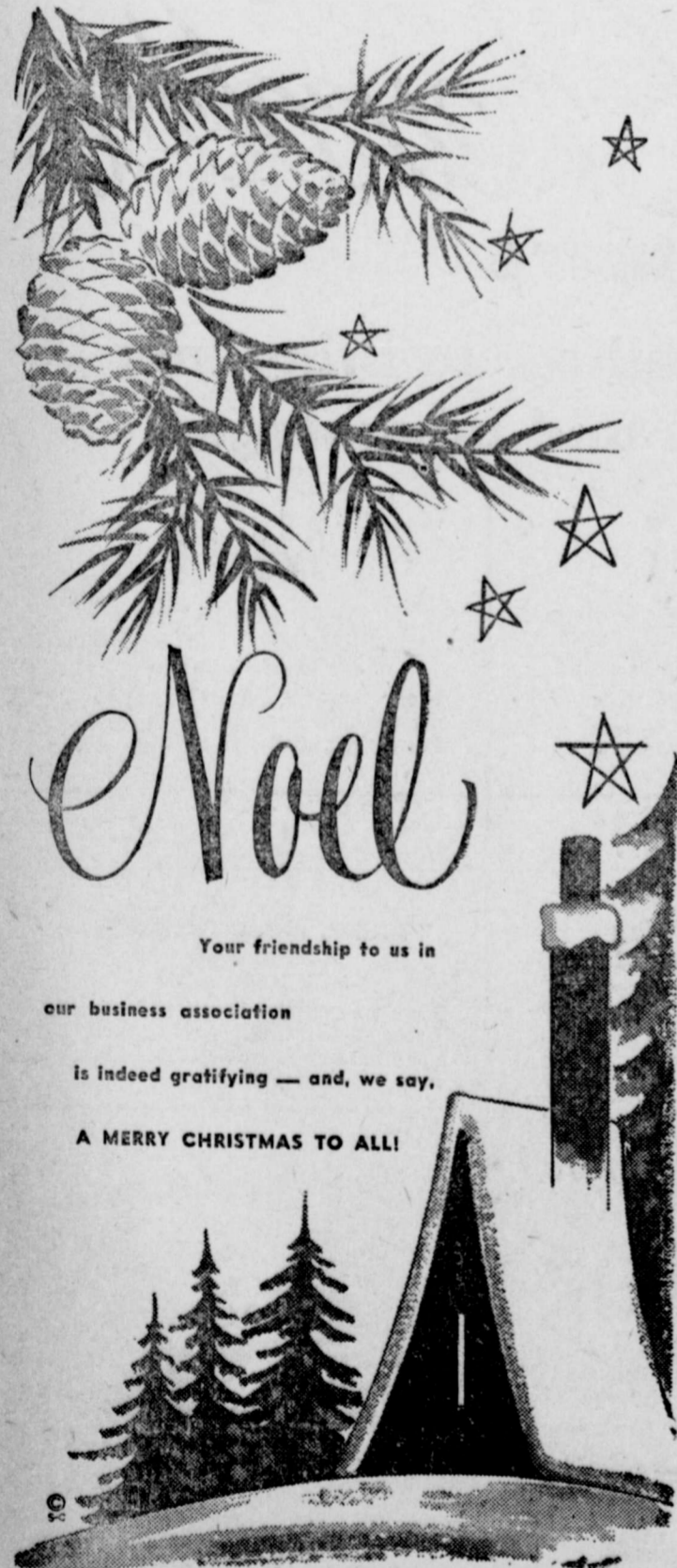
Members present were Mmes. Reeves, H. L. Shoffner, F. S. C. C. Collins, C. R. Sikes, J. H. Weatherall, T. W. Orr, Joe F. Mitchell, Leon Barger, Ray Burgin, A. C. Newsome, G. G. Ryan, C. K. Tietz, J. Truman Wright, R. W. Giddens, C. W. Hawkins, O. B. Gibson, R. P. Trice and Miss Genevieve Stewart.



To write this Yuletide message to our many friends, in appreciation of their loyalty, gives us our greatest pleasure at this happy season of the year.

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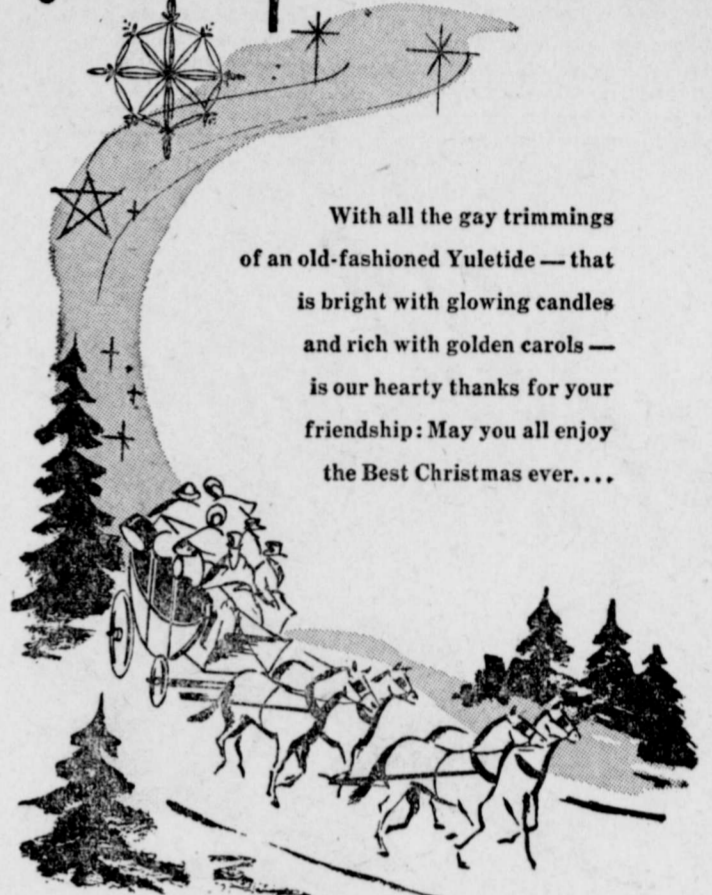
to All Our Friends

AND SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

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# LOCAL NEWS

By MRS. O. B. HOPWOOD  
PHONE 1608 or 79

Mr. and Mrs. Herman McElroy visited his brother, Billy McElroy and Mrs. McElroy in Austin during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark McPherson, Vicki and Bill left Friday evening to spend the holidays with relatives in Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Drummond of California, are here for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Drummond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Fitch and Bobby will spend Christmas Day with Mrs. Fitch's brother, Short Manor in Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warren will visit their children in Dallas and Ft. Worth during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ackley will spend Christmas Day with Mr. Ackley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ackley in Greggton.

Miss Patsy Braden of the Corpus Christi school faculty, arrived Wednesday for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Braden.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Richeson of Aransas Pass, will spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richeson and her relatives.

Christmas and New Year's holidays are to be spent in Kobe, Japan by the USS Los Angeles, serving aboard the heavy cruiser is Thomas L. Leake, boilerman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Leake of RI, Talco.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Miller of Ft. Worth, are here for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Tex Lee.

M. J. Davis and son, Daniel of Talco, were admitted Wednesday and dismissed Saturday after medical treatment at Grant Hospital in Deport.

Miss Alma Cornelius of Chicago, will visit her aunt, Miss Katharine Moore and her brother, Edward Cornelius and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Locke, Glenda and Linda, will spend Christmas day with Mr. Locke's sister, Mrs. H. L. Newman and family in Idabel, Ok.

Mr. and Mrs. David Teague and baby son of Longview, will be Christmas day guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Bean and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Teague.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hawkins, Roger and Nancy left Friday evening for Texas City to spend a week with Mrs. Hawkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gillen and three daughters of Henderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bridges of Dallas, will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Taylor, Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Coye Blassengame, Larry and Nelda, will visit relatives in Dallas. Mrs. Blassengame's mother, Mrs. Nancy Hazlewood, will accompany them and visit her daughter.

Gary Biggers of Corpus Christi, arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Collins' daughter, Mrs. Melvin Frugia and family of Martin's Mill, will also be Christmas day guests.

Lewis O'Shields of the U. S. Army, stationed in Germany, arrived Thursday to spend thirty days leave of absence with Mrs. O'Shields here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cole and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Shields in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rodgers and daughter, Louann of Sunray, are here for the Christmas holidays with their mothers, Mrs. J. M. Johnson at Deport, Mrs. Stella Rodgers at Bogata and sister, Mrs. A. G. Norwood at Talco. Mr. Rodgers was formerly connected with the Talco State Bank.

### BUT, HOW?

In a telephone call to the editor of a local newspaper, a man explained that his uncle had been a regular subscriber for half a century.

Caller: "He's always a model of propriety — doesn't smoke or drink, never uses strong language and hasn't ever been to a theatre or the movies. In fact, my uncle has absolutely no vices or excesses. And he's going to celebrate his eightieth birthday tomorrow." Editor: "How?"

### SECOND BEST

"The best thing for you to do is give up drinking and smoking, go to bed early, and get up early." "I don't deserve the best, Doc. What's the second best?"

## Party in Honor of Mrs. Dick Trice

Mrs. Dick Trice, who will soon be moving from the Humble Camp to Los Angeles, was honored with an afternoon coffee, 2:30 to 4:30, Wednesday, in the home of Mrs. G. N. Anderson. Co-hostesses for the event were Mrs. Glenn Howard and Mrs. Frank Tietz. Mrs. Trice and Mrs. Anderson greeted the guests and Mrs. Howard presided at the coffee service assisted by Mrs. Tietz. Lovely gifts of pottery and miscellaneous items were presented to the honoree.

Guests present were Mmes. G. E. Ryan, W. E. Chapman, Joe Nelson, R. J. Rosson, Rudy Warren, Don Winchell, R. T. Fuller, C. C. Collins, J. P. Hendrix, Travis Gann, M. E. Jones, Joe Denton, C. E. Griggs, J. R. Shaw, Howard Johnson, Dick Burden, R. E. Cain, L. R. Brewer, M. T. Pendleton, L. D. Hanks, T. W. Orr, Dick Miller, J. R. Poston, Omer Cole, S. O. Loving, D. D. McKnight, Sally Gage, J. E. Cox, F. B. Haynes and Miss Genevieve Stewart.

### THREATENED TO SUE

Once upon a time the fence between Heaven and Hell broke down. St. Peter appeared at the broken section and called out to the devil: "Hey, Satan, since all the engineers are over in your place, how about getting them to fix this fence?"

"Sorry," replied Satan. "My men are all too busy to go about fixing measly fences."

"Well, then," replied St. Peter, "I'll have to sue you if you don't." "Oh yeah," countered the devil, "and where are you going to get a lawyer?"

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## Book Lovers' Club Christmas Party

Humble Recreation hall was the gala setting Friday night for the Book Lovers' Club's Christmas party. The colorful decorations added to the festive mood of the members and their husbands who were honored at this annual affair. The refreshment table was covered with lace table cloth and centered with a massive candle arrangement of green and red. A lovely silver coffee service completed the tableau.

Amusing and very entertaining games were directed by Mrs. Cecil Griggs, assisted by Mrs. John D. Wright. Gifts were distributed from a glowing Christmas tree by Mrs. J. L. Cato and Mrs. Griggs. Throughout the evening Mrs. Robert Harper played Christmas carols on the piano. The guests departed in gay holiday spirit.

Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morris, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cato, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gieger, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Jones, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Griggs, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Spruell, Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon L. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harper and Mrs. Harold Williams, Mrs. Lynn Cox, Mrs. Ed Neugent and Mrs. J. H. Hill.

### DORCAS CLASS SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

Dorcas Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church had its Christmas party Monday night in the home of Mrs. Elton Welch. There were 18 ladies present. Several games were played and gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Welch. Everyone had a wonderful evening of fun.

### DRY HUMOR

"Looks like rain," said the tourist to the old-timer at a filling station in an arid part of the west.

"I sure hope so," sighed the old man. "Not for myself," he quickly added, "but for my grandson here. I've seen rain."

## LEWIS FAMILY HAS FAMILY REUNION

The J. R. Lewis family had a reunion on Sunday at their home. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Rodgers and son, Randy of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Lewis and two daughters of Texarkana, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lewis and two sons of Mississippi, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Johnson and four children of Pales-

tine, Mr. and Mrs. Erbie Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and three children, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Lewis and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lewis and four girls of Talco.

In 1912, when Theodore Roosevelt was shot by John Schrank, a spectacle case deflected the assassin's bullet and saved the President's life.

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

to One and All



... from every member of this organization. We are pleased if we have been of service to you at any time in the past and invite you to call on us at any time in the future.

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND 26

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To our friends — serving you has been a real pleasure — "Merry Christmas, everyone!"

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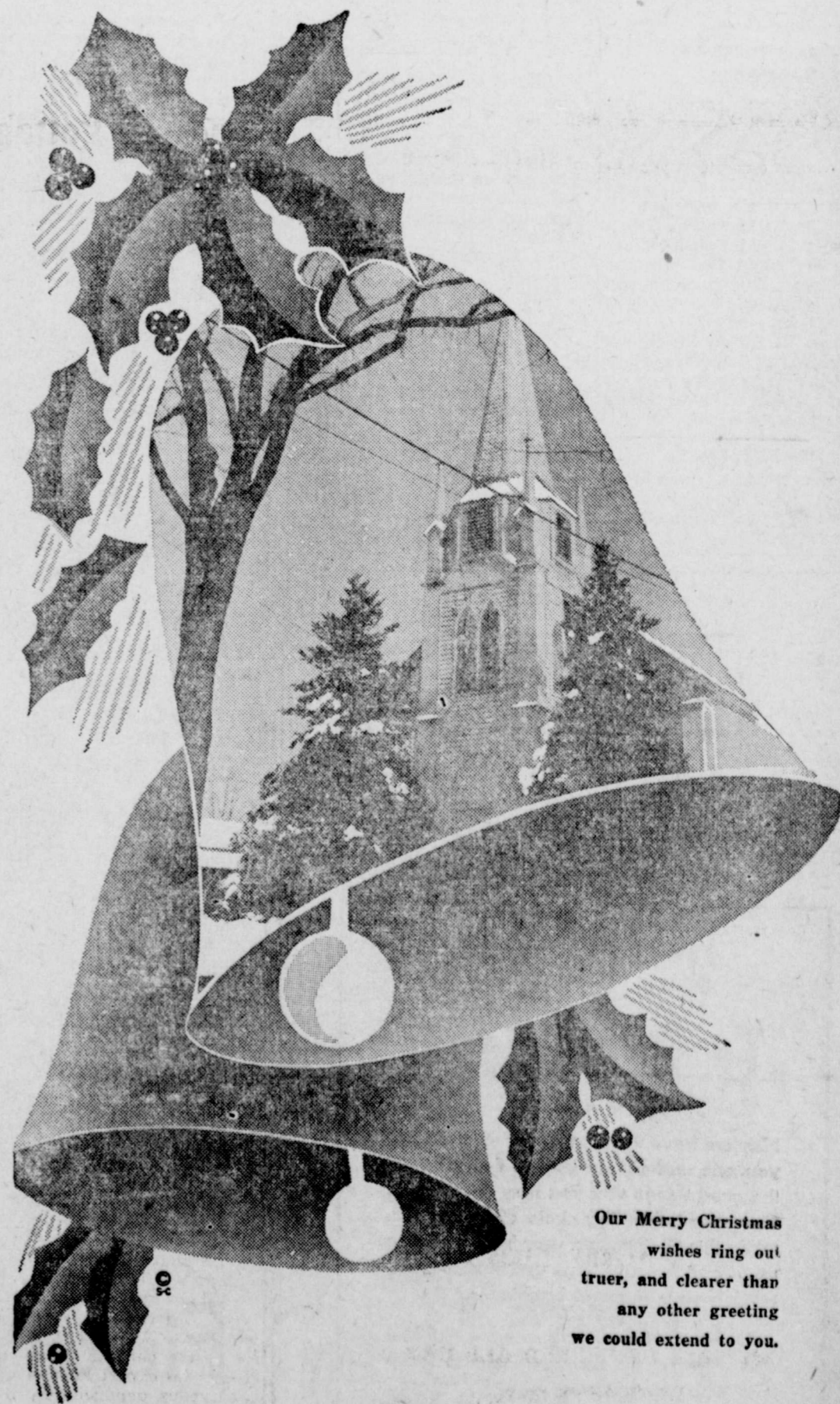


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## When You Get It From Washington You Can Depend Upon It Not Being Free

It surprises many persons to know that money from Washington is not free; that the people pay it. The rich Uncle Sam is not just a generous fellow who gives us what we want.

Here is where the federal government got its money during the last fiscal year.

From individual income taxes (those who made \$600 or more a year): \$29,274,107,000 (of which \$17,929,047,000 was withheld by the employer and taken from your wages before you got your check).

Those who work, Social Security taxes (withheld from your wages), \$4,464,264,000.

Those who drink liquors or wines, \$2,549,088,000.

Those who smoke cigarettes, cigars or use tobacco, \$1,565,162,000.

Those who buy gasoline and oil, \$808,460,000.

Those who bought automobiles, \$578,149,000.

Those who bought trucks, \$147,445,000.

Those who bought parts, accessories, or tires or tubes, \$325,497,000.

Those who use electricity, \$53,094,000.

Those who bought refrigerators, air-conditioners, \$57,970,000.

Those who bought radios or phonographs or records, \$125,124,000.

Those who bought musical instruments, \$8,412,000.

Those who bought jewelry, \$230,403,000.

Those who bought furs, \$41,436,000.

Those who bought toilet supplies, \$112,692,000.

Those who bought luggage, \$90,799,000.

Those who used the telephone or telegraph, \$705,770,000.

Those who traveled by train or bus, \$275,174,000.

Those who shipped by train or truck, \$388,589,000.

Those who went to shows, \$330,782,000.

Those who went to cabarets or night clubs, \$45,489,000.

Those who joined clubs, \$33,592,000.

Those who died, \$750,591,000.

All of us, \$6,009,939,000.

You get it for nothing from Washington do you?—West Virginia Taxpayer.

### RING FOUND IN SEWER PROVES VALUABLE

Jacksonville, Fla.—Eight years ago city employee James McLendon gave his wife a ring he found while cleaning out the city sewerage system.

His wife, Victoria, wore it until the band broke recently. When she took it to a jeweler for repairs he looked at the ring and called police. The diamond and platinum ornament was worth at least \$1,000, he said.

Detective Lt. R. A. Strickland checked Mrs. McLendon's story and told her to keep the ring.

"Looks like her old man finally hit the jackpot," he said.

### SCUTTLED

One sweet thing to another: "He not only lied to me about the size of his yacht but he made me do the rowing!"

## Youth and Mother Of Six Settle Down To Married Life

Knoxville, Tenn.—A husky 17-year-old and the 45-year-old grandmother who "fought against loving him" settled down to married life in the bride's home last week.

Mrs. Ann Statum, divorced mother of six children, became Mrs. Clarence Wilson Houk here recently at a courthouse ceremony. The bridegroom's father, McKinley Houk, signed the marriage license for his son.

"We know we're going against public opinion," Mrs. Houk said. "But we want people to understand that it took courage to finally make this step."

### RUINED THE PLANS

The little boy was heartbroken when he found his pet turtle lying on its back, quite still, at the edge of the pond.

"Never mind," his father said, "we'll make a little coffin for him and put a tiny picket fence around his grave. Then we'll get a stone and put name on it and we'll invite all your friends to the funeral." The boy consented enthusiastically.

All the arrangements were made and as the procession arrived at the pond to pick up the lamented, it was seen swimming gaily about. The young owner stared for a minute at his resurrected friend then said, "Let's kill him."

### BRIGHT BOY

In his snug little parlor the old Scottish clergyman was pointing out to a little company of his parishioners the manifest virtue of industry and application as opposed to mere cleverness.

"Now ye tak' the McNab brothers, for instance," he explained. "Jock was a clever, handsome lad. Harry was a fine ploddin' worker. The clever lad was left behind in the race for life, he is still poor. The worker was able to leave his widow over 60,000 pounds."

And then the minister's matter-of-fact wife spoiled it all by observing dryly, "Aye, that's true. And I heard yesterday that the bright lad is goin' to marry the widow."

### JUST A CIVIL QUESTION

The saloonkeeper was sleeping soundly at 5 in the morning when the phone rang.

"What time do you open?" asked a voice on the phone.

"Eight o'clock," roared the saloonkeeper, slamming down the receiver.

Two minutes later the phone rang again.

"What time did you say you open?" asked the same voice.

"Eight o'clock and you won't get in a minute before."

"Who wants to get in?" asked the voice. "I wanna get out."

### A CREDIT TO HER

Tom: "My, but the girl you just introduced to me is magnetic."

Bill: "She ought to be. Everything she has on is charged."

## One-Legged Hunter May Lose Other

Rhineland, Miss.—A one-legged man was wounded badly in his good leg by a bullet fired by another one-legged deer hunter.

Melvin Kuhnert, 31, Route 2, Wausau, who lost his right leg in a bird hunting accident eleven years ago, was taken to a Rhineland hospital where surgeons worked to save his shattered left leg.

The accident occurred while Kuhnert and Ervin Tritten, 35, also of Route 2, Wausau, were walking through woods about ten miles west of here. The two men had hunted together frequently in past years.

Undersheriff Donald Krouze of Oneida County said Tritten explained he thought he saw and heard a deer in the brush and fired at a distance of 100 yards.

### DOG GONE RIGHT

During a class discussion on taxes, the teacher asked Bobby to give her an example of indirect tax.

"The dog tax," he replied.

"Why is that an indirect tax?" asked the teacher.

"Because," answered Bobby, "the dog doesn't pay it."

## Woman Tabs Men As Smarter Sex

Cambridge, Eng.—Any belief women are as smart as men has been tagged as nonsense—by a woman.

Miss Kathleen Watts, a psychologist, said experiments she made with 700 students at British universities proved beyond doubt that men are the more intelligent sex.

Miss Watts, under auspices of the British Medical Research Council, gave her subjects various intelligence tests. The men excelled at all.

The women were especially deficient in the ability to solve problems which require reasoning problems which require reasoning were involved. Men also were much quicker to learn by practice.

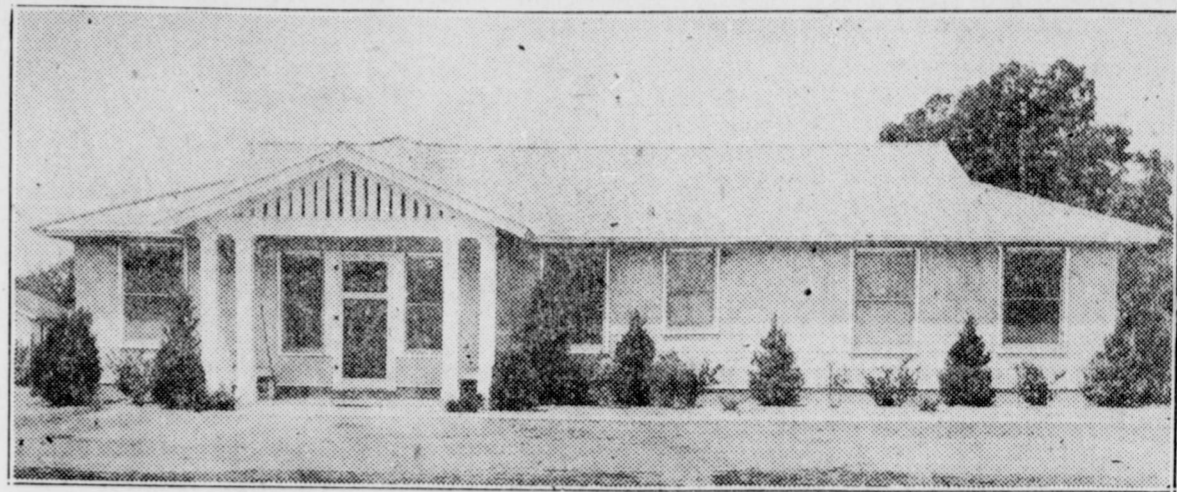
The questions and problems were devised by a woman—Dr. Alice Heims of Cambridge University.

### BENT DOUBLE

Jane (a city gal in a farm orchard): "What crooked trees! Why, they're almost bent double!"

Susie (her country cousin): "You'd be bent double, too, if you were full of green apples."

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



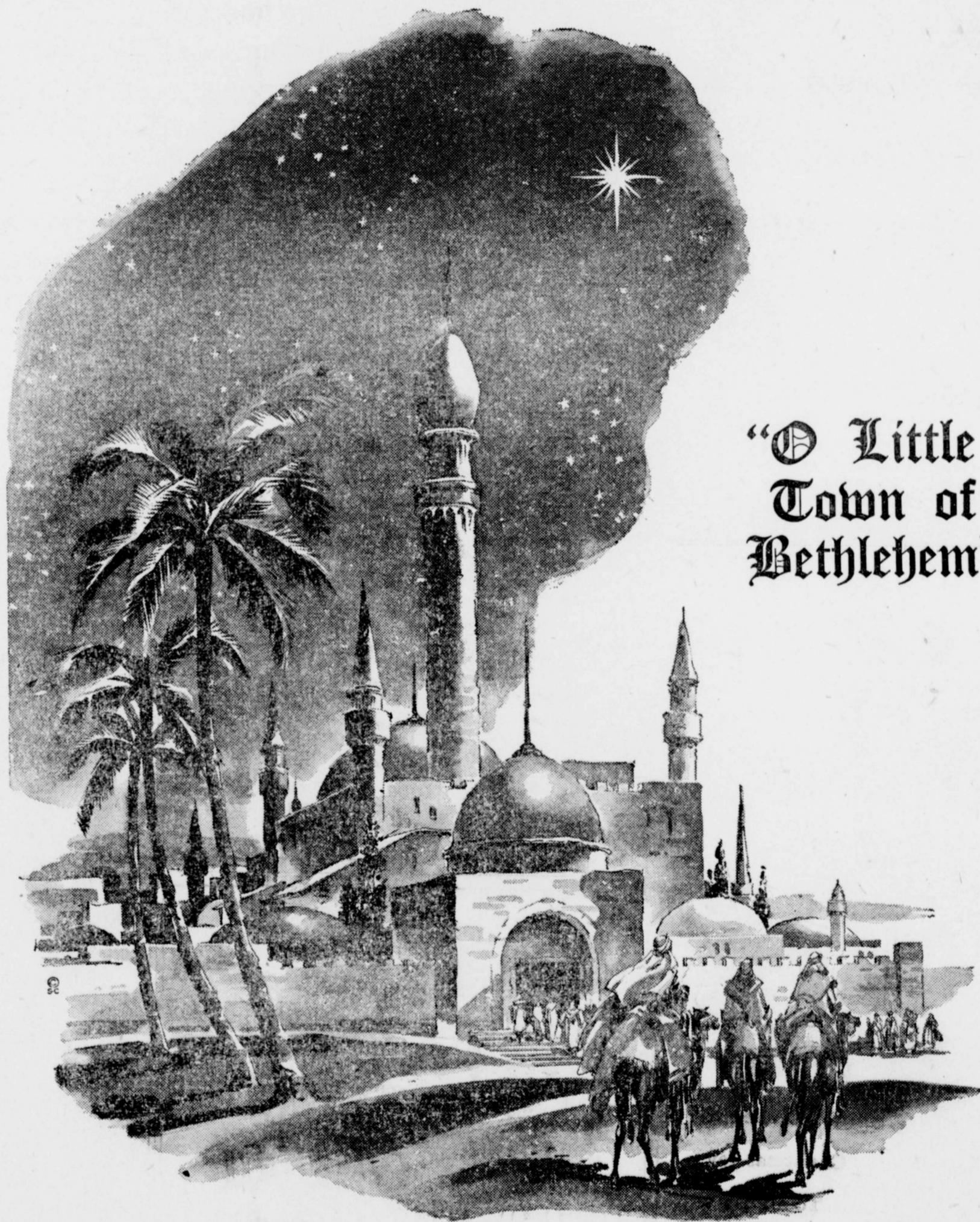
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## To Our Friends

May we have the pleasure of extending to you, one and all, our sincere desire for all the good things that you may wish for... Our ever increasing circle of friends has made this Christmas a very happy one for us... and we only hope that you, too, will receive your share of happiness.

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## New Fair Dealers Knew What to Do With Winnings When They Had Won

R. D. Johnston of Fort Worth, in a letter to the Dallas News, gives the New-Fair Dealers a slow burn with the following:

"We will be in there fighting because we know how to win and we know what to do with our winnings when we win."

The above is quoted from one of the hot-air channels put out by Sam Rayburn who was overwhelmingly repudiated by Texans in last year's election.

We all agree that Rayburn and his New-Fair-Dealers know what to do with their winnings when they win. They knew how to play politics with human misery. They knew how to force recipients of WPA money to vote for people whom, deep down in their hearts, they opposed. They knew how to put a poultryman in jail for dressing a sick chicken—not for selling it. They knew how to put a tailor in jail for pressing a pair of pants five cents cheaper than his competitors.

They knew how to put an Oklahoma farmer in jail because he fed his own peanuts to his own hogs. They knew how to get deep freezers and mink coats into

the right hands. They knew how to destroy corn, cotton, wheat, cattle, sheep and hogs so the ill-fed and ill-clothed could completely starve and freeze. They knew how to squander billions of dollars trying to buy prosperity, only to make a miserable failure.

They knew how to "maneuver Japan into firing the first shot," as a face-saving device, after nine years of New Deal fumbling and bungling. They knew how to get people in responsible positions in the government who not only betrayed their friends, they proved traitors to their country. They knew how to take the slimy fingers of corruption into every nook and cranny of the government, even into the very sanctum sanctorum of the White House.

They knew how to send untrained, unarmed and untried American boys into Korea to fight a "police action" they were afraid to try to win because they might make "Good Old Joe" mad. But why continue? I could fill this entire page and only scratch the surface. Haven't we had enough of the "we know how to use our winnings" crowd? Are we that stupid?

Thomas Jefferson was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, D. C. The date, 1801, at least \$300,000.



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

### 'Teaspoonful' Isn't What It Used to Be

Charleston, S. C.—A convention of the Pharmacists' Association here came to the conclusion that a "teaspoonful" is no longer a standard measure.

The pharmacists said if a housewife looks in the family silver drawer, especially if the collection is of unmatched sets, she'll find all shapes and sizes of teaspoons. The convention also pointed out that the average person can't tell the difference between a teaspoon and dessert spoon.

The group recommended that United States Pharmacopoeia, standard book of pharmaceutical measures, be revised to cope with the discrepancy in teaspoon measures.

A Shoshone Indian girl named Sacajawea, which means "Bird Woman," guided the Lewis and Clark Expedition through the Northwest.

### Soft Soaping Fails To Get Smoke

Logan, Utah.—Louie Guinn was clean but his getaway wasn't.

That's because he tried literally to soft soap his way out of Cache County jail.

Guinn tried to slither through the narrow jail bars by lathering himself with soap. But he got caught at the hips.

Officers took a cue from Guinn's soap to get him back into the cell. But it was no soap. Hacksaws were too slow, and after three hours a welding torch finally cut through the bars.

Guinn said he wanted to leave his cell just "to get a sack of tobacco."

### NEAR-RECORD CROPS PREDICTED FOR NATION

Washington.—The Bureau of Agricultural Economics predicts that crops this year will be the third largest on record.

The agency said that prospects

### Publishing Dates Are Moved Up For Holiday Issues

This newspaper is published a day earlier than usual this week and next.

Both holidays come on Friday this year. With the postoffices observing the holidays, subscribers would not receive their local paper until the following Saturdays, if the schedule had not been moved up.

The customary Christmas and New Year greeting ads will be found in these issues, so they will be in the homes throughout the holiday season, and a day before each holiday.

Business concerns, who have not already been contacted and would like to run New Year ads are asked to notify us.

### PARROTT BELIEVED 117 YEARS OF AGE

Freemont, Neb.—Mrs. Roy Lambrecht has a parrot she thinks is at least 117 years old.

"My grandmother got him in Omaha and had him 55 years," she explains. "Then her daughter had him for 45 years before giving him to me. I've had him for 17 years, and now he's beginning to show his age. But I think he'll probably outlive me."

are that crops will almost reach the 1952 volume, but will be below the 1948 all-time high.

### Govt. Purchases of Meat Strengthens Cattle Market

Government purchases of beef for domestic uses and export, started last April, will amount to about 220 or 225 million pounds by the end of the year, according to information received from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is the equivalent of more than 750,000 head of cattle.

Contracts for the government purchases were let during the summer but delivery schedules have been planned to increase cattle demand during the fall months when marketings are heaviest and there is the greatest need for stabilizing the market.

Sharp drops in cattle prices, which started their downward trend two years ago, are largely the result of increased marketings from a record national cattle herd of 94 million head. Drouth has complicated the situation by stepping up marketings, particularly of lower-grade cattle, and reducing the normal demand for animals for high-finish feeding and herd replacements.

The bulk of the government beef purchases were arranged by the Department of Agriculture for distribution through the school lunch program and non profit institutions. About 18 million pounds were purchased by the Foreign Operations Administration for overseas supply.

The army post at Fort Bragg, N. C., is the largest in this country, from the standpoint of area. It occupies 120,477.39 acres.

### Nature Decorates Church Lawn

Nature has really done a good job of decorating the lawn at the Presbyterian church in Deport. The pyracantha bushes in the flower bed at the front of the building are loaded with bright red berries.

The Rev. Joe Everheart, pastor, a great lover of flowers, has enhanced the beauty of the colorful red berries against the background of the other green shrubs by placing lights, which are turned on each night, in front of them. They for a picture of beauty that is worth your time to drive by and see.

### TEXAS POPULATION UP 5 PER CENT SINCE 1950

Washington.—Booming Texas registered the nation's second largest population gain in the period from April 1, 1950, to July 1, 1952, the Census Bureau reported.

The census takers in their latest estimate reported that the Lone Star State's population climbed from 7,711,000 to 8,184,000 in the period—an increase of 5.4 per cent.

**A Joyous Yuletide**

May every one of your fondest wishes descend from the stage of dreams and become actual realities and may the New Year bring you an increased measure of...

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*Greetings*

To One  and All

Inspired by the thoughts of pleasant associations during the past we are only too glad to send you a little Christmas sentiment that carries with it genuine thankfulness for all the blessings that have come our way.

We send to you, not only as a customer, but as a friend—our best wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

**Happy New Year!**

**LAMAR CREAMERY**  
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**Merry Christmas**

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU...

*Merry Christmas*

It's a **Busy Season** for **LONG DISTANCE**

Like Santa Claus, Long Distance telephone lines will be mighty busy on the Christmas week-end.

Friends and relatives all over the country will want to exchange greetings. Most of these calls will go through promptly...but there will be some delays, particularly on calls to distant points.

*Thank You*

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**CANDLES OF THE YULETIDE**

May your Christmas candles burn brightly with happiness, and may your every wish come true.

We cannot bring back the past but we can take a great deal of pleasure in reminding ourselves of the fine things that have been ours to enjoy because of your thoughtfulness and consideration. And with these splendid remembrances we look forward to the future with enthusiasm and anticipation.

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

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**BIG DIFFERENCE**

"What is the principal difference between a rich American and a poor American?" "A poor American washes his Cadillac himself."

**DESTINATION**

"Do you know where bad little girls go?" the psychiatrist asked the four-year-old. "Sure. Everywhere!" was the reply.

**MAN RETURNS AFTER LAPSE OF 29 YEARS**

Memphis. — A 66-year-old man who left on a hunting trip twenty-nine years ago finally returned home last week to find the wife he left behind had remarried and his two sons were grown. Joseph W. Lindsey, then thirty-seven, set out from his home in 1924 with a bird dog, shotgun and a case of shells. Until this week his family had not heard from him although numerous efforts were made to locate him. "It took a lot of courage to come back and face my family after all these years," Lindsey said.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

D. C. JENSEN, 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.  
Wednesday, 7:00 p. m. —Prayer meeting.

Nobody wants the government workers fired, but they do want something done about the chisellers.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

JOE DENTON, 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—W.M.U. Mrs. R. J. Rosson, pres.  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday — Prayer and song service.  
7:00 p. m. Thursday—Brotherhood. M. J. Davis, pres.

**METHODIST CHURCH**

JOHN DVORAK, Pastor  
Sunday School—9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship—11 a. m.  
Youth Fellowship—6 p. m.  
Evening worship—7 p. m.  
Woman's Society of Christian Service—Monday afternoon, 1:30 p. m.  
Mid-week service—Wednesday night, 7 p. m.

**BELOVED BOOK!**

The preacher paid a duty call at the home of a sick member of his flock. After a little while he decided to fulfill his purpose by reading aloud a few verses of scripture, and asked for the family Bible. The sick woman called to her little daughter in the next room. "Darling," she said, "would you please get that old book your mother loves so well." The little girl entered the room promptly with the mailorder catalogue.

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**Talco Activities Ten Years Ago**

**Week of December 24, 1943**

Cpl. George Hazelwood of Sheppard Field, had spent the week end at home. Odell Belcher had received a discharge from the Army. Chief Petty Officer R. L. and Mrs. Taylor had visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bell. Pfc. and Mrs. S. W. Landrum of Los Angeles, Calif., had announced the birth of a son. Buster Johnson had been sent to Fort Knox, Ky., for basic training. Cpl. Laurel Goodloe of Miami, Fla., had been on furlough and had been transferred to Love Field, Dallas. First Lt. W. H. Bogle had been stationed in Washington, D. C., for special training. James E. Croley had been promoted to Pfc. Cpl. L. Barger of Camp Shanks, N. Y., had been on furlough with his mother, Mrs. Williams. Jack Swope, Seaman 1c, had been stationed at Norman, Ok. Mrs. Lyndon Reed had visited her husband at Little Creek, Va. Cpl. C. R. Sikes had been transferred from Salina, Kans., to the Army Air Base at Clovis, N. M. Floyd Lamb, CM2c, based in the Pacific, had written The Times that he had enjoyed getting news from home through the paper. Pfc. Joe B. Temple of Laredo, had been on a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Temple. Pfc. Grant McAnally of Virginia, had been on furlough.

Marriages: Mrs. Myrtis Gieger of Talco and T. K. Thomas of Alba, had been married at the Alba Baptist church. Olen Morris of Argo and Miss Betty Jo Gaddis had been married at the court house by Justice of the Peace Frank Maddison. Miss Bonnie Coe, daughter of Mrs. Pat Crabtree, and Lester Doss of Linden, had married at the home of the minister, W. L. Fritts.

Jerry Wayne Freeman, 3, had undergone major surgery at Scottish Rite Hospital in Dalas.

Fire had destroyed the home of Mrs. Ann Simpson and contents had been a complete loss.

Ray Blankenship had died at a Paris hospital following injuries received when his car crashed into a bridge banister. He was the son of Mrs. Neil Blankenship. Burial was made in Bonham.

William R. Welch, 59, had died at his home in Talco with burial in local cemetery.

Sam H. Holland, 71, had died in a Paris hospital, following a short illness.

Miss Ruby Wright of Deport, and John Lucas Jr. of Stephenville, had been married at the Methodist church at Lordsburg, N. M.

John Nelson had died at home in Mt. Pleasant, after a long illness, with burial in Greenhill cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ois Swaim, a daughter. The father was stationed at Lincoln, Neb.

There were to be no restrictions nor penalties on what the farmer planted in 1944. Marketing quotas had limited farmers on what they could plant in 1943.

This was the Christmas edition with many greetings from merchants to the people of this area. Ceiling price set on corn was \$1.25 per bushel.

John Nelson had died and was

buried at Greenhill. Mrs. E. C. Abernathy of McCrury had received word from her son, Buddie, that he was a prisoner of the Japanese. It was the first word she had received from him in 19 months.

**Week of December 31, 1943**

Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon Blain of Mineral Wells, had visited Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harris. Seaman Sam Barnard, S2c, was stationed in New York. Lt. Wallace R. Garrison of McCloskey Hospital, Temple, had visited his father, W. V. Garrison. Pfc. A. C. Whatley was stationed near Nashville, Tenn. Lt. Morris Unsell was stationed at Mobile, Ala. Sgt. W. R. Sanders had been on leave from Ft. Bliss. Yeoman D. C. Reed was stationed at Little Creek, Va. Pfc. Harver Mask of Camp Swift, had visited Miss Martha Jean Hoffpauir. Pvt. Coy Fry of Sheppard Field, had been on leave. Cpl. Cullie H. Bradley Jr. was stationed at Camp Wallace. Pvt. T. F. Posey of Ft. Sill, Okla., had spent Christmas with his wife and baby. Major and Mrs. W. L. Kelley and son of Muskogee, Ok., had spent the holidays with home folks. Pfc. and Mrs. Lemuel Hargrove of Boque Field, Cherry Point, N. C., had visited his mother, Mrs. Pat Davis. S-Sgt. Warren Belcher was stationed at Camp Gruber, Muskogee, Okla. Jack Swope, Seaman 1c of the Naval Air Technical Training Center, had been on leave. Pfc. James Blalock of Ft. Worth, had visited his family. Pfc. A. N. Parish of Kansas, had been on leave at home. Pvt. William Stringfellow of Greenville, had been called home due to illness of his son, Ronnie.

A. C. Whatley Sr. had died at his home after a lingering illness. Burial had been made in Talco cemetery.

C. Smith, 46, had died from injuries in a fall on ice. Burial was in Liberty Hill cemetery.

Due to slippery highways and freezing weather, many holiday visitors had failed to arrive for Christmas.

Miss Elsie Buchanan and Miss Virginia Blalock were married to Archie and Kenneth Boyd, brothers, in a single ring ceremony by Rev. J. B. Pruitt.

**ONE OR OTHER**

She was obviously annoyed when she returned from her shopping expedition. "John," she said to her husband, "I've just found that the woman next door has a coat exactly the same as mine."

John looked up from his banking account, which he had been trying to balance.

"Well, my dear," he asked, "I suppose you'll want me to buy you a new coat?" "Yes," she replied. "It would be cheaper than moving wouldn't it?"

**POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION**

A pretty, young lady presented a check at the bank window for cashing. The teller examined it quickly and asked, "Can you identify yourself?"

Whereupon the young lady dipped into her purse and pulled out a small mirror. She glanced in it for a moment and then looked up and said, "Yes, it's me all right."



**Whoops! It's Christmas Again!**

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

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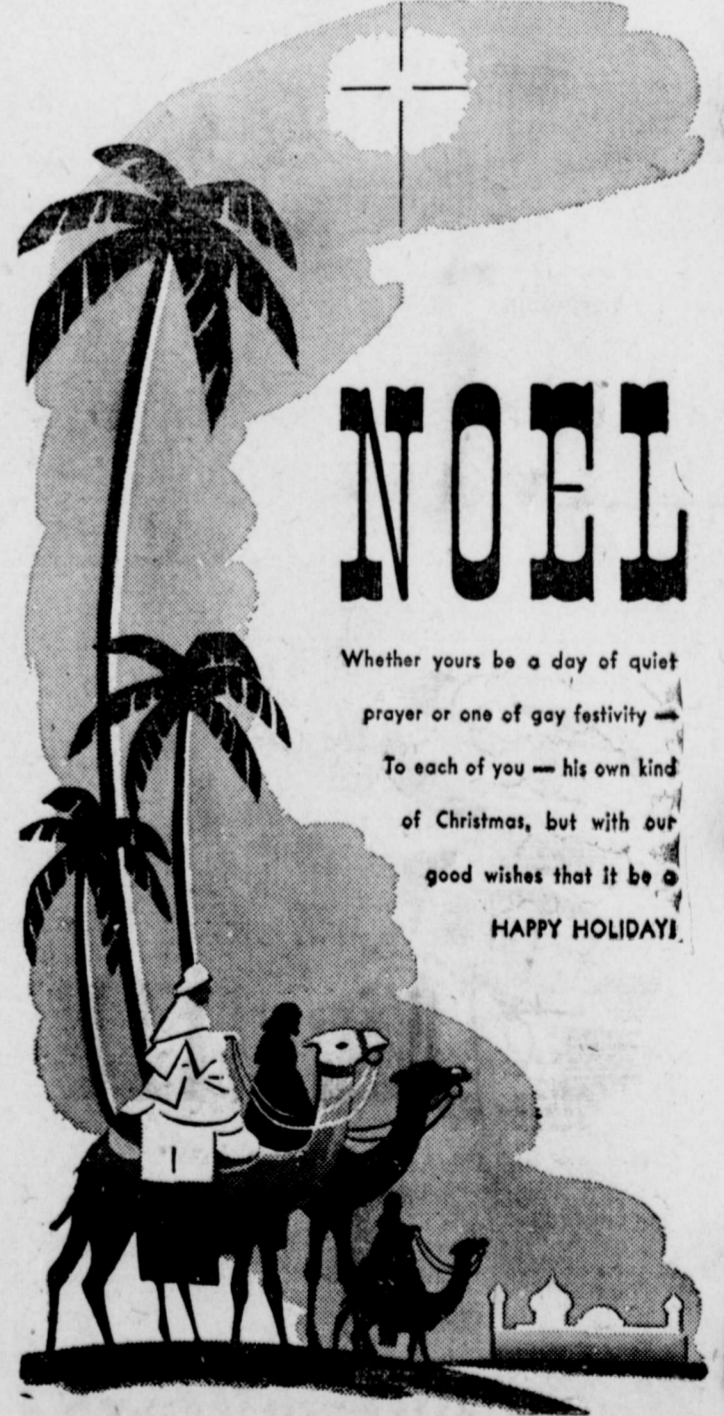
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May we convey our sincerest hopes that you, our friends, will enjoy a most happy, cheerful Holiday!

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Whether yours be a day of quiet prayer or one of gay festivity — To each of you — his own kind of Christmas, but with our good wishes that it be a **HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

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