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FARM NEWS

From the County PMA Committee

1952 PROGRAM

We are ready to start on the 1952 Program any time. If you need any of the practices listed below that were approved for Donley County come by the office and let us know.

1. Large Ridge Terraces—70% of the cost not to exceed \$2.00 per 100 feet.
2. Diversions—70% of the cost not to exceed 8c per cubic yard.
3. Waterways—50% of cost not to exceed maximum amount specified by county committee.
4. Erosion control or Spreader Dams—8c per cubic yard.
5. Deep Plowing—A. 12 to 15 inches, \$2.00 acre; B. 15 to 18 inches, \$3.00 acre; C. 18 inches or deeper, \$5.00 acre.
6. Control of Bindweed—Different rates depending on method used.
7. Wells for livestock water—\$3.00 per linear foot for well cased with 6 inch casing or larger.
8. Earthen Dams—10c per cubic yard.
9. Phosphate — 20%, \$1.06 per 100 pounds.
10. Winter Legumes—
11. Rye
12. Control of Sagebrush—Mechanical treatment or treatment with formulations of 2, 4-D—\$1.20 per acre.
13. Pasture Seeding—Different rates.

Remember that you must have a form on file in the county office showing the practices you want to carry out in 1952. An approval cannot be issued to you until this form is on file.

APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT

Your applications for payment are ready for your signature. If you carried out a practice in 1951, come by and sign your application.

1951 APPROVALS

If you have an approval for a 1951 practice, remember that it must be completed by December 31, 1951. If it is not completed by then it will have to be cancelled. If the practice is completed, bring your approval to the office as soon as possible.

COTTON SURVEY CARDS

Remember to send your cotton survey cards back to the office as soon as you have completed harvesting your crop.

AGRICULTURAL PRICE SUPPORT

Cotton producers who placed their 1951 cotton in the CCC cotton loan program have been receiving \$45 to \$55 per bale above the loan value plus loan charges. Producers who placed their 1951 grain sorghum in the loan have been redeeming their grain and receiving about 50 cents per hundredweight above the loan value plus loan expense.

Producers who signed purchase agreements with CCC, which guaranteed growers the loan rate on their grain, may sell their grain now at the advanced prices without permission of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The CCC price support programs are designed to assist farmers to orderly market their crops. The program is working to the advantage of the producers this year, according to B. F. Vance, Chairman of the State Committee of the Production and Marketing Administration.

Mrs. Maggie Deal motored to Wellington one day last week; also visited an uncle in Quail before returning home.

Donley County Soil Conservation District News

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season to all farmers and ranchers are extended by the District Supervisors and the Soil Conservation Service employees.

To improve your chances for a prosperous 1952 and years to come, a few New Year's Resolutions are suggested:

1. Seed to grass all idle or unproductive cropland.
2. Include soil protecting and soil improving crops such as legumes and grasses in your cropping system.
3. Maintain or build up old terraces that have worn down and are no longer adequate to control erosion.
4. Construct additional terraces, dams, waterways needed for erosion control on your farm.
5. Leave ample crop residues on the land to aid in preventing blowing and washing.
6. Control sage, mesquite, and other undesirable plants in your pastures to improve their carrying capacity.
7. Provide better distribution of grazing where needed by constructing farm ponds, windmills, etc.
8. Begin a pasture improvement program with an ultimate goal of higher carrying capacity.

We, the District Supervisors, SCS employees, and other agencies have resolved for the coming year to try to be of more help to you in planning and applying the conservation measures needed on your farm.

40 Et 8 Sponsoring New Year's Dance

The local 40 et 8 of the American Legion is sponsoring the New Year's Eve Dance to be held here at the Legion Hall Monday night, December 31st. Wayne Crisp and His Palo Duro Ranch Boys will furnish the music. Admission will be \$1 per person and the starting time will be 9 p. m.

VICTIM OF BURNS

Mrs. W. L. Scott of Farmington, Ark. is a patient in the Fayetteville, Ark. Hospital suffering from burns on the feet. Mrs. Scott, the former Gladys Wright, had made plans to spend the holidays with relatives here. The cause or extent of her burns is not known. Word of her misfortune reached Clarendon Thursday afternoon.

HOME FOR XMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Neely Hudson received a wonderful surprise Wednesday night when their son Allan Dwayne Hudson called them from San Francisco telling them he would be home for Xmas. Dwayne has been based at Yokosuka, Japan and after reporting at the base at San Diego will come to Clarendon for the holidays.

XMAS DINNER

Mrs. A. G. Lane will have several of her children with her Sunday for a Christmas dinner. Those expected to be here are Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Ford, Nancy and Charles of White Deer, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lane, Jr. and children, Pat and Tommy of Guthrie, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lane and Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dorr and son of Denver, Colorado will arrive in Clarendon December 23, to spend the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Thomas and family.

Hedley Farm To Market Road Approved

The Texas Highway Department has notified the Leader that the designated Farm to Market Road out of Hedley has been approved under the 1951-53 program. The official notification from Mr. D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, read as follows:

"In Donley County a Farm-to-Market Road from State 203 in Hedley Northwest & North to road intersection, a distance of approximately 5.3 Miles, is hereby designated subject to the availability of funds in the Farm-to-Market Road Fund of the State Highway Department as established by Senate Bill 287, Acts 1949, 51st Legislature and appropriated by House Bill 426, Acts 1951, 52nd Legislature, for the improvement of Farm-to-Market Roads by the Texas Highway Department during the biennium from September 1, 1951 to August 31, 1953, and subject to the further condition that Donley County will furnish all required right-of-way free of cost to the State.

"Upon acceptance of the provisions of this Order by the proper officials of Donley County the State Highway Engineer is directed to proceed with the preparation of plans for construction and when right-of-way and funds are available to proceed with construction and to assume the road for maintenance upon completion of construction."

This Is Your Local Merchant's Xmas Greeting Edition

This issue of your Donley County Leader is the annual Christmas Edition this year which is devoted to Christmas Greeting advertisements of local merchants, Christmas stories, articles, etc. Turn through each section of this edition and read the many greetings and ads of appreciation from your local merchants. They want each and everyone to know that without your patronage and good will their business would not be in existence today. Over 75 business firms and individuals are represented and have used the Leader as a medium of advertising to convey their greetings at this time.

We hope everyone enjoys reading this issue of the Leader as much as the Leader force has enjoyed bringing it to you.

This issue of your Leader carries the December 27th date line. Your next issue will be published on Thursday, January 3, 1951. Until then, we wish each and everyone of our readers "A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year."

SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Marvin Jones, long a resident of Donley County, suffered a heart attack early Wednesday morning. He is a patient in the Odom-Dryden Hospital in Memphis and is reported to be resting fairly well at this time.

Christmas Dance Tonite (Monday) At Legion Hall

Tonight, Monday, December 24, marks the third and final of a series of Holiday dances in Clarendon during the Yuletide season. The Christmas Eve dance is being sponsored by the local American Legion. Emmett Allen and his Sunset Ramblers will furnish the music.

"The public is cordially invited to come out and celebrate here at home instead of getting out on the crowded highways and taking a chance on having an accident," one of the Legionnaires stated.

First Graders Present Program

Students of the two first grade rooms taught by Mrs. C. R. Brown and Mrs. O'Donald Ballew presented the program at P.T.A. Thursday afternoon. The children gave a wonderful performance of a skit portraying the Nativity Scene with part of the group making up the choir, singing Christmas songs. To complete the program, Rev. John English led in prayer.

Thanks go to the first graders for their delightful program and to the parents who turned out in such good numbers to be on hand for this Christmas story.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Burton left Sunday to spend the holidays with their daughter in Midland.

New C-C Board Of Directors To Meet December 27th

Bob Moss, President of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce, has called a special meeting of the new Board of Directors to meet Thursday night, December 27th. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Chamber office. Committee appointments and the annual membership drive will be the principal items on the agenda.

Members of the C of C Board of Directors for 1952 were installed at a meeting on December 17. Besides President Moss, members of the Board of Directors are Maurice, "Butch" Lane, Vice-President; Willard Skelton, Alvin Landers, Noel T. Cudd, Junior Spier and W. W. Sandifer.

Contract Completed On Lelia Lake Wildcat Well

Drilling operations on the S. Myers No. 1 Wildcat located three miles northeast of Lelia Lake were completed Wednesday night of last week when the contract depth of 6,500 feet was reached. Character of the well was described as dry to this depth. Granite was the formation. It was reported that casing in the well would be pulled some time after Christmas.

This well was drilled by a group of men composed of James L. Young, Charles F. Garlitz, G. C. Dunham, W. W. Hollingsworth and M. L. Suggs, all of Ft. Worth. The drilling contractor was the Alan Drilling Co. of Wichita Falls.

C-C OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY CLINIC

Mr. Ralph E. Duncan, manager of the Community Service Department of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, from Abilene, will be in Clarendon January 3rd, to meet with the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. While here Mr. Duncan will discuss plans for a Community Clinic which will be conducted by the local Chamber later in the month.

Winter Rolls In Ahead of Schedule

Winter weather rolled in ahead of the official start of winter by several hours when a cold norther accompanied by light snow greeted residents of this area early Friday morning. The temperature stayed below the 20 degree mark all day Friday and dropped to 8 degrees Friday night. Dalhart reported a minus 4. The official date for winter to begin was Saturday morning, December 22nd.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

This Xmas season will bring many visitors to your home or perhaps you will be able to visit with friends or relatives, in other towns. Whoever may be the case, you are invited to call 418 and turn in these items, for it is always interesting to see how friends have enjoyed the holidays. It is impossible to call each individual and often news is missed for this reason. Your cooperation will be appreciated. The phone number is 418.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jones are spending the holidays in Flagstaff, Arizona with her mother.

Christmas Lighting Contest Winners Announced

Picking the winners in the Christmas Lighting Contest posed quite a problem to the contest judge as he made his rounds of the entrants last Wednesday night. A. C. Hudson, who acted as judge on the commercial lighting in Amarillo last year, judged the local entrants.

Hudson was very enthusiastic about the lighting he found in Clarendon and commented, "This is the type of lighting that you would expect to find in towns twice the size of Clarendon." He expressed concern that several local residents had not entered in the contests.

In the residential lighting division, the Three Wise Men in the window of the Thomas J. Perkins home won first place; Santa Claus and his reindeer at the C. T. McMurry home won second place and the Charles G. Speed home was adjudged as third place winner. Checks will be presented at an early date.

Winners in the Commercial Lighting Contest are Lane and McCully Insurance Agency, first place; Dr. J. Gordon Stewart Clinic window, second place and Skelton Brothers Clothing Co., third place. Certificates of Community Service will be presented to the commercial winners.

Jimmy Faulkner, local Chamber of Commerce manager, expressed disappointment that there were so many residences and retail stores that did not enter the contest after they had decorated for Christmas. "Only the residences and stores who filled in an entry blank were considered in the judging but I would like to say THANKS to everyone who decorated their yards and windows and to every merchant who put a display depicting the Christmas theme in his windows," Faulkner added.

A Few Words of Appreciation

The Leader force at this time wishes to extend a few words of appreciation in regard to the publication of this Christmas Greeting Edition of the Leader and a number of things that have made the Leader more worthwhile throughout the past year. We want to express our gratitude to our advertisers who have certainly been very considerate in letting us have their copy early in order to make this edition possible.

At this time we would also like to say that we have a very efficient staff of community reporters and they have been very considerate in writing up their news and getting it in to us during the rush period and throughout the year. They have represented their respective communities to the fullest extent and we know that their neighbors appreciate their efforts as much or more than we.

So, in extending these words of appreciation we would like to include them right along with the Leader force in telling you, the public in general, how much your cooperation in turning in news items has meant to us and to the progress of our community.

Rural correspondents for the Leader are: Mrs. Doyce Graham, Ashtola; Mrs. H. R. King, Lelia Lake; Mrs. J. H. Helton, Martin; Mrs. Carl Barker, Hudgins; Mrs. John Goldston, Midway.



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Church News

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. James Comiskey
Mass Every Sunday at 9:00 A. M.

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. John A. English, Pastor
SUNDAY
Church School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a. m.
Intermediate Fellowship, 6:30 p. m.

Methodist Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7:00 p. m.
WEDNESDAY
Woman's Society of Christian Service, 3:30 p. m.
Homemakers' Circle, Fourth Wednesdays, 4:00 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Robt. L. Cowan, D. D., Minister
Sabbath school at 9:45
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Evening Service at 7:00 p. m.
A Welcome always.

MARTIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Ernest Phillips, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 A. M.
Geo. Bulman, Supt.
Preaching Service—11:00 A. M.
Training Union—7:30 P. M.
Frank Cannon, Director.
Preaching Service—8:30 P. M.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Service—7:30 P. M.
"The Church with a Friendly Welcome."

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
James T. Mitchell, Minister
SUNDAY SERVICES
Bible School—9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship and Communion—10:45 A. M.
Young people's meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Adult Forum—6:30 P. M.
Evangelistic Service—7:30 P. M.
WEDNESDAY
Ladies meeting—3:00 P. M.
Everyone Welcome

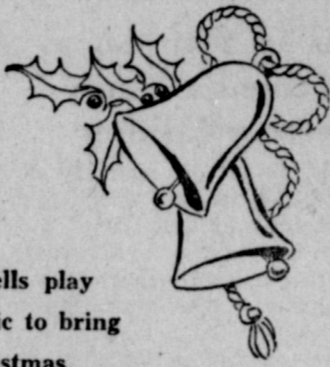
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
L. A. Sartain, Pastor
J. C. Arthur, Mus. & Ed.

SUNDAY
9:45—Bible School
Billie Lowe, Supt.
11:00—Worship Hour
6:30—Training Union
Dale Hill, Director
7:30—Worship Hour
WEDNESDAY
3:00—W. M. S.
4:15—G. A.
7:00—Sunday School Officers and Teachers meeting.
7:45—Mid-Week Prayer Service
8:30—Choir Practice.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
R. C. Copeland Jr., Minister
Services Sunday Morning—10:00
Young peoples meeting 6:30
Sunday evening 7:00
Preaching 7:00
Ladies Bible Class Wednesday afternoon 3:00
Midweek Services
Wednesday evening 7:00
You are invited.

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Merry Christmas



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Phone 149

WITH BEST WISHES



FOR CHRISTMAS

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C. E. Killough Phone 44

MERRY CHRISTMAS NEIGHBOR

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E-Z LAUNDRY

CHESTER VAUGHN, Owner

We Celebrate CHRISTMAS

As we pause in the observance of this gala occasion, we wish to send a sincere message containing our Yuletide wish to each of you.

On this great day of festivity we wish you all the joys and happiness you so richly deserve as a reward for your loyalty and goodwill. We are humbly grateful for the friendships we have enjoyed and for the many kindnesses accorded us during the year just coming to a close. We hope that all of you may be favored with health, happiness and the contentment that comes from them.



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The Fun of



JOYLAND

at Christmas

REMEMBER the thrill of finding those treasures and surprises under your tree on Christmas morning? Do you recall the supreme happiness of your first doll or train? Those were Christmas thrills so delightful they can never be forgotten.

Although you have outgrown these childhood joys, we're certain you recall them vividly. And that's the kind of happiness we're wishing for you this Christmas time.



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Letters To Santa-

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a tractor and trailer and some other little cars. I have a big sister named Helen. She wants a necklace, a house coat. I have a little sister, named Jerry. She wants a tractor and trailer and doll named Sugar. I have a little brother named Rex. He will be six months old Xmas day. He wants a bear and a little red truck. Please bring all some nuts, candy and fruit.

Love,
Jackie Row

Denley County Leader, \$2.50 year

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll or dishes and a bed, too, for me.

Love,
Olga Cardenas

Dear Santa,
I go to school at Ashtola. I am ten years old. I want a doll, a suitcase, and some clothes for my self. Be sure and not forget the other boys and girls. Thank you very, very much.

Your friend,
Linda Kay Hardin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a wagon and steam shovel.

I love you,
Robert Tolbert

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle and a steam shovel.

I love you,
Charles Thompson

Dear Santa,
Be sure and remember all little boys and girls. I would like to have spurs, cowboy suit, boots, hat and gun.

Love,
Mike Heath

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want hair curlers, a brush and a mirror, a jump rope and a doll. Don't forget my brothers and sister.

Your friend,
Jeanne Gray

want a tool set and farm. I, Freddie, want a tool set and an Express station. For all of us together we would like a cash register and blackboard.

Love,
Freddy, Ronnie and Dwight McAnear

Dear Santa,
I go to Ashtola school. I am 9 years old. I will want a pair of house shoes, snow-boots, table and chairs, dishes, doll that has hair and clothes, doll blanket, doll buggy, doll bed, nurse set, desk and chair and a suitcase. Thank you very much. Do not forget the other boys and girls.

Your friend,
Elizabeth Graham

fellow all year so my mother says. I would like for you to bring me 2 guns and holsters, also a wagon and a guitar. Would like some candy, fruits and nuts. I will leave my stocking over the fireplace so please leave me some nice things.

I love you lots,
Ronnie Anderson

Dear Santa,
I'm a little girl 7 years old and in the second grade. I have tried to be a good little girl. Santa, if you will, please bring me a baby doll, a set of dishes and a drum, candy and nuts. And don't forget my brother Gene who is in Japan and all the other boys over there.

Your little friend,
Carol Ann Evans

some toys. We would like to have a little filling station, some guns, a little pedal car, and a pony on wheels. Bring some fruit, candy and nuts.

Thank you,
Larry & Rickie Dingler

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy, one year old. Please bring me a red cattle truck, a rocking chair and a

tractor. Don't forget my little cousin, Mike.

Love,
Stanley Brack LaGrone

Dearest Santa,
Bring me a high chair and a teething ring.

Love,
Mike Graham

Donley County Leader, \$2.50 year

To ALL OF YOU
WE EXTEND
Christmas GREETINGS

CLARENDON ABSTRACT CO.

C. C. POWELL

Dear Santa Claus,
We are three little boys, the same three McAnear boys who wrote you last year. We were very proud of the things you brought last year and are looking forward to your coming this year. I, Freddie, am the youngest. I, Ronnie, am the middle one, and I, Dwight, am the oldest. Santa, at school I wrote you a letter and asked for a B. B. pistol and army set but if it isn't too late I would like to change it for a tool set and Filling Station. I, Ronnie,

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 3 years old and like all 3 year olds I have been fairly good though this year so would like for you to bring me twin dollies, a buggy and set of dishes; also fruit, nuts and candy. Please don't forget my baby brother Billy Jack. He has also been good.

I love you lots,
Janice Karol Anderson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 2 years old and have been a pretty good little

Dear Santa,
We are three little sisters and we have been very good. Would you bring us some dolls and toys and candy for Christmas. We are 4, 3 and 1 year old.

We love you,
Linda, Carole and Connie Humphrey

Dear Santa,
We are 2 little boys ages 2 and 4. We have been good boys, so be sure and don't forget to bring us

Greetings

Best Wishes for a JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

Connie's Radio Service

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CHRISTMAS

Friendship Wishes for

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BEST WISHES

for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

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to Make You Happy!

Let's prepare a warm welcome for the kindly old gentleman. He's not likely to pass up the type of people we have in this community, the finest anywhere. He likes to visit where folks are friendly, considerate, thoughtful and that is just what we have here. We know from experience. So, friends, get ready! Old Santa's sure to come by.

Let's give him the warmest, kindest reception he ever had, one that will remain with him through the Christmas season and for many years to come.



Mr. and Mrs. Early Lane

Society

Mrs. G. W. Estlack, Society Editor
Phone 418

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Carolyn Thomas and Charlotte Brown entertained a number of their friends with a party at the Canteen Monday night. The entertaining rooms were decorated with Mistletoe and Christmas balls. The group played games and danced throughout the evening.

Refreshments of Cokes and cake were served by Mrs. Homer Thomas and Mrs. Skeet Brown to Linda Lamberth, Wanda Lewis, Paula Skelton, Glenda Borden, Beth Gillham, Phyllis Hill, Thelma Hudson, Rose Lee, Otis Leek, Francis Wright, Mary Francis McCully, Melissa McCully, Betty Brown, Mary Ann Longan, Jeanne McAnear, Shirley Chilton, Marion Martin, Margaret Cushing, Joyce Crutchfield, Jackie Estlack, Harlene Smith, Jane Hill, Carolyn Thomas and Charlotte Brown, also Bobby Daniels, Billy Mac Hicks, Tommy Blasingame, Wayne Brown, Herald Stogner, Harold Holland, Keith Schollenbarger, Gene Alderson, Eddie Johnson, Donald Adams, George Thompson, Bernice Benson, Lloyd Martin, John Payne, Keith Pittman, Jimmy Carter, Jimmy Gattis, and Clyde Thomas.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR F.F.A. AND F.H.A.

The Future Farmers and Future Homemakers enjoyed a Christmas party in the Home-making Department Monday night. A Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with the usual decorations and gifts.

The program was opened with the group singing a Xmas song led by Mayrene Phillips. Wileta Riney read "Day After Christmas." Bill Noblett also read a Christmas story. Jean Wallace and Eva Lane passed out the gifts, and everyone had a nice time opening their gift.

Numerous games were played after the gifts were opened. Hot chocolate and cookies were served to 36 members. Everyone reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schollenbarger and family will visit Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Roper at Darrouzette. Tuesday they will visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Schollenbarger at Perryton.

Melade DeGaish, student of Trinity University at San Antonio, arrived home Friday night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. DeGaish and other relatives.

Jackie Brooks, A&M student, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brooks.

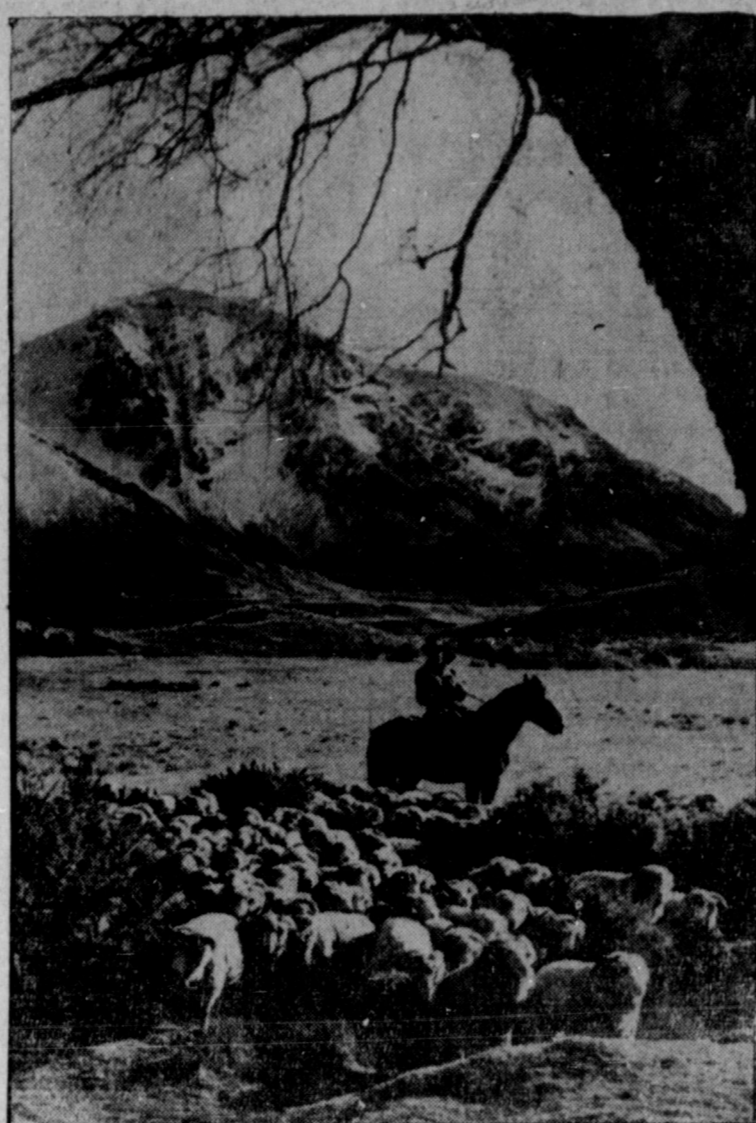
Mrs. E. M. Ozier left Saturday to spend the holidays in Ft. Worth with her daughter.

We need forest fire protection to prevent destruction of food and cover for game birds and mammals, to prevent soil erosion, and to regulate stream flow.

FAMILY HOME FOR XMAS

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Richerson of Hedley are expecting all their children for Christmas. Those to come for the holidays are Mrs. Owen Moore and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Woody Richerson of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Richerson and baby of Shamrock, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Richerson and family of Hugoton, Kansas, Jean Richerson of Ralls, and Ruth and Loyd Richerson of Clarendon.

Drew Christie, student of New Mexico A&M at Las Cruces, is spending the holidays with home folks.



RAM ROUNDUP—A lone horseman, keeping a close eye on his herd, drives a flock of Merino rams toward a gathering point at Mesopotamia station in New Zealand. During such trips the fuzzy-coated ram-bunctious animals—and herdsman, too—get little time to enjoy the majestic scenery that surrounds them.

Gabie Retts Burton Library Notes

By May L. Prewitt

The first books we shall mention are junior books—"Vison The Mink" by John and Jean George in Jr. Literary Guild book that will fascinate any reader who enjoys animal stories. Next is "Thad Owen" by Hazel Wilson that has been mentioned before perhaps. It is a realistic representation of a boy's characteris-

tics. Adults would enjoy it. A gift book for the girls is "The Luck of the Salabors."

The adult shelf has these fiction editions: "The Circle of the Day" by Helen Howe, and "Morning Journey" by James Hilton. The latter is a 1951 production that appeared as an abridgement in a recent Omnibook. Then "Tales from the Vienna Woods—The Story of Johann Strauss" by David Ewen can be enjoyed by adults and teenagers.

A fund for a Christmas Memorial book or books, was donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Sims by their daughter,

Merry CHRISTMAS FROM THE WORLD'S CHAMPION OL' SANTA and YOUR PUBLISHERS

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YOUR PANHANDLE IS THE MOST SPORT-MINDED AREA in THE NATION

Please SUBMIT SPORT IDEAS ON YOUR TEAM FOR THIS FEATURE DIRECT TO HUT and HARRY CARE THIS NEWSPAPER

Nettie. There are several Library friends who give a fund or book at Christmas in commemoration of some members of their family or a friend who has passed on.

The 1926 Book Club gave us "The Innocent Eve" by Robert Nathan. Then we have another miscellaneous collection that has some very readable material included in the donation.

All these enjoyable books are reminders of the enjoyment you can secure thru a Library card—25c for three months reading,

and to return your books on the date indicated on the card or slip within your book.

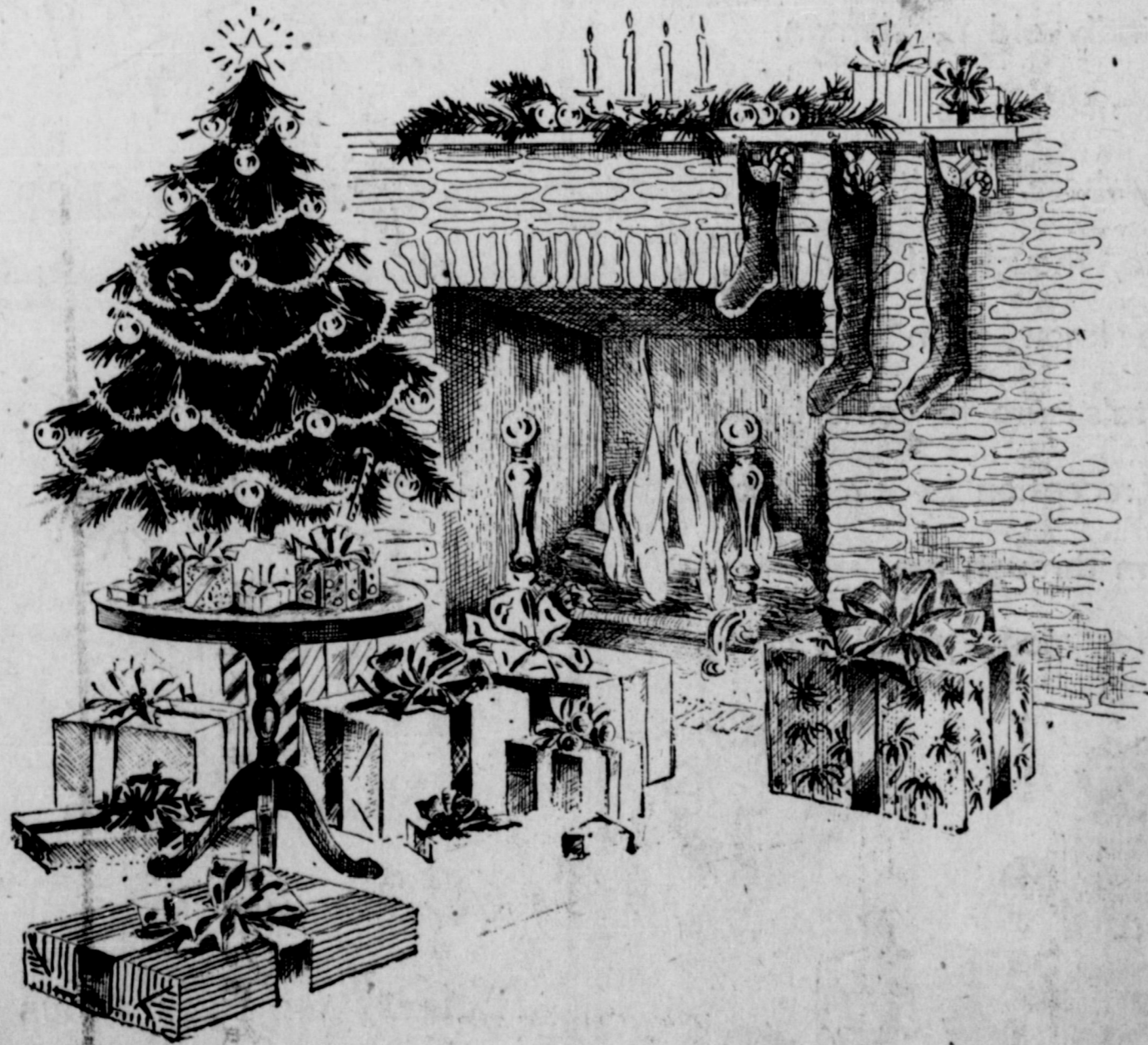
When American printing began, the presses were still much like that used by Gutenberg two and a half centuries before.

In 1785 about five percent of the families in the American colonies received a newspaper weekly, and these were passed from hand to hand and read by many persons.

The first American newspaper, Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick, published in Boston on September 25, 1690, by Benjamin Harris, was suspended by the royal governor after one issue.

When the old man works hard to earn his money the old lady usually has to work just as hard to get it.

Many a girl is now on the last lap in the matrimonial race.



ALVIN LANDERS

SEASON'S Greetings



The arrival of another Christmas season brings with it the joyous recollections of many pleasant and friendly associations with those whom it has been our pleasure to serve in this community.

Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

And as we extend our thanks, we hasten to add our best wishes to you for the Holiday Season. May it be one of manifold blessings . . . a time of merriment and thanksgiving. May this Christmas be your happiest.

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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.



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—astng, erreden, ehsgil, dyncs, gosiknt, erie, trepsn, hupnc, alsorc, and niborb.

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 so on.

England Once Forbade Christmas Observance

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the wassallers?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on December 24, 1552, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

NEW YEAR AROUND THE WORLD

Long before history was recorded the Persians discovered sugar cane and made sweets out of an important part of their New Year celebration. These pagan Persians also made human sacrifices on the eve of the New Year in the belief that their barren fields would be fertilized by the gods.

In ancient China it was a custom to make visits shortly after the New Year had begun. Hilarity reigned supreme in old India and Babylon, where celebration of the first day of a New Year was a very wild affair.

The superstitious people believed that during their frolicsome celebrations the pagan gods were asleep, else conveniently away from home.

The Japanese always used holly for decorations at New Year's. It is an old belief that "the prick of the thorns on the leaves would scare away devils." The emperor's first bath, Hatsumiy, taken early New Year morning, was called a "religious rite of cleansing and purification performed by the ruler to bring peace and prosperity to Japan and his people."

Smart children in Belgium gather keys to every room in the house on New Year's eve, and then lock the elders in their rooms on New Year's morning, refusing to release them until promised a portion of sweets.



YOU'RE ALL DONE, DAD . . . The old man, having served his time and done his duty during 1951, is ready for rest and retirement. Young 1952, however, eager and ready for the fray, is reaching out to take the cake—or is it pie? Happy New Year, anyway.

New Year Banquet Shows Variations

All Around World

Feasting has always been an important part of the celebration of New Year's and menus differ around the world.

The New Year's Day banquet in England and Western Europe is similar to our American feast, chief difference being in the choice of side dishes. Turkey, duck or goose makes the popular roast in England, with plum pudding topping off the meal.

Turkey is again found in France, although capon and pheasant are as popular. The holiday fowls of the Latin countries are bedecked with truffles, chestnuts and olives and one might find snails on a menu in France.

An important dish among the Spaniards is sopa, rice cooked with olive oil, tomatoes, vegetables and meat particles. Africans partake of cous-cous, which is composed of wheat grains, lamb and vegetables.

Pickled greens, raw fish, roast bird and shrimp fritters are headliners among the Japanese, with pickled chrysanthemum petals considered a delicacy. The Swedes temper their feast with a special drink called glogg, which is a claret wine sweetened with sugar and flavored with almonds, raisins, dried orange peel, cinnamon, cloves and cardamon. It is usually set afire before serving.

Old Romans Offered Gifts to God Janus

The word January comes from the Latin word "Janus." Janus was a god to whom the Romans offered sacrifices at the start of a new year to insure prosperity and good health for the days ahead. Strenia, goddess of strength, was also honored on the first day.

As early as 747 B.C., the Romans gathered gifts of bay and palm for New Year presents. As the years passed and Rome prospered, the gifts became more elaborate yearly, and, in time, it became the custom to bestow them upon the emperor, a habit that contributed greatly to the wealth of the Caesars. Claudius, recognizing the fact that the giving had graduated through the years from a voluntary tribute to a regarded duty, issued a decree limiting the amount which might be given.

Rome continued to celebrate the New Year under the Christian emperors. The idolatrous rites of the people, however, caused the church to ban Christians from participating in the celebrations, and it was not until December 25 was legally fixed as the date of the Nativity that the church made January 1 a religious festival, in commemoration of the circumcision of Jesus.

THIS is the happy Season when hearts of men are filled with fellowship and good will; when esteem and affection for things near and dear to us find expression in words and deeds of love and generosity.

So, in keeping with the spirit of this joyous season, we send with our best wishes the age-old Holiday Greeting—Merry Christmas.

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The makers of Paymaster Feeds are sponsoring these "Cash-for-Champions" awards. Show winners, to be eligible for the prizes, must (1) be fed on no other commercial feed except Paymaster feeds for at least 60 days before the showing, and (2) be properly registered on the special form available from Paymaster dealers.

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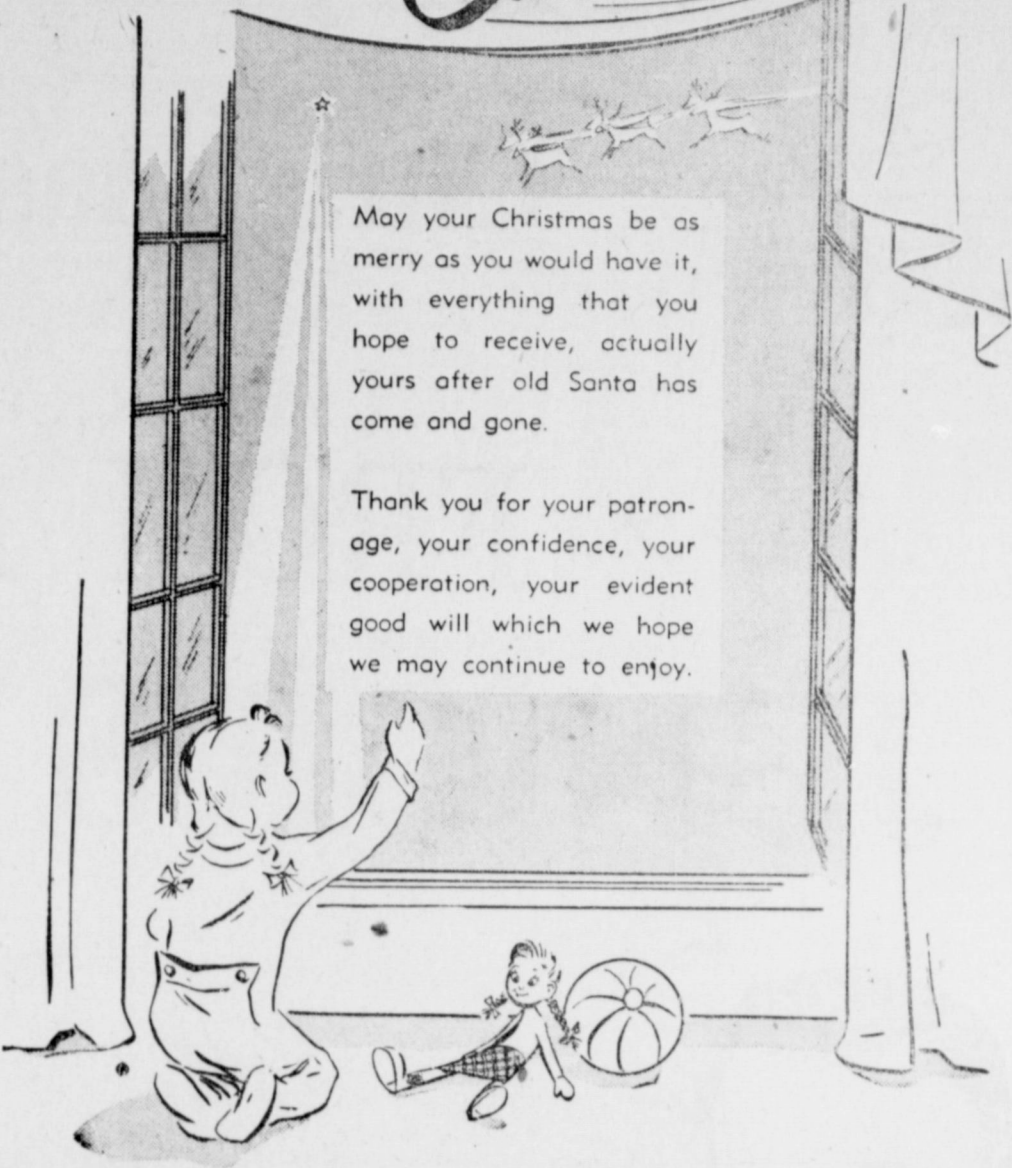
lo, Lubbock, Abilene, Odessa and El Paso; \$50 for grand champion at district shows (a show including two or more counties); and \$25 for grand champion at county shows.

Awards for fat lambs and barrows are: \$75 each for the grand champion fat lamb and the grand champion barrow at fat stock shows in Fort Worth, San Antonio, Oklahoma City and Houston; \$50 each for the reserve champion fat lamb and the reserve champion barrow at shows in these same cities; \$50 each for the grand champion fat lamb and the grand champion barrow at shows in Amarillo, San Angelo, Lubbock, Abilene, Odessa and El Paso; \$25 each for the grand champion fat lamb and the grand champion barrow at district shows; and \$15 each for the grand champion fat lamb and the grand champion barrow at county shows.

Lincoln Ellsworth claimed 81,000 square miles of newly-discovered land in the Antarctic, for the United States, on January 11, 1939.

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CHRISTMAS Greetings

- Throughout the coming year we resolve to. Give more time and assistance to the church life of our community:
- Contribute to, support, and to be active in civic affairs for the growth and improvement of our community:
- Devote more time to our homes, children, and family life.

To accomplish the foregoing resolutions it is necessary to spend less time in business pursuits and to devote more time to community life. Therefore, we further resolve to close our place of business each week day at 7 p. m., excepting Saturdays, and to be closed all day on Sundays. However, realizing our responsibilities as a health service to our community we will always be available by phone at any hour for health needs and emergency service. Hoping that we may all work together to make Clarendon a better hometown.

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STABLE STORIES—"Stop me if you've heard this, but I got this tip right from the jockey's mouth!" That's what "Peppy," white horse at the left seems to be saying to "Thunder," right, at the Hilltop stables in San Francisco where the two horses are boarders. But being smarter than men, and using horse sense, neither stallion will put a bundle of hay on any other eatburner in any race. That's why horses eat well—straight from the feedbag.



BLOWIN' Out the CORNERS by Uncle Zeb
Almost 2000 years ago people were busy; busy with the every day problems of life; busy shopping and trading. The towns were full of people and the Inns were crowded until even the frantic parent of the Wonderful One could find no place to stay. Folks were so busy hustling back and forth that they had no time to recognize or appreciate the great gift that was given to all the world on that first Christmas. Glad tidings and great joy; peace to all that harken; love to all that her His voice, but they were too busy and too crowded.

Today it is the same; our minds are too full of other things for us to think about the real spirit of Christmas. Our hearts to crowded with our own selfishness and cares to let the real Santa Claus come in. Our bodies too tired from going to and fro for us to find time for peace and rest in

the Inn of His Love. Anyway, if just for a few moments this Christmas I can forget myself. If I can grasp a handful or a heartfull of this spirit of the real Christmas as given to us by the first and real Santa Claus and can sort of echo this spirit out to others; I Shall Be Glad;

If I can put new hope within the heart
Of one who has lost hope,
If I can help a brother up
Some difficult long slope
That seems too steep for tired feet to go,
If I can help him climb
Into the light upon the hill's far crest,
I shall begrudge no time
Or strength that I can spend, for well I know
How great may be his need.
If I can help through any darkened hour,
I shall be glad indeed.

For I recall how often I have been
Distressed, distraught, dismayed,
And hands have reached to help,
and voices called
That kept me unafraid.
If I can share this help that I have had,
God knows I shall be glad.
The above poem "I Shall Be Glad" by Grace Noll Crowell somehow seems to best express how I want so much to feel

throughout the Christmas. Again Best Wishes to all and the happiest of New Years to You All from Mama and me.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Adams of Pierre, S. Dak., went to Ft. Worth Friday to bring Mrs. Gayle Adams and son, Craig, to Clarendon for the Holidays. They returned Saturday. They will visit in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lane and Kay, thru the holidays.

Mrs. R. T. Brown who has been a patient for several days in the Groom hospital, was brought home Friday much improved.

Flake Thomas of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Mitchell Thomas and son, Dennis, of Sacramento, Calif. will arrive this week to spend Xmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Thomas and other relatives.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends in Donley and Hall Counties for their many kindnesses, sympathy and beautiful flowers during the illness and death of Ralph Richards, our son and brother. May God's richest blessings be with each of you always.

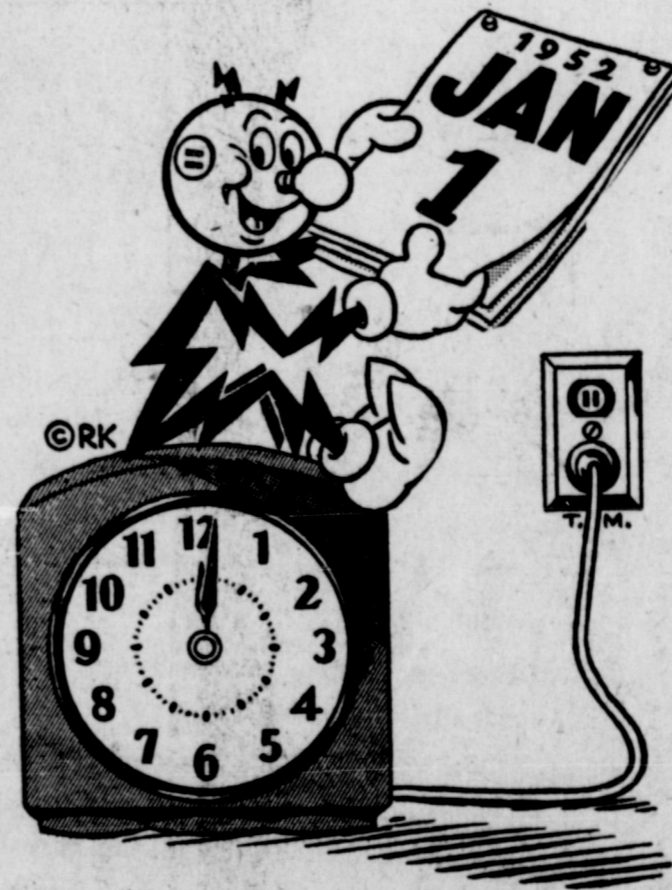
The Elmer Richards family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Butler and Freddie Gene left Friday morning for their home in Los Angeles, Calif., after visiting in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Russell and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Butler.

Mrs. S. L. Luttrell and daughter Sylvia made a business trip to Wellington Wednesday, and to do some Xmas shopping; they also visited in the home of an uncle, Mr. George Thomas, in Quail.

Mrs. W. J. Luttrell visited a brother, Mr. G. M. Thomas of Quail this past week, returning home Wednesday.

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A Common Paper for Common People

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Joel Poinsett, U.S. Statesman, Noted for Flower

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Roberts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mexican plant known as the "Painted Leaf", of "Mexican Fire Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U.S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself as a hobby at his South Carolina home after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor—especially popular at Christmas time—and was renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this country.

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is for these bracts that the plants are grown.

It is possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme of rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of the leaves.

The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled carefully—perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.



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

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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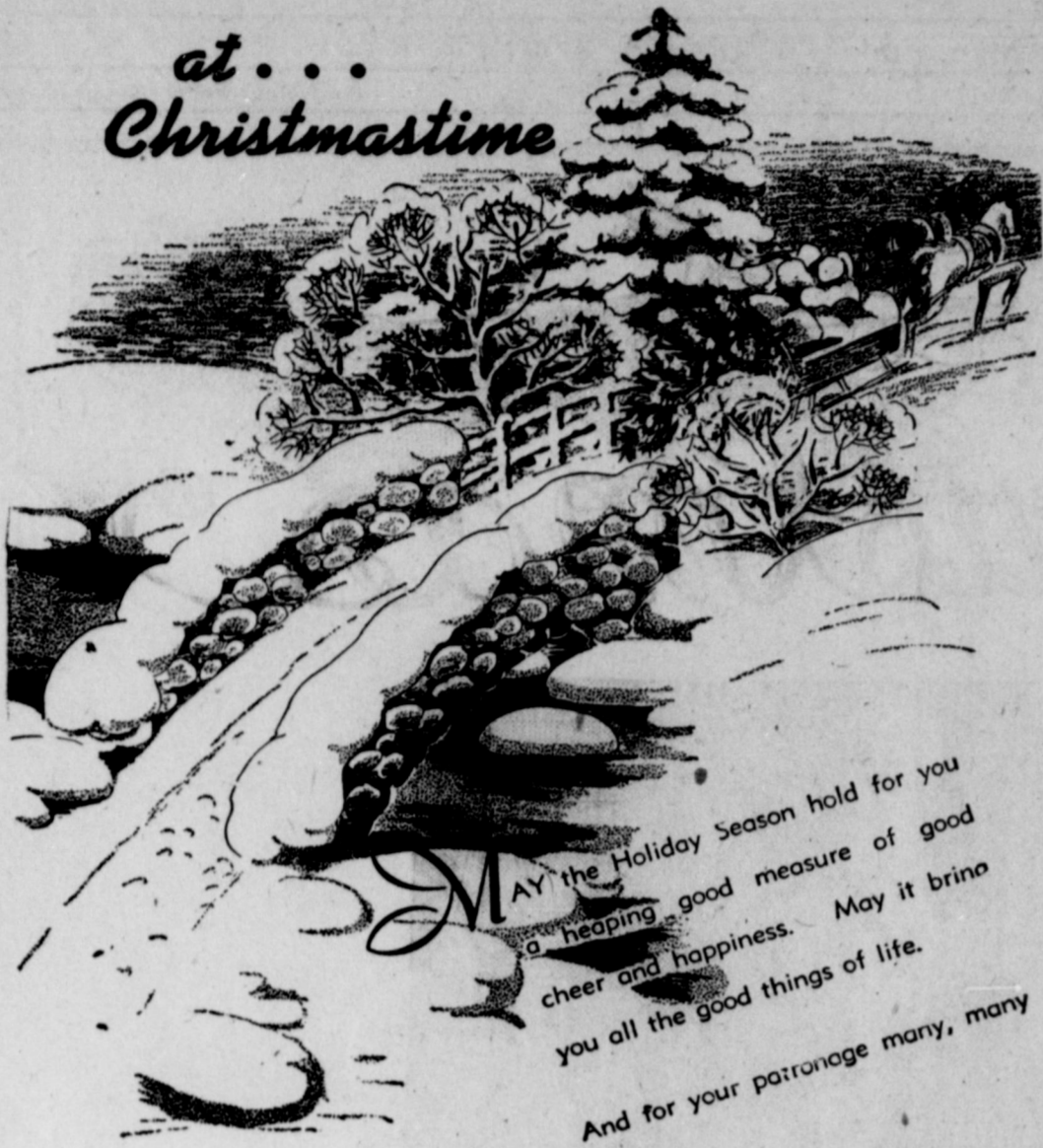
We have been trying for days . . . and we always wind up right where we started. There may be new ways but none better than to say "Merry Christmas."

One thousand years from now, people will continue to greet each other with those two simple words because the spirit of Christmas is eternal. It is an expression of friendship, a sincere way to say, "We wish you peace and joy — with all that implies."

It has been a real pleasure to have been of service to you. Knowing that we have enjoyed your good will helps us to do our best to meet your expectations. So as we express our appreciation we extend a hearty wish at this holiday season.

MUCH HAPPINESS

at...
Christmastime



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CHRISTMAS QUESTION CORNER

QUESTIONS

- 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—in the Jewish Feast of Lights. 8. Since the fourth century. 9. St. Nick once strapped 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.

Denmark Pays Homage To Hans Anderson—Santa's Best Helper

LAST YEAR a festival in Denmark paid tribute to one of the greatest helpers Santa Claus ever had. He was Hans Christian Andersen, fairy tale writer, and composer

of many Christmas stories.

His works have sold more copies than any other book, except the Bible, and have been translated into 35 languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, and Greenlandish.

Since 1875, the year that he passed away, visitors from all parts of the world have come yearly to the town



of Odense to see the home of the writer of such tales as "The Little Match Girl" and "The Ugly Duckling."

Anderson's fairy tales, released just before Christmas each year, brought him money, fame and the attention of princes, as well as the adoration of children.

Once he received a United States dollar bill, enclosed in a letter written by a young American girl. It read: "Papa says that the dollar is my own, that he does not suppose you are in particular need of money, but I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I should send it to you."

Ancient Church Bells Still Summon Village

A pair of ancient church bells, brought to Frankenmuth, Mich. from Bavaria shortly after Frankenmuth was founded as an Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than 100 years.

Ninety-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

Frankenmuth has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 25 years. The only visitors to the lockup were transients given a night's lodging.



HAILING NEWBORN KING

... Carol Singing Time ...

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa

Santa Claus plays a very insignificant 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.

To Persuade Tourists To View Scenic Spots Of Palo Duro Canyon

AMARILLO—Members of the Panhandle Motor Court Association have a planned campaign to sell the traveling public on visiting Palo Duro Canyon State Park. The Association's membership which includes tourist courts in Amarillo, Canyon, Vega, Shamrock, McLean, Pampa, Borger, Dalhart, Dumas, Groom, Conway, Hereford, and Tulia feels that if the tourist traveling through the country can be persuaded to stop and visit this scenic attraction there is a possibility he will spend another night in the area.

"We feel that it is only fair to our guests to tell them of our marvelous Palo Duro Canyon, for in all their travels they will see no Canyon as colorful or as beautiful," said Frank Hobgood, President of the Association. "We find that those who do see the Canyon really appreciate our telling them about it an invariably we feel we have made a friend and a satisfied customer."

Until the paved road was completed into the Canyon some members hesitated to encourage tourists to drive to it, but with the road's completion they have gone all out in boosting the "World's Most Colorful Canyon." All facilities at the Canyon are open throughout the year. Many prefer the autumn and winter colors to those of the summer.

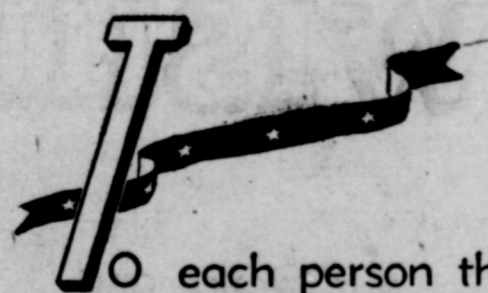
To the Democratic party goes the distinction of having written the shortest platform of the two major parties, that written in 1860, which consisted of only 350 words.



IS IT POSSIBLE...? That another year has passed since the familiar sights of the Christmas season have greeted us at every turn? It seems that Old Santa just slips up on us a little faster each year, so we hasten to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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Enchanted Christmas



Each person there is given at least one memorable Christmas.

It may come in the round-eyed years of childhood when dolls and tricycles and trains are so wonderful and so wanted. Or it may find its later-day magic because you have found true happiness in life.

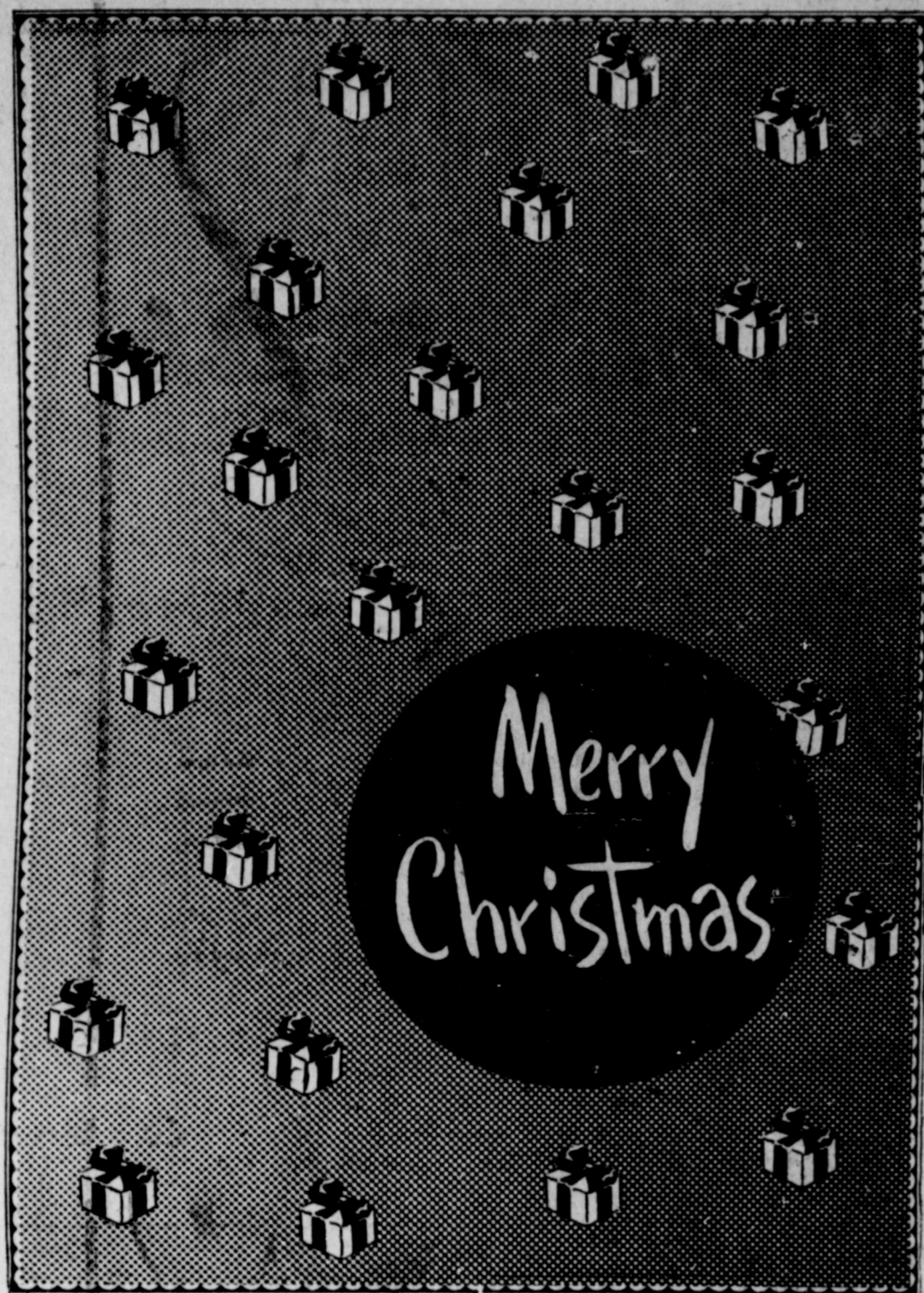


We'd like to put that sort of Christmas into every Christmas gift this season. In the years to come, the gift may be forgotten, but ours is the heartfelt wish that the day, the giver and the magic will be always remembered.

May there be no less joyous Christmas in all the Yuletides to come for you and yours.

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Nations' Customs Widely Varied On Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for



the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most

closely resembles the traditional English Christmas, complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers,

Santa Claus, Indiana, Received Famous Name Christmas Eve, 1882

Although many towns have names directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

On Christmas Eve, in 1882, the citizens held a mass meeting to select another name, but every one proposed was discarded for one reason or another. The meeting was about to break up when Santa Claus, making his yearly visits in the neighborhood, strode in to get warm. He was in costume and his arrival put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

Christmas Carols Herald Yuletide Immemorially

For centuries Christmas Carols have heralded the Yuletide season around the Christian world. Many of them, slightly altered by changing times and customs, have been handed down from one generation to another.

A great number probably were lost because they were popular in generations not adequately covered by a written history.

Christmas Carols are of two main types—religious and convivial. The religious offer praise to the newborn and celebrate the birth of Christ. The convivial exalt mirth

and the traditional feasting.

The latter is almost an invention of our modern civilization, and few "popular" Yuletide songs manage to return year after year. "Jingle Bells" is one notable exception. "Silent Night," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" seem destined to last forever.



ADORATION OF THE SHEPHERDS . . . This striking sculptural work was done by Andrea del Verrocchio (1435-1488) of Florence, Italy, and is in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C.

Letters To Santa-

Dear Santa Claus,
We are really anxious for Christmas time this year. I, Judy, am seven years old and in the second grade in school. Jean is six and in the first grade. We study hard and have had good report cards. We would like to have a blackboard so we could practice our writing and spelling on it. We each want a doll, too. And some surprises. Ricky is almost two years old. He wants a guitar, a gun, and some pull toys. He likes musical toys.

We are hoping to be at our grandmother and granddads house this year. That's John Perdues place. Maybe all our little cousins will be there too. Don't forget them. They are Ronald, Linda, Lary and Wayne Perdue and Barbara Keller of Levelland; Donald Stout of Borger, Wynona Perdue of Ashtola, and Mike Perdue. He lives here in Lubbock too. We will all be looking for you Bye until Christmas.

Judy, Jean and Ricky Goodgion
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl three and a half years old. I have a little brother who is four months old. We are nice little children. When you come to see us, I hope you will please bring Joel a dog and a kitty cat, not real live ones, just soft fuzzy ones. Will you please bring me a big box of tinker toys, a cash register, and a Bonny Braids doll. I hope you won't forget any of the little children in the world. I really do like Sunday school.

I love you,
Judy Greene

Small Amount of Plant Food Will Keep Needles on Tree

If you have the type of a tree holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.



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TIME FOR PRESENTS . . . Billy and David are all worked up over the thought of Christmas, and they're tagging their stockings to make sure Santa doesn't get their presents mixed up. They also have found that it's a good idea to thank him in advance.



MINCE PIE

OF ALL THE holiday delicacies, none carries more of the old-time traditions and associations of good eating and festivity than mince pie.

Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

English literature dating to the 15th century is full of references to this Christmas favorite, an essential part of Yuletide celebrations in England.

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

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring was said to represent the rich gifts of the wise men to the Christ Child.

CHRISTMAS

*Yesterday
..... Today
Tomorrow*

May the warm spirit of the old fashioned Christmas of yesteryear and the joyous, thrilling Yuletide of today, blend together for the Christmas of tomorrow.

Perhaps we do not realize, in comparative values, the precious blessings of Christmas values, the precious blessings of Christmas, and all that it stands for. Let us take time to estimate the true meaning of the occasion and to wish each of you the most glorious Christmas you have ever spent.



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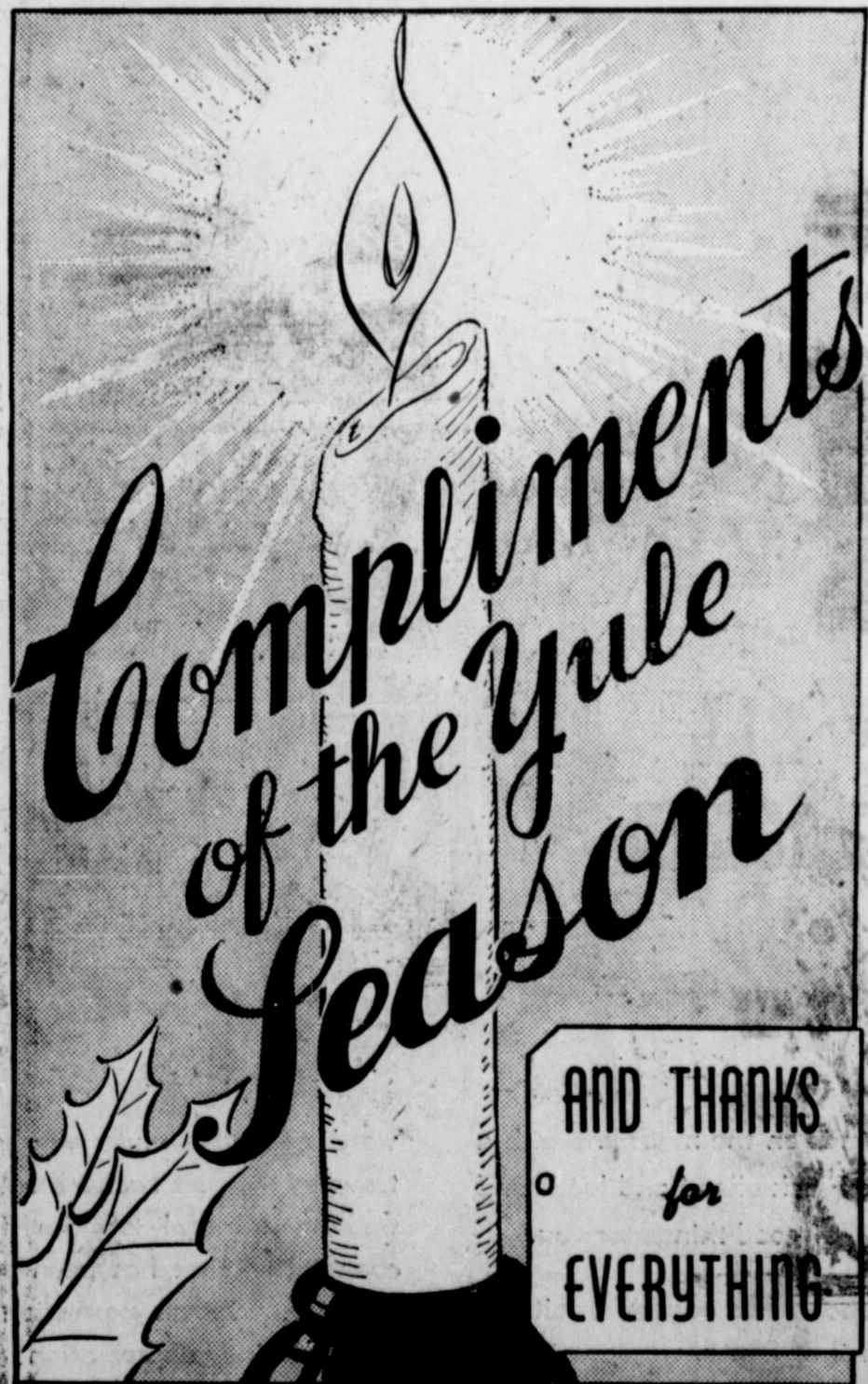
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Happy Holiday Season

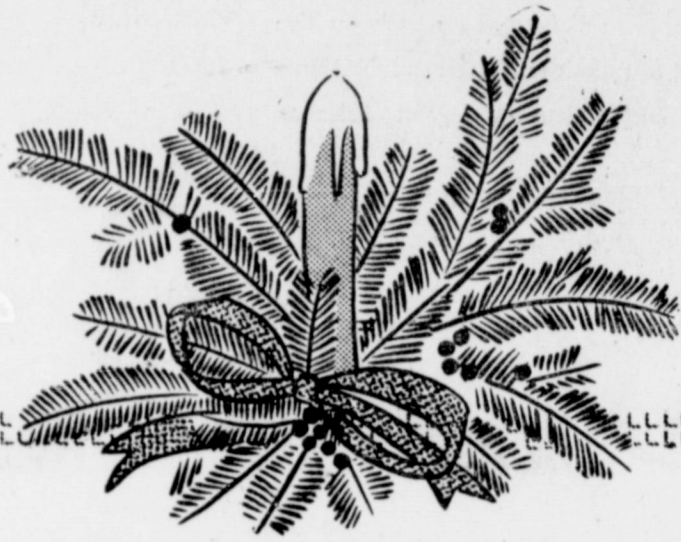
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The Legends of Christmas

THERE ARE almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the

nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe, it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.

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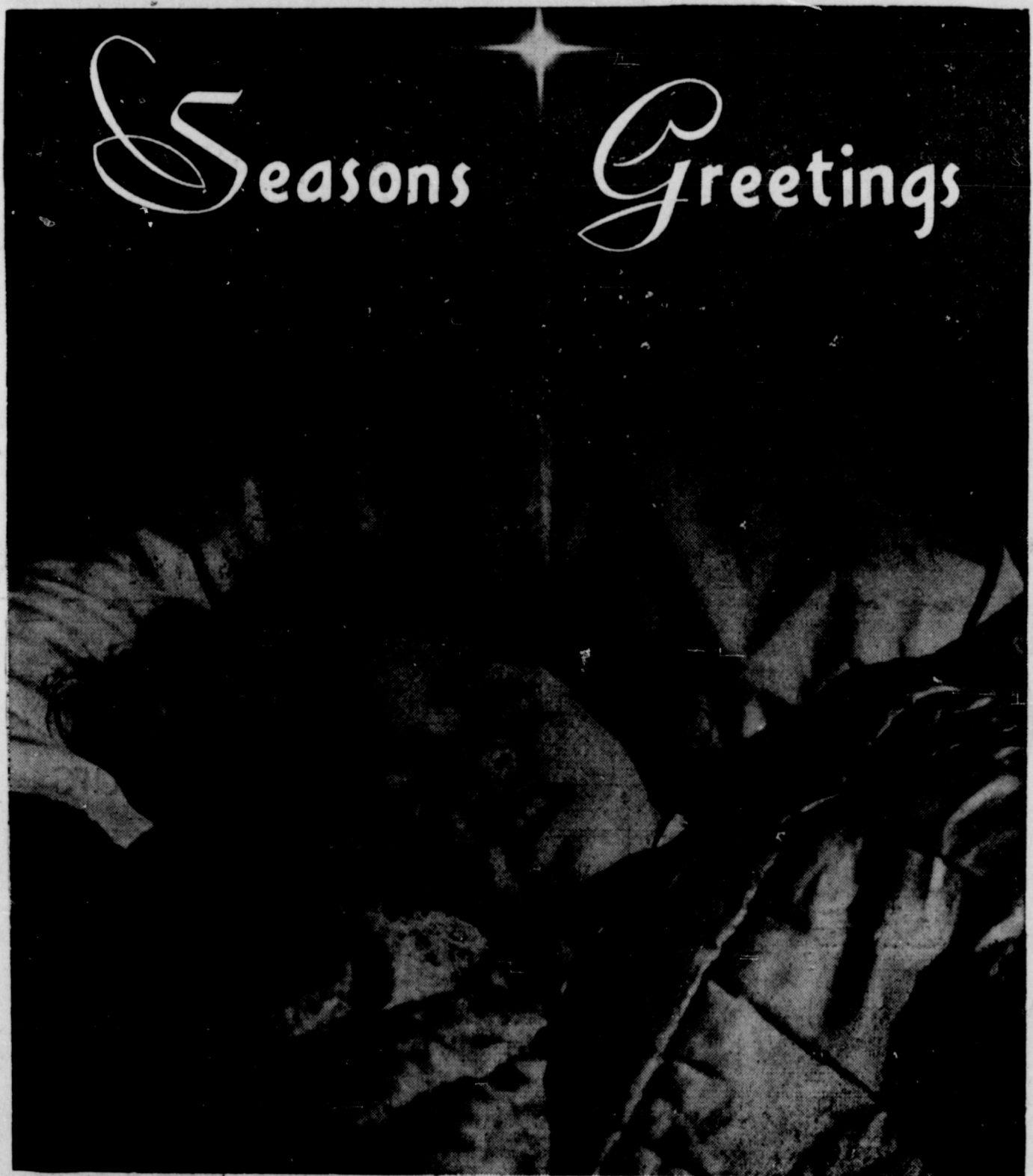
ALL ABOARD FOR THE Christmas Special

Santa is on the main line with a clear track ahead and loads and loads of good things for you.

As each of us eagerly await the arrival of Santa, we want to express our Christmas sentiments to each of you. As we pause for a moment to glance back-

ward over the route we have traveled the past twelve months, we are mindful of the fine cooperation that has been ours to enjoy. As an expression of our genuine appreciation for your good will, we extend to you our most sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

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CANDLES FOR Christmas

Candles have lighted Christmas eve around the world for generations.

It has long been a custom in Ireland to place a lighted candle in the window to guide the Christ-child on his way, and the use of candles appears in other lands in many ways.

In Czechoslovakia, for example, tiny candles are set upright in nutshells and floated in pans of water. Armenians use myriads of candles in preparing their Christmas decorations.

At unique church services in Labrador each child receives a little lighted candle standing in a turnip, and keeps it until after the services, at which time the turnip is eaten.

In Norway, families arrive at church on Christmas eve, each carrying a flaming torch. These are stuck in the snow while the good-folk attend the services.

Redeemer's Birthplace In Ancient Bethlehem Still Scene of Worship

The scene of the Redeemer's birth at Bethlehem is the site of a full day's worship and prayer each Christmas Eve. The faithful come from all parts of the world to join their voices in adoration and to see the solemn reenactment of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

Discontinued for six years during World War II, the pontifical mass and ceremony was renewed in 1945. As the stars on the hillside and the pale moon wrapped the town of Bethlehem in an aura of holiness, the voices of the humble echoed in prayer from the little Church of St. Catherine, built on the hallowed rock of the most sacred spot of the Christian world.

The mass was celebrated at 10 p.m., the voices of the choir-boys ringing out over the surrounding hills. At the stroke of 12 the great bells of the tower of the nativity rang out, loud and clear.

The vicar, holding an image of the Christ Child, joined a procession of priests, acolytes and choir-boys. By flickering candlelight the procession filed over the stone steps leading to the grotto of the nativity. The vicar placed the tiny representation of Christ on the sacred spot where, many years before, the Redeemer came.

Balsam Recommended As Best Yule Tree

In choosing a Christmas tree, many look for trees that will not shed needles quickly indoors. Highly recommended are balsam and Douglas firs, which usually will hold their needles as long as two or three weeks in a warm house.

Balsam is fragrant beyond all other Christmas trees, has long

lower branches and thick spire-like top. Its needles do not stab the hand. Like the needles of all firs, they are usually flattened, not squarish.

For longer life, place the tree outdoors in a bucket of water for 24 hours before putting it up, or place in a waterproof container of wet sand and keep the sand moist.



I HOPE, I HOPE . . . There is an expression commonly used during the days just before Christmas—and this is it, on the face of the lad with the football. If things work out the way they usually do, he'll get his wish.

Did Washington Start Custom of Open House?

American historians credit George Washington with starting the custom of receiving friends, or holding "open house" on New Year's day.

In the year 1790 New York was the seat of the government and President Washington made a practice of opening the doors of the presidential mansion for a reception on each New Year's day. Home and foreign diplomats, and ordinary citizens as well, visited.

Washington was said to have expressed the hope that the observance might continue through the years. His wish was granted, for it is still a custom at the White House

Records Show Yule Customs Were Old In Fourth Century

The exact age of the Christmas festival is not known. Records show, however, that the holiday was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing.

Christmas began as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ, sometime during the fourth century. It took that long after the blessed night for the great importance of Christ's birth to be realized by the people. Until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births. Christ's birthday was the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

The date for the celebration of the Christ Mass was selected by the church. So many years had elapsed that the actual date of His birth could only be a matter of conjecture.

The festival and spirit of Christmas spread through the Christian worlds. Pagan customs, even as they do today, attempted to adapt themselves to the Christmas season.

For many years after the origin of Christ's Mass the church frowned upon the practice of exchanging gifts during the festival season. Later, however, the practice was condoned, in remembrance of the spirit of the Three Kings of the Orient who had followed a shining star to the crib of the new-born Christ, bringing presents with a sense of humility.

St. Nick's Spirit

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A.D., and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true spirit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

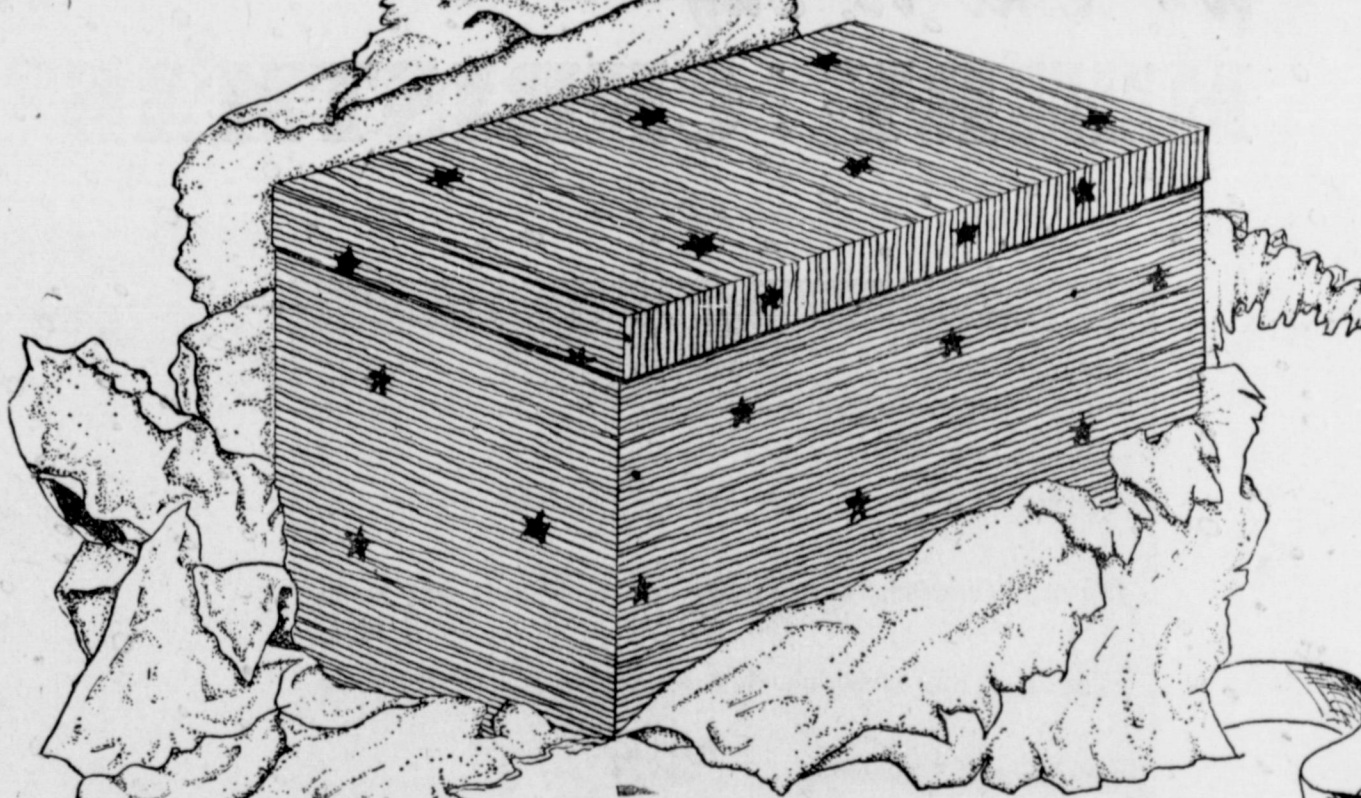


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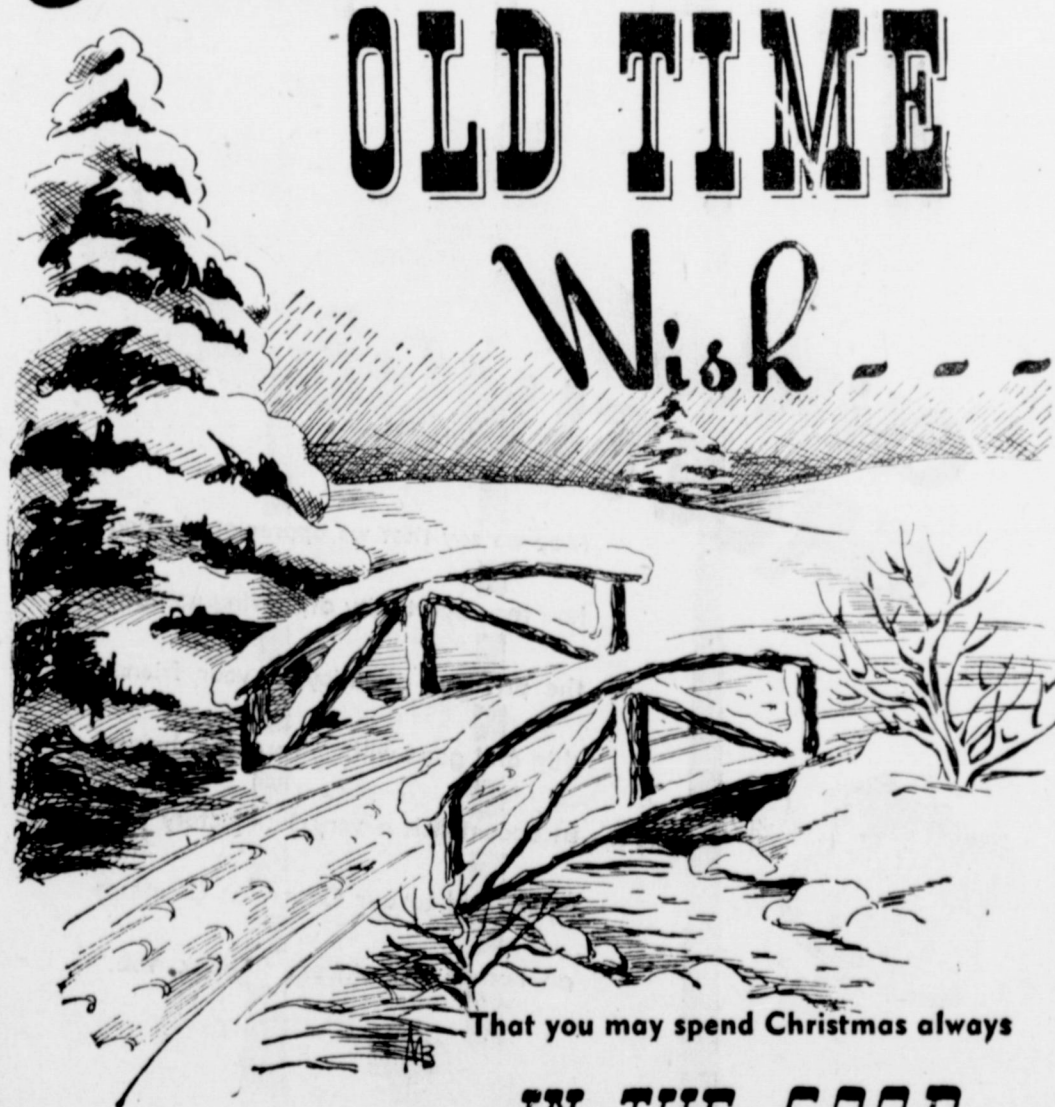


You're sure to find a little message of cheer from us to you. And with this greeting comes our profound thanks for your loyalty and friendship to us in the past.

May you enjoy the best of everything on this glad occasion of the year, Christmas.

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GREETINGS FROM MISS 1952 . . . The little girl personifies a bright and shining year ahead as she burns the last page of a tattered and torn 1951. Millions throughout the nation are preparing to welcome the New Year with prayers for an enduring peace.



"His name shall be called the Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6

May God richly bless you at this glad

CHRISTMASTIDE

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And Bonne Annee to You

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

These words will soon ring around the world, but it won't sound the same everywhere.

For instance, should you be in gay Páree, this is the greeting: "Bonne Annee!" Across the waters in Spain, natives say, "Feliz Ano Nuevo!" In sunny Italy, it's "Buon Capo d'Anno!"

Most of the above greetings we can almost decipher. It is the salute of countries like Germany, Norway and Sweden that are sharp tongue-twisters. For example, Germans wish a happy new year with, "Ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr." Sweden and Norway are a little simpler, but still ticklish. The Swedes say, "Got Nytt Ar", and the Norse "Gott Nytt Aar."

None-the-less, it still means, "Happy New Year."

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



May we say that we appreciate having had the opportunity of serving you and the privilege of enjoying your friendship and good will. You have helped us accomplish a very satisfactory year so we add to our Christmas Greetings an honest and sincere "Thank, You."

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A Common Paper for Common People

4-H Club And F. F. A. Members Offered Attractive Awards At Fat Stock Show

FORT WORTH — Perhaps the most widely-coveted award of the boys' show of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show is the boys' grand champion steer which then has an opportunity to become the grand champion steer of the exposition in competition with the breed winners in the open steer show, declares President-Manager W. R. Waft.

Frequently during the history of the Fort Worth show the grand champion steer of the entire ex-

position has been shown by a boy and, in addition to the premiums, he has reaped a rich harvest when his steer was sold in the auction of champions.

Premiums in the boys' steer show amount to \$3,187. Of this amount, \$620 is offered by the American Hereford Association; \$141 by the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association and \$250 by the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association, with the Stock Show matching these amounts, W. A. (Bill) King, Assistant Manager of the exposition and livestock superintendent points out.

In order to compete in the boys' show, the boy must be a member of a 4-H Club or the Future Farmers in Texas. Boys of other

states are eligible to compete in the open show, which—as the name implies—is "open to the world".

A boy may enter two steers in the singles competition, if he wishes but few take advantage of this as the amount of work and attention to bring one steer to the proper condition to have a chance to win against the keen competition requires a great deal of time.

A boy must have owned the steer prior to Sept. 1, 1951, and must have taken care of the steer from Sept. 1 to opening day of the Stock Show, Jan. 25. The show runs through Feb. 3.

To be eligible, a boy must be 10 and under 21, prior to Dec. 31st. The feeding of the animal

and keeping of records of this must be done under the supervision of a county agent (or staff member of Extension Service) or vocational agriculture teacher, and, to qualify for showing a steer, the boy must get certification from one of these officials.

An entry must be shown by the boy (except when he has more than one entry in one class or can not be present). The parents are not allowed to assist the boy in the show ring nor can the county agent or vocational agriculture teacher, though these officials are permitted to assist the boys in getting the steers lined up but must then leave the ring.

Steers must have been born between Sept. 1, 1950 and Sept. 1, 1951. They are divided in three

classes based on weight; over 925 pounds; 825 to 925 pounds; and under 825 pounds. The animals can be purebred, grade or crossbred. In each breed the winners of the three weight groups compete for the championship and reserve championship.

Then the winners of Herefords, Shorthorns and Angus will be matched and the winner is the boys' grand champion steer.

The next step is to place the boys' Hereford champion beside the open show Hereford champion to select the best steer of this breed; similarly with the Shorthorns and Angus. Thus, three steers emerge as the best in their respective breeds and then, from these three, the grand champion steer of the Southwestern Expo-

sition and Fat Stock Show is selected, with gold and glory as the reward for the exhibitor! And this exhibitor might be a Future Farmer or 4-H Club boy—hence the interest that follows each step of the steer competition in the boys' show.

Similar requirements and procedures are followed in the boys' lamb and boys' pig competition, and with some variations, the junior dairy show. The winning entry in the lamb and pig competition likewise will bring a substantial harvest of premiums and a large reward in the auction of champions.

Fewer People Dying From TB Each Year, But Patient Total Up

Fewer people are dying from TB each year, but the number of patients in TB hospitals is growing. According to Dr. W. D. Anderson of San Angelo, chairman of the Texas Medical Association's Committee on Tuberculosis, "rapid progress is being made in saving people from death from TB but progress in saving people from the disease itself is slow."

The recently published Annual Report of the National Tuberculosis Association, Dr. Anderson said today, attributes the drop in deaths to the development of new drugs, important advances in surgery, and recent expansion of X-ray survey programs through which new cases of TB are discovered in the early stage. The report shows that TB deaths in the United States have dropped from 150,000 in 1900 to about 40,000 a year at present. "Since 1904 the death rate has been cut 85 per cent," Dr. Anderson said, "yet the disease is known to strike 100,000 victims annually and public health authorities estimate that about 500,000 people in the U. S. A. have TB today."

Dr. Anderson pointed out that Texas currently has the tenth highest TB death rate among the states and that one out of every 100 people screened in X-ray surveys here last year was found to have TB.

"As more cases are discovered in the early stage, and as methods of treatment continue to improve, a continued decrease in deaths is predicted," Dr. Anderson declared. He stated, however, that in spite of progress, "TB still kills more people than all other communicable diseases combined and is still the greatest disease killer in the age group from 15 to 34."

Dr. Anderson warned that the problem of medical and nursing care for the increasing number of patients in TB hospitals in Texas is acute. He noted a growing need for adequate rehabilitation, social and welfare services to TB patients.

"More people need to learn what they should do as individuals to protect themselves from TB and what they should do as voters to provide sufficient facilities to control tuberculosis in this State," he declared. Adding that the voluntary TB associations can help meet these needs by continuing and intensifying their education programs. Dr. Anderson urged all Texans to buy and use Christmas Seals this year. The annual Christmas Seal Sale now being conducted throughout the nation, he pointed out, will support the entire program of the TB associations.

Forest fire protection encourages growing timber crops for growing children.

An old English law stated that the truth of a statement made it none the less libelous. In fact, its being true was an "aggravation of the crime."

The first newspaper in the southern colonies was the Maryland Gazette, founded at Annapolis in 1727.

The first American newspaper outside Boston was the "American Weekly Mercury," founded in Philadelphia December 22, 1719, by Andrew Bradford.

CHRISTMAS BACKDROP

Christmas Seal Idea Conceived In Denmark

A DANISH postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America.

This year millions of Americans will receive a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis Association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish postoffice conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.



The practice of holding "open house" has been a Christmas tradition through the years.

The Saxon lords threw open the doors of their great halls to peasant and noble alike during the festive season and all enjoyed great feasting, songs and the exchange of gifts. A tremendous Yule log was dragged upon an open fire pit and festivities lasted until the embers alone remained.

The same custom was followed in the pre-Civil War South. The slaves often soaked a log in the cypress swamps long before Christmas so that it would burn slowly, and extend their Christmas freedom.

"Open House" during the Yuletide season is a true mark of democracy and a realization that he who was born on Christmas day came to save all men.

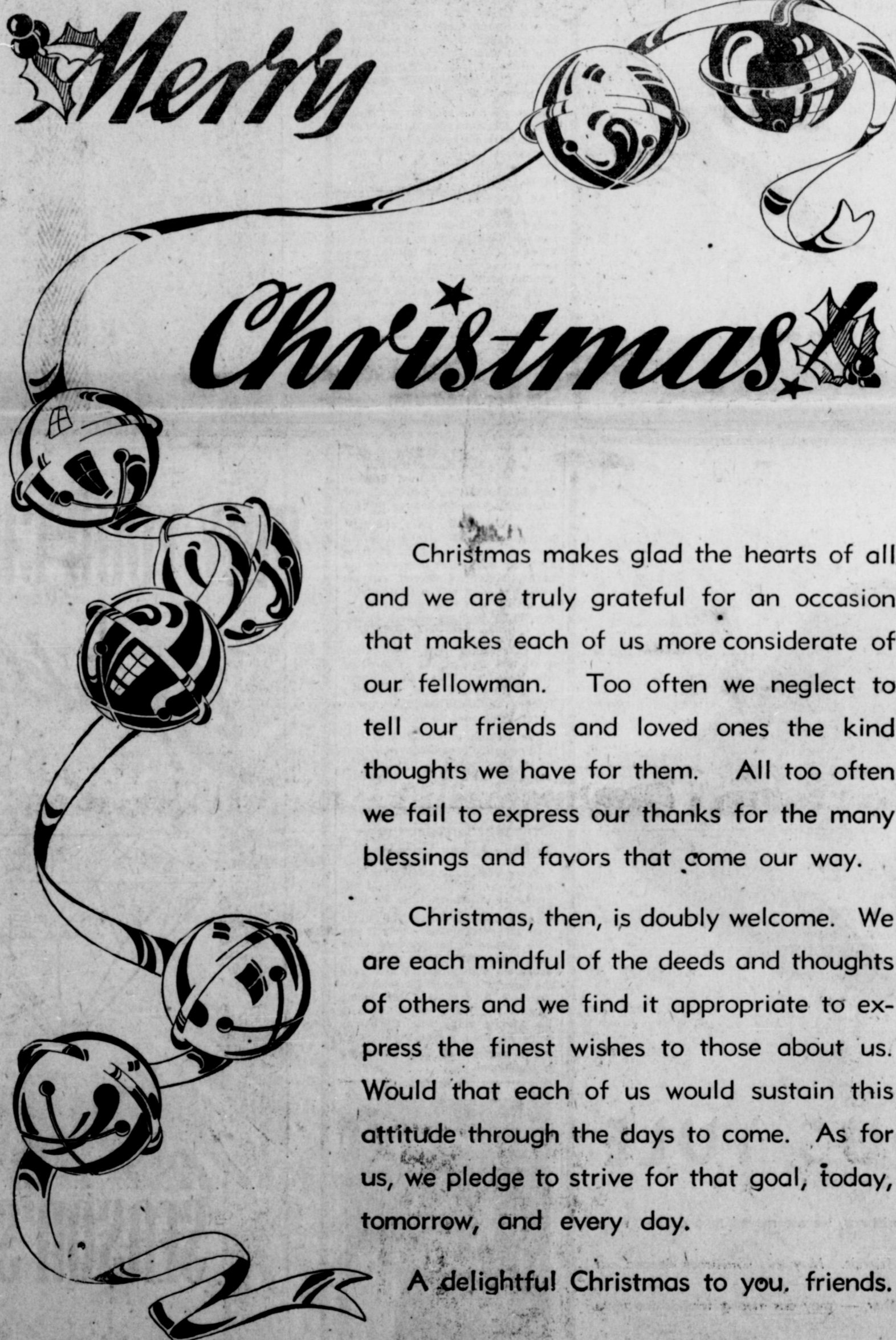
Cowboy's Party Is Real American Fete

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Ball, which has been held almost every year since 1884 in the small town of Anson, Texas.

The celebration started as a wedding party in the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls outfitted themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore". A cowboy band swung out and the dancers perform the heel and toe polka, the Varsouvienne and other old folk dances.

The United States once paid tribute to the Pirates of Tripoli and Algiers, for the privilege of trading in the Mediterranean.



Christmas makes glad the hearts of all and we are truly grateful for an occasion that makes each of us more considerate of our fellowman. Too often we neglect to tell our friends and loved ones the kind thoughts we have for them. All too often we fail to express our thanks for the many blessings and favors that come our way.

Christmas, then, is doubly welcome. We are each mindful of the deeds and thoughts of others and we find it appropriate to express the finest wishes to those about us. Would that each of us would sustain this attitude through the days to come. As for us, we pledge to strive for that goal, today, tomorrow, and every day.

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The hope of your happiness and well-being is ever before us and it is our sincere wish that you will enjoy life to its fullest extent. We are proud of the friendships that have been ours the years past, and in this pride we can properly say to you—
"Merry Greetings, friends!"

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Look at the paintings on the Christmas cards you send and receive—you'll find famous names and some of the best contemporary art. Here is how it all began.

On a December day in 1846, a middleclass Englishman, Henry Cole, sat at the library desk of his London home addressing to his friends what were probably the first Christmas cards ever printed. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas customs of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal



Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas card paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

An American shopping for cards may select, for instance, a painting called "Snow Under the Arch" by another Royal Academy member—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister and famed amateur artist. Or he might choose Peter Hurd's "One Night in Winter" or "Grandma" Moses' "The White Church" or "The Nativity" by Alexander Ross.

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.

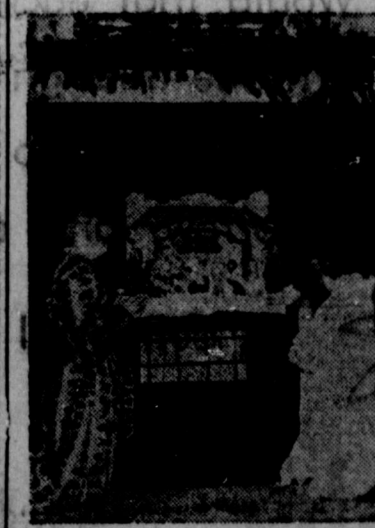
Higher powers intervened, however, and Balder was restored to life. The mistletoe was placed under Frigga's care, and the mother of Balda saw that it was never again used to do harm.

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.

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.



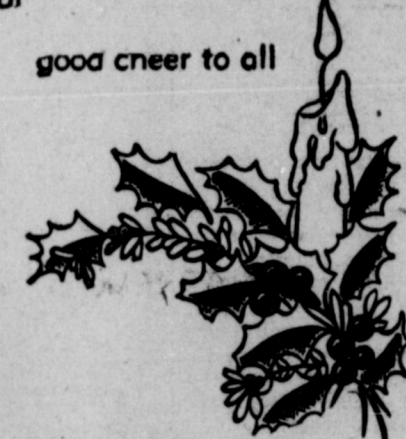
DEVOTION . . . Christmas is not so much a time of receiving as it is a time for giving. These children, in their prayers, are giving by far the best gift of them all—themselves.

TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



As another year joins the pleasant memories of Our association with you

We want to wish a Merry Christmas full of good cheer to all



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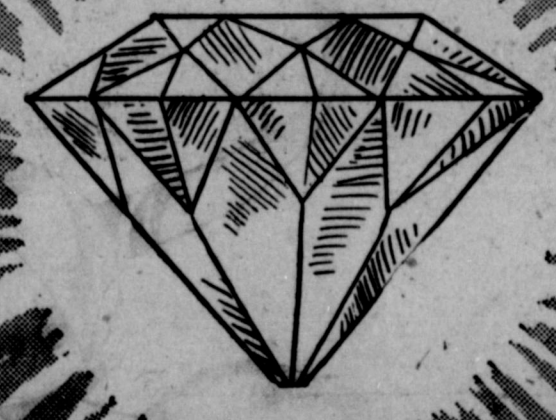
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As we approach another Christmas, we are moved to a deeper, more sincere appreciation of our friends. May this Christmas deepen our mutual respect for one another — may our strong friendships grow even stronger with each new season.

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Clarendon, Texas Phone 392

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS

Sparkle with Happiness



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

F. J. HOMMEL
YOUR MAGNOLIA DEALER

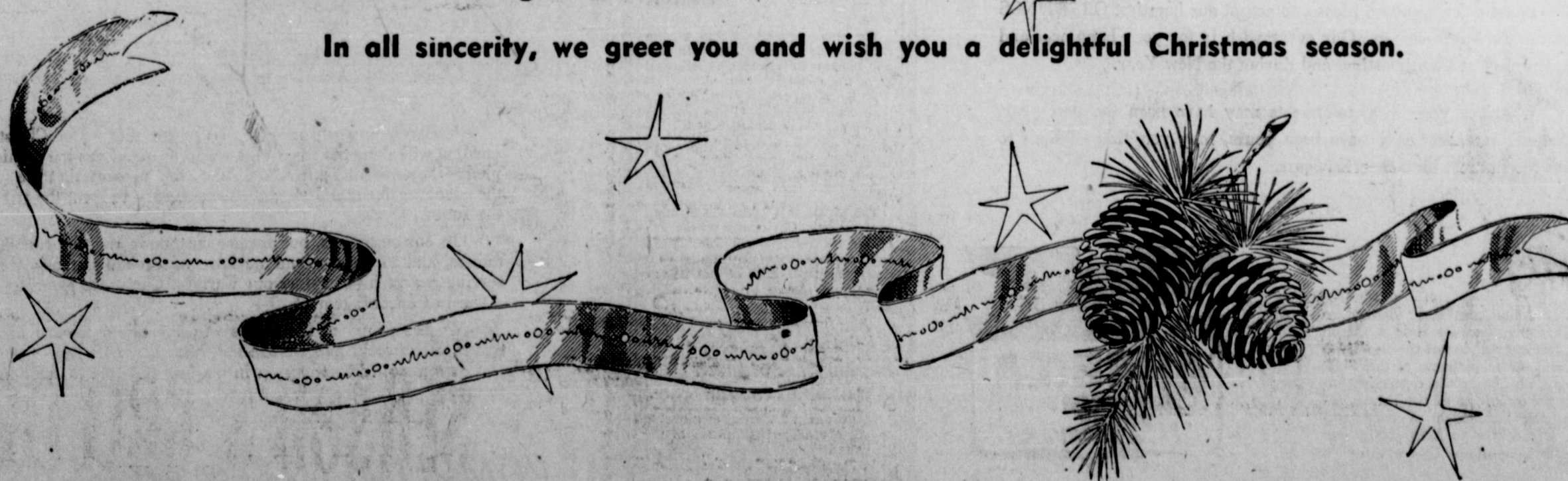


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Throughout the coming year, the best way to enjoy the same happiness which we experience at Christmastime, is to keep the spirit of the Yuletide uppermost in our thoughts each of our days.

Let us resolve to acknowledge our friendships more often . . . not with fine gifts particularly, but with some kind word of encouragement which will enable our friends to meet the difficult situations with which all of us are confronted from time to time. Such thoughtfulness will enable our friends to preserve the traditions of an American Christmas on through the future.

In all sincerity, we greet you and wish you a delightful Christmas season.



Clarendon Furniture Company

Cranberry Rice Cream Simplifies Party Food Preparations

A surprise dessert for your next party is Cranberry Rice Cream—a beautiful molded rice cream topped with hot cranberry and brown sugar sauce!

Canned cranberry sauce is suggested for the topping, however, in season you may make your own fresh cranberry sauce and use one and one-half cups instead of the canned sauce.

Cranberry Rice Cream is one of those desserts which has the happy faculty of requiring day-before preparation. Safe in the refrigerator it presents no problems on party day. The sauce, however, is best served hot—but don't make the mistake of putting the hot sauce on the cream dessert until it is served—allow the guests to do their own sauce laddling at the table.

INGREDIENTS

1 envelope unflavored gelatine

¼ cup cold water
1 cup cold milk
¾ cup cooked rice
1 tablespoon sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
1 pound can whole cranberry sauce
½ cup brown sugar

PREPARING THE FLUFFY WHITE RICE:

Put 1 cup of white rice, 1 teaspoon salt and 2 cups of cold water in a two quart saucepan. Cover with a tight fitting lid. Bring to a vigorous boil. Then reduce the heat as low as possible and steam for 14 minutes or until all the water is absorbed, leaving the separate rice grains with their full nutritional value. This makes very firm rice grains. (If you prefer more tender rice grains, add ½ cup more water and increase the slow cooking time 4 or 5 minutes.) Remove the lid, permit the rice to steam dry to the desired consistency and the grains will be separate and fluffy. Never stir rice; lift gently with a fork. Keep left-over rice in a

covered bowl in the refrigerator. Makes 3 generous cups fluffy rice.

METHOD: Place gelatine in custard cup. Add cold water and let stand 2 minutes. Place custard cup in pan of boiling water until gelatine dissolves. Add to cold milk. Add rice, sugar, salt and vanilla and chill until slightly thickened. Fold in whipped cream. Spoon into sherbets—or pour into large mold—and chill until firm. When ready to serve, heat cranberry sauce with brown sugar until piping hot. When serving let guests ladle hot cranberry sauce over rice cream.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.



BETHLEHEM

The Church of the Nativity

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 this 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.

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 the date has been celebrated.

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

There is something intimate about

CHRISTMAS

Perhaps it's the spirit of good fellowship that prevails in the hearts of everyone. Christmas is the season when each of us feels closer to friends and when we are given an opportunity to wish the best of all good things to those about us.

Merry Christmas!

TILLIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Phone 38

Here's OUR GREETINGS

Pause a few minutes, please, to accept our heartiest GREETINGS for the Christmas season. Our every wish is for your happiness and contentment at Christmastime and during the New Year.

Whatever your disappointments may have been the past year, whatever sacrifices may have been yours, may you find strength to face the future with a cheerful heart.



We, as Americans, look forward to each Christmas because it is a season that is definitely a part of the American life. From the friendliness of the Yuletide, may we obtain the determination to meet the problems of the future, secure in the knowledge of tried and proven friendships to help us in our every effort.



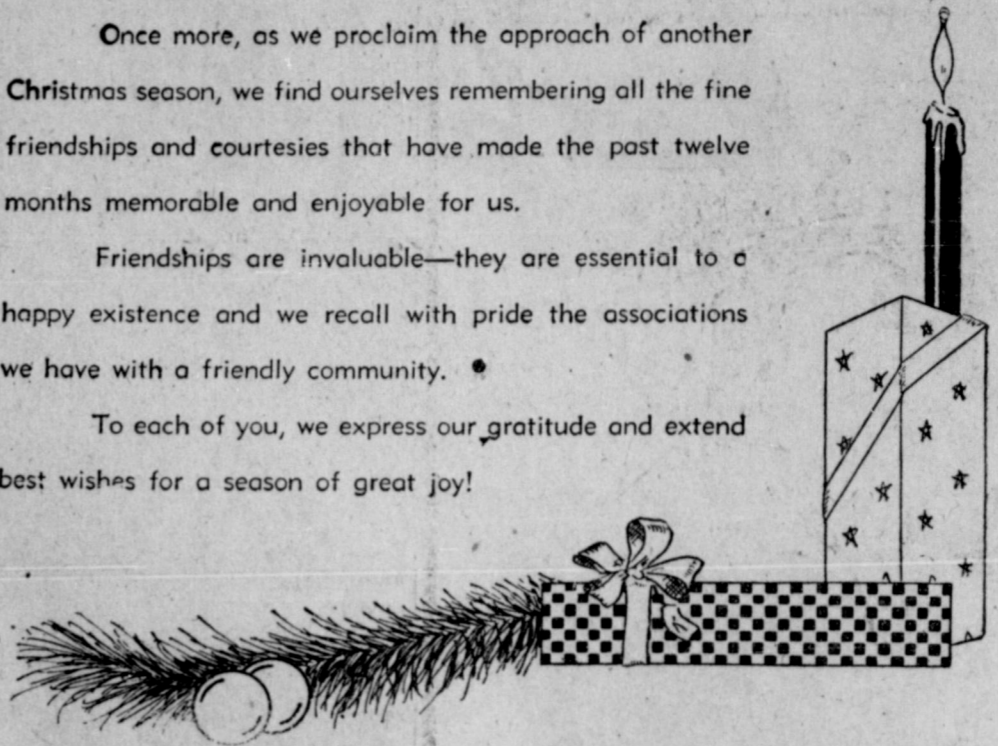
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The Joys of Another Christmas

Once more, as we proclaim the approach of another Christmas season, we find ourselves remembering all the fine friendships and courtesies that have made the past twelve months memorable and enjoyable for us.

Friendships are invaluable—they are essential to a happy existence and we recall with pride the associations we have with a friendly community.

To each of you, we express our gratitude and extend best wishes for a season of great joy!



PALMER IMPLEMENT CO.

FORD TRACTORS & DEARBORN EQUIPMENT



FOR A COURAGEOUS American Yule!

Valiantly and courageously, let's make this a good Christmas, one that will shine out for all the world to see. Let's make this our pledge because it is in times like the present that we need the encouragement and strength so necessary to meet the trials of the future.

To our customers, our former customers and our future customers, and to those whom we have never had the privilege of serving, we wish to express our warmest Christmas greetings and a word of encouragement.

We are proud of the things you have done toward making this a better world and we are sure that you will have the faith and determination to carry on in the best possible manner in the future.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

City Gas Company

Phone 111

IF IT'S HEAT, IT CAN ALWAYS BE DONE BETTER WITH NATURAL GAS

Castor Beans Prove To Be Profitable New Oil Crop For Midwest

Castor beans have proved to be a profitable new oil crop for the Midwest. They are a welcome addition to the small list of cash crops western farmers have to choose from, points out Capper's Farmer.

Castor bean oil goes into paints, enamels and many other products in the protective coating field. The oil is used for making jet-engine lubricating oil, hydraulic fluids, plastic-coated combat wire, military fabrics and explosives. The Government contracted for the beans at a support price of 10 cents a pound and hoped for a 1951 planting of 100,000 acres, says the nationally-circulated farm magazine,

"The beans do well in Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, northern Texas and southeastern Kansas. They are adapted to light, well drained soils. Yields in the Midwest average 500 pounds. Under irrigation, harvest ranges from 2,500 to 3,000 pounds an acre.

"Castor beans work into rotations and require growing conditions similar to cotton, only there is less trouble from insects or disease. They are normally spring-planted and fall-harvested. However, they are being 'double cropped' in some irrigated valleys with long growing seasons. The beans are planted after spring-harvested grain and vegetables.

"Plant breeders and engineers have greatly reduced the labor and cost of castor bean production. Dwarf varieties for irrigated areas, which are easy to harvest, have been developed. A bean

combine is available which can also be converted to harvest peanuts or grain. It is used for dwarf varieties and harvests one acre an hour.

"Most dry land producers in Texas and Oklahoma grow Conner, a tall bean not suited to combine harvesting. Extension and industrial engineers have developed a new 2-row tractor-mounted stripper that promises to ease the bean harvesting chore for dry land farmers.

"Plant breeders hope to develop a dwarf castor bean for the dry land area that will yield better and be easier to harvest."

Burning and over-cutting forests are examples of man's part in upsetting the balance of nature and destroying the natural habitat of wildlife.

We need fire protection to prevent injury to and destruction of our remaining stands of merchantable and second-growth timber. Fire protection also is essential to the reforestation of non-agricultural cut-over land.

Forest fire prevention and control is necessary for the continuation of the annual \$60,000,000 forest industry payroll to over 50,000 East Texas workmen.

Isn't it peculiar that no matter how busy we are we always see to it that our auto is kept in good repair?

We need fire protection to grow timber for revenue. Growing timber provides taxable wealth for the support of schools and colleges, roads, hospitals, and government.

He who said that drinking whiskey is bad must have tried some of the recent stuff.

One of the oldest newspapers currently published in the United States is the Connecticut Courant, founded in Hartford in 1764 by Thomas Green.

He was a good man, as husbands go, and as husbands go he went.

To French Canadians 'Jour de L'An' Is A Great Occasion

The exchanging of gifts and general family reunions are important to the French-Canadian celebration of "Jour de L'An"—New Year's Day.

The conclusion of Christmas day is the signal for a frenzied period of cooking and baking and making ready for an overflow of relatives and visitors that marks the celebration of the first day of the year. In most Canadian cities, midnight Mass is celebrated just as it is at Christmas time.

The "Patriarch," or father, is an important man on New Year's Day. As each member of a French-Canadian family arises on the first day of each new year, he speaks not a word to anyone until he has been to the father of the house to ask for his blessing. Individually, all mem-



bers of the house come on bedecked knee to ask, "Father, give me your blessing," and the father extends a hand and says, "May God bless you, my child; I bless you with all my heart."

Just as at Christmas, everyone in the family goes, to church, after which the family reunion gets underway. Married sons and daughters begin to arrive, and they, too, go first to the head of the house for his blessing.

The dinner for the day is almost a feast. The menu usually consists of soup, turkey, meat balls, tarts, rolls, creams, nuts and fruits.

After-dinner hours are spent in conversation among the older family members, while the children play.

Sometime during the first month of the year, all the married members of the family take a turn at inviting the family over for a "fritcot," or get-together, the idea being that it will start a custom which will continue the course of the year.

January 1 Date Fairly Modern

The custom of welcoming in the New Year on January 1 is a relatively modern one. Down through history the holiday was a movable one, many people and nations celebrating at different times of the year.

The vernal equinox, March 22, was celebrated as the start of the new year by the Jews. The Greeks celebrated on December 21, the time of the winter solstice. The autumnal equinox, September 22, marked the beginning of a new year for ancient Egypt.

It was not until the coming of the Gregorian calendar, instituted by Pope Gregory in 1582, that the groundwork was laid for a universal celebration. The continent of Europe, having celebrated New Year's on March 25 since medieval times, was the first to adopt the calendar popularly.

Yet it was not a complete adoption. Great Britain provided the weight that finally tipped the scales in favor of Gregory's calendar in 1752, when the British parliament officially established New Year's day as January 1.

Bible Foretold Future On New Year for Scots

The early Scots believed that it was possible to foretell the events of a coming year by turning to the Bible on New Year's Day.

It was long a custom to place the sacred book upon a table and open it at random, placing one finger on the printed page. The entire chapter then was read carefully, with the belief that the message it carried described in some way the happiness or misery in store for the person adhering to the practice.



YOUTH WILL BE SERVED . . . And this one apparently is calling for service right away, which, after all, is in keeping with the spirit of the season. In other words, do right by the New Year and it will do right by you.



Truly speaking, the first day of the year has no more significance as a holiday than that which is given to it by the imagination of mankind. It is important only because it marks a turning point—a spot on the calendar where civilization may say, "That period is done for, tomorrow we start anew."

If the passing year has been an unpleasant one, a time of war, plagues or poverty, the New Year becomes all the more important because it lies in a future that may offer blessed relief.

New Year's Day is a day of tomorrow and, for mankind, there are no unpleasant tomorrows.

To the poor, tomorrow offers security; for the sick there is a promise of health; the imprisoned may scale the walls of freedom; the smallest eaglet may learn to fly.

Thus, in essence, New Year's Day becomes one of the most important days in the year—the day of a new start. It is once more the moment that optimism becomes the asset of every human heart.

Days that have been passed with hours at once depart the world for the sketchy pages of history, and all men know that the world was—and shall be—according to the inhabitants. Mankind starts afresh, brimming with new hopes, ambitions and dreams, holding but one reservation:

If the new year fails to live up to expectation, there will be no regrets or contempt. It leads eternally to another year and another chance.

New Year's Day Passes on All Old Superstitions

Through centuries of celebrations, New Year's Day has managed to pass on to each succeeding generation the superstitions that people of olden times held about the first day of the year.

Residents of England once believed it to be an ill omen if one shared a lighted match with another on New Year's morning. English maidens, and Scotch ones, as



well, made a custom of rushing to the well at the stroke of midnight. The first to taste of the water would have the best luck during the ensuing year.

Residents of the Isle of Man held that a dark complexioned person brought good fortune with him if he were the first to enter a house after the new year had begun. A light-haired visitor was believed a bearer of misfortune.

In early America, New Englanders considered it inviting bad luck to go outside the house on New Year's Day until someone had entered.

Southerners believe that it invites prosperity when black-eyed peas are included on the New Year's Day menu.

Happy Time in Japan Is First Day of Year

One of the happiest days on the Japanese calendar is the first day of the year. No matter how poor a man may be, he always manages to have a set of new clothes to wear when he visits all his friends on New Year's Day.

Celebrations in the land of the rising sun sometimes last as long as two weeks. Even the poorest of the land refrain from work for at least three or four days in order to celebrate.

At midnight on New Year's Eve the bells ring out loud and clear and a carnival atmosphere dominates the country.



LIGHTING UP . . . This young lady isn't trying to burn the candle at both ends—she just wants to get the New Year off to a good start. May it start, and finish, the same way for you.

Health Notes

AUSTIN—"At this time of the year health officers and practicing physicians always expect an increase in the common cold," Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, reminds residents of Texas. "Although good personal hygiene—adequate sleep, suitable clothing, moderate exercise and good nutrition—may help the individual to develop resistance to infections, colds frequently develop in spite of all normal precautions. The seasonal rise in colds and other respiratory diseases during the fall and winter months certainly suggests that the shift to cooler weather is partly responsible for their prevalence.

"The unhappy victim of a cold should make every effort to prevent spreading the infection to others. He can help by covering coughs and sneezes with a disposable paper handkerchief, by staying out of crowds and avoiding close contact with others—especially invalids, young child-

ren and old people. Evidence indicates that colds are readily transmitted from person to person.

"For his own sake the patient should rest as much as possible in order to help his body to fight the cold. If there is any fever it is advisable to go to bed and stay there. There is some question as to the effectiveness of the large quantities of water and fruit juices generally recommended in the past, but they can do no harm and may help to some extent.

"If a cold persists for several days the patient should by all means consult his family physician, especially if there is an accompanying fever. Although, as is generally known, there is no specific cure for the common cold, the doctor can prescribe medicines that will afford safe relief. Consulting the physician is strongly advised, also, because a number of communicable diseases have early symptoms similar to those of the cold and only a doctor can decide whether the patient has a simple cold or some-



Wishing You A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

YOUR POSTOFFICE FORCE

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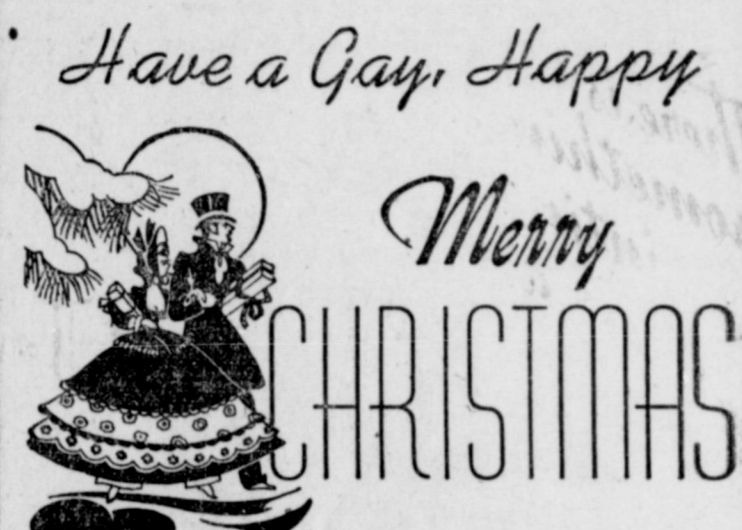
Greetings FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

TOM ROBERTS GULF SERVICE

Phone 456-M



PARKER - PERKINS



Donley County Consumer Frozen Food Locker



- MAY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BE THE MOST GLORIOUS OF YOUR LIFE AND THAT THE NEW YEAR MAY BRING YOU HEALTH, GOOD FORTUNE AND GREAT HAPPINESS.

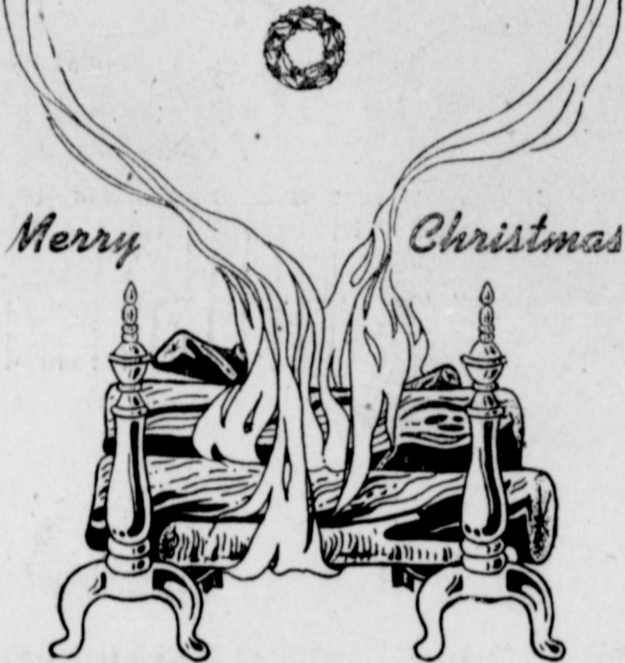
We very much appreciate the opportunity you have given us to serve you in the past and even more do we appreciate you as a friend. May we deserve this friendship always.

ALLEN & BOWNDS MAGNOLIA SERVICE Phone 197

THE GLOW of YULE LOGS

Reflects the spirit of Christmas in a manner which best expresses our sincere good wishes to everyone.

In this brief, simple message, we wish to convey our Christmas Greetings, and trust that you will accept them in the true meaning in which they are presented. May the new year hold for you every success and may your every ambition be realized.



BARTLETT MOTOR CO.

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Homer Garrison, Jr. Reminds Motorists of New Safety Law

AUSTIN—Public Safety Director Homer Garrison, Jr., reminded Texas motorists recently that their licenses to own or operate an automobile will be suspended if they are involved in a traffic accident and fail to meet damage claims up to \$15,000 when the state's new Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Law becomes effective on January 1.

Declaring it "will greatly affect the personal safety and economic security of every man, woman and child in the state," Director Garrison gave the public its first official analysis of the new law since its adoption by the last session of the legislature. He spoke from Austin over a state-wide radio network and announced that during the next two months the Texas Department of Public Safety will fully acquaint the people with the purposes and requirements of the law through the press and radio and by means of an official leaflet that may be obtained at any service station.

Director Garrison pointed to the rapidly increasing number of traffic accidents and public indignation over the failure of motor vehicle owners and operators to pay for the damage they cause through negligence as the reasons that prompted the legislature to enact the law, which closely follows safety responsibility statutes in 34 other states. He declared the law's primary objectives were to deny all motoring privileges to owners or operators who do not meet just damage claims resulting from accidents and to put chronic accident causers off of the highways permanently.

In a carefully summarized explanation of the law's principal features, Director Garrison explained its operation as follows:

The operator of every motor vehicle that is involved in an accident resulting in death or injury to a person, or property damage to any one person exceeding \$100, must file with the Texas Department of Public Safety a new report in addition to the regular accident report

that is now required by the state's Uniform Traffic Law. The regular accident report must be filed within 24 hours, but motorists have up to 10 days to file the new report form. Both reports are mandatory regardless of who caused the accident.

The law does not apply, except with respect to filing the new report form, to insured owners or operators, provided the insurance covers possible damage claims resulting from a traffic accident, up to \$15,000. Uninsured motorists will receive a notice from the Texas Department of Public Safety that they must deposit sufficient security to cover the damage they caused, as determined by the Department. This may range anywhere from \$101 to \$15,000, and the collateral may be in the form of cash or negotiable securities. The deposit must be made with the Department within a maximum of 60 days after the accident report was filed.

An uninsured motorist will not be required to deposit security, however, if he files satisfactory evidence, within the 60-day period, that he has been released from liability, been finally adjudicated not to be liable, executed a duly acknowledged written agreement to pay damage claims up to \$15,000, or that his motor vehicle was legally parked or was being operated without his permission at the time of the accident.

Should an uninsured motorist fail to meet any of these requirements within 60 days after filing his accident report, both his operator's license and registration of ownership will be suspended until he does or until a year has elapsed without court action for damages being filed. Suspension of registration will apply to all cars owned by the defaulting motorist.

Not all of us possess enough land for growing trees, but that need not deter us from helping the fellow who can grow timber by giving him our encouragement and helping him in every possible way to keep fire out of his woods.

Donley County Leader, \$2.50 year

OPEN UP...

WE'VE SOMETHING FOR YOU

That jolly old man with the long whiskers is here again. As old Saint Nick makes his rounds and stops at your house, we hope that he will leave with you abundant joy for the Christmas Season. We are sending along something for you too — our message of Christmas Greetings. We hope you do have a MERRY CHRISTMAS ... merry in every respect. We want you to have everything you so richly deserve and that will add full measure to your happiness through the holiday season.



LEE HOLLAND OIL CO.
SINCLAIR PRODUCTS



DONLEY HOTEL
and Coffee Shop

WESTERN UNION — BUS STATION

Season's Greetings

It is a real pleasure to extend greetings to you at this Christmas season and to wish each of you the fullest measure of happiness and successful achievement in the New Year.

Let us press ahead with united energy and determination toward the pinnacle of success that lies ahead for our community, our nation and each other.

Heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings to one and all.



THOMAS FEED & PRODUCE

RED CHAIN FEEDS

Phone 199-J



Merry Greetings

Each year as Christmas draws near, we realize more than ever the value of friends like you. We are truly grateful and wish you an abundance of good things during the Holiday Season.

PALMER MOTOR CO.

FORD SALES & SERVICE



CLYDE BUTLER

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Plains Hunters Contribute Most Dope

Panhandle and Lower Plains Sportsmen contributed almost half of the total information to the Texas Bobwhite Quail study carried out by the Texas Game and Fish Commission during the 1950 hunting season.

Hemphill County, with a total of 498 quail wings turned in, led the State. It is believed that almost this many wings are needed from each county each year if the effects of local weather and other factors controlling quail populations are to be properly measured. The wing analysis last season reflected a good hatch and a healthy outlook for the coming opening December 1st.

Game technicians need to know the rate of quail turnover or what the life span is for a given generation of quail. When and only when these things are known about a quail crop can the relative importance of hunting as a limiting influence be measured.

What hunters need is a sustained yield with fair to good hunting every season. To provide this kind of hunting is the purpose of game management.

Bobwhites hatched the preceding spring and summer carry

their age within ten day limits on certain feather patterns found on their wings. The sex is of course easily determined by the different color markings on the head and neck of males and females. By use of these indicators, the quail biologist can determine the make-up of all quail populations as surely as the rancher knows the make-up of his range herds.

Last hunting season, for the first time, hunters throughout Texas were asked to help in a state-wide inventory of the quail population. Panhandle and Lower Plains Counties were the source of almost half the wings turned in. Even so, many counties in good quail range were not represented at all, and others could not be treated separately because of insufficient information.

Among 1,964 quail from the hunter kill in the Lower Plains Counties last year, 85.6 percent were young birds hatched the preceding spring and summer. Among 1,663 quail from the Panhandle Counties, 85.2 percent were young birds. In both cases, the percent of adult cocks bagged was almost twice the percent of adult or parent hens. It is plain, therefore, that the incubating or brooding hen is subject to heavy losses during the nest-

ing season. The result is shown in the ratio of young quail to old hens in the winter population. By December first last year, there were approximately 14 young quail to each adult hen.

Panhandle and Lower Plains hunters reported finding four-tenths of a covey per man-hour of hunting. They killed one quail per man-hour, and took an average of 2.7 quail for each covey flushed. These are averages and include of course many beginners at quail hunting.

In every region of the State, the bulk of the 1950 Bobwhite hatch came off prior to August 15th.

The study confirms that the bobwhite quail ordinarily has a short life span—off-set by a high rate of replacement when things go well with the breeding season. When the breeding season is poor, the population of bobwhites falls off rapidly. And, this happens whether or not hunting has been allowed. Thus, the hunter is always dependent on young birds each year for his sport.

The assistance of hunters is again solicited in carrying on this study. Postage paid envelopes for use in collecting quail wings can be had from the local State Game Warden or by writing direct to the Texas Game and Fish Com-

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TO EXTEND

SEASON'S BEST GREETINGS

We are happy that the Holiday season again furnishes us an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued friendships of you, and you and you. It is a blessing we value highly.

Our thoughts are with you, friends, and we hope next year will be one of full happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

Donley County Consumers

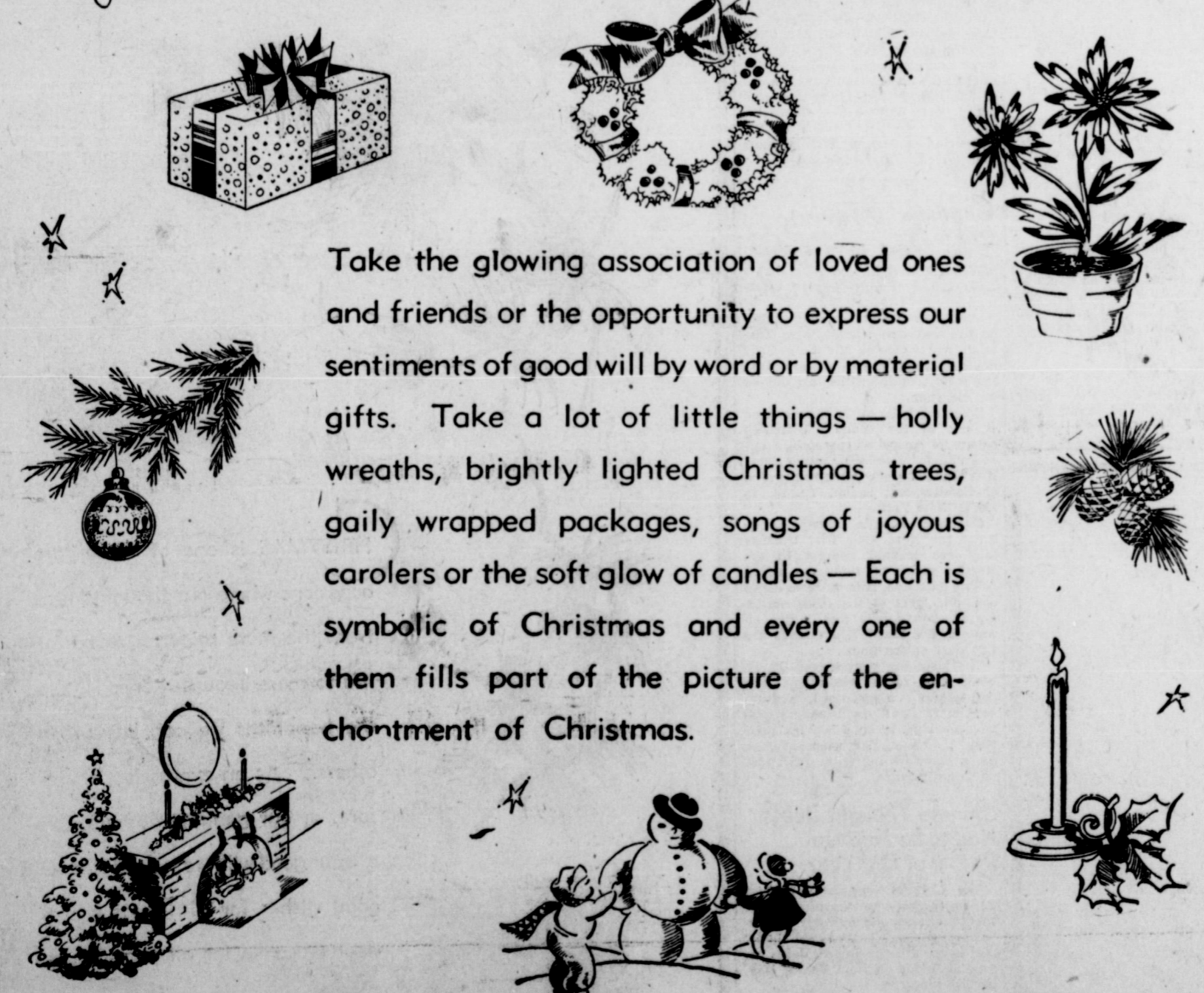


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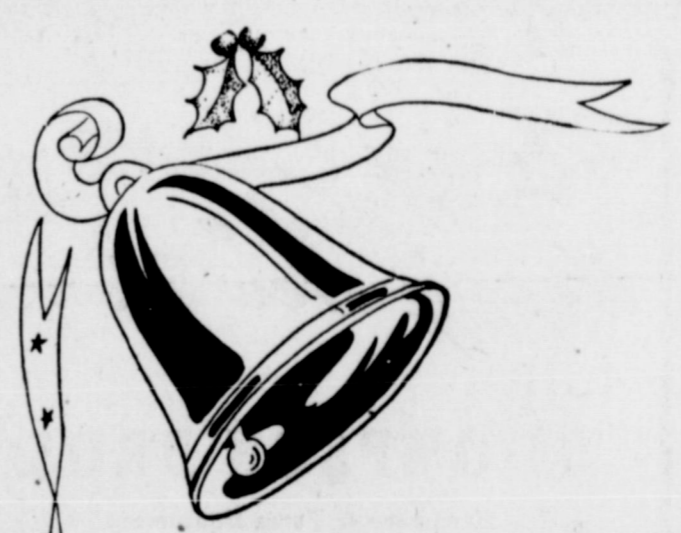
OF CHRISTMAS

Take the glowing association of loved ones and friends or the opportunity to express our sentiments of good will by word or by material gifts. Take a lot of little things — holly wreaths, brightly lighted Christmas trees, gaily wrapped packages, songs of joyous carolers or the soft glow of candles — Each is symbolic of Christmas and every one of them fills part of the picture of the enchantment of Christmas.



Pat Slavin Oil Co.

PHILLIPS 66 PRODUCTS



A JOYOUS YULETIDE

As we express the Season's Greetings at this happy Christmastime, we pledge to strive to maintain this same spirit of thoughtful service throughout all the days of the coming year.

Our sincere thanks for your patronage and our assurance that it is our purpose to merit its continuance.

BENNETT IMPLEMENT CO.

JOHN DEERE TRACTORS & IMPLEMENTS

Is There an Easy Resolution?

New Year resolutions have long been a common practice of humanity—and the brunt of a million jokes.

Neither fact is too surprising. Man always has been eager enough to make promises to himself and to others, just as he has been quick to criticize his own weakness when he fails to follow through.

Yet there are always reasons why resolutions fail. True, they might have been made with all seriousness, but still be lacking in strength or perseverance. The fallen resolutions are always those that

were impracticable, and not easily adapted to the general pattern of living.

There is a parable: "No man putteth new wine into old wine skins."

A fermenting wine would easily burst the seams of an old wine skin, just as a non-practicable resolution falls along the wayside of daily living. If one is to make new and strong resolutions, there must be a new and stronger person to uphold them.

The easiest resolution of all to make and follow is one to work for a world of peace and harmony.



FIVE MINUTES MORE . . . Here's a clock with a hand like a foot, which doesn't seem to detract a bit from its face. If you can do this trick at five minutes to 12 on New Year's Eve, you're entitled to a Happy New Year.



There just isn't a better way of saying it . . . so we'll say it again—
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

THOMPSON BROS.
Hardware & Farm Equipment

Season's Greetings

may your christmas bring good cheer and the new year much health happiness and peace

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CLARENDON, TEXAS
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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!



Smaller Towns Began Lighting Outdoor Trees

Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree decorations have become famous in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair.

Four widely separated communities lighted up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania.



Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

The first National Christmas tree was in 1924 and was sponsored by the American Forestry association. For the past two years the lighting of the White House has been televised.



Santa's little helper came down to us from Scandinavia.

Many years before Leif Erikson touched American shores, the children of the North believed that a little elf with long white whiskers—Jól Tomten—saw that the earth was abundant with good food and that the animals and birds were taken care of.

After the pagan Vikings were Christianized, little Jól became the giver of presents—just as Santa today. It became a custom for children to leave a bowl of porridge on the kitchen table for the little elf, who would leave presents in exchange.

Travelers picked up the legend of Jól Tomten and carried it around the world. To us, he is the busy, jolly, good little elf who works happily in Santa's workshop.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Calendar, Relatively New, Unified Time

The Gregorian calendar has been in popular usage only since the late 16th century, and was the first calendar to bring about such a world unity on the time front.

Yet, it has not satisfied everyone. In fact, someone is always trying to introduce a new one.

One of these, concocted by a schoolboy about the time of the first World War, was considered seriously for many years. It was even brought to the attention of congress in 1945 and the countries of China and Great Britain showed interest.

Entitled the Edwards Perpetual Calendar, the plan offers striking revisions from the present Gregorian. To start, New Year's Day is not attached to any month of the year, but precedes Monday, January 1. Monday, incidentally, always starts the week, with Saturday and Sunday at the end of the week, where, it would seem, a week-end belongs.

There are 91 days in each quarter, with 30 days in each of the first two months of a quarter; 31 in the third, sixth, ninth and twelfth months of the year. Christmas, birthdays and all other holidays would always fall on the same day each year, and, a feature appealing to the superstitious, there would never again be a Friday, the 13th.

And, lest we forget, something for the gala, leap year day would be a distinct 24-hour period between June and July—one more chance.

The calendar was worked out by Willard E. Edwards. A lieutenant in the navy during World War II, Edwards presented his calendar to the delegates to the San Francisco conference in 1945, where it met with much approval. He was soon swamped with letters from all parts of the world acclaiming the proposed calendar. Time, however, passes on and the pages of the Gregorian calendar still replace themselves, year after year.

Chatham Islanders Are First in World To See New Year In

Shepherds watching their flocks on the Chatham islands, New Zealand, will welcome the New Year while milkmen in America are making their rounds on the last day of the old year.

When the bells of the little church on one of the islands, a British colony of about 200 persons, rings at midnight to welcome a new year, it is high noon according to Big Ben of London and is but 7 a.m. in sleepy New York.

Chatham islands always celebrate the New Year first because they are located nearest to the starting point of time—the admiral's date line. It is made to curve east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean. The islands are just east of the line.

The incoming year leaves the islands and races westward along the equator at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour. Chatham islanders will be preparing to sit down for their New Year's dinner when howling mobs are warming up to greet 1952 on Times Square.

Chinese Thought Debts Had to Be Paid Up By End of Old Year

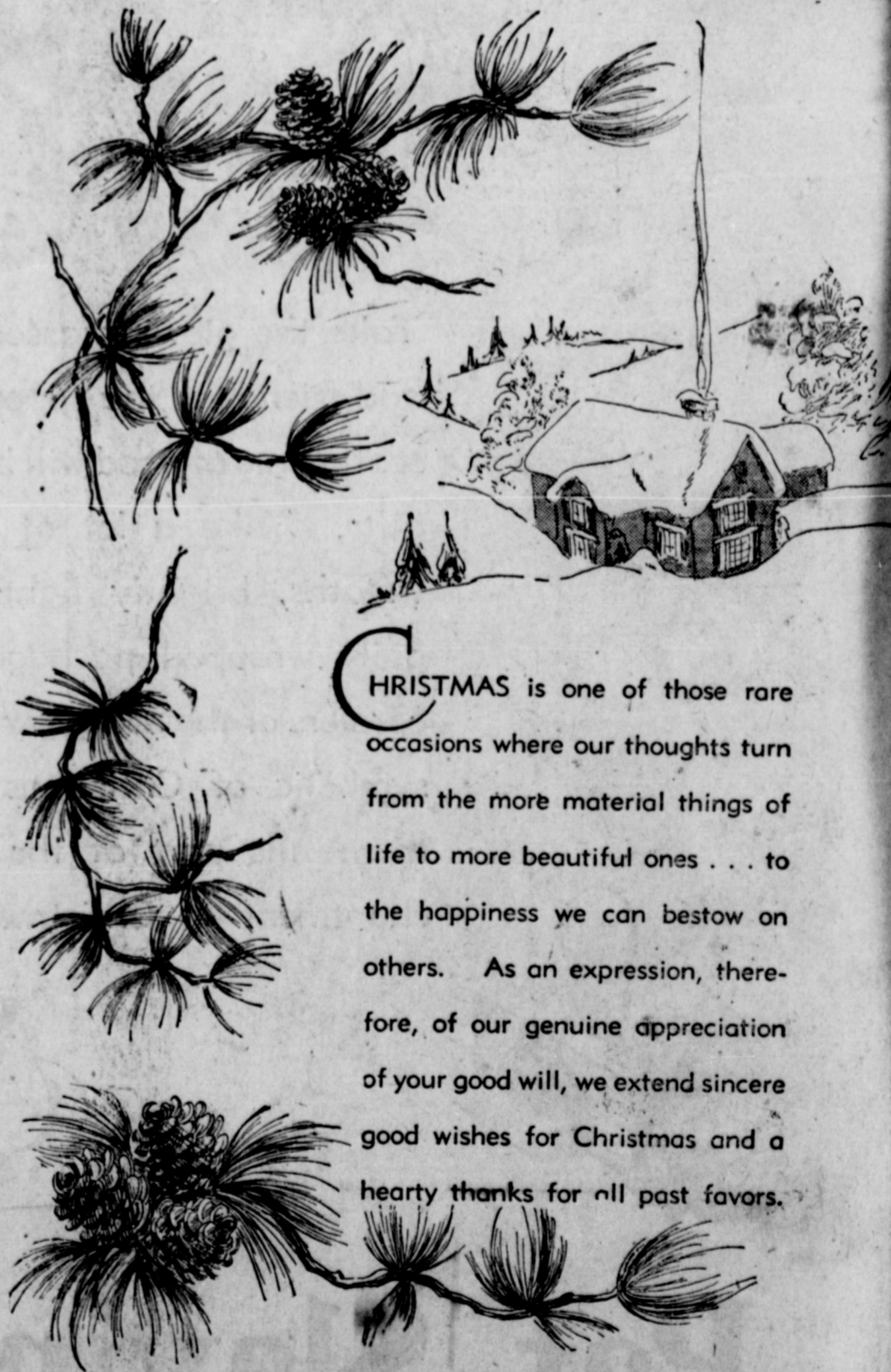
The Chinese long held a New Year's tradition worthy of note. No doubt made popular by early money-lenders, there was an old belief that if one did not pay all debts before midnight on New Year's Day, he lost "face."

For centuries China celebrated New Year's during the time of the first moon, usually about the first of the February—but this was before adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1912.

In earlier times, celebration began a week prior to the Eve, when homage was paid to the Kitchen God and climaxed on the "fifteenth day of the First Moon" by the Feast of Lanterns, or "Teng Chieh." It was a custom to exchange greeting cards and presents through the season.



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