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A Common Paper for Common People

Sixtieth Annual Christmas Eve Service

The Leader has been told the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist is planning its 60th annual Christmas Eve Service.

As far as we can find out this is the oldest continual Christmas Eve Church Service in the Panhandle of Texas.

The local Episcopal Church was dedicated in 1893, and their records show that they have had a midnight service every Christmas Eve for the last 59 years.

This lovely old church which is the Mother Church of all the Episcopal Churches in the Panhandle has been preserved in all of its original beauty and dignity.

The present congregation is continuing the tradition of decorating the church for the Christmas season with Smilax and candles.

The Episcopalians are grateful to be able to share this joyous service with as many as are able to attend.

The Service will begin at 11:00 P. M., Thursday, December 24th. The Rev. Samuel B. Black will be the celebrant.

Services Today (Wednesday) For Mrs. H. W. Lovell

Funeral services for Mrs. H. W. Lovell will be held this afternoon (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist Church with Rev. I. E. Biggs officiating.

Mrs. Lovell, age 83, died at the home of her son, Ben Lovell, at Ashtola early Tuesday morning. She had been a resident of Ashtola since 1924, moving there with her husband, Mr. H. W. Lovell, from Honey Grove, Texas. She was a member of the First Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, H. W. Lovell, Ashtola; four daughters, Mrs. Beulah Venneman, Linwood, Kansas; Mrs. Chas. F. Carter, Dallas; Mrs. T. A. Nelson, Ashtola, and Mrs. C. A. Myers, Amarillo; three sons, Ben R. Lovell, Ashtola; H. W. Lovell, Jr., Gassville, Arkansas and E. S. Taber, Winchell, Texas; also a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Leo Wallace, H. S. Mahaffey, H. E. Tolleson, Gail Reed, Hubert Rhoades, and J. M. Graham.

Burial will be in Citizens Cemetery with the Murphy-Spicer Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Legion To Sponsor Christmas Eve Dance

The local American Legion Post will sponsor a Christmas Eve Dance, December 24th at the Legion Hall. Music for the dance will be furnished by Emmett Allen and his Sunset Ramblers. The starting time of the dance will be 9 o'clock and the admission charge will be \$1.00 per person. The Legion is inviting everyone to come out and have a good time.

Christmas Trees To Burn New Years Eve

Plans for the first annual Christmas Tree Bonfire to be held New Years Eve are well underway according to committee reports. This gala occasion which is to be held on the vacant lots 3 blocks west of the Rodeo Grounds at 7:00 P. M. on New Years Eve is an old tradition which was started in Williamsburg, Virginia many years ago and has been an annual affair ever since. On New Years Eve or the day before everyone wishing to dispose of their Christmas tree is asked to put them in the front yard or on the curb. They will be picked up by the Jaycees and hauled to the Bonfire grounds for the fire. It is understood that a program is on tap which includes lighting of the fire by Miss Jackie Estlack, some good spiritual singing by a group of colored folks, and the singing of Auld Lang Syne by everyone.

Johnny Allen of the Jaycees is chairman of this program along with Mrs. Pete Kunz, and they urge everyone to leave their trees out, then attend the bonfire. This program will be held only if the weather permits. Remember 7:00 P. M. on the 31st at the vacant lots 3 blocks west of the Rodeo arena.

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 who have represented their respective communities to the fullest extent and we know that their neighbors appreciate the 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.

Stores To Close 25th; Some On 26th

Practically every business firm in Clarendon will be closed Friday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day. The only exceptions will possibly be some of the service stations and part of these will be closed a part of the day.

A number of business firms will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 26th also, but some firms, due to the nature of their business and for various other reasons, will remain open.



MYSTERY FARM NO. 21—Here is the Leader Mystery Farm of the Air for this week. Rules governing this guessing contest and prizes are as follows: 1st in town and first living and receiving their mail in country to identify the mystery farm will receive a one year subscription to the Leader. The fifth to identify the farm, both town & rural will receive a free ticket to the Mulkey Theatre. The owner or tenant identifying his farm at the Leader office will receive a mounted picture free. Hours for making identification are 8 to 12 and 1 to 5 starting Thursday morning. Last weeks Mystery Farm is identified on page Three of this issue through the courtesy of the sponsor, Clarendon Furniture Co. (Identification this week may be made starting Wed. morning, Dec. 23rd)

Cafeteria Menu For Dec. 28 - Jan. 1st

MONDAY
Beef roast and gravy, green beans, cream potatoes, jello salad, hot rolls, milk, butter and honey.

TUESDAY
Cheese, red beans, whole grain corn, mustard greens, corn bread, butter, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY
Irish stew, lettuce and tomato salad, bread, crackers, milk and cherry pie.

THURSDAY
Chicken and noodles, blackeyed peas, turnips, tomatoes, bread, milk and cake.

FRIDAY
Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onions, potato chips, buns, milk, cookies.

Ft. Worth Firm Gets 287 Contract

It was learned here this week that the Ernest Loyd Construction Company of Ft. Worth was the low bidder and received the contract for the road job on 287. The low bid was in excess of \$467,000. The construction work includes widening of 287 through Clarendon and rebuilding 287 between here and Hedley.

According to the latest report, the construction company plans to commence work around the first of January. The construction work will probably require around ten to twelve months to complete it.

Mr. and Mrs. John Molesworth and family of Junction will spend the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Molesworth and other relatives.

Local Sheriff Makes Plea For Sane, Safe And Sober Holidays

Sheriff Truett Behrens made his plea yesterday in regard to the holiday season. "Please do your holiday drinking in a safe place and not mix it with gasoline or expose yourself to the public as a nuisance," he stated.

"It is better to honor your family or friends with your presence instead of presents, so drive carefully, observe the law in every detail and it will be a much happier Christmas for everyone," he added. Sheriff Behrens stated that he was expecting a quiet holiday season but that in event that it should be otherwise, his force would be on the job.

For those who will be going away to spend Christmas, you might keep this little paragraph in mind that was sent out this week by G. C. Morris, executive director of the Highway Safety Council.

"Each year at what is supposed to be our most joyous season, we cripple and kill more and more people in traffic," Morris said. "The Department of Public Safety has estimated that this Christmas will be no exception—that 100 persons will lose their lives. This need not be the result. It can be avoided if we drive carefully, and most important, if we drive soberly. Don't take chances with your life or the lives of others."

A/2c Jerry Cunningham based at Las Vegas, Nevada visited a short time Friday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Estlack and Jackie. He was enroute to Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays.

Clarendon Residents Display Beautiful Xmas Lighting

If you haven't driven around town after nightfall, you will receive much enjoyment in seeing the many decorations and beautiful Christmas lighting that is in evidence if you just take off a few minutes to take a little joy ride.

There are numerous Christmas trees visible to the streets and some of the outside lighting is very beautiful. One of the most impressive scenes in the downtown district is the Nativity scene in the Wallace Monument Co. building. If you want to get a good view of the Chamber of Commerce street lighting you can drive west past the turnoff to the overpass and turn south at the first intersection. It's really a beautiful sight, for you can get a straight-away look at the highway going east through Clarendon.

The Leader wishes to compliment those who have decorated and helped give our little city that warm, beautiful appearance of the real Christmas Spirit.

Only Eight Identify Mystery Farm

Most of our regular guessers were confused with the picture of the Mystery Farm last week and only eight correctly identified it. If you know the Mystery farm of the Air, this week be sure and call in your identification. Since we will be publishing a day early, guesses will be accepted Wednesday morning as well as Thursday but we will be closed on Saturday.

Mrs. Richard Dingler, Jr. was the first to make identification on the city list and Pink Marshall was the first on the rural list. Both will receive free subscriptions to the Leader. Only one free ticket to the Mulkey Theatre was won as there were only five names on the rural and three on the city list. Mrs. Carl Barker was the winner of the ticket.

Those to correctly identify the farm were: City—Mrs. Richard Dingler, Jr., Jack Eddings and Junior Davis. Rural—Pink Marshall, Leo Wallace, Mrs. Doyce Graham, Mrs. Van Knox and Mrs. Carl Barker.

Christmas Tree At Calvary Baptist Church

The Calvary Baptist Church is having a Christmas Tree and program tonight (Wednesday, Dec. 23) at 7:30 p. m. There will be bags of candy and nuts for the children.

"There will be singing of Christmas Carols and exchanging of gifts and good old fashioned fellowship together. Come and bring your children and enjoy this Spirit of Love and Goodwill at this Christmas time, stated the pastor, Ernest Phillips.

Among those planning to be closed Saturday will be the Donley County Leader.

Merchants Extend Seasons Greetings In This Issue

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, Santa letters, 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 seventy business firms and individuals are represented and have used the Leader advertising columns as a medium of conveying 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 24th date line but is being published a day early so everyone in this area may receive it prior to Christmas. Our next issue will be published on Dec. 31st. Until then, we wish each and every one of our readers "A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year."

Services Held Tues. For Lesley Butler

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church for Lesley James Butler with Rev. J. E. Byers and Rev. Ernest Phillips officiating.

Mr. Butler, age 31, died early Sunday morning in a Birmingham, Alabama hospital. He had been visiting a brother in Birmingham. Les, as he was known here, was a native of Clarendon and attended the Clarendon public schools. He served with the Air Force during World War II and has been an automobile trader since that time.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butler of Clarendon; two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Cowan of Borger, Mrs. Loren Rhoades of Amarillo; four brothers, Earl and J. W., both of Borger, Glenn of Claude and Joe Clyde Butler of Birmingham, Ala. Pallbearers were Joe Baten, Junior Spier, Grady Tylor, Hubert Heatherly, Clyde Wilson and A. G. Karnes.

Burial was in Citizens Cemetery with the Murphy-Spicer Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

This Christmas season will bring many visitors to your home or perhaps you will be able to visit with friends or relatives, in other towns. Whichever 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.

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TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH DISTRICT

By Congressman Walter Rogers

CHRISTMAS APPROACHES

As usual, the approach of the Christmas season finds yours truly totally unprepared. Every year I make a pledge that it is going to be different next year and that all of my Christmas business will be attended to not later than December 1 and the worries will be over. However, I

suppose this is wholly impossible, as I have been trying it now for some forty-odd years, and it always works out the same. This year is no different and Jean and I have been running from one store to another trying to find the necessities to partially comply with some of the expressed desires of the children. It is quite a varied allotment. The older ones are not such a problem, but the desires of the younger ones change daily as new worlds unfold before their eyes in each store. We have tried to keep them confined to two or three stores, but this is wholly impossible. One of them wants a hot rod, another wants electronics equipment, the twelve year old girl wants quite an array of pretty clothes. I guess all women are alike, beginning in their early ages. The red-headed boy wants a dog and the two little ones want everything they see. I have been planning on taking them to the Smithsonian zoo, but am afraid to do it this close to Christmas. It will have to wait until after the first of the year, as I certainly don't want to have the responsibility of burdening Santa Claus with a camel, a monkey or an elephant. Jean suggested that it would simplify matters if we put all of our names in a hat and each one drew and gave a present to the name that they drew. It sounded like a pretty good suggestion, but the general discussion of the matter immediately brought forth a veto that would compare with a Vishinsky veto of a good plan for peace. The discussion took place at the dinner table and reminded me of some of the UN meetings, where everybody was trying to talk at once and nobody was listening to what the other one said. The results were the same as some of those meetings, that is, we got nowhere, and it presently appears that everybody is going to give somebody else a gift. But all things considered, it looks like the Rogers family is going to have a very merry Christmas, for which we are all deeply thankful and hope that everyone else is equally blessed.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH BEFORE THE UN

The comments on President Eisenhower's speech before the UN concerning the dangers of the atomic age and what should be

done met with approval on all sides. As many said, it was certainly a step in the right direction. However, President Eisenhower, able as he is, could not begin to touch upon the many complex problems that will be involved in such an over-all plan. It would be wonderful if the efforts of mankind could be devoted, as he suggested, to the peace and welfare of humans and to the betterment of civilization. This, of course, can only be realized if the peoples of the world cooperate with each other toward that end. Such cooperation immediately creates in the minds of World Government theorists the possibility of forming the World Government of which they dream. This immediately sets off the spark of reaction in the minds of those who are violently opposed to World Government, and the battle is joined. We then get into a head-butting contest that results in headaches with no progress in the solution of the problem involved. Certainly this country can not subordinate itself to an over-all world government federation. Each country must stand upon its own feet and build its own strength as an independent nation. Certainly cooperation between the several nations is necessary for building this strength, but a joining of all the nations in a world government would serve not only to weaken the nations that have remained independent and strong, but would create a world social problem that would contribute greatly to the socialistic and communistic doctrines.

will meet this challenge to put up or shut up may well determine the trend of events for the next decade.

MISS GLENNA DEAL WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TEHRAN, IRAN

Miss Glenna Deal, formerly with the State Department in Bonn, Germany, has recently become secretary to the Chief of the Political Section of the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran, it was revealed recently by her friends. Miss Deal joined the Department of State, Foreign Service, in April 1950. In November 1952 she was transferred to the Embassy in Persia. Here for a time she was secretary to the Embassy Press Attache and in this capacity spent much of her time aiding foreign correspondents in their work of gathering news in a country whose economical and political conditions were practically unknown to them.

While acting in this position, Miss Deal took notes for several hours of an interview between a reporter and the new Iranian Prime Minister Zahedi. This was one of the most important early interviews with the new Chief of State of Iran and was widely published throughout the United States.

However, all has not been just work for Miss Deal in Iran. She has been able to visit the Caspian area, Beirut, Damascus and other parts of the Middle East.

Miss Deal graduated from Clarendon High School and is the daughter of Mrs. Maggie Deal of Clarendon, and the sister of Mrs. Frank Arthur of Pampa.

An element, in science, is a substance not separable into substances different from itself.

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Giant boy



Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer appears to be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

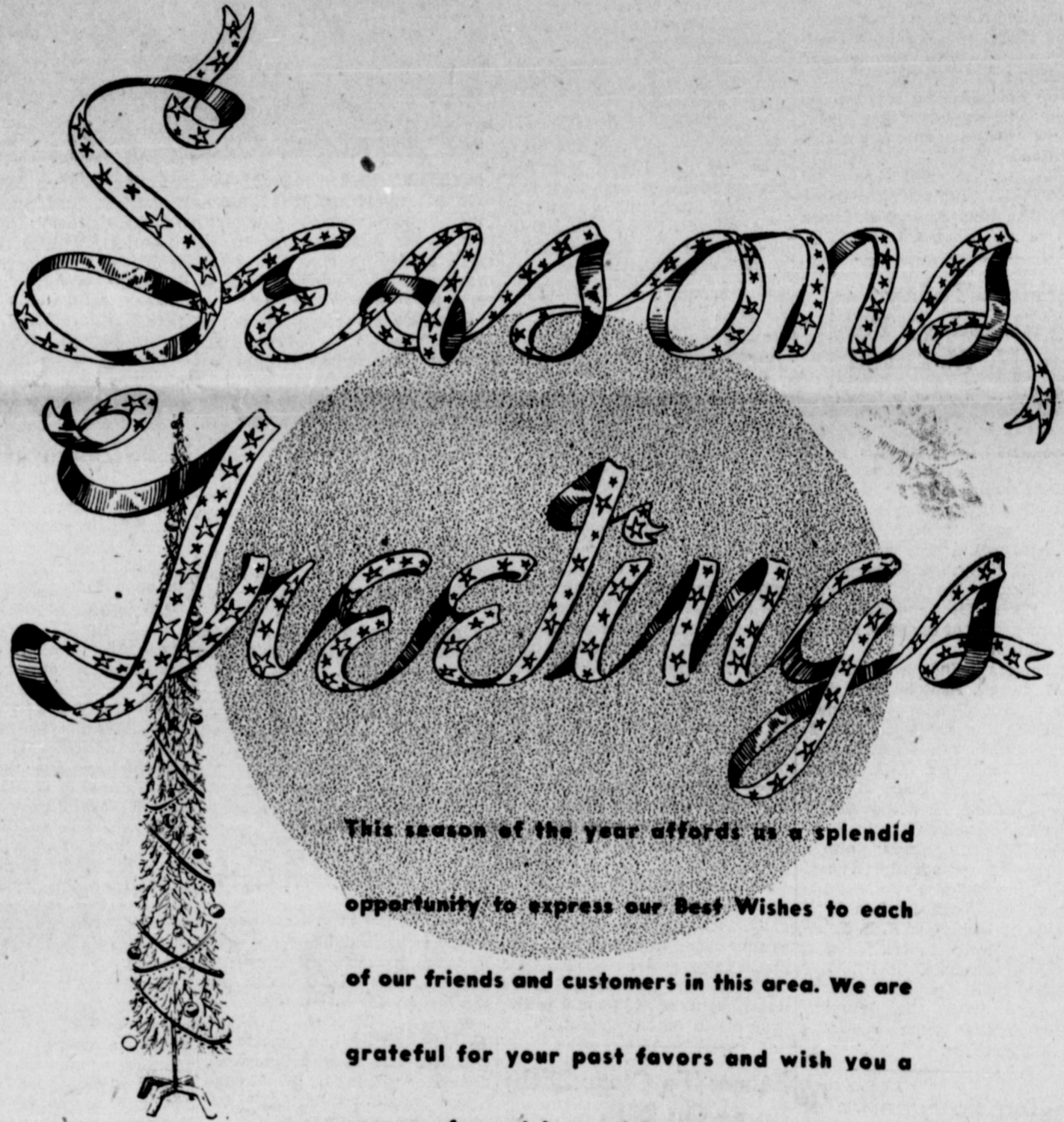
Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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ASHTOLA NEEDLE CLUB XMAS PARTY

The Ashtola Needle Club convened in regular session Thursday, Dec. 17. A short business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Hubert Rhoades, at which time she read her committee chairmen.

The club room was festive with seasonal decorations. A tree beautifully trimmed centered the long table with gifts piled underneath the tree. The officers' table was covered with a white crocheted cloth with an arrangement of fruit, cedar, and holly.

Mrs. Horice Green directed an interesting Yuletide Program which opened with a group of Christmas songs about Santa Claus by Mrs. J. R. Brandon's pupils. Mrs. Millard Word then led the members in numerous Christmas carols. Mrs. Horice Green beautifully read "Why the Chimes Rang", and the program closed with a prayer by Mrs. Hubert Rhoades.

The hostesses, Mesdames H. A. Graham, Dane Perdue, Charles Catoe, and Vance Gray served a bountiful Xmas plate to 20 members and one guest, Mrs. Bob Mothershed from Parnell. The hostesses presented all present with a corsage.

Reporter—Mrs. Doyce Graham

1926 BOOK CLUB

Mrs. Rolle Brunley and Mrs. Frank Phelan, Sr. were hostesses to the 1926 Book Club in Patching Club House Tuesday afternoon, December 15, for the annual Christmas party.

The Christmas motif was carried out in room decorations. As each member entered, their gifts were placed in a huge Santa Claus container. After the program as each person passed Santa they were allowed in "grab bag" fashion to select a gift.

Mrs. Frank White, Jr. was pro-

gram chairman and introduced Mrs. J. N. Weaver, director and accompanist for the Children's Chorus. A number of lovely Christmas carols were sung by the boys and girls. The club is grateful to Mrs. Weaver and her chorus for a beautifully rendered program.

Refreshments of Christmas bell cookies and hot cranberry punch were served visitors and members by the hostesses. The serving table was very attractive, covered with a bright red cloth caught up with huge green bows. The centerpiece of candles was surrounded with Christmas greenery.

Members present were Mesdames B. C. Antrobus, E. S. Ballew, Homer Bones, L. N. Cox, M. C. Goodner, Clyde Hudson, Loyd Johnson, C. M. Lowry, Rayburn Smith, W. C. Thornberry, Frank White, Jr., Curtis Mears, C. R. Brown, Bill Bromley, W. E. Ray, James Ross, and Misses Loyd Richerson and Lucile Polk.

The Club was very happy to have Mrs. Bill Bromley back with us, and to know that she is improving from her recent illness.

MUSIC PUPILS HAVE PARTY

Piano pupils of Mrs. Page Harmon enjoyed a studio Christmas party last Monday afternoon at her home.

Christmas selections were played by: Kim Fulks, Clayton Ferris, Billie Neal, Lynn Douglas and Mike Spier, Curtis Cockerell, Beth Johnson, Nan Blasingame, Georgia Bell Harmon and Mrs. Cockerell.

After receiving gifts from the lovely Xmas tree, hot chocolate, cookies and candy were served to all present.

Amelia Earhart was the first woman to address the graduating class of the U. S. Naval Academy.



JEANIE McANEAR

Jeanie McAnear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McAnear, will appear in a vocal and piano musical, presented by Lilly Larsen, in the College Auditorium, Monday evening, December 28, at 7:30 o'clock.

Also appearing are: Dianne Moore, Martha Beth Gillham, Margaret Cushing, Billie Jean Stroehle, Sue Seago, Janice Christal, Harold Clampitt.

KIL KARE KNEEDLE KLUB

The Kil Kare Klub met Thursday, December 17 in the gaily decorated home of Mrs. G. C. Heath. A delicious holiday dinner was enjoyed by members, the meal being served buffet style. Christmas carols were sung by the group after lunch and gifts were exchanged from the beautifully lighted Christmas tree.

The out-going club president, Mrs. G. C. Heath, was presented a beautiful centerpiece of gladioli and Holly. The president for the coming year received a lovely corsage of red carnations. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in visiting.

Members present were Mesdames Harry Brunley, Homer Mulkey, W. A. Land, G. C. Heath, Major Hudson, Buel Sanford, C. R. Piercy, E. H. Noland, S. W. Lowe, J. R. Bartlett, Frank Whitlock, R. R. Dawkins, C. E. Lindsey, R. O. Thomas, A. O. Hefner, Cap Lane, and Misses Ida and Etta Harned.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. R. O. Thomas, January 14.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Joy Gift Christmas meeting for Women of the Presbyterian Church was held Wednesday afternoon, December 16, in the home of Mrs. Carroll Knorpp with the general officers hostesses.

The meeting was called to order and opened with a devotional on "Meditation" by the president, Mrs. D. F. Wadsworth. Reports on the year's work were given by each chairman and officer present. Each report showed interest and accomplishment for the year. Names of shut-ins were given for the Joy Gift baskets.

Mrs. J. N. Head was program leader and gave a very interesting program on the subject, "Jesus—Our Living Lord." Meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Ed Dishman.

Refreshments of decorated cake squares and coffee were served from a table centered with an arrangement of candy canes and candles. Tapers in the room were lighted to lend a festive atmosphere. Mable Mongole, incoming president, poured while Mrs. Ed Dishman, incoming vice-president, served cake. Mixed nuts were also served.

During the social hour, two Christmas cards were passed and signed by each member of the group and were to be sent to Dr. B. L. Jenkins and Irene Chamberlain. A nice amount of fruit, nuts and other goodies were received for the shut-in baskets, also a nice Joy Gift offering was taken.

The next meeting will be held January 13 in the home of Mrs. Ed Dishman with Mrs. Nova McClure assisting hostess.

NEEDLE CLUB

The Needle Club met in home of Mrs. Henry Mann, Dec. 10, as hostess. The evening was spent exchanging gifts and enjoying the Xmas treats.

Lovely refreshments were served to Mrs. Ross Darby, Mrs. Gilbert Mann, Mrs. Amel Carter, Mrs. Ira Self, Mrs. Harvey Shaw, Mrs. Carl Barker and hostess, Mrs. Henry Mann.

Pollyannas were drawn for the following year. Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Gilbert Mann in January. —Reporter.



KAY LANE

Lilly Larsen will present Kay Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lane, in a piano and vocal musical, in the College Auditorium, Tuesday Evening, December 29, at 7:30 o'clock.

Other performers are: Marcia McMurtry, Cathie Harris, Marilyn McMurtry, Kittie Harris, Marie Blackburn, Patti Lane, Bonnie Ellen Rodgers, Sue Yankie, Shirley Wiedman, Jonna Lee Blocker, Jeanne Vallance, Connie McMurtry, Linda Kay Hardin.

GOLDSTON QUILTING CLUB

The Club met December 7th in the home of Mrs. Nora Smith. One quilt was worked on. On December 17th she entertained the Club with a Christmas party. Each club member gave Pollyanna gifts and revealed their names. Then drew names for another year.

Lovely refreshments were served to 18 people, Mesdames Oddie Moss, Blanche Gray, Sallie Hatley, Gertrude Reid, Nora Jackson, Minnie Roberson, Joy Roberson, May Pearl McDonald, Connie Talley, Ola McBrayer, Vivian Godbey, Irene Stewart and Gary, Maisie Eichelberger, Oneata Moss and Billy Bob, Geraldine Jackson, Adgar Williams and hostess, Nora Smith. Those sending in gifts were Roxie Littlefield and Sarah Pegram.

Next quilting will be with May Pearl McDonald Thursday, January 7th. —Reporter.

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H. D. CLUB

Members of the Home Demonstration Club met Friday in the home of Mrs. Clyde Butler for their annual Christmas dinner and party. Entertaining rooms were decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

Dinner was served buffet style with plate favors being small sprays of berries and greenery.

Following the meal, a Christmas program was presented and gifts exchanged from the Christmas tree. Opening the program, Mrs. W. L. Jordan told a Christmas story. Mrs. Claude Darden led the group in prayer. After singing a song, the group heard a poem read by Mrs. G. L. Green. Concluding was the exchange of gifts.

Present were visitors, Mrs. Cap Lane and Mrs. Bob Williams. Members attending were Mesdames G. A. Anderson, Lena Antrobus, Clyde Butler, Bertha Benson, Claude Darden, G. L. Green, H. B. Hill, A. P. Todd, Joe Terry, John Hatley, O. C. Watson, A. W. Simpson, W. L. Jordan, Virgil Poole, Tom Crabtree, Ella McDowell, M. C. Rumpy, and William Payne.

The next meeting will be held the third Friday in January when members will meet in the home of Mrs. Ella McDowell for an all day quilting.

MARY-MARTHA CLASS

The Mary-Martha Class of First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Grover Heath, Dec. 13, for Christmas fellowship and exchange of gifts. After Mrs. Cook gave the devotion, Christmas carols were sung.

Refreshments were served to 15 members. —Reporter.

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MARTIN QUILTING CLUB PARTY

The Martin Quilting Club met with Melba Risley Dec. 17th for their Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged. Names were drawn for new Pollyannas. New officers were elected: Flossie Reynolds, Secretary; Eunice Land, president. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Members present were Nola Hill, Lois Stevenson, Dorothy Sullivan, Margaret Waldrop, Lela Bulman, Lizzie Morrow, Montie Kidd, Blanch Higgins, Eunice Land, Gwin Hill, Etta Reynolds, Alice Pittman, Velma Hearn, Linnie Cauthen, Flossie Reynolds, Veta Tims and the hostess Melba Risley.

Next quilting will be with Lela Bulman January 7th at the school house. —Reporter.

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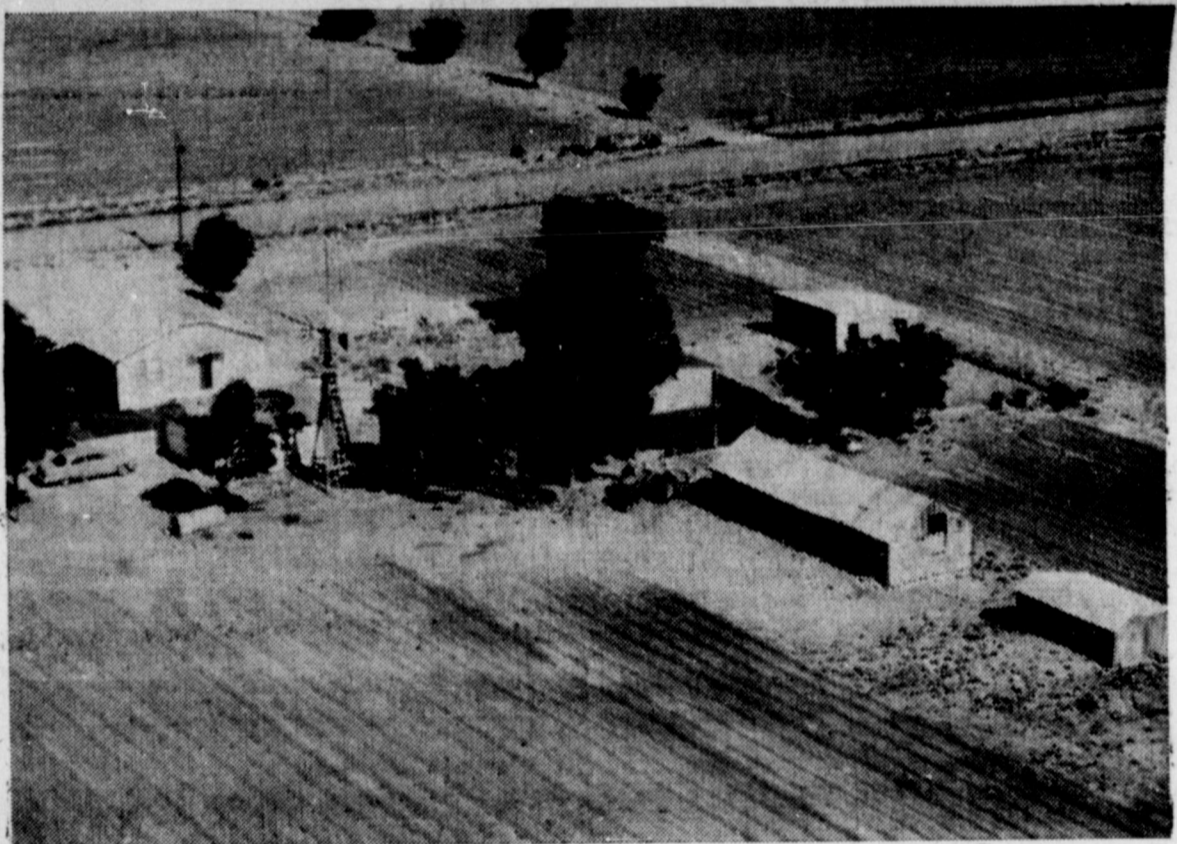
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GREETINGS

As you decorate your Christmas tree
and light the Yule log
May you accept our best wishes for a
glorious Christmas Season



MYSTERY FARM NO. 20—This farm home was identified by seven persons last week as the Warren Hardin place located 1/4 mile north of Ashtola. Mrs. Hardin made proper identification of their home and will receive the free glossy print picture.

Mr. Hardin purchased this 160 acre farm in 1947. Numerous improvements have been made since he obtained it from Mr. Roy Brinson. His favorite crop is cotton. He also farms other land in addition to his home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin are both natives of Donley County. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge.

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Kappa Presentation Dance Highlight Of Season

Highlighting the holiday season, members of the Kappa Sub Debs entertained fall pledges at a formal Presentation dance Friday evening, December 18, at the American Legion Hall.

The hall was beautifully decorated in keeping with the season and accenting club colors of red and white. Wall boxes were filled with pine, cones, and ribbon. The Sandie Swingsters of Amarillo, orchestra for the evening, were seated on the stage, the background of which was draped in white displaying the word "Kappa's" in large red letters showered with silver stars. Lighting was subdued by a shading of greenery and red bows.

Roping of Christmas greenery, balls and ornamented pine cones led from either side of the room to a platform and archway immediately in front of the stage. The archway was topped with a spray of greenery, silver bells, Christmas balls and a large bow of red satin ribbon. The platform was covered in silver and showered with stars. Flanking the archway and platform were branched candelabra with red tapers. Tapers were lighted by Misses Genella Mooring, Vanetta McClellan, and Mable Dean Brock. In this setting, pledges and their escorts were introduced by Miss Kay Schollenbarger, club president, and in a beautiful candlelight ceremony, Kappa members presented their sisters with their Kappa pin and a fan of silver feathers and red carnations secured with red satin streamers.

Pledges and their escorts presented were Charlotte Wilson and Bobby Johnson; Linda Lamberth and John Payne; Glenna Lane and Max Johnson; Joyce Crutchfield and Tommy Blassingame; Jackie Estlack and Jimmie Lamberth; Margaret Cushing and Bill Noblet; Paula Skelton and Billy Mac Hicks; Lucy Richardson and Boyd White; Wanda Lewis and Gordon Moore; Mary Francis McCully and Bobby Wilson; Shirley Blackwell and Steve Reynolds; Pat Knox and Glenn Wallace; Mary Ann Longan and Stanley Hodges; Jeanie McAnear and Donald Cherry; also Miss Shirley McAbee and Jack Clifford.

Refreshments of punch and cake were served at intermission. The tiered cake was decorated in red and white and was topped with bells. Assisting with the serving were Mrs. L. D. Aten, Jr., sponsor; Mrs. George Schollenbarger, Mrs. John McClellan, and Mrs. Bill Montgomery.

Approximately 200 members and their guests attended.

Home for the holidays this week end from Tucson, Arizona are Doris and Wesley Knorpp, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carroll Knorpp. Doris is a student at the University of Arizona and Wes attends the Southern Arizona School for Boys.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER HONORS RECENT BRIDE

Mrs. Mike Murff, the former Shirley Allison of McLean, was honoree at a miscellaneous shower given recently in the home of Mrs. Hilburn Gattis. Co-hostesses were Mesdames Olin Bain, Cal Holland, Zack Salmon, Jay Johnson, Gene Koening, Jack Wolf, and Darrell Johnson.

Guests were received by Mrs. Hilburn Gattis, the honoree, Mrs. Mike Murff, her mother, Mrs. Clifford Allison, and Mrs. C. V. Murff. Miss Mary Ida Gattis presided at the guest register.

The dining room was beautifully decorated in the bride's chosen colors of yellow and white. An artistic arrangement of yellow candles in a five tiered gold candelabra imported from Japan provided the decorative setting for the buffet. The refreshment table was laid with an imported white Maderia cloth over yellow and was centered with a bouquet of yellow roses flanked with gold leaves.

Coffee was poured by Miss Kay Schollenbarger who was assisted in serving by Mrs. Joe Shadle. Others attending were Mrs. Anne Dickson and Mrs. Layton Gillispie of Memphis; Bonita Bailey of McLean, also Mesdames C. R. Cross, J. G. McAnear, Dalton Howard, Bill Thornberry, H. T. Burton, Jim McMurtry, Dru Betty Cook, Jay Howard, Johnny Grady, Marion Cross, Sam Lowry, Mary Youngblood, J. L. Allison, and Melody and Lynn Howard. Approximately fifty gifts were received from those who were unable to attend.

GOOD NEIGHBORS CLUB

The Good Neighbors Club ended the year with an all day quilting and a covered dish lunch in the home of Freida Siddle. Two quilts were quilted on. A Christmas tree was enjoyed in the afternoon by Eula Butler, Pearl Terry, Velma Owens, Dawsie Sullivan, Bennie Crabtree, Ruby Jordan, Emma Davis, Rosa Bingham, Bessie Helton, one guest, Mrs. Davis and the hostess Freida Siddle. Officers were elected: Bessie Helton, President and Secretary; Eula Butler, Vice President. Lovely gifts were received by each member.

Next quilting will be with Velma Owens on the 2nd Friday January 8th. Let's all be there and enjoy the day. —Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wasson of Panhandle, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Easterling and children and Mrs. J. H. Easterling all of Clarendon had dinner and visited in the Jack Gray home on the night of Dec. 14. The occasion was Mr. Gray's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Green will leave Sunday for Dallas where they will spend the New Years Holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Bentley. They will also visit their son William and family at Trinidad, Texas.

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LELIA LAKE NEWS

Mrs. H. R. King

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Gilbreth and children went to Quail Thursday evening to visit her brother, Ted Thomas who is home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill De Pauw and children and Shirley Todd had business in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wood and children went to Memphis Sunday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clayton and daughter.

Miss Jan Christal of WTSC at Canyon is home to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Chunn of Plainview visited relatives here last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hill left Saturday for Sault St. Marie, Michigan after spending two weeks here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Brock recently returned from a visit with relatives in Mena, Ark.

Miss Billie Jean Poole of Canyon is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Poole.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wood and children made a business trip to Fort Worth last weekend.

Mrs. Sam Roberts, Mr. and Mrs.

D. E. Leathers, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn Aten, and Mr. and Mrs. Rice Batson were called to Memphis last Friday by the death of a brother-in-law, Brice Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Darnell of Hedley visited Mr. and Mrs. H. R. King Sunday.

Misses Patty and Christine Shields visited friends in Amarillo Sunday.

Miss Shirley Aten left Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moore of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leathers of Tulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Leathers of Tulia and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Williams and Sharon of Groom visited Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Leathers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Roberts and Raelen of Amarillo visited his mother, Mrs. Sam Roberts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Seago and Sue and Benny Hill attended Quarterly Conference in Alareed Sunday and visited Mr. J. D. Pope of McLean Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferral Floyd and Mollie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Low of Alareed Sunday.

Pvt. Arthur Shields of Fort Lewis, Washington arrived Monday to spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shields and other relatives.

J. E. White and Winnie V shop-

ped in Amarillo Saturday.

A. B. Bynum spent the weekend with his grandson Lyndal Carter and family of Borger.

Pvt. Billy White of Oakland, California arrived home Wednesday to spend a furlough with his wife, his parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Myers and children of Capitan, N. Mex. came Saturday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Myers.

Pvt. Billy Scott of Fort Lewis, Washington arrived Monday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Scott and Gaynelle.

Ralph Ayers, a student of WTSC at Canyon will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ayers.

Pvt. Johnny Britten of San Antonio came Sunday to visit his grandmother, Mrs. Ida Walling and friends here.

MARTIN NEWS

Mrs. W. H. Morrow

There was a large crowd out for Church and Sunday school Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cannon visited in Lubbock Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cannon

and boys went to Plainview Wednesday on business.

They will have the Xmas tree and program Thursday night, the 24th. The program will begin at 7 o'clock. Everyone is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Land and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Fladge Fitzgerald and Gerry, Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Land and family of Amarillo, all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman and Mrs. Richard Cannon visited Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Waldrop Sunday eve.

Mrs. Jacob of Stuttgart, Ark. and Mrs. J. D. Jones and Mike visited Mrs. Frank Cannon Sunday at church. Mrs. Jacob is a cousin of Mrs. Cannon's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Morrow and Bobby of Amarillo visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morrow and Ralph Carroll of Amarillo came by and visited Mr. and Mrs. Morrow awhile Sunday eve.

Miss Della Wood visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wood Sunday for dinner. In the afternoon they all went to Texline, Okla.

Mrs. D. L. Brinkley's mother and father came by to see her

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cannon

their way to Olton to spend Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hearn and Cora Lee of Groom visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrow Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land visited them also.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Roberts visited their daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis of Amarillo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hott were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Moreland of Midway community, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Land, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bulman Saturday night.

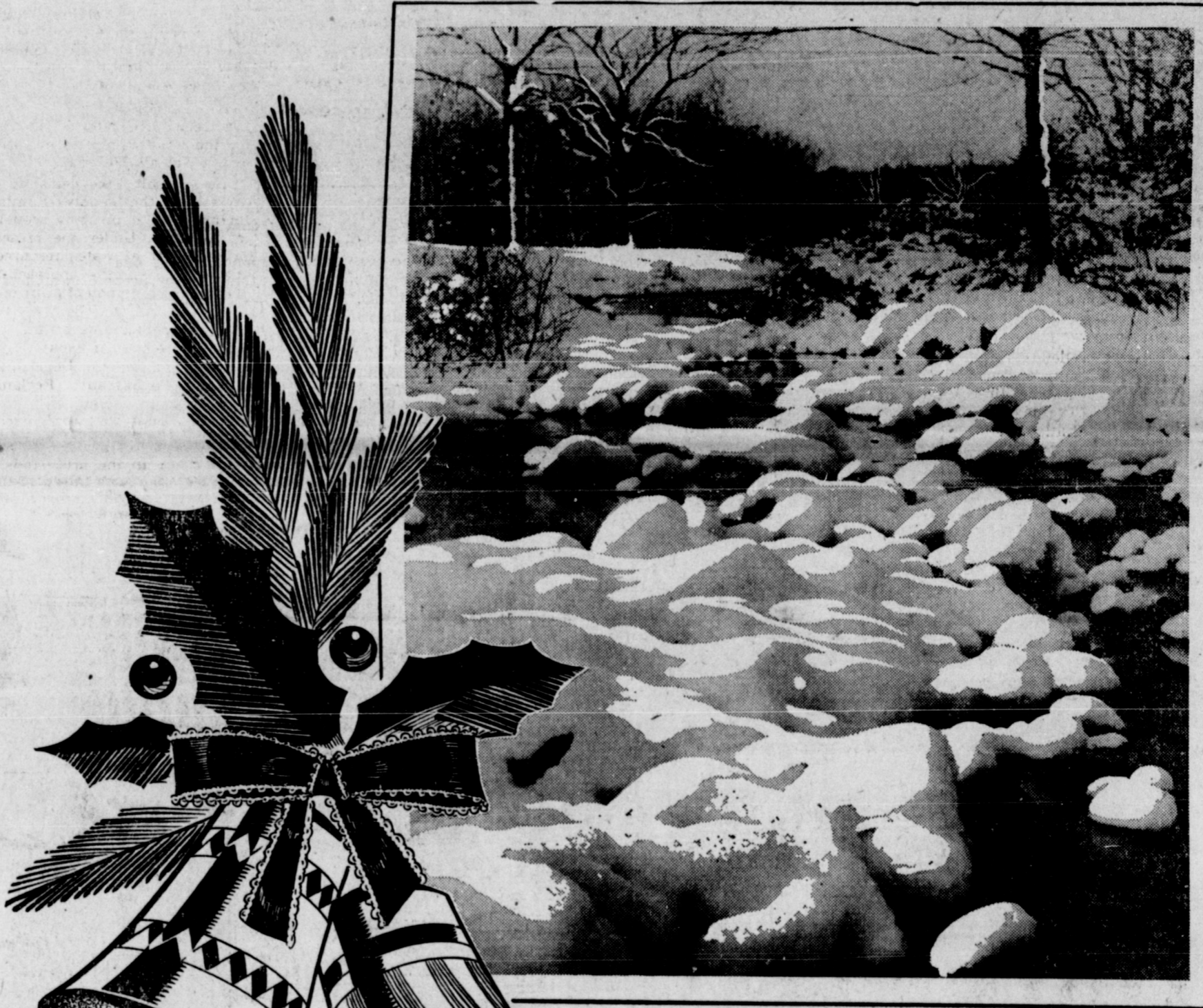
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Barker Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Higgins visited Mr. and Mrs. Horace Reid of Clarendon Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Morrow visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reynolds Tuesday night and watched TV.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Lee Hill and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop Sunday.

Duane Lambertson visited Tommie Waldrop Sunday and Tommie Waldrop spent Monday with Duane Lambertson and helped him celebrate his birthday.



Greetings

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History of the New Year Goes Back as Far as Ancient Egypt

Everywhere throughout the world for thousands of years man has celebrated the passing of time. He has done so in various seasons and to the accompaniment of different customs — but always the holiday has been one of gladness and joy, of hope and brightness, of light and laughter.

The history of the celebration of New Year's day goes far back into antiquity. It is only in relatively recent times that New Year's day has been observed on January 1. The holiday has been a movable one and various races have marked it in different seasons. For instance, the ancient Persians and Egyptians celebrated New Year's on September 22, the autumnal equinox, while the Greeks did so at the winter solstice, December 21. The vernal equinox, March 22, marked the beginning of the year for the Jews.

At the New Year season through the ages, man has taken new stock of himself, and has pledged himself to higher, finer things and has resolved that ere the year ends, he will have done those things which would move him nearer Utopia.

New Year's Day has always been actively celebrated in the United States and from Colonial times to the present it has been a day of great significance. Presidents have received the public at great receptions on that day, and the custom of visiting friends and relatives is one which has survived until the present.

New Year's eve seems to be growing in popularity as a time of jollity and good fellowship and the average American feels lost unless he can "go somewhere" and "do something" on the turn of the year.

Of the many legends and traditions which have grown around the significance of the New Year, the one most persistent is that what you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen in the months to follow.

As an example, to open a bank account at New Year's was considered lucky in old England.

So deep-seated was the general belief in the "first thing" determining "future things" that even after the festival was declared a general holiday, many clung to their old-time beliefs, and to insure work for the coming year would set the pace by spending at least an hour or two in some useful pursuit.

The first day of the year has been more generally observed than any other holiday and over a longer period.

Omens of good luck have always been associated with the new year, all founded more or less upon the belief that a supreme power was vested in some unseen deity who could bring good luck if properly appeased, or mete out punishments.

The Romans named their new year in honor of Janus, the two-faced god, who had the power to look back over the past and also, in a prophetic way, could look into the future.

He was represented with a key in his hand symbolizing his power to open doors and gateways, and this holiday was one of great gaiety lasting several days.

The festival was not observed in midwinter, but in the spring, when the Roman year began, and had only 10 months. Later, when two months were added to the calendar, January and February were placed at the beginning of the year and New Year was celebrated on the first of January.

The "first foot" — the first person to enter the house on New Year's day — plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes, according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

To bring good luck, the first arrival must be a dark man, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out" then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year. The most auspicious gift as luck bringer is a lump of coal or a red herring.

Moss and baby.
Mr. M. W. Hatley visited Wednesday eve with Mr. Dick Eichelberger.

Mr. Dick Eichelberger spent Wednesday and Thursday in Dallas.

Mrs. Dick Eichelberger spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart and boys.

Carl and Howard Talley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Pat Roberson.

Pat Roberson spent Sunday night with Jimmie and Pandel Hard.

Mrs. Hord and boys visited Sunday eve in the Roy Roberson home.

Mr. Roy Roberson visited Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Hott of Chamberlain community.

HUDGINS NEWS

Mrs. Carl Barker

Bro. Harmonson and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue Sunday.

Wilma Elliott spent Sunday with Linda Self.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tyler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Pink Hahn.

Mrs. Ira Self spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Harvey Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue spent Thursday night with their son, Dane and family of Ashtola.

Don Barker of Plainview is home for the Christmas holidays.

It's twin girls for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Talley. They named them Marilyn and Carolyn. Mrs. W. O. Elliott is helping care for them this week.

W. O. Elliott and Wanda visited relatives at Fritch Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Barker were dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Hinkle and Stella, Iva Sunday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Larence Watson and family of McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue visited Mr. and Mrs. George Self Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tyler Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Self visited Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Smallwood Friday night.

Mrs. Lacy Noble was hostess to the Quilting Club Thursday afternoon. Twelve members were present.

I want to thank each one of helping me with the news items and wish every one a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Larry Tom Whitlock of Amarillo is visiting a few days this week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitlock.



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

Texas Historian Gives Facts Concerning Great Inland Canal Now Being Proposed

A famed Texas historian reports that the great inland canal recommended for carrying water to the arid lands of Texas' Lower Gulf Coast would increase the region's annual income by \$5,000,000,000.

Writing in the December issue of Harper's Magazine, Dr. Walter Prescott Webb, University of Texas professor of history, says the project would cost over \$1,000,000,000, but it could be done by stages and the investment return would be "phenomenal."

In a full review of the costly Texas drought and the steps that might be taken to alleviate those

in the future, Dr. Webb says that "water today is the most valuable asset in Texas—more valuable than oil, or cattle, or cotton, or any other commodity."

The demand for it is increasing at a tremendous rate, he reports, but the total supply is not increasing at all. He adds:

"As a result, the demand is overtaking the supply—running far ahead of it in many sections of the state. Under the present management of water resources, the state is rapidly approaching the limits of its potential in both irrigation and in industry, two very prosperous enterprises."

At the request of Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation drew up a plan for a great 450-mile canal to carry excess water from rivers of the Upper Gulf Coast to the arid lands of

the lower Gulf Coast.

Dr. Webb writes: "This, said the engineers, would guarantee a firm water supply for the cities, for industrialization, and for that greatest of all water gluttons, irrigation. It would provide water to open up 850,000 acres of the most fertile land, in a subtropical climate, for intensive agriculture. It would provide an integrated

water supply, to replace the isolated single river valley developments that have already been made. Great dams would be built above the canal, of sufficient size and number to hold a year's supply of water in reserve for the dry spells."

In time, this bold plan must be carried out, Dr. Webb concludes, because "the logic of facts are so strongly in its favor, and because the need is imperative."

Last-Minute Shoppers Hunt For Santa Claus

Local business firms are reporting quite an increase in Christmas buying this past week end and this week over previous weeks. Shoppers are busy filling out their gift lists while they have better selection.

There are a large number of people who wait until the last minute to do the majority of their shopping, so local business firms are braced for the big rush Wednesday and Thursday as those two days will wipe out the remaining shopping time before Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheeler have as their guest, her sister, Mrs. T. L. Shults of Lamesa.

Charles Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Hamrick, who is stationed with the Seabees in the Philippines, recently received his 2nd class rating.

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GOLDSTON NEWS

Mrs. Roy Roberson

Miss Glenda Philley who has just finished boot camp is home for the Xmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Philley and family.

Those who took dinner Sunday with Mr. J. F. Jackson and girls were Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Putman and girls, Bro. and Mrs. C. T. Williams all of Clarendon and Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Those visiting Sunday eve were Mr. and Mrs. V. Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson and family of Amarillo.

Doyle Ray Littlefield and

Glenda Philley visited Friday eve with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Mrs. Jim Pegram visited Tuesday eve with Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Littlefield visited Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Mrs. Walter Goldston visited Sunday eve with Mrs. M. W. Hatley.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hatley visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. V. Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pegram and girls of Pampa spent Sunday with Mrs. Jim Pegram.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Talley and boys, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moss and Shirley visited Friday night in Clarendon with Mr. and Mrs. Bob

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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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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HAND STAND—Taking an early stand in life is Paula Ann, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Monteleone of Chicago. The precocious tot doesn't even totter as she stands erect in her father's hand.

I'll always stay at home and sing. And keep my dreams afire.

Thanks again, Lois for the cute inspiring poem, and for the use of it to spice up Uncle Zeb's feeble efforts.

Looking at the calendar we see that tomorrow is Christmas. Tonight Old Santa will move like a flash across the nation and the world bringing with him the Season's gifts to all the people. To some merely the coldness and emptiness of another hapless day. To some drinking and revelry and whoop 'em up times will be their lot. To some the empty voice of bitterness and hate will echo back its taunting cries as they look upon a world of plenty from their room of nothingness. To some even in their lot of plenty there is no joy for deep in their innermost self there is no love.

But to some it has a fairer meaning. To some there is a gay note as children laugh and play. To some the bells on Santa's sleigh ring out with hope and joy and peace. These are the ones that have seen the real Spirit of Christmas. These are the ones who look upon this day as the Day of Love. Look upon it as the birthday of the One who brought hope to a hopeless world. As the birthday of the greatest Giver of all times. When we think of this Great Giver who looked down through the ages and saw our hopeless lives condemned even as this week's kidnapers. We were to pay with our lives and even our endless lives for our sins. When we see this One who gave His only Son as a precious gift to pay the debt we justly owed. When we have once seen this picture it would be almost impossible to again think lightly upon this day and about this day. When we think about this precious gift that is ours because of

STATE OF TEXAS TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS—GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded by publishing once a week for three successive weeks in some regularly published newspaper published in the County of Donley, Texas, to cite and notify all persons interested in the guardianship of Mrs. M. M. Tomlinson, a person of unsound mind, File No. 1058 in the County Court of Donley County, Texas and such notice by publication shall cite, and notify them, and they and each of them are hereby cited and notified to appear in the County Court of Donley County in the courthouse thereof at or before ten o'clock a. m. on the 1st Monday after the completion of this notice by publication, which will be on the 11th day of January, 1954, and is fixed by the clerk to be the return date hereof, and contest, if they or any of them see proper to do so, the account and final settlement of said guardianship, filed in such court on the 19th day of December, 1953 by, and accompanying an application to resign his guardianship on the part of L. B. Chunn, guardian of such estate, which application was filed on the same date and will then and there be acted upon, the file number of such account and of such application being No. 1058 and the docket of such guardianship being No. 1058 and the style of the case in such guardianship, being Guardianship of Mrs. M. M. Tomlinson, a person of unsound mind; and you shall execute this notice as required by law. If this notice is

not served within ninety days of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Herein fail not and have you before said court upon the 11th day of January, 1954 this writ with your return thereon stating how you have executed the same. Witness Helen W. Churchman, Clerk of the County Court of Donley County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at offices in the City of Clarendon, this the 19th day of

December, 1953.
Helen W. Churchman,
County Clerk,
Donley County, Texas.
(SEAL)
Issued this the 19th day of
December, 1953.

Helen W. Churchman,
County Clerk,
Donley County, Texas.
(4-3-3c)

German, French and Italian are
the three principal languages
spoken in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Naylor and Joe Tom attended a reunion in the home of P. L. Arnold at Lubbock Friday, Dec. 18. The occasion was in honor of the 85th birthday of Mrs. Naylor's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kunz will leave Christmas Eve to spend the Christmas holidays with her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Egerton and family, and E. H. Egerton at Nara Visa, N. Mexico.

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PLOWIN' Out the CORNERS



The following is another clever poem from the pen of Mrs. Lois K. Ratliff of Rt. 3, Wellington, Texas. This one, we think is especially clever and no doubt expresses the incentive for not only

many a housewife's busy life, but could just as well apply to us men as we plow, and hoe, or ride the ranges. Anyhow it is called

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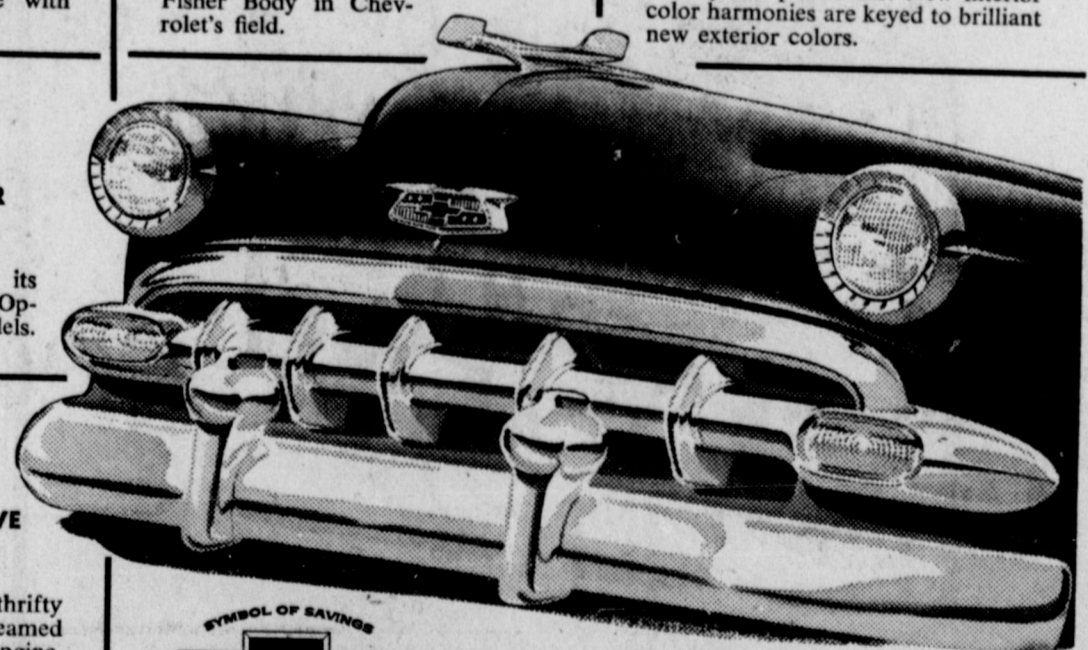
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Reliable Rug, Carpet and Upholstery Cleaners. We sell shampoo. Call Patman Tailor Shop. Phone 189. (40tc)

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STRAYED—350 lb. white face steer with J brand horizontal on right side. Notify Phil Smith, Groom, Texas. (46-p)



and SOCIAL SECURITY

If you are planning on retiring, it might be to your advantage to have a talk with a representative of your local social security office well in advance of your planned retirement date. J. R. Sanderson, manager of the Amarillo social security office, pointed out today. Inasmuch as retirement payments are based on your average monthly wages or average monthly income from self employment, the time you file your

claim may affect your monthly check, he declared.

"Don't quit your job until you are sure you are insured," Sanderson cautioned. He said that your local social security representative will give you information that may help you decide on the best time to file your claim

and will advise of the documents or evidence necessary to prove your right to payments.

You are invited to contact your Amarillo social security office and ask for the leaflets, "An Easy Way to Estimate Social Security Payments" and "Your Social Security."

Letter To Santa:

Dear Santa,
 Please bring a Toni doll and a bicycle and please don't forget my mother, daddy and two big sisters.

Your friend,
 Frances Mann



--- and all of us know, sometimes those holiday and end of the year expenses really pile up. If you find yourself requiring a personal loan so you can start the new year off right --- stop in and talk with us.



Pay Your Taxes Early and Save DISCOUNT

The Commissioners Court of Donley County customarily authorizes the Tax Collector to give the discount on 1953 taxes as approved by the Legislature as follows:

1 Per Cent If Paid During December

This Discount is on all State and County taxes that are collected by the County Tax Collector.

Remember to Pay your Poll Tax—1954 will be a big election year.

Truett Behrens
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"Merry Christmas



and Happy New Year!"

From the Red River to the Rio Grande, your friends and neighbors at your electric service company wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Patrons And Friends Invited To View New School Improvements

The National Education Association makes this statement, "It is the responsibility of the school officials to keep the public informed regarding their schools". "Therefore we would like to call to your attention some interesting points to consider," stated H. W. Truitt, Supt. of the Clarendon Schools. "Visit your schools and observe the following; improvements which have developed during recent months:

"The parking area, which has helped to free the streets of traffic hazardous conditions around the college. You should see the college lounge, containing four nice, new living room suites, study tables, chairs, floor covering and drapes. We have a new Public Address system which provides two way communication with all faculty members and class room activities in the high school and college. There is a new, up-to-date liquid duplicator in the library, affording instructors a means to place more and better materials in the hands of the students. Stop by to see the Superintendent, he has new office equipment. A new record system, containing complete information of each student's scholastic and activity progress.

"In the college gym, dressing rooms have been redecorated, lavatory facilities improved, and a new dressing room added.

"The Home Making Department has a much needed rest room. The Homemaking girls and Voc. Ag. boys have painted the stairs and halls leading to their departments.

"Perhaps you would like to visit with a high school student

and ask them about the 200 new all steel lockers. Maybe they would tell you about the Coke and candy machines. The Junior High School might add, that they too have a Coke machine.

"Did you know we are offering speech in college this year? We also have a Driver Education Class for high school students. The Driving class is enjoying a new Chevrolet through the courtesy of Noblet Motor Co.

"The high school and college classes are enjoying a new movie projector. Educational films are shown each week.

"Surely you will want to visit the elementary school and see sixty grade children taking band work. You will note several rooms have been redecorated or blackboards painted, shelving

added, desks, tables refinished, locker shelving for physical education groups. Talk with the grade teachers regarding the sound proofing of the grade gym. Go over and see the new trophy case and trophies in the Junior High building.

"Soon you will be hearing from North Ward School. They are planning an opening for the Drum and Bugle Corps. Don't fail to hear them.

"The Board of Education adopted a new set of policies at the beginning of this school year. They are available, if you would like to read them.

"This year we have sponsored a reading and a music clinic for our grade teachers. The P.T.A. furnished substitute teachers for these workshops.

"The high school girls have new basketball suits. These were made possible through the courtesy of the Cudd Bros.

"Did you know that the Clarendon Independent School District now contains 837.85 sq. miles? 143.5 sq. miles obtained through recent consolidation.

"Perhaps one of the most important announcements that could be made is, we have had over 95% of attendance during the first 12 weeks of school.

"Many of the above mentioned improvements have been made possible through the support and consideration of the people in Clarendon. The list would be exceedingly long, should we attempt to name all the people who have helped so much. The Board of Education, school officials and



faculty wishes to express their appreciation for such fine consideration."

FARM NEWS

from the County PMA Committee
1954 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM:

1. Establishment of Permanent Cover.
2. Establishment of (Perennial or biennial legumes, perennial grasses) as a part of crop rotation.
4. Field strip cropping.
6. Pasture Improvement.
8. Controlling Mesquite, Sagebrush, and Yucca.
10. Drilling or deepening wells for livestock water.
12. Constructing or enlarging dams or reservoirs for livestock water.
16. Shaping, seeding, or sodding waterways.
17. Constructing terraces.
18. Constructing (diversion or spreader) terraces.
19. Constructing or enlarging erosion control dams.
28. Winter legumes in excess of average planting.
29. Summer legumes in excess of average planting.
31. Deep plowing, 12-15 inches, 15-18 inches, or 18 inches or deeper.
34. Control of bindweed.

The initial sign-up period for asking for cost-share on the 1954 practices has ended. There are still funds available, and those of you who would like to carry out an ACP Practice in 1954 may come to the county office and make your request. The requests taken after the 15th of December will not be considered until after January 1st, but consideration will be given to all requests as long as funds are available during the 1954 ACP year.

The County Office force wants to wish Mildred Ritter a speedy recovery from her operation.

Miss Helen Green of Dallas arrived last Saturday and will spend the Xmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Green.

CJC Bulldogs Win Last Two Games

The Clarendon College Bulldogs won their 4th and 5th straight basketball games last Thursday and Friday nights. A "Sprinkling" of fans both nights, watched the Bulldogs clip Sayre for the second time this year 70-62 and Lamar 84-54.

In the first game Rayford Hutcherson came off the bench in the first quarter to pace the attack with 17 points and a good all-around game. DeGaish had 15 and Peoples 12. The half-time score was Clarendon 33, Sayre 26. High for the game was McDonald of Sayre with 27 points. Sayre came up in the third quarter to lead by as much as 7 points at one time but the Bulldogs came back in a surge just at the 3-minute period with DeGaish, Peoples and White scoring several important points.

Friday night, the Bulldogs treated the Lamar College Antelopes rather roughly. The starting line-up piled up a quick lead limiting the Antelopes to but 1 point the first five minutes while making 16 themselves. The quarter ended with Clarendon leading 25-9; half-time score was 47-25. The regulars sat out most of the last half and the Bulldog reserves showed they could score too. Final score was 84-54 with every player seeing action for Clarendon.

Clarendon's team percentage was a "hot" 48% for field goals and an unbelievable 89% on 24 of 27 free throws. High point man was Garland Fielding with 22 points during about 3 quarters of play. Next for the Bulldogs was Jasper Peoples with 12 and Rayford Hutcherson and Don Dorman with 11 each.

Clarendon played a good defensive game, and held the opponents to the second lowest total of the year.

The Bulldogs are taking a long holiday this year and have gone home for Christmas. Practice will be resumed Dec. 28th as the team prepares for a game at Garden City, Kansas on January 4th. Their first conference game is against the strong Frank Phillips College Plainsmen on January 14 here at Bulldog gym.

Donley County Leader, \$2.50 yes.

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December 30-31st

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-in-

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A Common Paper for Common People

"SANTA CLAUS" FINDS A HOME FOR ABANDONED BOYS

Two boys entered the store and cast furtive glances at the clerks busy with the pre-Christmas rush. The older of the youths carried a broken crutch under one arm. He was blonde, blue-eyed and behind him he dragged a twisted, mishapen leg.

His younger companion hung back momentarily at the door then ran quickly to the other boy's side and together they walked between the rows of canned goods and vegetables. Both appeared to be about 10-years of age.

Minutes later they emerged

from the store, each with a bulging pocket, and without looking back, hurried to an alley. They moved as quickly as the older boy's good leg would carry him and disappeared.

The activities of the two boys had not gone unnoticed. A clerk saw them enter and he became curious about the older boy's crippled leg and he noticed that both were ragged, dirty and appeared half-starved.

Thinking of his own two children at home, the clerk called the county sheriff. "Those boys need

help," he said.

It was a small town and the big lawman had little trouble picking up the trail of the fugitives. Their route was plainly marked in the soft earth of the alley by a dragging foot. He traced them to the edge of town and out along the city dump road.

There in a small abandoned shack he found the two boys. He lifted aside a large piece of tin that served as a door and peered inside. They sat on the floor gorging themselves on a can of beans and crackers. Each had an apple by his side for dessert.

Outside the wild December wind whistled and swept through the gapping sideboards of the shack. The sheriff pulled his coat tighter about his throat, sat on

a box and listened while the boys told their story and as they talked the sheriff thought about it being only a few days before Christmas.

The story was an old story, one that has been told hundreds of times before. The boys had been abandoned by their parents and at the age of 11 and 9 they had been left to shift for themselves. They felt fortunate when they found the abandoned shack despite the thousands of holes in the roof. They had eaten whatever they could steal.

Sure it had been rough, the older boy confessed. "But my little brother had to eat. He's been pretty sick and my leg hurt awful bad too sometimes."

He reached down to rub his leg

and the sheriff saw that it bore the twisted trademark of polio.

The big lawman rubbed his eyes. What could he do? These two kids had never had a chance and here it was almost Christmas.

A short while later the phone rang in the office of Cal Farley, an Amarillo businessman. Farley had founded America's First Boys' Ranch at the West Texas "ghost town" of Old Tascosa on the banks of the Canadian River. His Boys' Ranch was a home for boys who had no home or who had been in trouble with the law. It was a "shirt tail" for boys to hang onto until they could take care of themselves. Over 1,000 boys from practically every state and several foreign countries had

at one time or another, clung to that "shirt tail."

"Sheriff - - two boys - - abandoned - - in a shack - - stole food to eat - - I'll be right there," Farley hung up the phone, grabbed his hat and hurried from his office.

Two new boys sat around the tree at Boys' Ranch that Christmas. They wore blue jeans, western shirts and cowboy boots. They were also wearing happy smiles.

Three years later, these two brothers and 198 other Boys' Ranchers are preparing for another Christmas.

The older boy, he's 14 now, underwent surgery on his left leg during his first year at the ranch. A noted Texas surgeon performed the operation and he now has partial use of his leg. He's an avid basketball player despite his

handicap and he was one of the outstanding performers in the Ninth Annual Boys' Ranch Rodeo held this year.

His brother, age 11, is the champion cow milker of his age group but his ambition is to be a teacher.

Around Christmas they like to sit around and tell the newer boys at the ranch about a Santa Claus, one that didn't wear a red cap and whiskers, who gave two homeless boys a home on Christmas. A "Santa Claus" named Farley who use to be a professional baseball player and who might have made the big leagues if he hadn't tried to steal second with the bases loaded."

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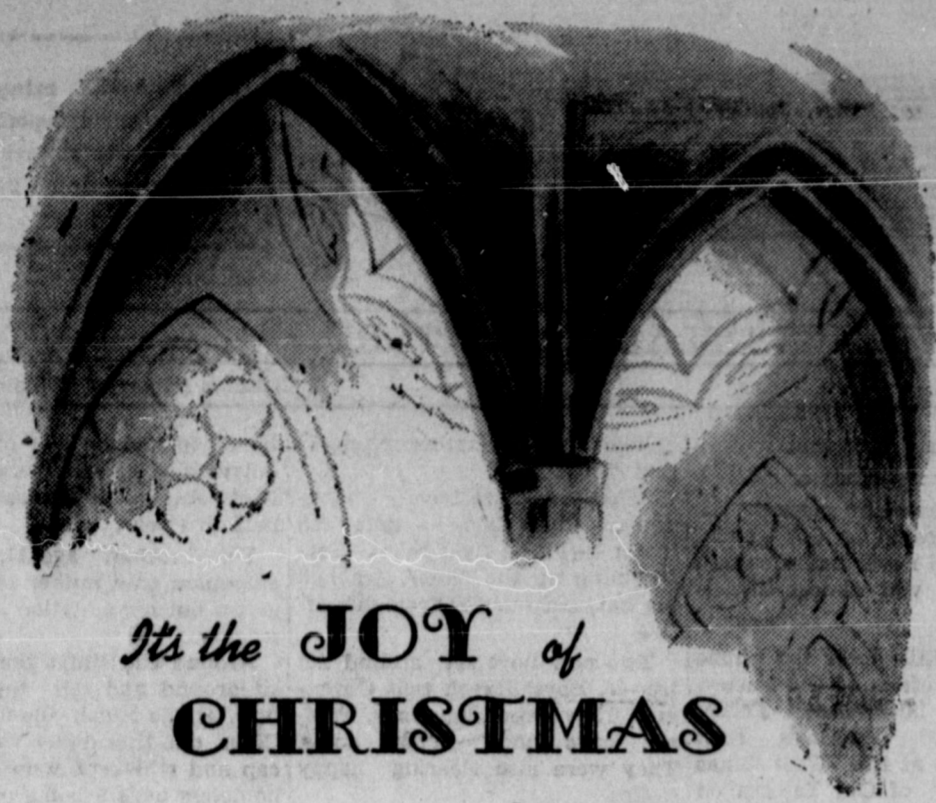
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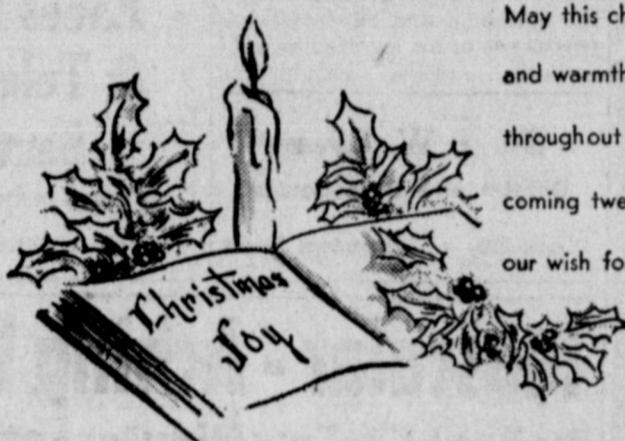
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It's the JOY of CHRISTMAS

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May this cheerfulness and warmth remain with you throughout the coming twelve months, our wish for you and yours.

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 3 years old. I would like for you to bring me a teddy bear, a toy piano and washing machine, also fruit, nuts and candy. Please remember all the other little girls and boys.

Love,
Nancy Ann Bible
P. S. I have been a good little girl.

Dear Santa Claus,
Maybe I'd better tell you first of all that I'm going to spend Christmas with my Grannie and granddad McCrary this year in Clarendon. So Santa would you mind very much to leave my things under their Christmas tree? I've been a pretty good little boy, for four years old, I guess and I'd like to have a bike my size, and a phonograph and some records all my own. Please be good to all little boys and girls in our country and to all those in other countries too. I hope this will be a "Merry Christmas" to you Santa and every body else everywhere.

All my love,
Michael Lewis Underdown

Dear Santa,
I am in the fourth grade and I am ten years old. Please bring me for Christmas a record player, a zipper Bible, a corduroy suit, a pair o fhouse shoes. Please try to leave me some goodies if you have some. Don't forget other children.

Thank you, your friend,
Jeanette Crutchfield

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy three years old and have tried to be good this year. I would like for you to bring me a truck, a train engine, guns and fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget the other little girls and boys.

Love,
Gary Wayne Baker

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl almost four years old. Would you please bring me a big baby doll and a buggy? Also anything else you think I might like. Don't forget all of the other boys and girls.

Love,
Annette Cross
P. S. I have tried to be good most of the time.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old, and I have just lost two front teeth. I have enjoyed my last year's presents. I want a Walkie-doll, a bicycle, some roller skates and a cat clock. I can't think of but two things for my little brother Joel. That's a tricycle, and a big old airplane. But bring him two more things, please. Be sure to put something in our stockings, and don't forget my dog Fuzzy, and my cat, Prince.

Remember the other children.
Thank you,
Judy Greene

Dear Santa,
This is my very first letter to you, since this is my first Christmas. I am a little boy just 10 months old and I don't want very much for Christmas. Please bring me a tiny little rocking horse, a red wagon and some little toys to push and pull around.

Thank you a lot.
Love,
Steven Lewis

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little car I can ride in. Mother has bought me a gun. So don't bother about that. I would like plenty of candy and fruit. I am a little boy 4 years old. I try to be good but you know how little boys are.

I love you,
Mike Sloan

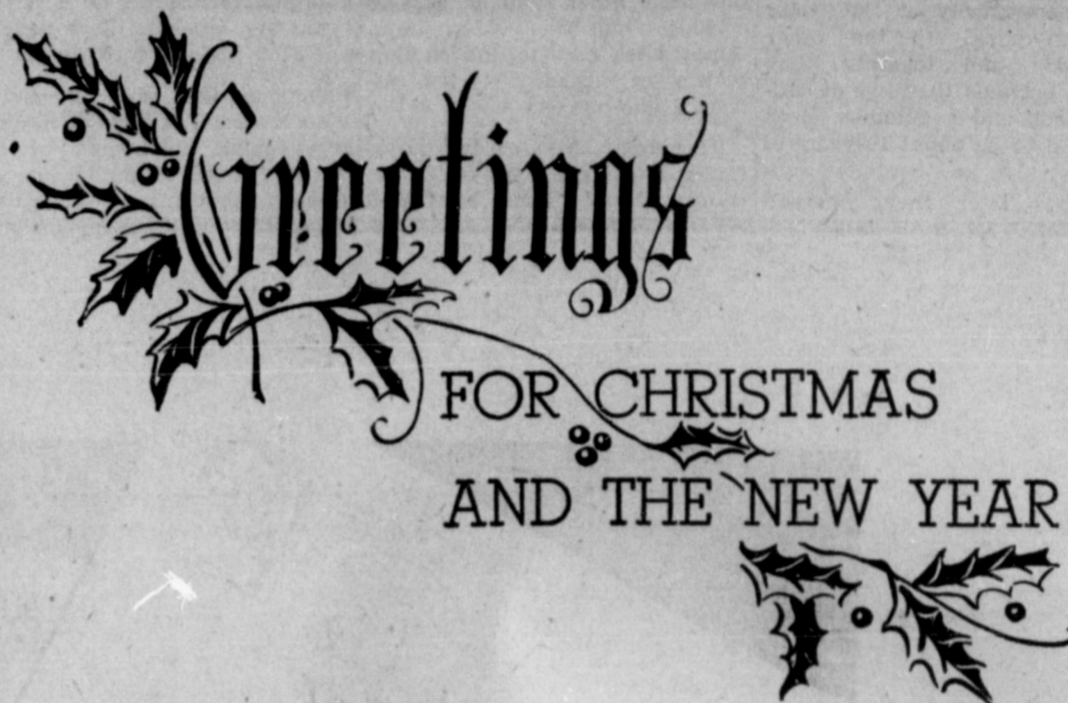
Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Ronnie Anderson

and I am 4 years old. Am pretty good sometimes and other times, well, I just forget to be good. Just the same would like for you to bring me a road-grader, a guitar, pistol and holster, also a big airplane and if you should have them some spurs. Please fill my stocking with lots of nuts, candy and fruit. I'll sure be waiting for you.

Love to you,
Ronnie Anderson



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Merry Christmas

★ ★ ★
When Santa unloads his gift-laden pack at your home, we know that you'll find our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure! Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

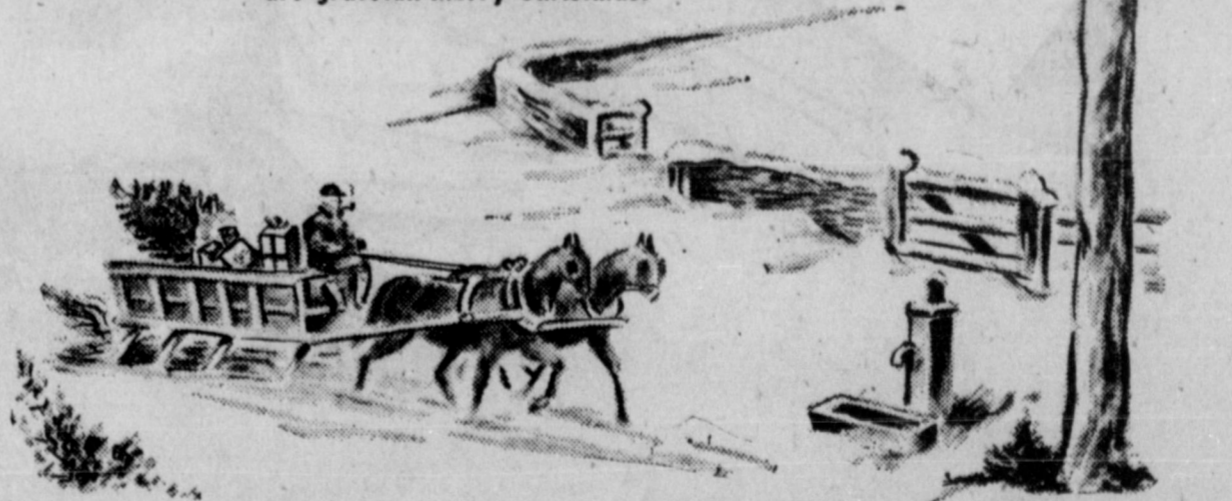
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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 2 months old. This is my first Christmas. I would like a toy lamb that says baa-baa, and a dolly too. I would like some soft candy, please. Remember Mommy and Daddy. Remember all of my little cousins Santa, and Grandpa and Grandmommy.

Love to Santa,
Brenda Gay Row

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trumpet and a doctor set, and some candy corn, hershey kisses and Christmas hard candy. I've been the best little boy and Cheryl has been the best little girl.

David Hardin

Dearest Santa,
Please bring me a truck and lots of fruit and candy. Bring my two big brothers something too.

I love you,
Mike Graham

Dear Santa,
I'm a girl in the 5th grade and 10 years old. I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a Bride doll for keepsake and a billfold. That's all I want.

Love,
Ruth Harmonson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a negro doll, a stove and a pair of gloves. I am 3 years old.

Your friend,
Janie Sue Noble

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl two years old. I want a baby doll that cries and a red tricycle. You can just visit me at Grandma's since I won't be home Christmas. Please don't forget the other boys and girls. Thank you for all you gave me last year.

Loads of love,
Cheryl Jean Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 3 years old and am a very sweet little fellow and I sure do try to be that way. Would like for you to bring me a big road-grader, a gun and holster, a banjo, an airplane and some spurs like my brother asked for. Please fill my stocking with lots of goodies and don't forget my little cousin Stevie Lewis.

Lots of love,
Billy Jack Anderson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun and a football and suit, and a bicycle. I am 9 years old.

Your friend,
Lacy Lee Noble

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 5 years old and have tried to be good all year. I would like for you to bring me a big doll and a buggy, an ironing board and an iron, also a set of dishes. Please bring me some nuts, fruit and candy, also I'll sure be glad when you get here.

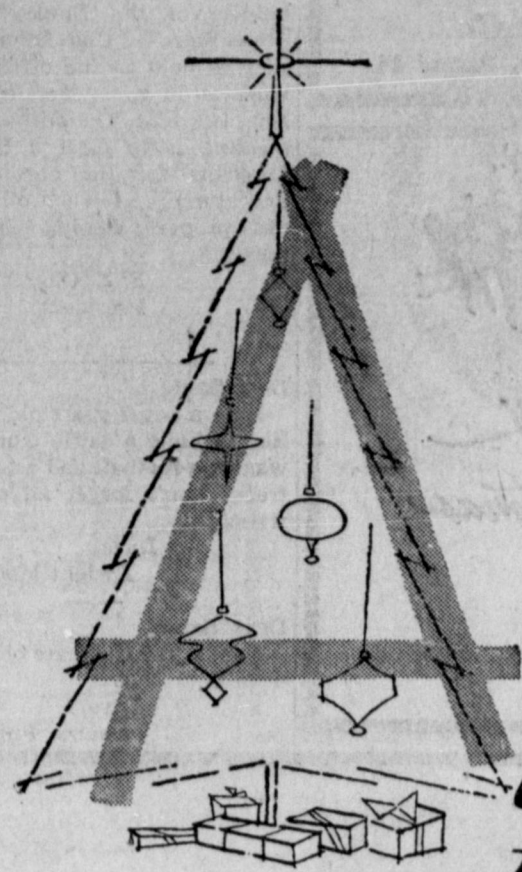
Love you lots,
Janice Karol Anderson

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Cub Scout Suit for Christmas and a baby Parakeet with a cage. And my brother would like an electric toy organ and a Parakeet.

Yours truly,
Mike Heath



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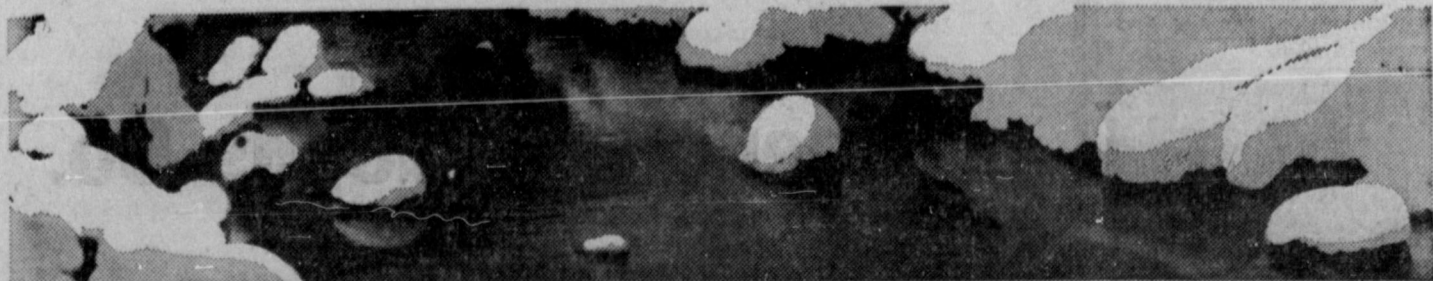


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DR. H. R. BECK

NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Donley County State Bank of Clarendon, Texas, will be held in the office of the bank at 10 a. m. Monday, January 11th, 1954. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and attending to such other business properly coming before said meeting.

F. E. Chamberlain,
President (46-c)

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 3 years old. I would like to have a cattle truck, a big wagon, a football and a train with track. Don't forget all my little friends.

Love,
Dwight Moore

Dear Santa,
I am a girl six years old. I want a doll.

Love,
Connie Phillips

ASHTOLA NEWS

Mrs. Doyce Graham

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hill of Hereford spent the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gracie Henson.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Wilson and girls from Amarillo spent Tuesday in the W. H. Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Graham spent the week end in Elida, N. M. visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rush and sons. The Rush's were entertaining relatives in observance of W. A.'s parents 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Sykes from Denton came to be with her daughter, Mrs. Gracie Henson, and family for Xmas.

Mrs. Burk DeBord shopped in Amarillo Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mothershed from Parnell spent Wednesday in the J. M. Graham home. Mrs. Mothershed remained for a longer visit, and to make the trip to New Mexico with them. J. R. Graham accompanied them also.

Mrs. Kermit Evans was called to the bedside of her father in Memphis last week.

Mrs. Mattie Webb is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Marshall.

Mrs. John White spent the week end in Amarillo where Gene White underwent minor surgery Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rhoades and Mary Sue had Sunday dinner in Claude with Mr. and Mrs. John Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Whitfield from Santa Maria, Calif. are visiting in the Kermit Evans home.

Mr. and Mrs. DeBord from Clarendon spent Friday in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. DeBord.

A. K. King and Calvin Webb from Lelia Lake spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Tolbert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crawford from Hedley visited in the Bob Crawford home Thursday.

Mrs. L. M. Porter had for guests in her home Xmas her mother, Mrs. Mary Walker and brother, Tom Walker from Borger.

Mrs. H. W. Lovell suffered a stroke Friday afternoon.

CHAMBER

By Johnnie Allen SPECIALS

Christmas is upon us and we all are looking forward to spending the day with our families, relatives, and friends. It is probably in order at this time for the Chamber of Commerce to extend its thanks to the many who have given their time, money and efforts in preparing for Christmas. Special thanks should go to the Volunteer Firemen who helped make up the new Christmas streamers which make our street so colorful, and to those who put them up and are seeing that bulb replacements are made. They have and are doing a wonderful job and they should be commended for it.

Everyone has truly shown the Christmas spirit in these and other Christmas season arrangements and it is very gratifying but, other organizations also have done a lot to make the Christmas season right. The American Legion and Auxiliary are doing a fine job in seeing that needy children are not forgotten by Santa. Other organizations too numerous to list are doing their part this Christmas season. The Churches are and will have programs for adults and children that will help revitalize our devotion to the Christ Child, for whom Christmas is in remembrance.

Christmas is and should always be the most important and inspiring day in a child's life. When business men, organizations and individuals spend hundreds of dollars, time and hard work in making this one day a happy day for all children, Communism will not gain a foothold. We should not forget however, nor forget to teach our children, the wonderful and delightful story of the first Christmas and its meaning. Take down your Bible this Christmas, whether it be covered with dust or dog-eared and worn and read the story of the Christ Child to your family, it is a story that never grows old.

Three kings sat upon the English throne in 1936.

JACK E. GRAY

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Merry Christmas

As you and your loved ones gather 'round your cheerful Christmas tree, with its sparkling lights and shiny tinsel and gay ornaments, we want you to know our thoughts are with you this Christmas morn. It is our way of expressing our appreciation for your generosity during the past year.

May the warm cheerfulness and well-being that manifests itself on Christmas morn remain with you forever. That's our Yuletide wish.



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GREETINGS

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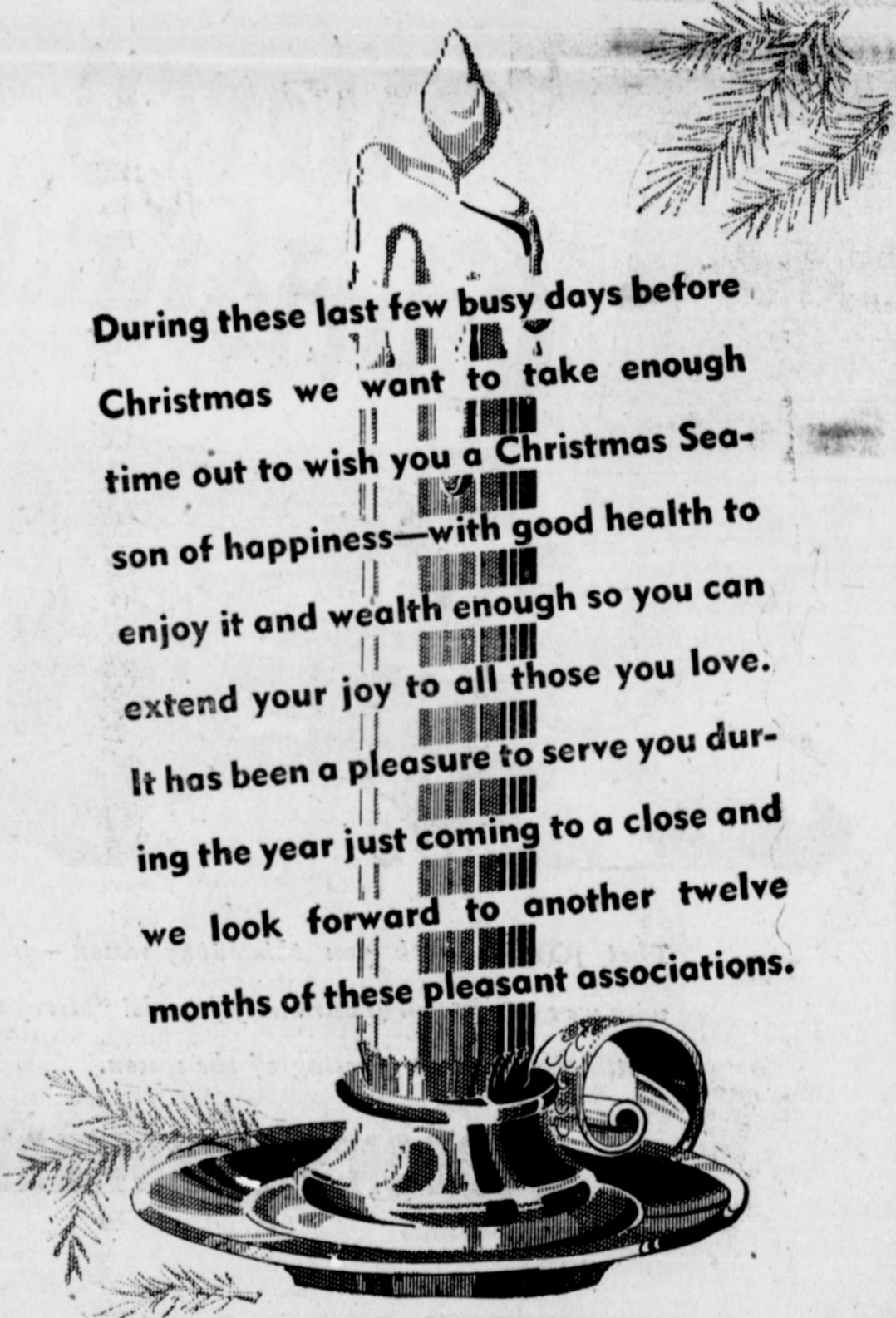
Cheerio!

Santa's come to town! And, in his sleigh are tucked away our warm and friendly greetings to each and every one of the wonderful folks whom we have served!
HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

LEE HOLLAND OIL CO.

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During these last few busy days before Christmas we want to take enough time out to wish you a Christmas Season of happiness—with good health to enjoy it and wealth enough so you can extend your joy to all those you love. It has been a pleasure to serve you during the year just coming to a close and we look forward to another twelve months of these pleasant associations.



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To Our Many Friends A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Clarendon Electric Phone 404

GABIE BETTS BURTON LIBRARY NOTES

By May L. Prewitt

The Library has received two "Christmas Greetings" this week. Little Dana Estlack gave us one dollar and another friend gave one for a child's books. These all are gratefully accepted. A Hedley friend gave some excellent magazines—Geographic, Charm, Good House Keeping, a new Life, House Beautiful and others. So Santa has visited the Library early.

The wind blew our sign down and Mr. Wood replaced it for us. We are happy it is up again.

The Library will be closed from Dec. 23rd to Dec. 28th, as the other city offices. It is not likely any one will desire a book during the immediate Christmas Holidays, so the closed door will likely not be disappointing.

In a Christmas note from a Librarian at Colorado City, she complained that our fiction was "terrific", the most unreadable in fifteen years. In an article from Associated Press the state-

ment is that "Religion" has become a "hot" item. Some publishers say the subject is attracting an even greater reading audience than sex—the book trade's old reliable. Publishers report the demand for books with a religious theme is at perhaps the highest point in book trade history. We have some excellent editions with a religious theme by Dr. Peal, Dr. Sockman, and various others.

Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a doll buggy and a doll.

I love you, Ann Porter

Dear Santa, I am a boy six years old. I want a grader, trailer, and a jeep.

I love you, William Tolbert

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a bride doll, jump rope, and a dress. I am an eight year old girl.

Love, Martha Harmonson

Dear Santa, I want a football helmet, shirt and levis, hat and shoes, scabbard and guns, and light rope.

Love, Robin Green

Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a tool set, shoes, chaps, guns, and levis. I am six years old.

Your friend, Bernie Green

Dear Santa, I am a little girl six years. Will you please bring me a doll and jump rope.

Love, Charlene Gray

Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a ball, water paints, doll and a jump rope.

I love you, Linda DeBord

Dear Santa, I am a little boy seven years old. Santa, I want a scabbard and guns.

I love you, Larry Gray

tend school as they lack sufficient clothing.

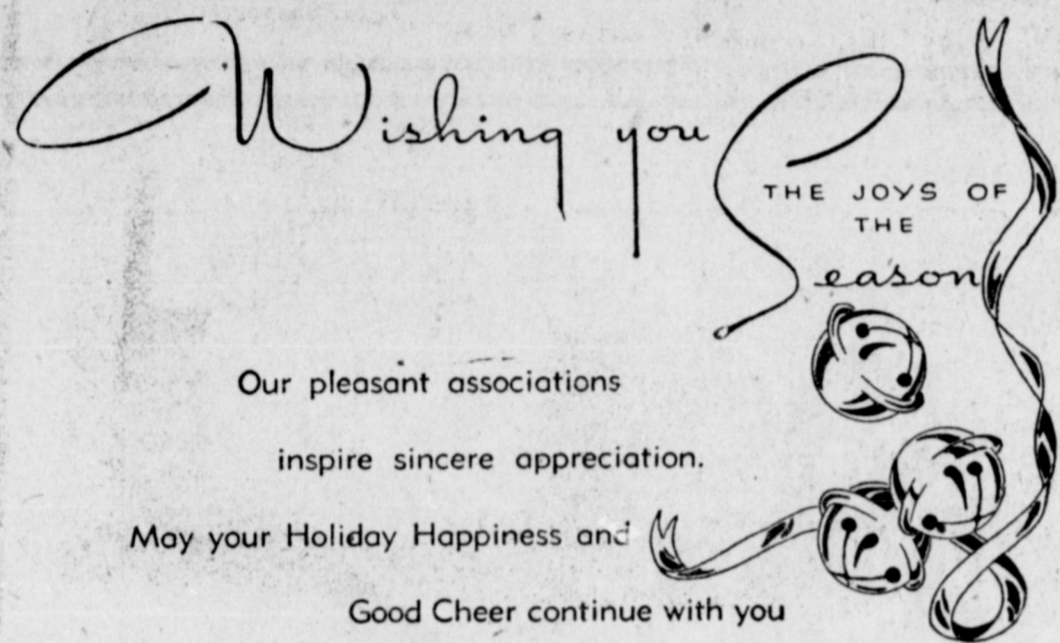
Besides the clothing distribution program, Save The Children Federation administers child and school sponsorship programs in America, overseas, and on Indian Reservations in the southwest. In these personalized programs, individuals, schools, organizations, and churches adopt a child or school through sponsorship and agree not only to furnish a specified amount of aid but also to correspond with the children or school that they have adopted. The sponsorship programs have been widely accepted as one of furthering mutual understanding and friendship between people of other countries and America.

The clothing drive in Texas is expected to raise 70,000 pounds of clothing Mr. Carmack reported, and added, "The Bundle Week Drive will be the greatest effort ever made in Texas schools to collect clothing. If each family in Texas will send at least one bundle of good clothing during Bundle Week, the goal will be reached."

Berlin is the largest city on the European continent.



J. C. BUTLER JEWELER



Our pleasant associations inspire sincere appreciation.

May your Holiday Happiness and Good Cheer continue with you throughout the coming twelve months.

JOE A. HOLLAND

We cherish the happiness our old and new friends have given us over the years, and at this joyous and heartwarming season give you our sincerest wishes for Christmas Happiness.



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Texas Schools To Take Part In Twelfth National Children's Clothing Crusade

Texas schools have been asked to take part in the Twelfth National Children's Clothing Crusade to collect clothing to aid Korea, seven countries of Western Europe, two southwestern Indian Reservations, and isolated rural areas of eight southern states, it was announced today by Leland D. Carmack National Representative of Save The Children Federation. Every family in Texas is being asked to send a bundle of good, serviceable clothing to school during the week of the drive, March 22 - March 27th. Universal participation of Texas schools is expected this year in the drive which is conducted under the auspices of a national committee of school superintendents. The clothing will be distributed by Save The Children Federation, a child service organization which renders aid not only to neglected children in America but also to victims of war overseas.

Clothing for Korea will be sorted and reconditioned in Federation Clothing Centers and then shipped to Korea where it will be distributed through the Unified Command. Federation officials report that there are nine million victims of communist aggression in Korea desperately in need of aid, as well as millions still in need in Europe where in certain areas conditions are still tragic. Thousands of children in handicapped rural areas of America are unable to attend school as a result of being inadequately clothed. Officials of Save The Children Federation, report that thousands of American children do not at-

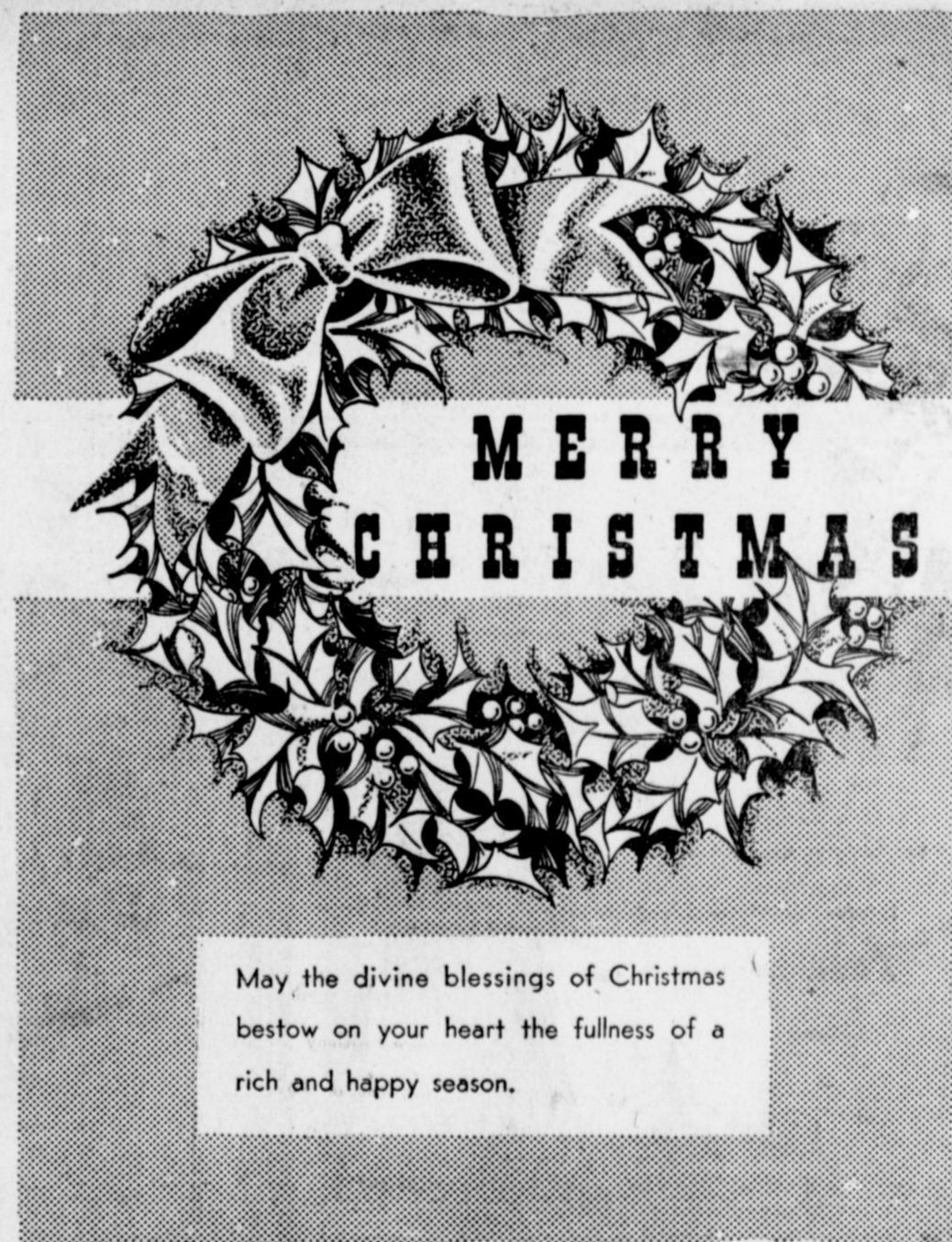
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Letters To Santa:

Dearest Santa,
I am a little girl six years old and I am in the first grade. I have tried to be a good little girl. I would like for you to bring me a doll, buggy, and an electric iron, also bring me lots of fruit, candy and nuts. Don't forget any of the other little boys and girls. I'll see you at Christmas.

Love you,
Dorothy Richey

Dear Santa,
I am a little six year old girl and am in the first grade at school and as we were invited to send our letters for you to The Donley County Leader, I am doing so. Santa, I would like to get a walking doll and a set of dishes that has a real percolator with it, and of course I can use some nuts, candies and fruit, too.

Please be good to my teacher. She is a good one, and all of the other teachers too. Mother wants

a pair of house shoes for Christmas, she says. Will you please remember all of the little girls and boys Santa? I'm sure that all of us were good enough to deserve presents.

Your little friend,
Betty Jane Dever

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried very hard to be a good boy this year so would you please bring me a big wrecker truck that I can repair and change its tires; a two gun holster set and a pair of gloves. I sure would like to have a tool set if you have an extra one, but if you don't that's all right. Santa, don't forget all my little friends and relatives. I know they have tried to be good also. Thanks for the toys you brought last year. I did enjoy them so much. See you Xmas.

Bye now, and love,
Mike Horton

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Please bring me two guns, pair of boots, spurs, cowboy suit and hat, and a dump truck. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls and my mother and daddy.

Love,
Freddy Gray

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy almost five. Please bring me a farm set with a big red barn and lots of animals. Bring me some fruit, candy and nuts. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Mike Webb

Dear Santa,
I'm a little 4 year old girl and I would like a pretty doll with clothes and a Baton. I'd also like a little washing machine. My little 1 1/2 year old brother Gary would like a tractor and a car too. And Santa, be good to all the boys and girls this Christmas.

Love,
Celia Kay Swinney

Dear Santa,
We have been good boys so will you please bring us some Tinkertoys, a train, some boots, a view-master, and some guns. Also some candy, nuts and fruit and anything else you wish. Don't forget to bring my little cousin Beverly's toys to our house as they will be here Christmas.

Love,
Larry Wayne Dingler
Rickie Dingler

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl nine years old. Please bring me a sewing kit with a sewing machine. Bring me lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

Love,
Peggy Webb

MERRY
Christmas



We hope you will derive as much pleasure from our greeting to you, as we do in extending it —
MAY THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS BE YOURS!

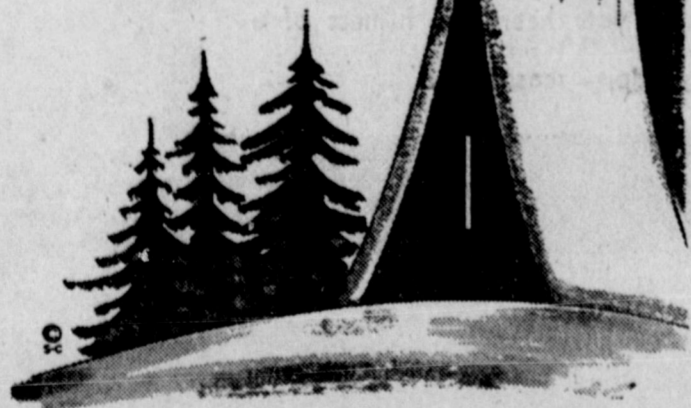
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



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... and a snowfall
of our best wishes in the
true pattern of the Yuletide.
May your day be a merry one and filled
all things good, this Christmas!

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May this happy Holiday Season bring
to you and yours merry-making happiness
and every full measure of contentment.
All these things we wish for you,
remembering as we do all your past favors
and kindnesses to us, and recalling too,
what a pleasure your friendship has been.

WEST TEXAS GIN

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 7 years old. Would you please bring me a doll, nurse kit and some game and fruit, candy and nuts. Don't forget my brother Johnny. He is 5 years old. He wants a gun set, guitar, doctor kit and teddy bear, also bring him some fruit, candy and nuts and don't forget my little aunt Merlene who lives at Clarendon.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl two years old. I am too little to write so mother is writing for me. I would like to have a doll, a doll bed, a table and chairs, and a doll buggy. I like candy, too.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 10 years old. Will you please bring me a Master Stereoscope, a nylon dress, watch, doll, a record player, nurse kit, and candy, and fruit. Don't forget my niece and nephew Bonnie Lou and Johnny Warren Hatfield of Masterson, Texas. And don't forget other boys and girls.

Dear Santa,
I want a highway building unit, and some fruit, nuts and lots of candy for Christmas. I am six years old. I go to school at Goodnight, Texas. Mrs. Gordy is my teacher. Come to see her too. Don't forget Ma Davis and Herbie. Come to see all of the boys and girls.

Dear Santa,
We are two little girls, three and one year old and we can hardly wait for Christmas. We have been good girls most of the time. We each want a doll for Christmas and also some dishes. We will be visiting with our Grandma and Grandpa Perdue at Clarendon during Christmas, so don't forget to come to see them too, and Santa, please remember all the other little boys and girls all over the world.

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me guns and holsters, motorcycle, and a grader.

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a scabbard, guns, cattle truck, and animals and blackboard.

Your friends,
Bonnie Lou Hatfield
Johnny Warren Hatfield
Masterson, Texas

Lots of love,
Cynthia Gray
P. S. Don't forget my little cousin Larry King. He is the same age as I and lives at Hedley.

Your friend,
Merlene Ivey

Your friend,
Johnney Spivey

Love,
Barbie & Vicki Keller
P. S. Santa we've been watching you on television every day while you're in Lubbock.

I love you,
Ronnie Tolbert

Your friend,
Lester Harrelson

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a doll buggy, book satchel, a dress, and two shirts.

I am a little girl six years old. I sure wish you would bring me a bicycle, a walking doll and a filling station. If that is too much please choose from these things. Don't forget my sister, Patricia Ann, she is eleven.

I'm a little boy 3 years old. I would like for you to bring me a dump truck, a crow shoot game, a little tractor, and anything else you want to bring me. Bring my little sister a doll.

I am a little boy 3. I would like to have a big wagon and a cattle truck. Don't forget to bring my baby brother something to play with. Bring us some candy and fruit. I have tried to be a good boy.

I want an embroidery set, some fruit, nuts and candy, and anything else that you can bring me. I am eight years old and in the third grade at Goodnight, Texas. My teacher is Mrs. Gordy, Please visit her too. Don't forget Ma Davis and Herbie. Come to see all of the good folk, big and little. Lots of love,

Love,
Alma May Gerner

Thank you,
Linda Marie Salmon

Your friend,
Lorena Crawford

Thank you,
Linda Marie Salmon

Your little friend,
Lyndel Moffett

Love,
Jerry Don Melton

Your friend,
Becky Ruth Spivey

I am a girl eleven years old. I am in Mrs. Todd's 5th grade room. I would like to get a basketball and goals, and a farm set or a wrist watch.

Yours truly,
Patricia Salmon

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AT CHRISTMAS

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TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH DISTRICT

By Congressman Walter Rogers

THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 83rd CONGRESS:
The Members of Congress are presently being polled by newspaper, radio and television people, including columnists and commentators, as to special items of legislation in which the Members will be primarily interested. This, of course, includes inquiries as to the bills that will be introduced by each Member. Since this is the second session of a Congress in which many bills have already been introduced, these bills will not have to be re-introduced for this second session. That is, all bills that were pending at the adjournment of Congress last summer are still pending and will be up for consideration in the 1954 session. I, of course, expect to press for passage of the several bills that I have pending. One of these concerns the increase in individual and dependent exemptions for income tax purposes. This bill will effect needed tax relief on a fair and equitable basis and in the places where it is most urgent. Other pending bills that I have introduced include a bill requiring the decisions of the Supreme Court to be made by a full nine-judge Court, rather than by a lesser number, as has been done in the past. The Tideland case was decided by the Supreme Court in a four to three decision. This actually meant that a minority of the full Court decided against the Tideland states. It is my opinion that, had a full Court been sitting, the decision would have been otherwise and the Tideland states would have retained title to the lands that were rightfully theirs, without the long and controversial, as well as costly, legislative action. Several of my pending bills concern agriculture, others involve veterans and widows and dependents of veterans, and one is to equalize the benefits for which members of reserve components of the armed forces are presently eligible. There is also the legislation designed to pinpoint and earmark all subsidies paid by the federal government so that the people may know which pot is calling which kettle black. The provisions of some of the bills were included in legislation passed in the first session of the 83rd Congress, and the purpose sought to be accomplished in other bills was accomplished by amendment to legislation passed.

Letters To Santa:

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3 years old. Please bring me a big doll, a set of dishes, candy, fruit and everything else you can bring me. I have been a pretty good girl.
Your little friend,
Donna Lee Swinney

Dear Santa,
I am a boy nine years old. Please bring me a football. Please be good to the other girls and boys.
Love,
Leslie Catoe

Dear Santa,
I just want a baby doll, a horn, and a doc doc set. That's all I want and candy.
Cheryl Hardin

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Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a sewing machine and a set of dishes, also fruit, nuts and candy. I love you very much.
Your friend,
Vicki Lynn Sloan

Dear Santa,
I want a typewriter and slide Trombone. My sister wants two dolls and a buggy. I am 5 years old. Barbe Nella is her name. She is 2. I want you to come in a sleigh. We both live in Clarendon.
Bobby Moss

Dear Santa,
I am a big boy two years and three months old. I would sure like to have a big tricycle and a gun.
Thank you,
Jerry Lynn Salmon

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old and I would like for you to bring me a bicycle, lots of candy, nuts and gum.
Your friend,
Pamela Hicks

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old. Santa, I want a bow and arrow.
With love,
Jimmy Phillips

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old. I want a football.
Love,
Robert Tolbert

Dear Santa,
I want a doll bed, a bride doll, jewelry, and a dress.
Love,
Patricia Green

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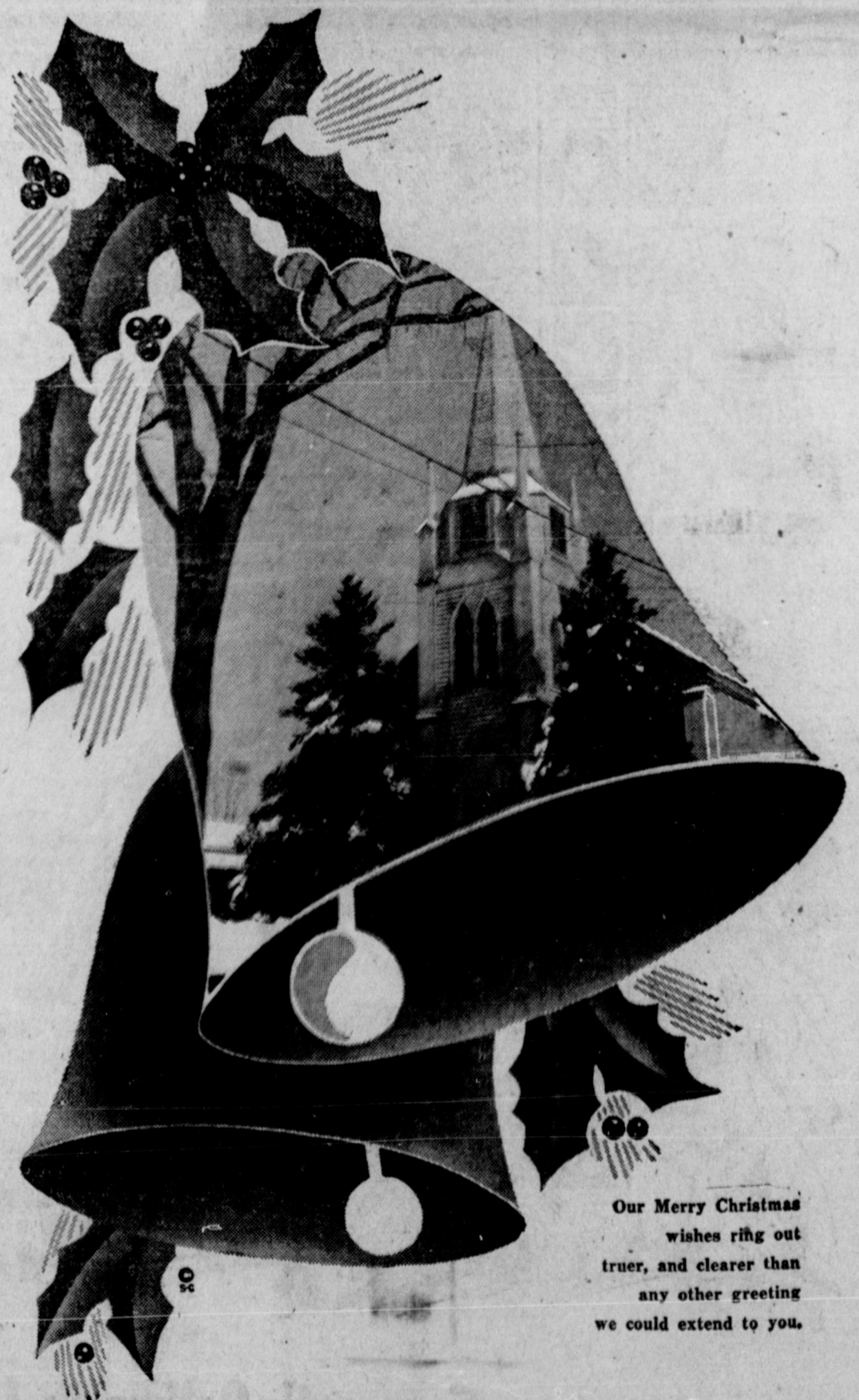


A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM GOOD OLD SAINT NICK!

Christmas is many things beautiful! It is the excitement of happy children... the silent reverence of folks at prayer... the family gatherings... the carolers singing... the feeling of well-being... peace and good-will of man to man! Above all — Christmas is people! And to you, dear folks who are our friends and customers: HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

City Gas Company

Phone 111



Our Merry Christmas wishes ring out truer, and clearer than any other greeting we could extend to you.

A. R. HENSON TIRE CO.

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CLARENDON, DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, DECEMBER 24, 1953

A Common Paper for Common People

We Wish You a Joyous Christmas



Once again we are filled with the wonder of Christmas. Once more we lift up our voices in song and praise to herald the observance of the greatest occasion of all time. It is a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving, of meditation and the renewal of our faith. Each year we eagerly await the Christmas Season because it affords us a welcome opportunity to renew the good relationships with our many friends of this community. You have been considerate and thoughtful of this firm during the past and we look forward to many more years of business relationships with you. So, as we say "thank you" to our faithful and cherished friends, we unselfishly wish you the most Joyful Christmas you have ever had. May the Peace of Christmas be yours forever — our sincere wish for you and yours.

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Merry Christmas

To every one — everywhere — we offer
 this age-old wish . . . That the magic
 peace, contentment and happiness of the
 Yuletide linger on and bring
 joy to you and yours for all time to come.

LEADER DEPARTMENT STORE



FOR THEM THERE HAD BEEN NO ROOM

To the casual observer, it is just another typical night in Bethlehem, sleepy town of many generations. Excepting, of course, that the population is more than double, for all the descendants of David have come to register as ordered by Herod. For many, there is no room.

And yet, there is more about this night! And there are some whose faith and wisdom give them eyes to see. Near the hour of midnight, a darkened sky suddenly shimmers with a light of ethereal beauty, and angels appear to sing a great psalm:

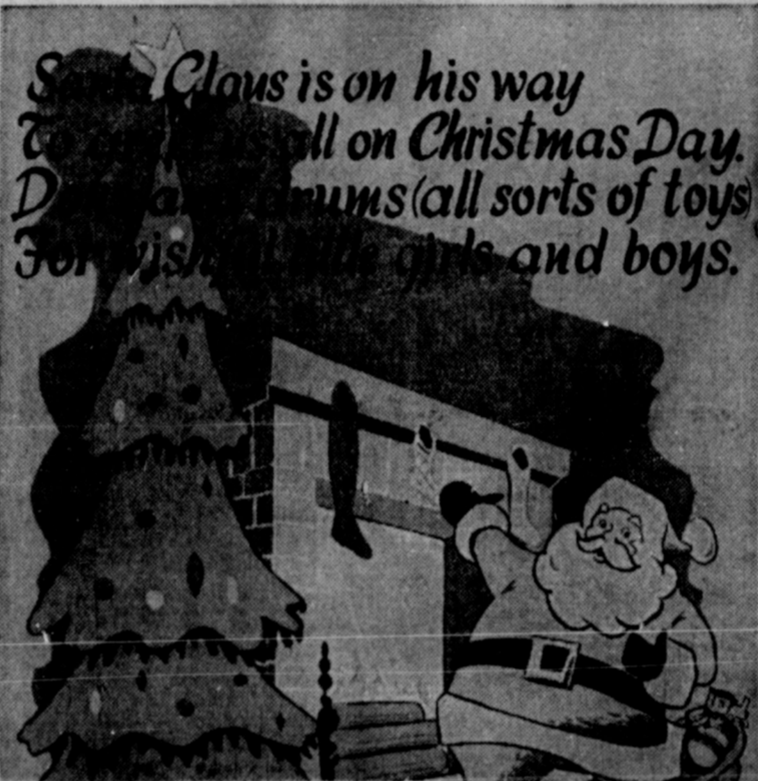
"Glory in the highest,
 And on earth, peace to men of good will."

A new star fires itself to brilliance near the edge of town, bathing in its light the stable where a Galilean carpenter named Joseph has taken refuge with his bride, a queenly young girl named Mary. For them, there had been no room.

The star rests above the humble shelter, sending down golden rays that illuminate the area in a strange, unearthly manner.

In the distance appear a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the now resting star and are heavily laden with gifts of gold—presents for a new-born king. Along the roads hear the shouts of the citizens, led by angels, who come to adore.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, the Christ-child awaits.



Santa Claus is on his way
 To call on Christmas Day.
 Don't miss him (all sorts of toys
 For us little girls and boys.)



GREETINGS

TO ALL OUR
 MANY FRIENDS —
 OLD AND NEW

We're going all out to wish our very good friends and customers the very best that the season offers — may you and yours enjoy the merriest Christmas ever.

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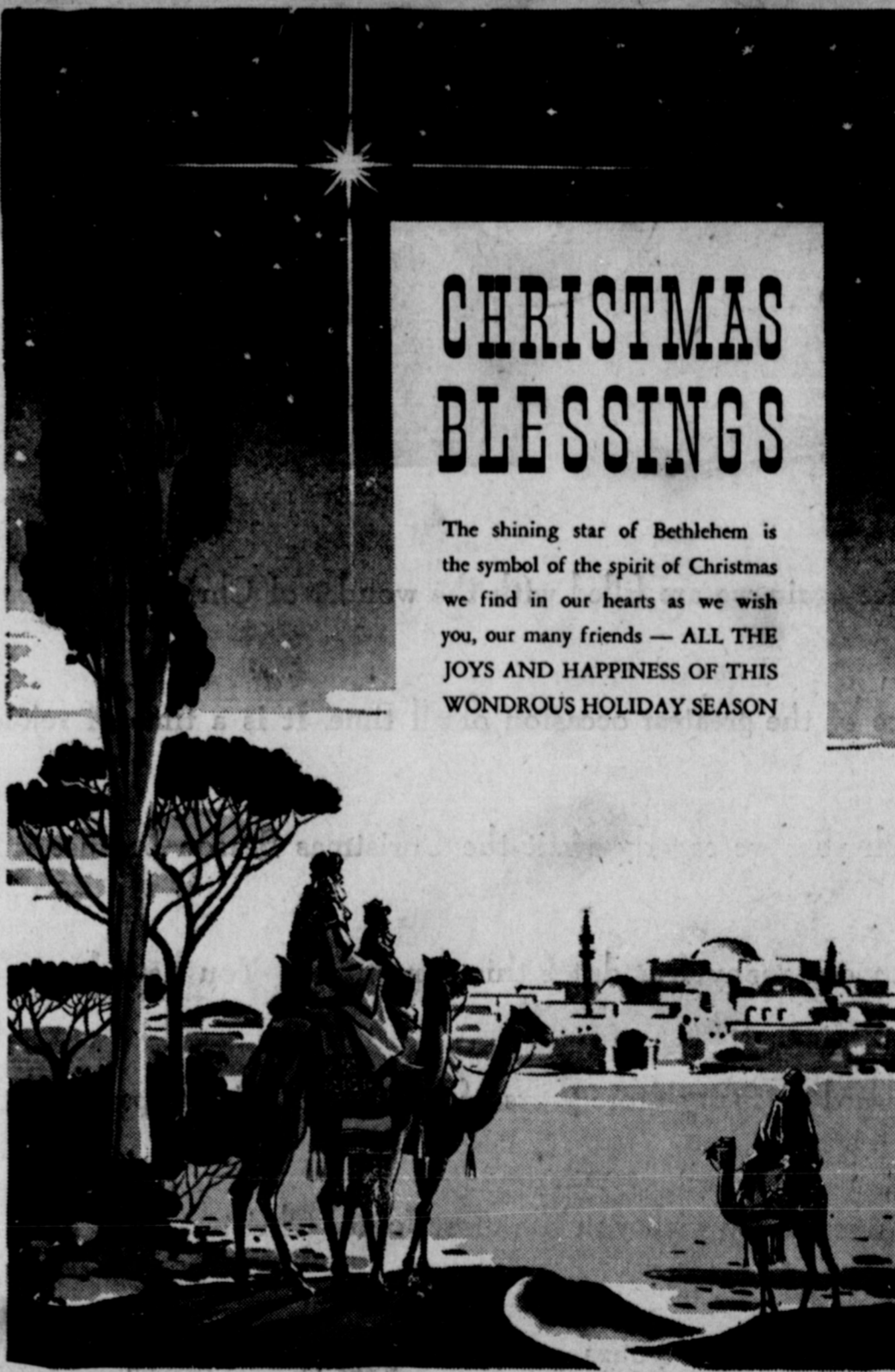
May the quiet peace of Christmas
 Be blended into a true gladness
 that will remain with you
 the whole year long.



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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The shining star of Bethlehem is the symbol of the spirit of Christmas we find in our hearts as we wish you, our many friends — ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON



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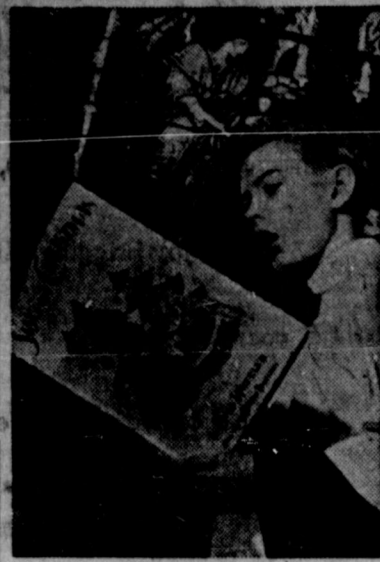
FAIRY TALES and Christmas stories are a Yuletide tradition. It is thus fitting that the story which promises to be America's most popular and long-lived fairy tale is related to the Christmas season.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer", so he wrote a song about it. He was so sure he had a success that he started his own Publishing company, using "Rudolph" as his first release. Gene Autry made the initial recording, and that one record sold 2,000,000 copies.

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by

Sugar Chlis Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.



... A HERALD OF THE KING ...

Tree Decoration Has Ancient Source In Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early 16th century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the American Christmas symbols—from candles and bells to kissing under the mistletoe—have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for Christmas cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year for example, the bright-colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as decorative devices on Christmas cards.

Christmas Helps World's Economy

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

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed

into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an overstatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominate theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story.



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

Remember that when you bring

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

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

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

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

When we celebrate the birthday of Christ we ought not to think of Him only as a child. Those who think Christmas is only a festival about a child, for children, veer away from facing Him as an adult.



Christmas Greetings...

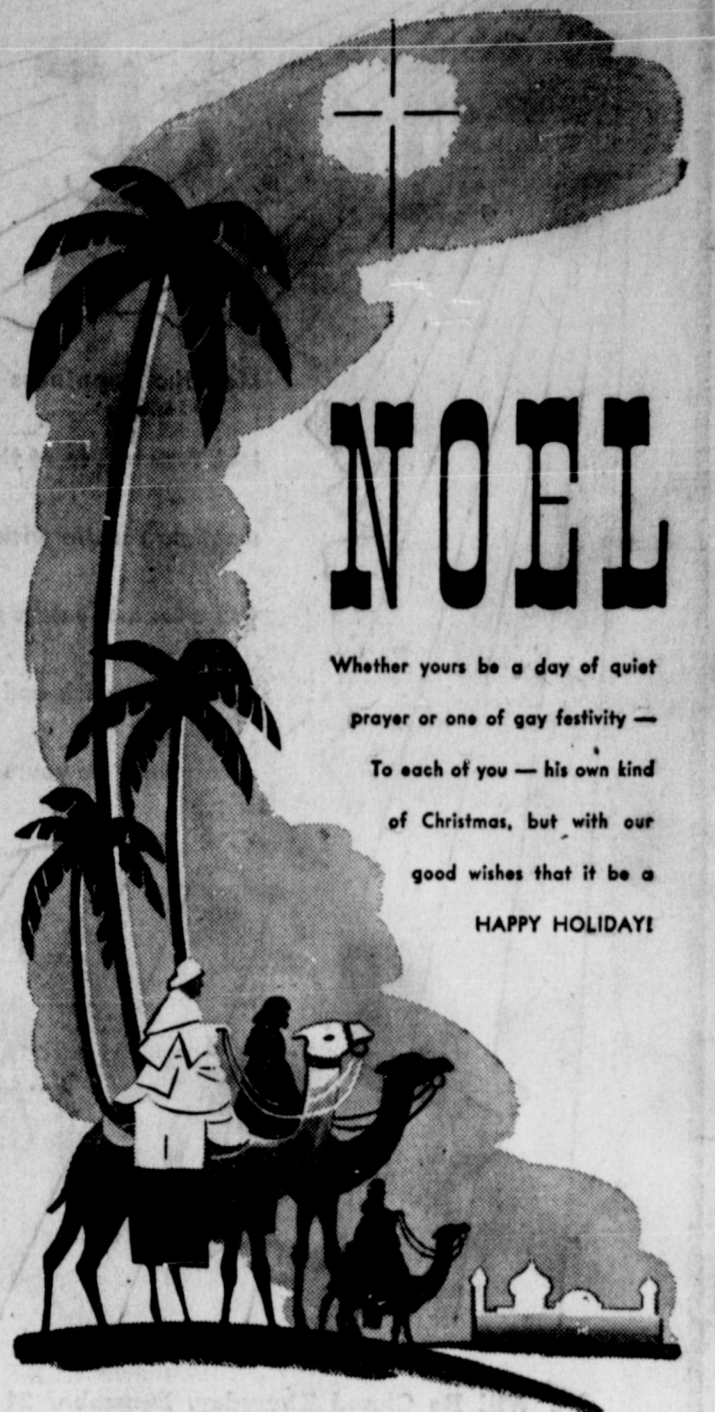
We are mindful of our debt to our friends who have favored us with their patronage. This, we can not repay, but — on this day we can sincerely and heartily say to all of you — "Serving you has been a real pleasure. And, to all —

"A VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON."

C. D. SHAMBURGER LUMBER COMPANY

Oscar Thomas, manager

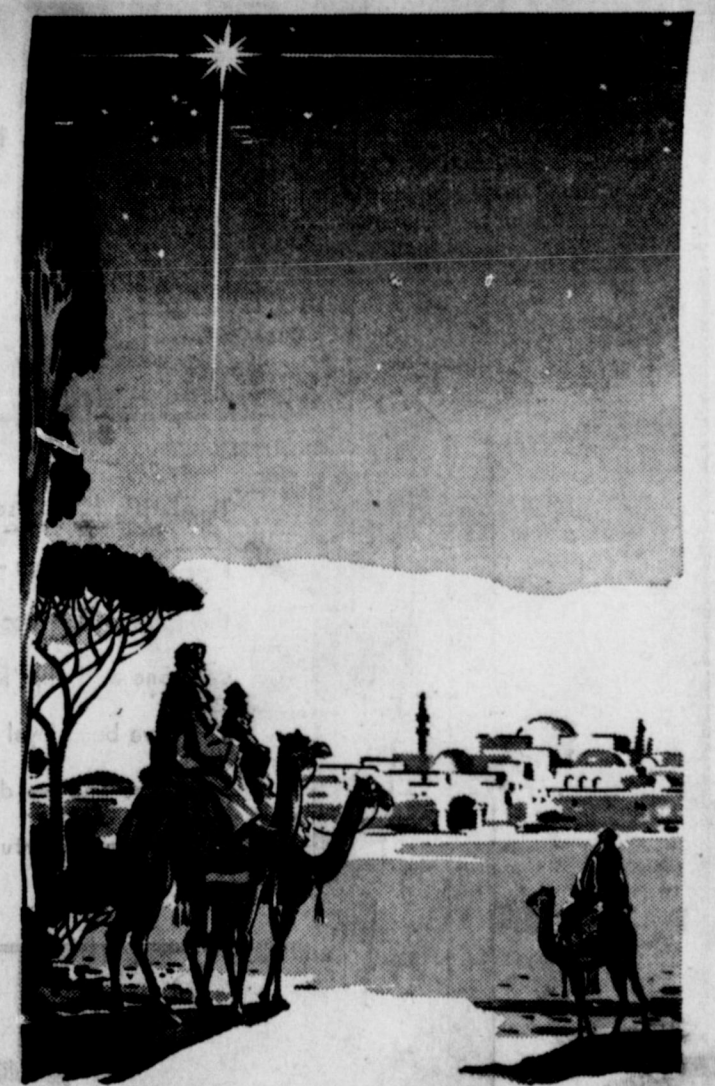
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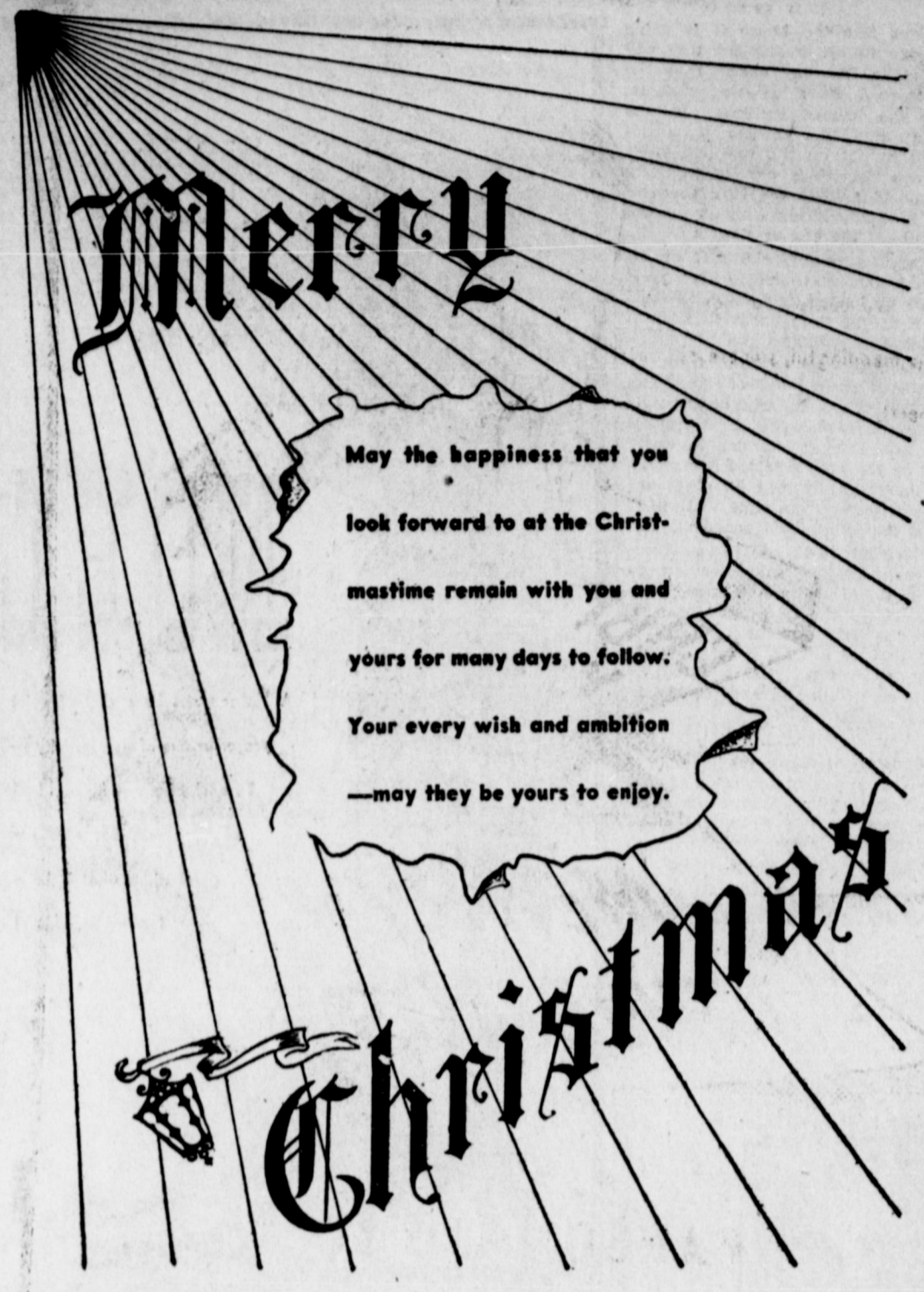
Whether yours be a day of quiet prayer or one of gay festivity — To each of you — his own kind of Christmas, but with our good wishes that it be a HAPPY HOLIDAY!

BENNETT IMPLEMENT CO.
John Deere Tractors & Implements



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

BARTLETT MOTOR CO.
Your DODGE-PLYMOUTH Dealer



Merry

May the happiness that you look forward to at the Christmas time remain with you and yours for many days to follow. Your every wish and ambition —may they be yours to enjoy.

Christmas

We Will Be Closed Thursday, December 24 til Monday, December 28th

GEORGE'S CLEANERS

Phone 12

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

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

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

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

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

St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

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

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

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



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

'Silent Night' Is Most Beloved Carol

Of all the songs that return to bring warmth to the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally known as "Silent Night." Certainly no other is as loved and sung as this simple German song.

For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, disclosed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818.

It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

Plum Pudding Came Far Since Ancient Origin

Plum pudding—the ancient English delicacy traditionally served with Christmas feasts—has come a long way since it entered the culinary lists hundreds of years ago as Yule-dough.

Yule-dough was composed of chopped meat paste, spices, to symbolize the gifts of the Magi, and flour, regarded as embodying the spirit immanent in the wheat.

CHRISTMAS 'PUTZ'

The Christmas "putz" is a decorative feature in many Bethlehem, Pa., homes during the Yuletide season. It is a representation of the birth of the Christ Child in the stable at Bethlehem in Judea.

The residents of Bethlehem, Pa., follow this custom, which was brought to this country by early Moravian settlers, and spend months arranging the exhibit.

The word "putz" is short for the German "putzen" meaning to arrange or decorate.



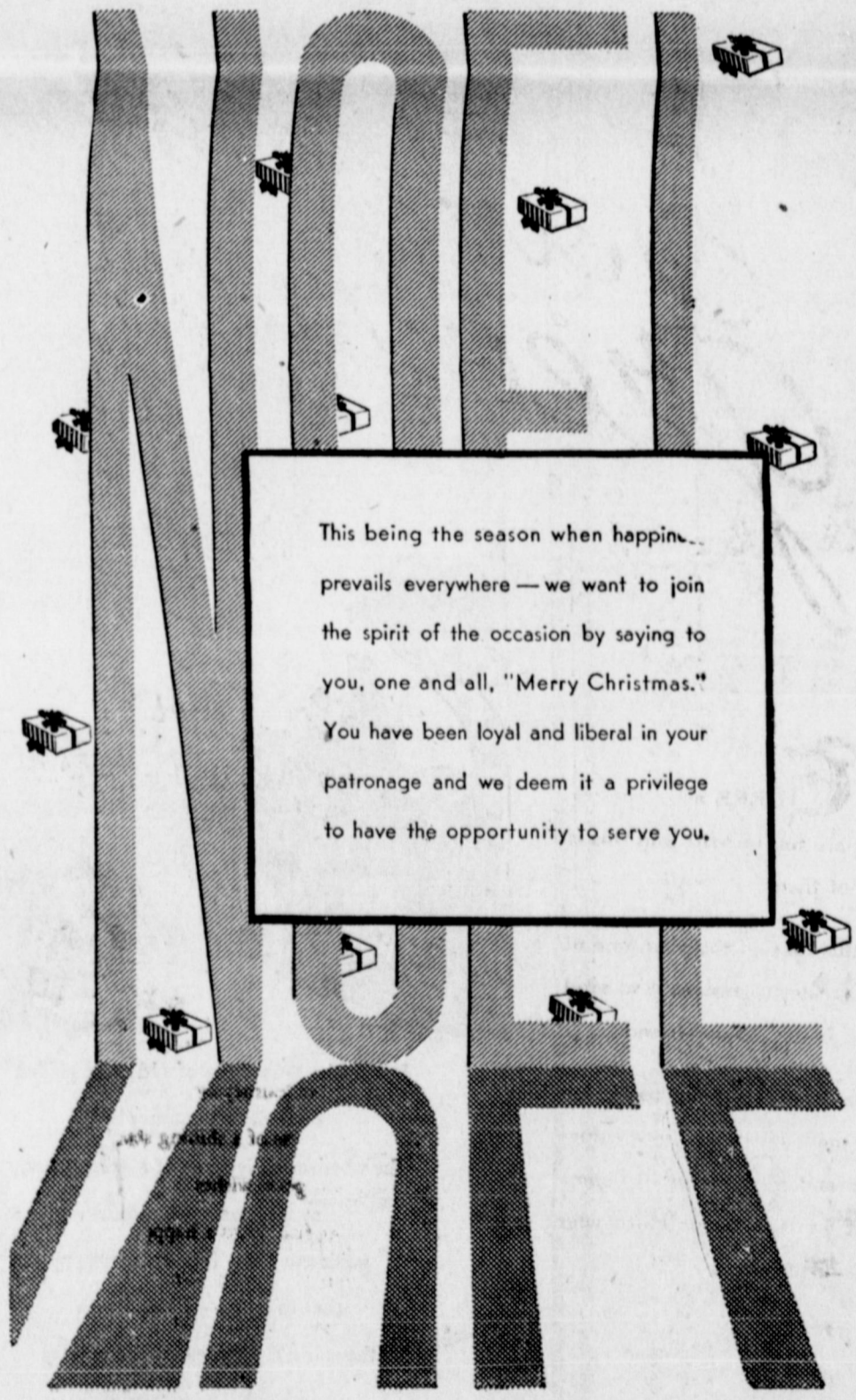
It's the day of grand memories,
this joy-bringing, gift bearing
Christmas occasion. May it
be one of fullest enjoyment
for you and yours.

We Will Be Closed Christmas Day

MUTT'S CAFE

HOME OF GOOD EATS

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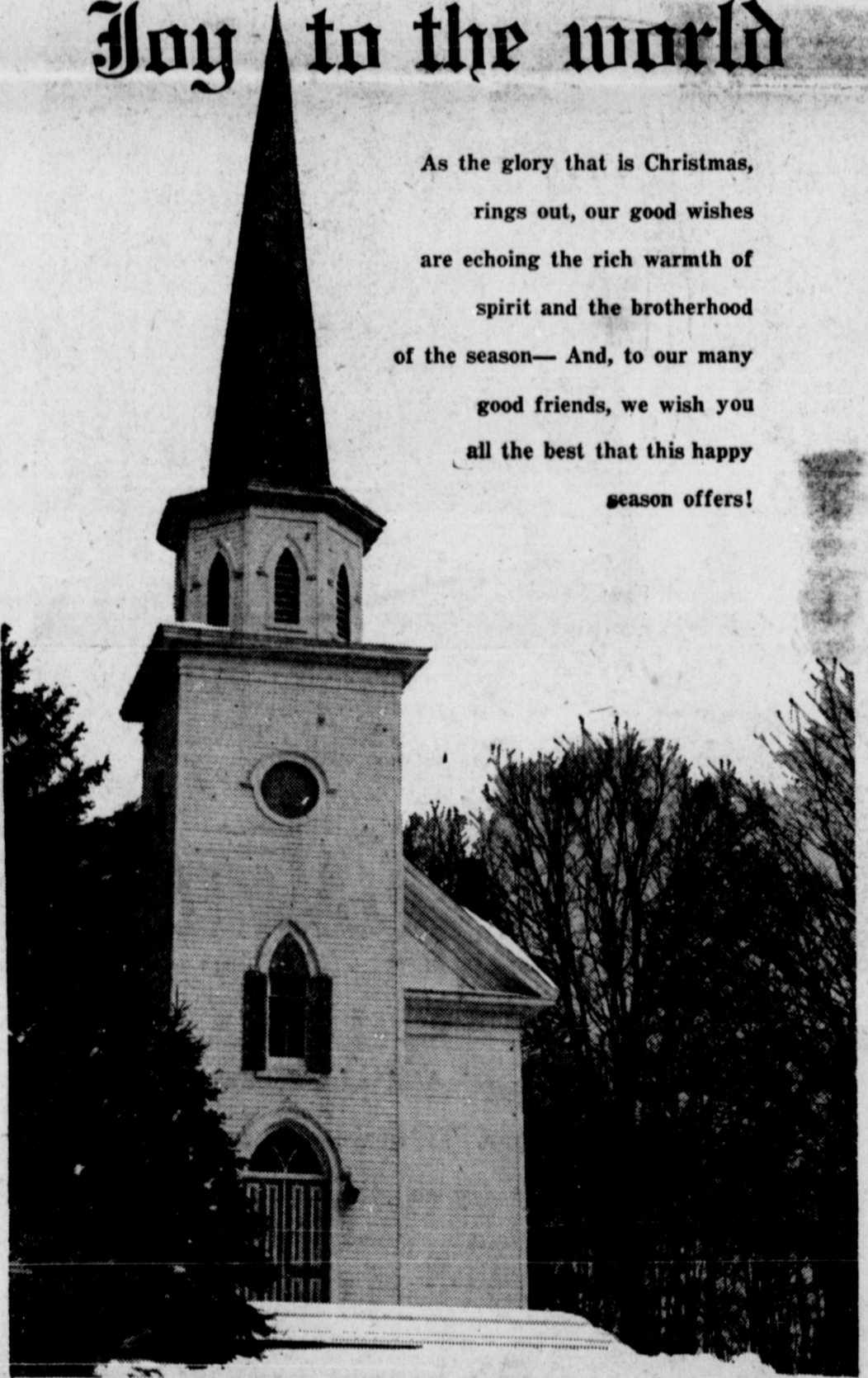
This being the season when happiness prevails everywhere — we want to join the spirit of the occasion by saying to you, one and all, "Merry Christmas." You have been loyal and liberal in your patronage and we deem it a privilege to have the opportunity to serve you.

BILL ALLEN MAGNOLIA SERVICE

Phone 197

Joy to the world

As the glory that is Christmas, rings out, our good wishes are echoing the rich warmth of spirit and the brotherhood of the season— And, to our many good friends, we wish you all the best that this happy season offers!



MURPHY-SPICER FUNERAL DIRECTORS

AMBULANCE SERVICE

PHONE 160



Season's Greetings

The foundation of all business is friendship
 and with each Christmas
 it gives us pleasure to extend our
 best wishes to those
 whose friendship we cherish.
 May your Christmas
 be merry!

PALMER IMPLEMENT CO.
 FORD TRACTORS — DEARBORN FARM EQUIPMENT

Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

WHO HAS ONE of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa. The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the



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

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

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

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

St. Nicholas Possessed Of Great Virtue, Piety

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

An ancient legend is told that he became the patron saint of school boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-keeper while they were enroute to school in Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a vision, but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayers and also forced the murderer to confess his crime to authorities.

MAYBE our little Yuletide

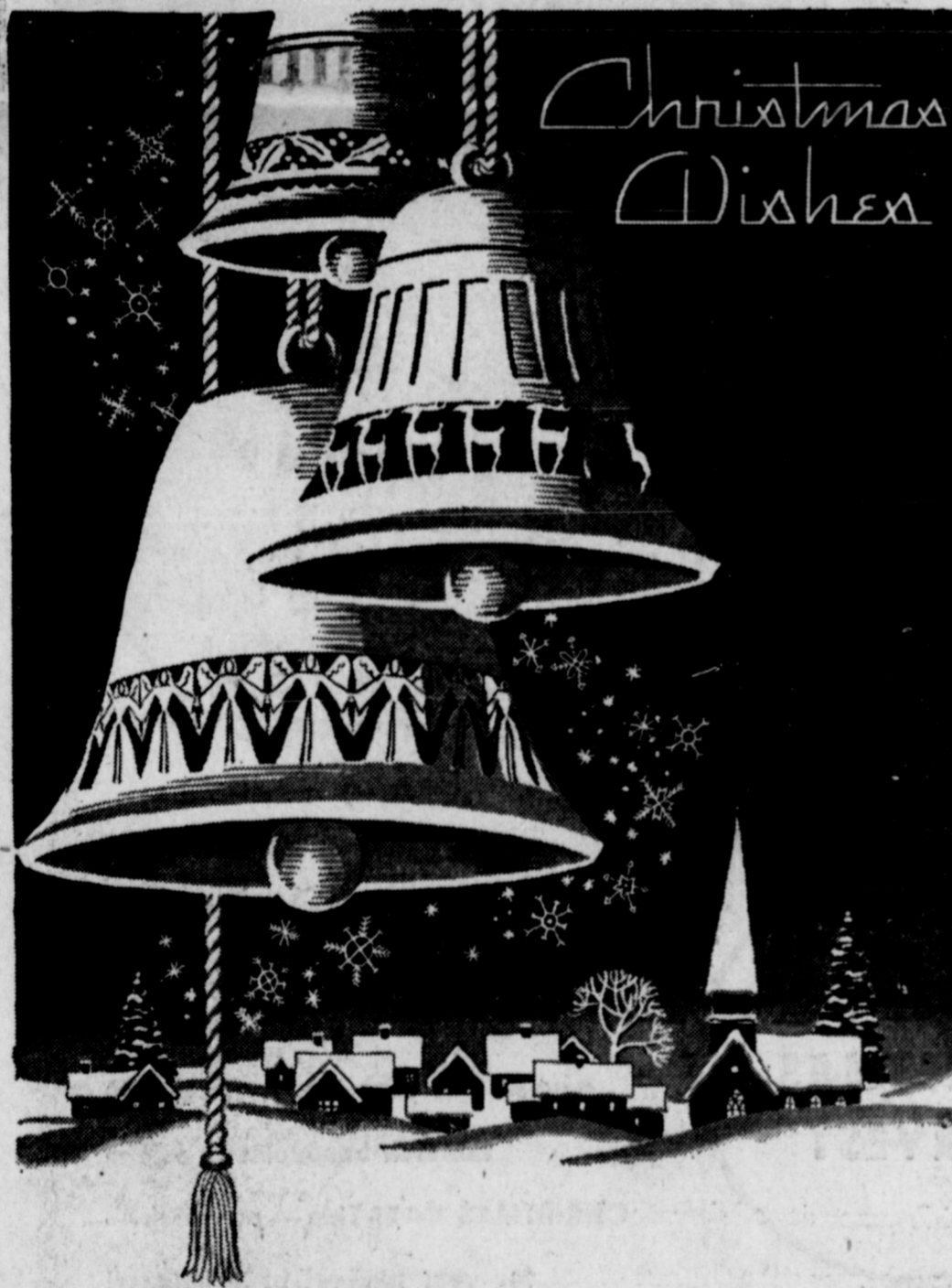
message sounds like all others but how can we better say it than, "Merry Christmas?" We assure you that this greeting is meaningful, sincere and from our heart.



PARSONS BROS.

MASTER CLEANERS

Phone 27



Christmas Dishes

Again this Christmas we rejoice as we recall the many grand associations with our many friends; To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, it is our fondest wish that you enjoy every joy, good health and happiness of this cheery season!

BROOKS VARIETY STORE

The Store of Gifts throughout the Year



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

Christmas Quotes

"Christmas is the time you decide to pay your doctor something on account. You know you will need him the day after."
 —Walter Pultizer.

"What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season, and not deigning to send you three lines by way of a letter the rest of the year?"
 —J. Ashby-Sterry.

"At every Christmas party, just as things are beginning to get good, someone shuts his eyes, puts his head back and means softly: 'Ah, well, this isn't like the good old days. We don't seem to have any good old-fashioned Christmases any more.'"
 —Robert Benchley.

Christmas: 'Good Time; A Kind, Forgiving Time'

Charles Dickens once referred to Christmas as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old-fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour", why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

Season's Greetings

THERE are some ads that are fun to write and this is one of them.

At this time of the year, one of our greatest pleasures is to send good wishes to our friends.

Your friendship and patronage has made our work more enjoyable and we want you to know that we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

F. J. HOMMEL

YOUR MAGNOLIA DEALER

AND now, as you gather your loved ones and friends around you, we want to send our best wishes to each of you. At the same time, we say to you we appreciate your every courtesy during the days past that it has been our privilege to serve you.

Sending You Our

SEASON GREETINGS

E-Z LAUNDRY
CHESTER VAUGHN, Owner & Manager

HELPING SANTA

When Buying Toys for Children

If you wish your child to get the most available from this year's toys, be sure to look for the five major qualities recommended by specialists.

Toys to be thoroughly satisfying for the small fry should have five major qualities, say specialists at the college of home economics, Cornell.

First, toys should be durable to withstand the rough and tumble of any one child and his playmates. Sturdy toys can be repaired and repainted and passed on for the enjoyment of other youngsters, in or out of the family.

Toys should be simple and easy to handle and operate. Simple playthings are more likely to hold interest through long child-hours and less likely to be shelved permanently.

Toys should be safe to use—without sharp corners or rough places or poor paint that might be harmful to a youngster. And toys should be washable.

Finally, toys should have what the specialists call a "do-with" quality. Good old stand-bys such as wagons, blocks, clay, sand, finger paints, and the like may fit into the child's interest of the moment.



Gloria in Excelsis Deo

THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM . . . The Babe in the manger, surrounded by the gentle animals, is a vision we can see more clearly with our hearts than with our eyes. And seeing it, we may truly say, "Glory to God in the highest."

The Leader Classified Ads are read by everyone—Use them often.

Christmas Crossword Puzzle

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American Christmas as Old as Columbus

The celebration of Christmas in this country has deep and permanent roots, although at one time its observance was nearly exterminated.

The first Christmas observance was shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and all Christmas day Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it was found hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken to the Nina.

However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the nativity.

IT'S CHRISTMAS

and We Hope Everybody's Happy

ERNEST KENT
Your TEXACO Consignee

HAVE A CHRISTMAS HARVEST

May your Christmas feast be bountiful . . . your Christmas tree the brightest . . . your holiday, the gayest, and your hearts filled with the rich benevolence of the CHRISTMAS DAY! This — our wish — for your harvest of happiness!

G. W. Bradshaw
Independent Distributor
OF
BORDEN PRODUCTS



NOEL

As Christmas bells ring and angels sing — The joyous song of our sincere wishes for 'all, is a resounding chorus that echoes "Good Health . . . Good Cheer and Much Happiness at Yuletide."

Silent Night

Joseph Mohr. Franz Gruber.

1. di - stant night ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright,
 2. di - stant night ho - ly night, Dark-ness flies all is light,
 3. di - stant night ho - ly night, Now and then, and thy light

How gentle a soul, how calm and bright, how soft and mild,
 His heart has been the on - ly King, He - ro - ic - in! Hail the King!
 With the air - yote - els we sing, Ho - ly - in - ce - ptus, Ho - ly - in - ce - ptus

Sleep in heav - enly peace, Sleep in heav - enly peace,
 Christ the Son - n of God, Christ the Son - n of God,
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SANTA CHECKS ONE OF HIS STEEDS . . . Rodney, who might be a stand-in for Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, gets an early briefing from old Saint Nick as the bearded old gent prepares for his annual visit. Rodney normally inhabits a Chicago zoo.




THOMAS FEED & PRODUCE
 RED CHAIN FEEDS
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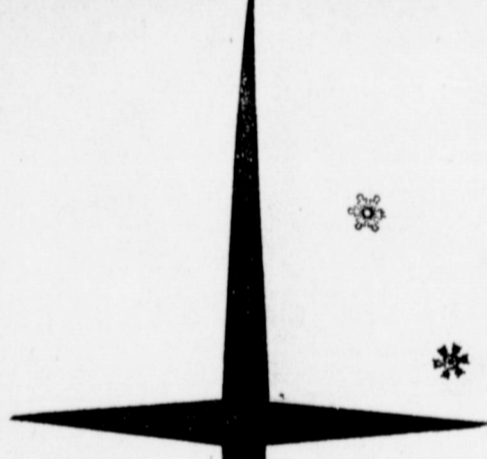
STEWART CLINIC

We wish you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS

For kind thoughts • for loyal support • for hearty cooperation • for all of the courtesies extended us during the past year, we thank you sincerely.
 May your Christmas be joyful.



It Pays to Use
PAYMASTER GINS
 J. R. Brandon, Mgr. Clarendon, Texas



Christmas Greetings

And now, as you and your loved ones prepare to observe another Season of happiness, we want to add our message of good will and greetings to the citizens of this community that we are privileged to call our home.

AND
Best Wishes

CLYDE WILSON TEXACO STATION
 Phone 100
 WE GIVE S&H GREEN STAMPS




THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Reborn on this Holy Day is the blessed spirit of brotherhood, good will, and the eternal wish for the universal peace of man . . . Thus, on His Day, we say unto you - when this Spirit of Christmas enters into your home, may it bring to you our eternal wishes for your health and happiness! It is in genuine appreciation of your friendship and patronage that we extend these hearty wishes that every joy be yours for the coming season.

The Donley County State Bank

Clarendon, Texas

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