



# Let's Put Christ Back In Christmas

Guest editorial by Rev. Riley Fugitt,  
Pastor of First Baptist Church, Baird, Texas

As the last days of 1952 roll around it brings again that day of the year known as "Christmas". This is the time of year that we begin to wonder who gave us gifts last year and what would be appropriate to give certain people. We have become so busy by this time of year that we have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas. The stores have advertised the "Lay-away plan" since early July and the multi-million dollar business is well on its way. We find that "X" has taken the place of CHRIST in Christmas and is now Xmas and not Christmas. We recall immediately that "X" is an expression of the unknown. Have we let Christ become unknown in our Christmas of today? Have the businessmen taken the place of the Wise Men in our Christmas Story? Have we brought our gifts to everyone else to leave Christ out?

In my own personal observation this year I have seen more of the true Christmas spirit shown than ever before. Many have expressed the opinion of being ready to put Christ back in Christmas by doing something for others. Our churches have caught the spirit of the "White Christmas" rather than the selfish idea of what we can do for self. There will be boxes for the needy to show our love, there will be relief for the foreign countries, and there will be prayers that the Star will again lead the wise men of today to the Prince of Peace that we may hear again the blessed words, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

May we never forget that the Saviour whose birthday we celebrate gave us this Word, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these brethren, ye have done it unto me." This can be our way of putting Christ into Christmas and removing the unknown X.

## SWEET 'N SOUR

By A. DILL

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the house - - - everything is stirring, including the mouse. And this is particularly true of the folks in ye olde home town—more and more doorways, windows, and trees are coming out in holiday dress and each one is lovely.

The Keefe Rowlands and Nancy have an attractive doorway—a giant size Santa Claus winks and smiles about his Christmas secrets and sends out holiday greetings to everyone.

The Arthur Johnsons have an unusual window decoration—a Christmas Carousal concocted by daughters, Juanita and Goley, of ginger bread cookies, and colored sugar icing, is as gay as can be.

The Conny Browns have colored candles and sparkling icicles in their picture window and it is very pretty.

Howard and Bonnie Farmer have one of the loveliest outdoor trees to be seen anywhere—trimmed with multi-colored lights and topped with a star. It is beautifully balanced and a lovely decoration.

Harold and Grace Ray have a beautiful doorway—gilt bells trimmed with shimmering glass balls and a huge satin bow. The Latimer's have done a top-notch job of decorating a picture window and doorway—drive by and see it.

The Roscoe Shelnutts have a very pretty lighted outdoor tree and also a fine window.

Glen and Adella Rockey's home is beautifully decorated, and the picture window treatment is one of the best. Rockey's Ford Motor Company on Market Street is also well decorated and a huge Nativity Scene is their way of wishing their many friends the Peace and Happiness of the Christmas season. Special mention, we think, should be given the Rockeys for the lovely Christmas signs on the highway, which also express in dignity and sincerity their holiday greetings.

Edith Bowlius has a gay porch decoration—a jolly snow man, complete with top hat and cane, smiles his greeting from an evergreen stand dotted with colored lights.

And have you ever seen a place with more lights or a more eye-catching arrangement than the Municipal Plant—you can certainly be proud of it.

We particularly like Carol Lyn McGowen's Christmas walk and doorway—lighted trees mark the path to the door where a happy Santa Claus beams a welcome for all of us to see.

The Roy Gilbreaths and Nancy Kay have a beautifully lighted home—all red and blue. The Homer Driskill's have a lovely window and red lamplight makes it even prettier.

One of the loveliest trees in town is in Wade and Bess Johnson's window.

Miss Charlie Lambert has a lighted tree in her window but you should really step inside, as we did Sunday, and see the lovely decorations niece Donna Carter has stewed up—snowy winter wonderlands made (of all

things) broom weeds, johnson grass and cypress boughs. The glistening snow effect is achieved with paste and starch. You dip the items to be "snowed" into a thin paste and then put them into a paper bag of starch and shake well. The result is amazing.

Manager Frank Gardiner at the Plaza Theatre is blowing horns 'n stuff like that over his holiday bill of fare for movie goers. He's doing his best to get a color cartoon on "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," but even if he doesn't he still has "Big Jim McLain" coming next week and they say it's John Wayne's best.

By-the-way—the Methodist Church front has a beautiful Christmas scene which you should take time to see, and as the parting thought, do remember to keep Christ in Christmas and celebrate His birthday with all the love and reverence you can pack into it, and let Communistic nations throughout the world see in our way of celebrating Christmas that we haven't said, as they have, "No room at the Inn, for Christ the King."

## Methodist Choir To Give Cantata

The choir of the First Methodist Church, joined by other singers of the community, will present a Choral-Narration of Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 21, in the church sanctuary.

The choir this year is under the very capable direction of Mr. Louis Pippin, band director and teacher in the local high school. Narrator will be Chas. Lutrick, minister.

Reports from rehearsals early in the week indicate the choir will make an outstanding presentation.

## Director Named For March of Dimes

E. P. (Pop) Whitaker, Callahan County Campaign Director, Mrs. Gilbert Hinds, Co-Director, named the following County Chairmen for the 1953 March of Dimes program to run from January 2 to 31. Each Chairman will appoint their working committee of three or more.

Baird Committeemen are: M. M. Caldwell, Program Chairman; Mrs. Bob Neal, Mother's March Chairman; Mrs. C. M. Peek, 1953 Program Treasurer for the County; Miss Marian Vestal, Secretary for the County.

Program Chairmen for other communities in Callahan County are:

Cross Plains, Mrs. Fred Tunnell; Clyde, Mrs. E. G. Hampton; Putnam, Mrs. R. B. Taylor; Eula, Mrs. Aaron McKee; Rowden, Mrs. Warren Price; Denton, Mrs. J. O. Connell; Midway, Mrs. Joel Griffin; Enterprise, Mrs. Wes. Patton; Oplin, Mrs. Emma Poindexter; Bell Plains, Mrs. Dick Young; Admiral, Miss Maurine Eubanks; Cottonwood, Mrs. E. D. (Bud) Strahan.

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CHRISTMAS SHOP IN BAIRD

## "Most Beautiful Girl at Baird School"



Mary Martha Borman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Borman, Baird, was selected the "Most Beautiful Girl of the Baird Schools—1952-53". There were forty-three girls who competed for this honor.

Judges for the contest were: Mrs. Edna Francis, Mrs. Travis Foster and Mr. O. B. Edmonson, all of Cross Plains.

Mary Martha is the granddaughter of Mrs. B. E. Morehart and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Borman of Cisco.

She is a member of the 8th grade, a Majorette of the Baird High School Band, reporter for the 8th grade and the Bear Facts, school paper. She has attended Baird Schools for the past four years, having previously attended the Cisco schools.

## Baird High School Girls' Team Opens '52 Basketball Season

By Charles Young

The girls' basketball team of Baird High School played their season opener last Friday night in the South Taylor tournament against South Taylor. Baird was defeated by a score of 41-14. They came back Saturday morning to take a victory from Winters, 16-15, but lost to Wylie Saturday night in consolation finals by a score of 24-18. South Taylor took the top spot.

The girls journeyed to Cross Plains Tuesday night. Cross Plains won the game, 43-24.

The team is coached by Mrs. Frank Crow. There are 16 girls on the team. The roster is: Delaverne Simmons, Patsy

Betcher, Wanda Shelnutts, Yvonne Caldwell, Patricia Barnhill, Rosie Monzello, Faye Faircloth, Virgie Stevenson, Ramona Cummings, Melva Beasley, Glenda Gilbreath, Dorothy Henry, Bettye Lou Smith, Dolly Summers, Ethlyn Tabor and Carolyn Nichols.

## City Broadcasting Christmas Carols

If you heard the beautiful music over town this week and wondered from whence it came rest assured it emanates from a reliable source.

The City of Baird has all the symptoms of the holiday spirit in playing the carols over a loudspeaker, located atop the city water plant, throughout the day. In addition, city employees have erected five strings of colored lights, also at the city plant, in star-point shape and coming together at the top of the flag pole, resembling a huge Christmas tree.

The musical broadcasts will continue through the yule season.

## Methodists To Remember Orphans

The First Methodist Church will make the annual offering to the children of the Methodist Home at Waco at the morning service Sunday.

Rev. Lutrick reported that already he has received contributions by mail for this offering. The sermon topic for the Christmas Sunday message will be: "The Wise Men Believed in a Baby."

## Baird Cub Pack Is Reorganized

At a charter renewal meeting, held Monday night, December 15 at the First Methodist Church, Cub Pack No. 24 was injected with new life and reorganized to activity.

R. L. Hurst, Scout field executive of Abilene, presided and explained Cub Scouting to the group of parents who brought their sons to the meeting. Organizational business was transacted while the Cubs enjoyed ping pong and other games.

By willingness and appointment the following agreed to serve in directing the activities of Cub Pack 24: Hubert Ross, Cubmaster; Mrs. Sidney Foy, Den Mother; Mrs. Frank Windham, Den Mother; Pleas Scott, Institutional Representative; Sidney Foy, Chairman of Pack Committee with Charles Lutrick, Frank Gardiner, Hernie Martin and Frank Windham as Committeemen.

The First Methodist Church is the new sponsoring organization by action taken at a recent Board of Stewards meeting.

Cub Pack meetings will be held on the third Monday night of each month at 7:00 o'clock in the church basement and parents of boys eight years of age through age 11 are urged to bring their sons and enroll them in the Pack.

Boys attending the Charter Renewal meeting were Larry Gardiner, Freddy Foy, Pleasant Scott, Robert Martin, Frank Windham and Bobby Ross.

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## Former Baird Banker, Civic Leader, W. E. Melton, Dies at Austin Tuesday

William Eugene Melton, 70, of Austin, formerly a prominent resident of Baird and Coleman, died at 2 a.m. Tuesday in a Temple hospital. He had been ill for 16 days.

Mr. Melton was Assistant Cashier and a Director of The First State Bank of Baird, was a merchant and was associated with the McGowen Brothers in the oil business in Baird, until 1934.

Mr. Melton was a member of the First Baptist Church in Austin. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge, Chapter, Council, Knights Templars, Scottish Rite and Eastern Star.

He was born April 25, 1882, in Brown County and was reared in Cottonwood, Texas. He married Clara Ethel Gunn on September 21, 1906, at Baird.

The body was brought from Temple to Baird by a Wylie Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Baird Baptist Church, with a former pastor, the Rev. P. D. O'Brien of Big Spring, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Riley Fugitt. Burial was in Ross Cemetery under the direction of Wylie Funeral Home. Masonic services were held at graveside.

Survivors are the widow, of Austin; four sons, Arvin of Lubbock, W. E. Jr., of Baird, Donald of Breckenridge, Zoland of Coleman, and two sisters, Mrs. S. B. Thomson of Abilene and Mrs. Monroe Dawkins of Fort Worth; one grandson, Basil Melton, Harlingen, with Air Force; two granddaughters, Yvonne and Sharon Melton of Breckenridge.

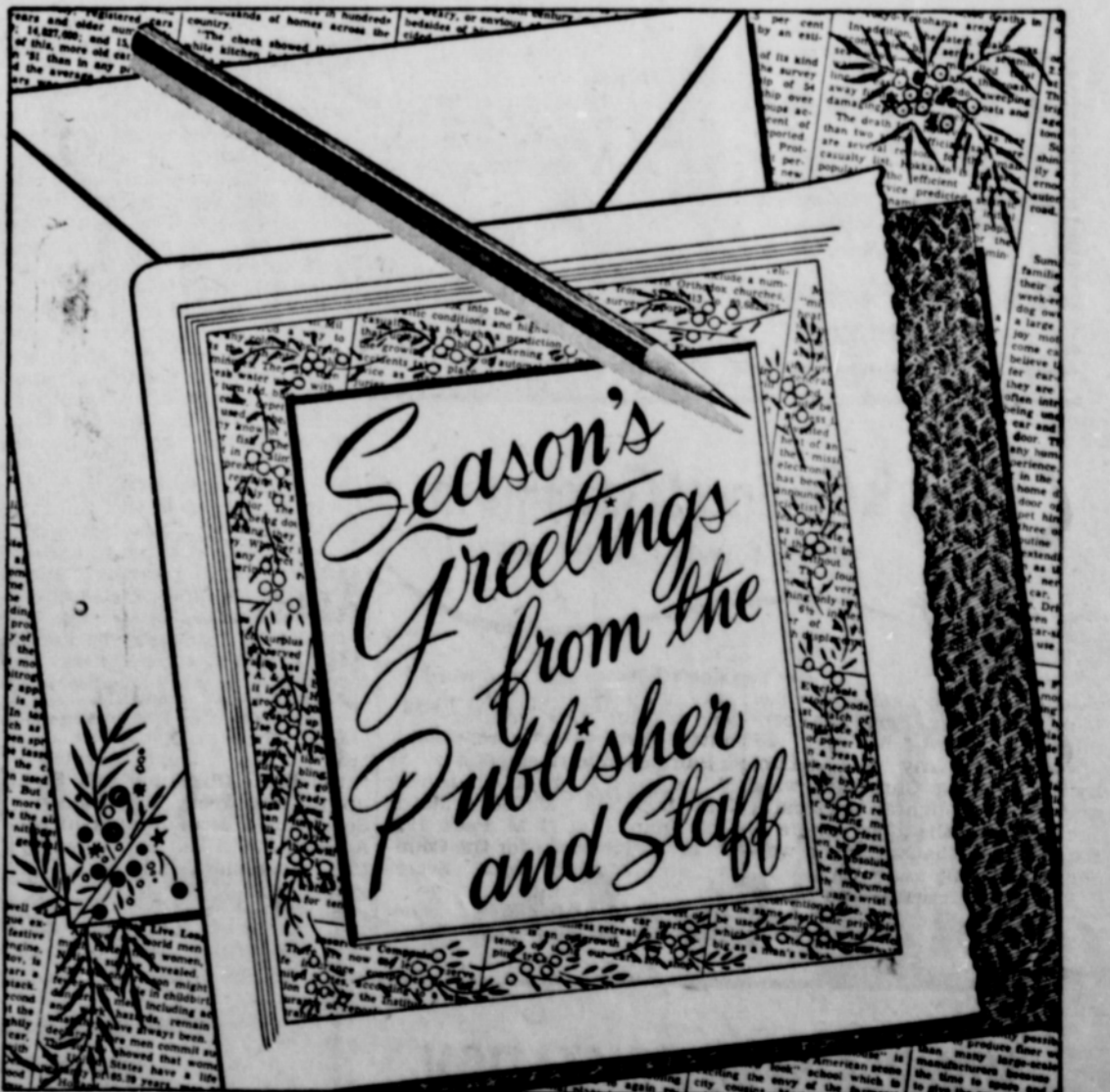
Active pallbearers were J. Carl Hensley, James Asbury, W. S. Mitchell, Roland Nichols, Clarence Boatwright and Charles Smith.

Honorary pallbearers were: W. R. Ely, Bob Norrell, W. D. Boydston, Judge J. R. Black, L. L. Blackburn, Howard E. Farmer, W. P. Brightwell, J. T. Lawrence, J. Brice Jones, Tommie Windham, Bob Wilson, Jimmy Lands, Senator Lanning, T. B. Warden, Jack Alexander and Joe McIntosh.

## Meeting Place Changed

The Callahan County Singing Convention will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the High School Auditorium at Clyde instead of at the Methodist Church as previously announced. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. John Weathers went to Lubbock last Thursday to be with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Smith while Mr. Smith underwent an emergency operation. She returned to Clyde on Sunday. Mr. Smith is recovering nicely.



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MR. AND MRS. PLEAS SCOTT  
MISS DORIS FOY  
MR. AND MRS. W. W. BUCKHOLTZ  
CHARLES YOUNG

# LONE STAR Agriculture

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NOTE: The following is an unusual piece of work which made its first appearance in print last year and has nothing to do with Texas Agriculture. However, it is especially fitting for this time of year, particularly when we are sometimes apt to forget the real meaning of Christmas. The writer is the society editor of the San Antonio Express, and it is with her kind permission, and that of the newspaper, that I reproduce the article.

—John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Lois Weekes  
San Antonio, Texas

Mr. Santa Claus  
C/O Childhood Hearts  
North Pole

Dear Mr. Claus:

I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long time . . . You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files.

The last time I wrote you, I spelled bicycle with a "k"—and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and its worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "well, start being a little nicer to ME then" from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see, and I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank-you" for other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against the countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Noels and the hushed hymns, the street-corner replicas of you, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that—and especially,—to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all, that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expensive respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages, the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you—that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll be staging it always?

I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney, you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in the age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,  
LOIS

## 10 HUNTERS DIE IN 1952

AUSTIN—The Chief Clerk of the Game and Fish Commission said ten hunters have died in accidents reported so far this fall.

Guntire was responsible for eight of the fatalities. One man drowned trying to retrieve a wounded duck. One hunter was killed in an unusual accident when his small duck boat was rammed by a propeller driven water craft.

The Chief Clerk said the accidents were running behind the average season despite the fact that an apparently record number of hunting licenses have been sold this fall.

The usual causes predominated, he said. One man's gun got caught in the brush and was discharged, killing him. Another hunter killed himself when his gun was discharged while he used it to club a wounded duck. Another was struck in the side and killed when he laid down his gun with the muzzle toward himself.

Up until December 1 one of the common causes of accidents during the deer season had not been blamed for any bad shooting, according to the chief clerk. This involves one hunter mistaking another hunter for wild game.

However, he explained, one such fatality was reported before the legal shooting season opened. It involved a Livingston man, shot down while deer hunting by his own father who was partly blind.

The man killed by his own gun while trying to subdue a crippled duck was Raymond C. Creed of Amarillo. The shotgun blast struck him in the groin, killing him almost instantly.

The odd boat collision that killed a duck hunter occurred in Taylor's Bayou near Beaumont.

Mrs. Howard Gleason of Kermit and Maxine Scott of Abilene, visited the N. L. Dickey family Sunday.

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Pretzels NSC 3-Ring	8-oz. 22¢	Cinnamon A. P. Ground	4-oz. 20¢	Agod Cheese	lb. 65¢
Animal Crackers	Pkg. 9¢	Nestle's Morsels	6-oz. 22¢	Jelly A. P. Currant	12-oz. 23¢
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<b>DATES</b> DROMEDARY	7 1/4-oz.	23¢	<b>NIBLETS</b> Whole Kernel Corn	12-oz.	19¢

<b>FRUIT CAKE</b> Jane Parker	1 1/2-lbs. 1.29	3 lbs. 2.49	5 lbs. 3.69
Stuffing Bread	Large Loaf 20¢	Spanish Bar Cake	Doz. 29¢
Rolls Brown 'n' Serve, Jane P.	2 Pkgs. 27¢	Caramel Pecan Rolls	Pkg. 29¢
Rolls Dinner, Jane Parker	Pkg. 13¢	Cinnamon Donuts	Doz. 23¢
Party Rye Bread	16-oz. 19¢	Dundee Cake	Half 35¢
Vienna Bread	16-oz. 17¢	Pfeffernusse Cookies	12-oz. 35¢

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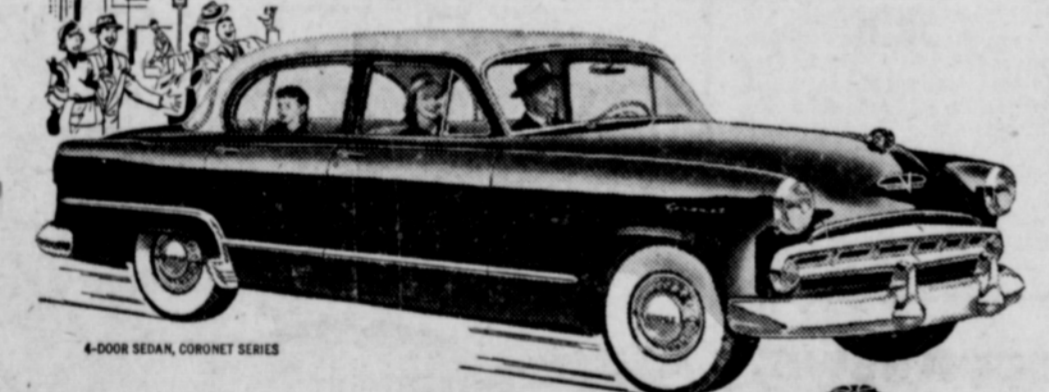
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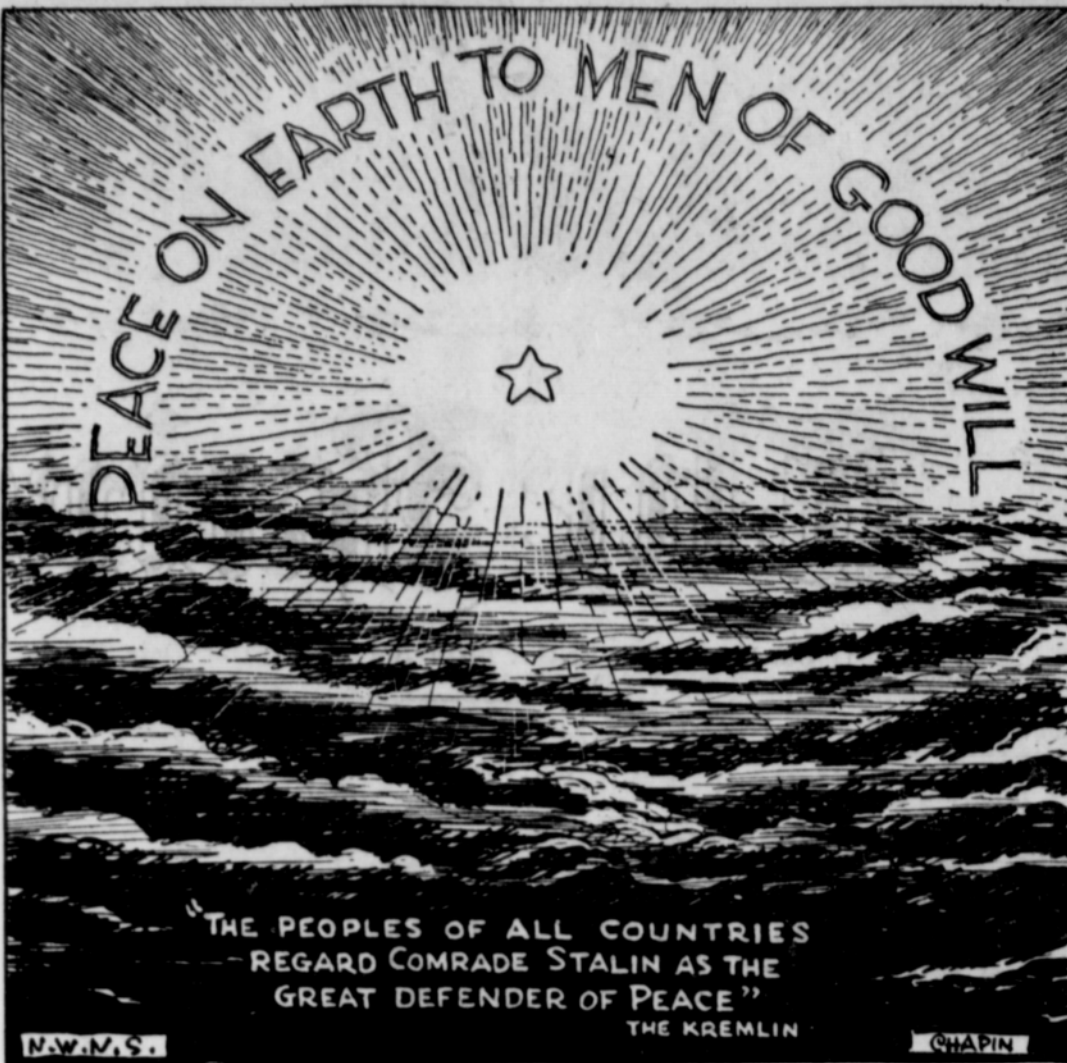
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# CHRISTMAS MESSAGES: TAKE YOUR CHOICE



## EDITORIAL

**VALUABLE — HANDLE WITH CARE**  
Let's wrap up Christmas safely this year and end the joyous holiday season with fewer broken homes.

The holiday season is significant of life. Yet every yuletide hundreds of lives are snuffed out or ruined by careless accidents.

Most of the deaths and injuries are in traffic mishaps. The National Safety Council has found that the daily traffic death toll during the Christmas holiday season is slightly more than twice the annual daily average. Family gatherings and other festivities of the year-end holiday season bring the peak travel of the winter—and when more cars are on the move there is more chance of an accident.

Early darkness plus bad weather add up to poor visibility. Fogged windshields also make it difficult to see and avoid accident situations.

Rain, snow and ice mean slippery streets and highways, but thousands of holiday drivers fail to adjust their speed to hazardous conditions.

The good fellowship of the season stimulates more drinking—and too often the celebrants clink glasses with death.

An accident can be tragic at any time, but at Christmas it is doubly so. And yet the Christmas season is ruined in thousands of homes every year by suffering and tragedy from accidents that need never have happened. Many a Christmas tree and gaily wrapped gift have become mocking reminders of someone not there to enjoy them.

The traditional spirit of Christmas is "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." A little extra caution, courtesy and common sense can keep this spirit alive and help reduce holiday accidents.

Remember that your life is the most valuable present you can give your family or friends. Handle it with care. Don't lose it in the holiday rush.

Don't let death take your holiday.

### State Ass'n Joins Campaign To Rid Texas of "Sharks"

WACO—An organization with several thousand members over Texas, the State Junior Chamber of Commerce, has thrown its support into the campaign to rid Texas of loan sharks through the enactment of a small loan law, similar to the legislation in effect in 30 states.

"The time has come for all-out offensive," declared a resolution adopted at the convention here, because the need for such a statute is "serious and immediate." Texas has become "the haven for loan sharks," the resolution stated, and people "who can least afford it are being deprived of millions of dollars annually in outrageous interest."

The legislature, which convenes in January, was urged to adopt the small loan bill approved by a special committee of the State Bar of Texas.

Making the small loan business legitimate and respectable can be brought about, it was set forth by legalizing a fair return to the lender and, at the same time, protecting the borrower through a law with "teeth and rigid enforcement." The resolution asserted:

"The ceiling on charges must be easily computed and without holes for subterfuge. Only persons with a reputation for honesty should be licensed to operate such a business, with severe restrictions being placed on those without license. Lenders should not be allowed to split loans and their charges on loan renewals should be especially limited. The borrower should be given an itemization of all charges."

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### Letters To Santa

December 14, 1952

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be a good little girl. I want a Joan Palooka doll, a folding table and chairs, an ironing board and iron, a little high chair for Joan Palooka, and some candy and nuts. Please remember the other little boys and girls and Mary Jo Thompson. I will try not to be afraid of your helpers this year.

Love,  
Nancy Kay Gilbreath

Baird, Texas  
December 13, 1952

Dear Santy,  
I am a little girl in the third grade. I have been a very good girl. I want a doll and dishes and other things to play with and be good to my sister. She lives in Abilene, her name is June and I have two brothers and love them all. So remember them to and all my little friends. I will be looking for you.

Your little friend,  
Ola Jané Boyd

604 East 1 St., Baird, Tex.

December 13

Dear Santa:  
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a tool set, razor, and a ray gun.

Thank you  
Billy Seelig

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring to me a Toni doll and a tricycle. Also a Teddy bear for little sweet baby Lana. Thank you Santa.

Martha Glenn Coley

December 17, 1952

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a new toy pistol with a leather scabbard. I live five miles from Putnam, and daddy will clean out the chimney.

I love you,  
Homer Taylor

Mr. and Mrs. Aden Atwood and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Acie O'Dell of Baird, attended the funeral of Mr. B. Newton in Moran, Tuesday, December 16.

### HEALTH TALKS

As we approach December 25, we grow more conscious of Christmas tuberculosis seals. We might examine where we stand in regard to the disease.

Tuberculosis, which headed the list of disease killers in the United States in 1900, at the mid-century mark stood at number 7. However, it is still the leading killer of people in the age from 15 to 34 years, which should be the most enjoyable and productive period of life and the one during which the patient is most likely to have family responsibilities.

Aside from medical advances, the lessening of the death rate of tuberculosis in the last fifty years has been mostly the result of educating the people for the part they should play in the control of the disease. Through programs sponsored by tuberculosis and health departments, John Q. Public has been taught that the disease is not inherited, that anybody can catch it, that a person can have it and still feel well, and that it can be cured.

Tuberculosis does not strike at human beings alone. In fact, one kind—bovine tuberculosis—can be caught by man through eating beef or drinking milk from infected cows. Dramatic results in controlling the disease in cows have been obtained, until today bovine tuberculosis has been practically wiped out, another reason for the reduced rate among human beings.

The germ that usually causes tuberculosis in human beings is called "Koch's bacillus"; Koch, a nineteenth century German scientist, was the first man to see the rod-like bacteria through the microscope. The tuberculosis bacillus affects the lungs most often but may involve other organs. It may be spread to other persons by coughing, sneezing, or kissing, or by allowing dishes contaminated with the germs that have not been properly cleaned to be used. The germs may stay alive a long time outside the body unless destroyed by direct sunlight.

Besides known cases of tuberculosis, many people may have the disease and not show any signs; they are capable of passing the infection on to others, however. To discover and treat these disease carriers through mass tuberculosis x-ray surveys, tuberculin skin tests, and laboratory studies is the object of health workers. The family doctor is in good position to find the disease in its earliest stages through periodic general check-ups on his patients. One type testing by itself may be useless. For example, a chest x-ray can reveal some kind of disease in

### Follow Doctor's Advice on Flu

AUSTIN—This is the season of the year when influenza or "flu" is most prevalent, according to Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer. Colds, gripe, influenza, whatever we may call them, are believed to be spread from person to person through discharges from the nose and throat. To protect yourself and others from such disease, here are some things to be remembered:

Influenza is highly infectious. Practically everybody is susceptible to it. No matter how many times you have had the disease you may contract it again. Therefore, keep away from people who are sneezing, coughing, or sniffing or who are actively ill with colds, influenza, or pneumonia. Keep away from crowded places. Have your own

towel and always wash your hands before eating, and sneeze or cough into your handkerchief.

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

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

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

the lungs, but the doctor may be uncertain whether it is pneumonia, cancer, or tuberculosis. On the other hand, a patient with tuberculosis may have an x-ray of the chest that appears normal. The tuberculin skin test in which there is a positive reaction simply shows that the person has been exposed and has become sensitive to the tuberculosis germ. It doesn't reveal whether the disease is active. One of the most reliable tests is to examine under the microscope the sputum, material coughed up by the patient.

Case finding is only a part of the picture in the control of tuberculosis. The patient, once the disease is diagnosed, should be sent either to a private or a state sanatorium, where he will be treated, separated from others to whom he might give the disease, and taught how to protect his family after he leaves the hospital.

"Rest, fresh air, and good food," the old formula for the treatment of tuberculosis, even today is a good start. However, new drugs and new methods of surgery have been added until the progress of almost any case of tuberculosis can be arrested if only it is discovered in time. Each patient must be treated according to the circumstances in his case, the degree to which the disease has advanced being an important factor.

An important part of treatment is to fit the patient for work after he is discharged. Tuberculosis often drags on for months or years during time when he might be earning a living. Unless his mind can be set at rest and he can look forward to being able to take care of his financial obligations when he leaves the hospital, he is likely to be depressed and his mental attitude will determine the success or failure of treatment.

### Health For All

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Let's put it this way. You buy knowledge, not fear, can defeat tuberculosis. Every American must know how he can fight TB, which kills more than 30,000 Americans every year. He must know that tuberculosis can be controlled, can be prevented, can be cured. The health education programs of the voluntary TB associations help spread this knowledge.

You buy case finding. The voluntary associations work with the official health agencies and the medical profession in promoting programs to search out unsuspected cases of tuberculosis, which is spreading at the rate of 115,000 new cases a year. Chest X-rays for all adults 15 years of age and older are one of the best means for finding unknown tuberculosis early, when it is easiest to cure.

You also buy medical research. Projects sponsored by the NTA and its affiliates out of Christmas Seal funds help advance the search for more effective methods of treating and preventing tuberculosis.

You also buy rehabilitation—those services to patients and their families which help them solve the physical, emotional, social, economic, and employment problems TB causes.

Your TB association can tell you in greater detail about all of its activities, for the program of each association is carefully adapted to the specific needs of the community which it serves.

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### Meat Production At 10-Year High

WASHINGTON — Meat production in the United States hit a 10 year high in the week ended last Friday.

The Agriculture Department said today the week's meat production under federal inspection was 447 million pounds. This was two per cent above the 438 million pounds in the previous week and 15 per cent higher than the 390 million pounds for the corresponding week one year ago.

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### Little Onion Sandwich Shop

**IT'S A GIRL!**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell of Abilene, at the Callahan County Hospital, Monday, December 15, at 8:30 a.m., a daughter weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces. She has been named Debra Joyce.

She is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Griggs, Baird, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bell of Dallas.

**New Justice of the Peace Appointed for Cross Plains**

At the Callahan County Commissioners Court held last week Alex Shocklee of Cross Plains was appointed Justice of the Peace to fill out the unexpired term of T. M. Shuford, who died on November 21.

LONG DAY BOOK, 500 pages, \$2.88. The Baird Star.

**First Baptist Church Notes**

Miss Jennie Harris, teacher of the "Friendship" Sunday School Class of The First Baptist Church, entertained members of the class at her home, 616 West Third Street, Thursday evening, December 11, with a Christmas party. Each member brought food which will be distributed to the needy people of Baird.

After a brief business meeting, a Christmas program was presented and fruit cake and coffee were served to the following: Mmes. B. H. Freeland, G. H. Tankersley, Will Seelig, Lacy Meredith, Bonnie Thompson, Edith Lincoff, Stella Smith, Sallie Eastham, Royce Gilliland, Dee Young, Theima Shelton, E. L. Cheff, Conley Pruitt, Garvin Jones, W. B. Atchison, Riley Fugitt, Scott Bryant, C. S. McGowen, Dale Brown, R. H. Robertson, James Burks, C. S. McClellan, Myrtle Berry, C. E. Andrews, Medford Walker, Misses Myrtle Gunn, Jeffle Lambert and Jennie Harris.

The annual church Christmas Tree will be Wednesday night, December 24. An appropriate Christmas program has been arranged and there will be candy and fruit for the children.

Rev. Riley Fugitt, pastor, has requested that each member bring a gift for the needy of Baird, in order that the gifts can be distributed during Christmas.

A "Watch Party" will be held at The First Baptist Church, Wednesday night, December 31. A very entertaining program will be presented, under the direction of the Associate Pastor, Rev. David Whitaker.

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**Presbyterian Women Have Xmas Meeting**

The Missionary Society of The First Presbyterian Church met Monday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. H. N. Ebert, President.

After a Hymn, Roll Call, reading of Minutes of last meeting, and prayer, the following program was presented:

A Christmas story, "The Little Serving Maid," Mrs. R. L. Alexander; Devotional, Mrs. Joe McGowen; "Where Should Jesus Be Born," Mrs. Virgil Jones; Prayer, Mrs. Susie Smith.

Refreshments were served in the Annex by the hostesses, Mrs. Frances Bowman, Mrs. Lambert and Miss Marion Vestal to the following: Mmes. McIntosh, Boyd, R. L. Alexander, James Asbury, Willie Barnhill, H. N. Ebert, Ruby Berry, Susie Smith, Mary Kehrer, Curtis Jones, R. L. Elliott, Bessie Pass, Virgil Hughes, Arthur Johnson, Wade Johnson, Virgil Jones, S. E. Settle, E. C. Fulton, Joe McGowen, E. O. Parsons, Juanita Danielson and Charley Morton.

**Baird High Basketball Team Defeat Cross Plains, 35-32**

The Baird Bears bounced back from two defeats in the South Taylor tourney to take a victory over the Cross Plains Buffaloes. Baird was defeated by Wylie, who won the tourney by a score of 60 to 33 and by Norton in three minute overtime, 53 to 50.

The score of the Cross Plains game was 35-32 in a thriller. Baird journeys to South Taylor twice next week to tangle with the Flying Tigers. Everyone is invited to attend and help the boys along.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Martin and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hensley and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gill in Fort Worth last weekend.

Mrs. D. M. McElroy and Mrs. Johnny Sparks and son, Jimmie Dean, of Midland, were business visitors in Baird Sunday and Monday.

**Parent-Teachers Enjoy Play**

The Baird Parent-Teachers Association met Tuesday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The devotional was given by Carolyn Nichols.

Students of the third grade, directed by Mrs. Hubert Ross, presented a play "Mother Hubbard's Christmas" and sang several Christmas carols.

Rev. Merle King, pastor of the Church of Christ, made a very interesting talk on "Faith In Our Schools."

About eighty parents and teachers attended the program.

**Oplin W.S.C.S. Has Meeting**

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Oplin Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. Andrew Johnson, for their Christmas party. There were 20 present.

After the program was rendered and gifts were distributed, sandwiches, cake and coffee was served from a lace laid table with a snow scene center piece, decorated with a white reindeer and red candles.



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**Baird Music Patrons Attend "Messiah"**

Baird was well represented Sunday, December 14, when a 265-voice chorus sang "Messiah" at Rose Field House, Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene. The mass chorus of 265 singers, together with an instrumental ensemble of 21 players, was directed by Euell Porter, Chairman of the HSU voice department. Playing with the ensemble was Mrs. V. E. Hill of Baird, second violin.

Two of the featured soloists were Mrs. R. J. Tiffany, granddaughter of Mrs. H. F. Foy, and her husband, Mr. R. J. Tiffany. Included in the chorus were Mrs. Herman Harper of Abilene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston, Baird, and Rev. David Whitaker, assistant pastor and choir director of The First Baptist Church of Baird.

Those from Baird who witnessed the presentation of "Messiah" were: Rev. and Mrs. Riley Fugitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boydston, Mrs. John Schrader, Miss Mae Clair Wheeler, Mrs. E. C. Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Atchison, Mrs. Haynie Gilliland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Medford Walker and children, Mrs. C. M. Peek, Mrs. W. O. Wylie, Jr.,

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Terry, Jr., Mrs. Lacy Meredith, Mrs. Wena Waggoner, Mrs. Lawrence Bowler, Mrs. J. P. Reynolds, Mrs. Glen Boyd and Miss Hazel Reynolds.

**G. A. News**

The Estelle Freeland Girls' Auxiliary met at the Baptist Church at 4:15 p.m., Monday, December 15. The group sang several songs, after which Martha Payne led in prayer.

The following answered roll call: Norma Barton, Dorothy Schefferina, Jane Davis, Jeane Brown, Janis Abernathy, Melba Bryant, Martha Payne and Mrs. Cheff.

A Christmas program was presented and the girls exchanged gifts. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, grape juice and cookies were served.

The meeting was dismissed with a prayer by Norma Barton. Reporter

**COOK BOOK FOR SALE**

District Eight of the Texas Garden Clubs, Inc., now have on display at the City Pharmacy, a copy of their new cook book. Anyone wishing a copy, please leave name and address. Price \$2.00. 51-11-p



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## City Is Laying New Water Main

The city department of public works has been busy this week digging a trench along the north side of East Tenth Street, between Pine and Walnut Streets, to lay a new two-inch water line.

Street Superintendent W. B. Atchison stated Wednesday that this work was necessary to supply the demands of a number of residents living on Walnut and north of Tenth Street.

Atchison stated "this larger water line will give the folks up there additional water pressure."

**FOR RENT** — Three-room apartment with private bath. Mrs. B. L. Russell, Sr., 600 East 9th Street. 51-tf-c

**FOR RENT** — Unfurnished 3-room apartment with bath, 436 West Third, J. C. Stephens. 50-2-p

**FOR SALE** — Acorn kitchen range. Good condition, nearly new. See John Bowlus at Bowlus Lumber Co. 47-tf-c

**FOR SALE** — 4-rooms and bath. Corner lot. See Lowell Boyd. 46-tf-c

**LOST** — Set of door keys last Wednesday night in vicinity of Church of Christ. Notify Mrs. T. F. McCarty, 704 Eugenia. 51-1-p

## Cattle Prices Higher to \$3

Markets were strong, \$1.50 to \$3 higher on almost all kinds of cattle Tuesday at Abilene Livestock Auction. Estimated receipts were 1,100 head of cattle and 100 hogs.

Quotations by classes were:

Good and choice dry lot fat steers, 22 to 24. Good and choice cake or grass fat steers, 16 to 16.50; common and medium, 14 to 16.

Good and choice fat steers and heifer yearlings, 22 to 24; common and medium, 20 to 22.

Good stocker steers and heifer yearlings, 22 to 25; common, 18 to 22.

Good cows, 12 to 14; canners, 8 to 12.

Good stocker cows, 12 to 15; common, 10 to 12. Good cows and calves, \$165 to \$185 a pair; plain cows and calves, \$90 to \$125.

Good slaughter calves, 22 to 25; medium, 18 to 20; common, 16 to 18.

Choice stocker steer calves, 22 to 24; medium, 20 to 22; common, 16 to 18.

Butcher bulls, 15 to 17; bo-logna bulls, 14 to 16; light bulls, 13 to 14; stockers, 15 to 20.

Good and choice hogs, 190 to 270 lbs., 17 to 18; 155 to 185 lbs., 16 to 17. Sows, 14 to 16. Feeder pigs, 12 to 14.

## Church Council Has New President

DALLAS — Bishop William C. Martin of The Methodist Church, Dallas-Fort Worth Area, was elected president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA at the General Assembly which closed at Denver, Colo., Friday.

Bishop Martin succeeds the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox of Sher-



BISHOP WM. C. MARTIN

rill of New York, presiding bishop of The Protestant Episcopal Church.

The Council, representing 29 denominations of over 33,000,000 members, is the largest interdenominational group in the nation. It was formed in 1950 with the cooperation of eight interdenominational agencies and now represents nearly 70 per cent of American Protestantism and a dozen church agencies. The Denver session is the first meeting of the 500 official delegates and about 1,500 other church leaders since the formal organization. It is the most representative group in U. S. Christianity.

Bishop Martin heads united churchmen who meet biennially as a council. Interim matters are handled by a 65-member General Board, representing the several groups.

Illustrative of the issue that concerned the Council in Denver last week were the increases and shifts in American population and what the churches could do to win the unchurched; the need for stronger endeavor in world missions; the trends in Protestant college campuses toward

## Midway Musings

Mrs. Joel Griffin  
Miscellaneous Melange and  
Minor Mention of Men  
and Women

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb and children of Marfa spent Friday until Sunday visiting his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Webb. They came by way of San Angelo and brought Harry Nelson, who is an uncle of Edmunds and a brother of the late Martie Webb.

Betty Florence Robbins of Baird spent a day or two visiting her grandfather, A. L. Parish and Mrs. Parish last week.

Mrs. Cook, who has spent the past three or four months away from home, will be home this weekend for their family Christmas celebration. She will have eight or nine of the children with their families. There will be about thirty-five children, grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

The Merry Quilters met Monday and made a quilt for Mrs. Parish, and we had our Christmas party also. We exchanged gifts and had a treat for the children. Visitors were Mrs. Ater and baby, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Wilson and two of her grandchildren, and Mrs. Best's daughter, Beverly of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were hosts for the South reunion held annually in their home. Present for the occasion were nine of the South children, with their families. They included Mr. and Mrs. O. B. May of Roscoe, Mr. and Mrs. Tom South and Fay of Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. South of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Olaf South and Charles of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Martin of Clyde, Mr.

materialism; the larger place for laymen in church life; the place of religion in dealing with all the tension in American life; problems of marriage and the home; and the importance of moral and religious ideas in establishing peace in the world.

Among nationally known figures who spoke to the Council were Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. ambassador to the U. N.; Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Council; and John Foster Dulles, the incoming Secretary of State, in a tape recording, since he was in the Pacific with President-elect Eisenhower.

and Mrs. Ralph South, Sylvia Lee and Lyman of Abilene and Mrs. C. E. South of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Buck McClure of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb, Barbara and Frankie of Marfa, Mr. and Mrs. Bubba Davis and Pat of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe South, Joe Don and Gregg of Clyde, Mrs. Dorothy Key and children of Abilene, Mrs. H. C. Foy, Nancy and June of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Griffin of Snyder, Mrs. Rex Jones, Butch and David and Stevie of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Virgle Smedley, Jane and Larry of Big Spring and Mrs. Franklin Miller and Judy of Clyde.

## Christmas Tree At Court House

The annual Callahan County Court House Christmas Party will be held Tuesday afternoon, December 23, at 3:00.

All County officials, State government agencies with their families are invited to enjoy the Christmas tree, exchanging of presents, and of course, Santa Claus.

Tuberculosis robs the nation of approximately 1,000,000 working years each year—time lost by people who die of the disease.

## SCHOOL NEWS

With Atrill

Height Ho Holidays! Baird Grade School is in Christmas dress and each of the seven class rooms are ready for their annual parties to be held there this week.

Sibyl Meyers' first grade has a chubby little angel surrounded by snow laden Christmas boughs and soft pastel ornaments as a decoration in their library corner and bright red Christmas stockings are hanging around the blackboards, each one with a Santa Claus letter tacked to the toe.

Everything is merry and bright in Mrs. John Bowlus' second grade room too—there are Frosty Snow Men and ladies with red Christmas tree ball trimming around the tack boards and a very large snow man decorates the library nook. There is Santa and sleigh on one book shelf and a nativity creche surrounded by twinkling angels on another.

Mrs. Hubert Ross' third graders have decorated a lacy fern with bright ornaments for their book shelves and added to the jolly St. Nick's around the tack board, the room is very gay.

Miss Grimes' fourth grade room is pretty as can be and you'd quickly agree if you could see the lovely Madonna and Christ Child pictures which the children have done and the perky little choir boys with holly berry red suits which march beneath glittering Christmas bells. And how will we ever thank Miss Grimes for asking us in to help with her art work and share Christmas with her lovely children—it certainly was a pleasure.

Mrs. Lucille Hall's fifth grade room is truly a "Winter Wonderland" — snowy paper garlands twine about the place and snowflakes—big lacy ones cover the windows and boards.

We loved visiting with Gladys Websters wonderful sixth grade room this week too and watching poinsetta's bloom when nimble fingers held the crayons. A snow village is taking place there too and the boards tell the story of Christmas symbols—a wise teachers' way of reminding youngsters that there's a reason for Christmas decorations, stars,

trees, candles—they are beautiful when we keep their significance.

We thoroughly enjoyed visiting Mrs. Lee Ivey's seventh grade room and seeing Snowbirds go up around the tack boards and Christmas carol pictures forming a lovely mural around the walls of the room. We're beginning to see more and more why Mrs. Ivey is so popular with the youngsters too—they can't help but love a person who spends twenty-four hours a day planning nice things for them and who makes learning fun. Children naturally do their best for her and the room reflects this attitude in every way.

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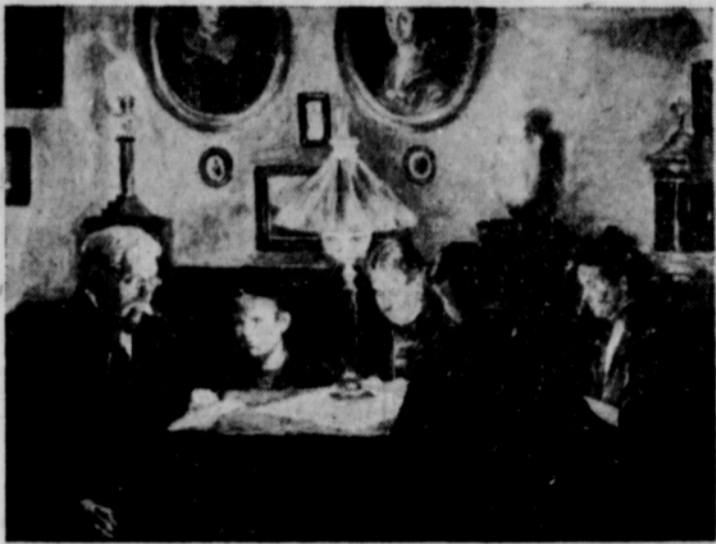
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**HISTORIC READING SESSION.** Carl Olson, postmaster in Kolding, Denmark, reads aloud to two young neighbors, his wife and daughter after the nightly session had been delayed to discuss with Einar Holbell, postal clerk, the possibility of selling a special Christmas stamp to aid children stricken by tuberculosis. The room now stands intact in Koldinghus, national Danish museum. This is a photographic reproduction of the scene as painted in 1904 by a noted Denmark artist.

Left to right: Postmaster Olson, the younger Linde brother, Mrs. Olson, their daughter, and with back to artist, Knud Linde, now a retired U. S. army officer who lives in Liberty, Texas. Sooner or later, it seems most historic events find a link with Texas.

This week in the sunlit East Texas town of Liberty a man's memory spanned a half century to the snow-covered home of a Danish village postmaster and recalled the birth of a movement that has encircled the globe.

He is Major Knud W. Linde. He was born in Kolding, Denmark in 1895 but as recently as 1942 he served Texas in the adjutant general's office.

The event? The major tells it like this. "Our reading aloud will be delayed a bit tonight, boys," the kindly Kolding postmaster one winter night in 1904 informed the Linde lads who lived across the street. "One of our postal clerks, Einar Holboell, is coming up. He has some idea of helping sick children he wants to talk to me about."

It was a pleasant custom Carl Olson had established, this reading aloud to break the tedium of long winter evenings for his young neighbors and they waited with some impatience, listening indifferently to the clerk's proposal of a special stamp for Christmas mail to build a hospital for sick children.

That was the beginning of the Christmas Seal. Carl Olson cleared the sale with Denmark's postal authorities and the Seals still are sold there through the government's postoffices.

Major Linde and his brother are the only living witnesses to that modest beginning. They have seen the little Seal blaze a battlefield against tuberculosis around the world.

That first sale netted 74,000 kroner and ground was broken for Julemarke, a children's tuberculosis hospital which provides 2,000 beds for small victims of the disease.

TB was taking a horrible toll of Danish children when Einar Holboell proposed the Christmas Seal to save their lives. By 1934 the Seals had built five institutions to provide care for tuberculous, underfed, and sickly tots. No adult patients are admitted to them.

An uncle of the Linde lads, Jacob Raeder, gave the land on which Julemarke is situated. "The most beautiful spot you can imagine," the major declares and his voluminous photo albums bear out his words.

The Olson living room has long since been transferred intact to Koldinghus, a castle built in 1248 which is now a national Danish museum.

Napoleon's Spanish mercenaries set fire to the castle in 1808 but its rock walls and battlements resisted the flames and the interior was restored.

As Major Linde puts it, "things are built to endure in Denmark."

And this year again Danish postal clerks go about their business of selling Seals for Christmas mail and handing the millions of pennies over to the National Society for Prevention of TB to restore broken little bodies and bring back the glow of health to pallid cheeks.

In Kolding there is a statue of Einar Holboell, the children's great friend.

And around the world reaches a strong band of Christmas Seals drawing ever tighter the noose Einar Holboell and Carl Olson threw about mankind's arch enemy—tuberculosis.

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## Rowden Round-Up

Marjorie Mauldin

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parrish and family of Monahans visited in Rowden Saturday afternoon on their way to Cross Plains to visit relatives.

Louise and Waylen Farley visited Nelda and Noah Smedley Sunday.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mauldin and family on Wednesday night were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munselle and Bonnie, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sargent and Irene Mauldin of Abilene.

Mrs. Patsy Gibbs spent Tuesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Crow and girls.

Lester Smedley of Cross Plains visited in Rowden Saturday.

Don Mau'din spent Sunday with Mike Odom.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Price visited Mr. and Mrs. Author Baker in Cisco Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Abilene visited Grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Farley and Lanell had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gibbs, Dean, and W. B.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hazel Sunday were her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill James of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Gibbs.

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Tod Newton, stationed at Corpus Christi Naval Station, was called home on emergency leave to attend the funeral of his uncle, B. Newton, at Moran, Tuesday, December 16.

## IT'S THE LAW IN TEXAS

### Apply Common Sense Rules When Making Contracts

Since contracts may be entered into quite informally, many people fall into serious difficulties by binding themselves to agreements which they do not fully understand. It is very easy for the unwary individual to obligate himself beyond his intent or ability to perform, and thereby invite litigation and a consequent judgment of forced performance or damages in favor of the other party to the contract.

Contracts are absolutely essential to the functioning of modern business. In order to plan for the future—to set up a business, insure a steady supply of necessary materials and goods, set a price and a delivery date on what we have to sell, etc.—we must know that the courts will, if necessary, enforce the contracts we make with others.

Only a minute percentage of the millions of contracts annually made find their way to the courts. But by seeing that the exceptional case which reaches litigation is settled justly, the courts make it possible for the remaining multitude of transactions to be conducted with a minimum of friction.

How can we minimize the possibilities of litigation over our contracts? How can we protect ourselves in event we should later wind up in court? A clear understanding of all terms of agreement entered into may prove the best answer to both these questions. Justice demands that we be held to the letter of our lawful contracts, lest the other party be damaged by our failure. Knowing this, we should apply a few common sense rules in our dealings with others.

First, let's take a look at the ordinary verbal agreement. Any terms about which you do not reach a specific agreement will probably be supplied by the customs of the particular business, or by a pattern set up by your

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previous dealings with the other party. Do you understand those customs? Do you want this contract to be carried out just like last time? If not, talk it over. Have a clear conception of your obligations and the other party's duties. And be sure that he, too, understands fully.

If you have doubts concerning the integrity of the other party why deal with him at all? If you feel compelled to deal with him in spite of doubts, try to complete your oral agreement in the presence of other, disinterested persons. Their version of the terms may be helpful later.

One of the greatest difficulties with verbal contracts is that of proving exactly what agreement was reached when an argument over terms later winds up in the courthouse. Human memories are faulty, and we have difficulty recalling the exact words spoken six months, or even six days, ago. A written memorandum signed by both parties at the time, or even a simple exchange of letters assenting to the material terms, may prevent trouble.

When executing a written contract without benefit of legal counsel, take time to read and understand every word, even at the risk of being considered dull. Read especially any fine print, or regulations printed on the back, forming a part of the contract.

Be wary when the other party offers a verbal explanation which seems at variance with the printed terms. When you get to court, you will probably find that the printed word means just what it says, and that the contradictory oral explanation will not be admitted in evidence.

(This column, based on Texas law, is written to inform—not advise. No person should ever apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who knows the facts because the facts may change the application of the law.)

AUSTIN—The story of an East Texas youth who tried to salvage something from an adult hawk slaughter is told in the December issue of Texas Game and Fish magazine.

The narrative, which gets its Christmas flavor from the youth angle, is contained in the anniversary issue, observing the tenth year of the magazine's existence.

Jimmy Burrows of Kountze is the hero of the hawk article which is called "A Child Shall Lead Them." He is 14 and "a natural born naturalist" according to his mother. His fellow townspeople of Kountze mistook an unexpected concentration of migrating Broad-winged hawks for a sudden-death raid on chicken yards and game birds. They shot into the hawks which were so exhausted from their long flight south that they seemed unable to fly away.

Burrows specialize in all kinds of wild animals and has been particularly keen about catching and harboring reptiles. When he learned of the counter attack on the hawks, he went to the woods and tried to treat the wounded birds.

The magazine article describes how he brought some of the birds home. At least one, which had been shot in the foot, recovered and was released. Another which had a shattered wing lived for a time, after Jimmy amputated the wing tip and treated the wound with drugs. But it finally died.

Mrs. Bruce Reid of Silsbee, an East Texas authority on wildlife, is hopeful that the lesson of Jimmy Burrows and the hawks will serve to guide other persons who might misunderstand and might destroy such birds which are protected by law because they are harmless.

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## Church Construction Sets New U. S. Records

NEW YORK—Drive through almost any city, and you'll see a wealth of new churches, either up or going up.

It's the result of one of the biggest waves of church building in this country's history. "There's never been anything like it," said a spokesman for the Bureau of Church Building and Architecture of the National Council of Churches.

All three major faiths, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish, have poured huge funds into projects for expanding and adding new religious structures in the last few years.

"The boom in church building has been notable particularly in the metropolitan Midwest and Far Western areas," said Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

An estimated billion dollars worth of new Protestant churches now are in the process of being planned in the architects' offices.

"It started after the war," said Dr. Emil Lehman, assistant executive director of the United Synagogues of America. "We thought it would ebb by now, but more and more build'ng is going on all over the country."

Reports to the National Production Authority show that money invested in new religious construction rose steadily from 76 million dollars in 1946, the first postwar year, to a new high of 452 million dollars in 1951.

"Probably never before has there been so much church building," said John Penn, secretary for church development of the National Missions Board of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.). Take a few examples:

Since World War II, the Catholics have been opening 150 to 200 churches a year, often averaging nearly four a week. Among them are the \$200,000 St. Rose of Lima Church in Houston and St. Ann's Church in Mission, Kan., with its landscaped grounds and parking lot.

The Missouri Synod of the Lutheran church alone has dedicated 89 new churches this year varying from the sleek, modernistic Christ's Church in Minneapolis to the majestic, Gothic Immanuel Lutheran Church in Baltimore.

For four years, the Methodists have been adding about two new churches a day.

The Southern Baptists have built at a similar rate.

The Presbyterians have spent in five years an estimated 60 million dollars on 1,662 new church structures, and now are in the midst of a 12 million dollar fund campaign to build more.

The trend applies all along the line, to Episcopalians, Disciples of Christ, Congregationalists and other denominations.

At the roots of the current surge in construction is World War II, when materials priorities forced deferment of such projects, and before that, a decade of depression when churches couldn't afford new buildings.

Not only was there a 15-year backlog of normally needed new construction, but the war and its aftermath brought big changes in the residential pattern.

New towns were born, and people moved, especially to the suburbs. Churches were lacking.

Just after the war, many denominations delayed building outlays, either to concentrate

## Heart Attack Fatal To Moran Farmer

B. Newton, 56, a resident of Moran for more than 20 years, died unexpectedly at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 13, after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Newton was born October 24, 1896, at Cottonwood, Texas. He was a farmer and carpenter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 16, at 3:00 p.m. at the Moran Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. W. R. Karkalits, officiating, assisted by Sanford Tune, Church of Christ minister. Burial was in Moran cemetery under the direction of Wylie Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Maurice Newton, with the Air Force in Spokane, Wash., and Dale of Moran; three brothers, Melton of Valliant, Okla.; Irvin of South Carolina, and Oran of Cross Plains; three sisters, Mrs. Mack Perry, Mrs. Rena Atwood and Mrs. Frank Russell, all of Bakersfield, Calif.; one grandson, two nephews, Ace O'Dell of Baird, and Tod Newton with the U. S. Navy, Corpus Christi.

Pallbearers were Emory Morris, Clarence Hamilton, Burette Chaney, Laford Green, Fred Ellis and Jewell Ellis.

first on raising the money, or in hopes building costs would drop. By 1948, the rush was on, and the tempo kept mounting.

In many communities businessmen and tradesmen took hammer and trowel in hand and did part of the work themselves. They hung wiring, and fitted pipe. Housewives served lunches on sawhorse-and-plank tables to volunteer week-end crews.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gwin Saturday and Sunday were their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gwin of Coleman, their grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Hubert Gwin of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Armour of Novice.

## Basketball Tourney At McMurry College

Nearly 200 high school basketball players and coaches will meet at McMurry College, December 18-20, for the second annual invitational high school basketball tournament.

The tourney will consist of 15 AA, A, and B class schools and will get underway at 5 p.m. December 18. Consolation finals have been scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, December 20, and the championship game will unleash at 8:30 the same evening.

It will be a sort of homecoming for six of the entries' coaches, who are former McMurry football and basketball greats. These include: Tommy "Doc" Ellis, former Indian center and graduate of '48 with his Merkel entry; Vernon Townsend, ex McMurry quarterback and graduate of '49, Hamlin; Joe King, coach at Anton and graduate of '49 who played football for the Indians before World War II; George Owens, of Anson, who played end in '50-'51.

Former ndian basketballmen with teams participating will be Jackie Henderson, coach at Gallatin, his hometown, and Hershel Kimbrell, cage mentor at Garland. Henderson, a '51 graduate, lettered with the Redskins twice and made All Texas Conference last season. Kimbrell, graduate of '50 and four-year letterman, rated the All-TC first team twice, in '49 and '50.

Other entries and their coaches are: Avoca, Granville Hastings; Hawley, Charles Womack; Colorado City, Clark Prather; Ballinger, Frank Barnett; Cisco, Buck Overall; Eastland, Ed Hooker; Slaton, Hank Thompkins; Haskell, Ray Overton; Andrews, Everett Nicholson; and Roscoe, coached by Gene Offield.

McMurry mentor Mel Jowell, director of the tourney, says that trophies will be awarded the championship, runner-up and consolation teams and gold miniature basketballs will be given ten all-tournament players. Gifts will also be given the coaches of the championship, runner-up and consolation winners.

Last year's edition of the tourney saw favored Avoca take the title as Hawley took the runner-up spot and Jayton swept the consolation round.



FORT WORTH—The year 1952 will long be remembered by livestock people as the year of the Great Drouth — but it will also be remembered as the year of the Big Break in Prices. Perhaps live stock prices have never before undergone such a drastic series of losses as have hit cattle and sheep prices simply because they had never been so high and had so far to fall previously.

At the start of 1952, cattle and sheep prices were still near their highest peak since OPA died in 1946. The speculative fever that had gripped the industry was still raging. It was "buy, buy, buy" on the part of all interests and the bullish sentiment was spurred by government figures, as released, and statements from people in high places.

However, as the first quarter of 1952 unfolded it was very evident that change was in the air. We noted this changed feeling in our visits with farmers and ranchers in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. We discussed this new temper among the people with many men in many lines of business. There was a feeling of caution, a feeling of impending change which grew from the prolonged lack of progress in the Korean War and the exposure of many scandals in high places.

Livestock producers swung over to the selling side and for the first time in nearly a decade, more people wanted to sell than wanted to buy. The Great Drouth put spurs to this sentiment as the Summer progressed. The stage was set for a serious price collapse and it came in on schedule.

Speculators in livestock took the sidelines, or took one drubbing after another, as prices continued to skid. The false bottom fell out of the badly inflated stocker and feeder price structure when Cornbelt and other buyers studied the previous year's losses and became cautious and very bearish buyers.

Strong suspicion was abroad in the land that while government estimators believed the cattle population was between 90 and 95 million head, that it was possible that the past eight years of steady stocking of farm pastures may have boosted this population well beyond the 100 million mark.

As Spring changed to Summer, prices lost ground steadily. At the close of this year of 1952, virtually all classes of livestock were selling many dollars per hundred below a year earlier and many steers going to market represented \$50 to \$100 per head losses. Many cows that had cost \$250 to \$325 a year ago for stocking purposes would currently bring half that.

Time alone will tell whether 1952 will be more famous for the Big Drouth, or for the bursting

of the speculative bubble in livestock.

At the start of 1952, good and choice fed steers drew \$25 to \$36 at Fort Worth, today comparable cattle bring \$20 to \$29. Common and medium butcher steers and yearlings a year ago at \$22 to \$25, today bring \$10 to \$19.

Fat cows at \$21.50 to \$28 a year ago, bring \$12 to \$16 today. Cannons and cutters at \$15 to \$21.50 a year ago, now get \$8 to \$12. A year ago bulls sold for \$19 to \$28.50 at Fort Worth, today \$10 to \$18.50 is the range.

Good and choice slaughter calves a year ago, drew \$30 to \$35 and this week sell for \$18 to \$25. Common and medium butch' calves at \$21 to \$29.50 a year ago, sell at \$12 to \$18 this week. Culls at \$18 to \$20 a year ago, cashed at \$8 to \$12 this week.

Good and choice stocker steer calves at \$30 to \$38 a year ago, sell from \$18 to \$22 this week, and some extreme lightweights sold over \$40 and baby calves to \$60 to \$75 per hundred early in 1952. Stocker yearlings and steers at \$21 to \$35 a year ago, have a range of \$11 to \$22 currently. Stocker cows at \$21 to \$27.50 a year ago, sell today around \$12 to \$18.

Top hogs at Fort Worth a year ago brought \$19 and currently sell near \$17. Sows at \$15 to \$16.50, currently bring \$13 to \$16.

Ewes sold at \$10 to \$15 a year ago, currently bring \$6 to \$8.50. Fat lambs at \$22 to \$28.50 a year ago, sell for \$17 to \$20. Feeder lambs at \$15 to \$25 a year ago, compare with \$10 to \$16 lambs this week at Fort Worth.

Some amusing, and some not so amusing, stories are cropping up in the drouth relief hay program. Seems that buyers for the government are having trouble getting as much hay as their orders call for. One rancher told us he had been informed it looked like it would be June or July before he could expect delivery. Says if he has to wait till then he'll be out of the cattle business. Another rancher said he ordered mixed grasses hay and imagine his surprise when he got a load of high grade alfalfa.

## Questions and Answers

Q—I am a disabled veteran entitled to a VA grant for the purchase of an automobile. Is there any deadline for applying for my car?

A—Yes. Your application must be filed either by October 20, 1954, or three years after your separation from service, whichever date is later.

Q—Must a veteran's blindness be service-connected, in order for him to get the electronic and mechanical equipment that VA issues to the blinded?

A—Not necessarily. The veteran must be entitled to compensation for a service-connected disability, which may either be loss of sight or some other disability.

Q—I am a Korean veteran. After I got out of service, I changed my name. Would that bar me from getting a GI loan, since all my military and discharge records are made out in the name I no longer use?

A—No. If you are otherwise eligible, you would be entitled to the loan. However, you must submit competent evidence that establishes your identity.

Q—I'm planning to enroll in a trade school under the Korean GI Bill and study carpentry. Most of my course will be shop practice. What is considered full-time in such a course?

A—Full-time in your course would be at least 30 hours a week for at least five days a week, with no more than 2 1/2 hours of rest periods each week.

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## Government Wants More Flax

Callahan County farmers are being asked to grow more flax.

The new government planting goals for Texas call for 170,000 acres of flax. This is a 43% increase over last year's crop, and reveals official concern over the dwindling supply of this vital crop.

For three consecutive years the U. S. has failed to raise enough flax to take care of its own needs. Supplies on hand are the lowest in five years.

To encourage a big increase in 1953 flax production, the government has increased its average on-the-farm support price by 2c per bushel. Average flax yields this past season were 8.5 bushels per acre in Texas.

But experienced flax growers say that price is not the only attractive feature of the crop. It is unusually resistant to drouth, disease, and insect pests. It also takes relatively little labor, and has thus permitted many farmers to keep a larger share of their land in a high-return crop.

With all these advantages, it is easy to see why flax has become so popular with the farmers. Latest acreage figures show Texas now in fourth place among flax growing states.

Free copies of a 16-page book on raising flax may be secured by writing Texas Flax Improvement Association, Kenedy, Texas.



A. C. Dillman

### Dillman Tells Why Flax Stands Drouth

A. C. Dillman, Texas Flax Improvement Association and former USDA flax expert, tells why flax does so well in dry years. First: the flax plant grows during the cool season when less rain is needed. Second: it has less leaf surface from which moisture can evaporate. Third: its root system penetrates as deep as 3 or 4 feet in its search for moisture. Fourth: flax can survive long periods of drouth and still make a good yield when rains come.

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'Silent Night' Hymn Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

"Silent night, holy night—  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round you Virgin, Mother and Child;

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace—  
Sleep in heavenly peace."

History of Christmas Seals

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it started?

It was born in Denmark, home of the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen.

Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals.

Authorized by King Christian, the first Christian seals were sold in Copenhagen in 1904.

Holboell's scheme outgrew his wildest imaginings, for before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries.

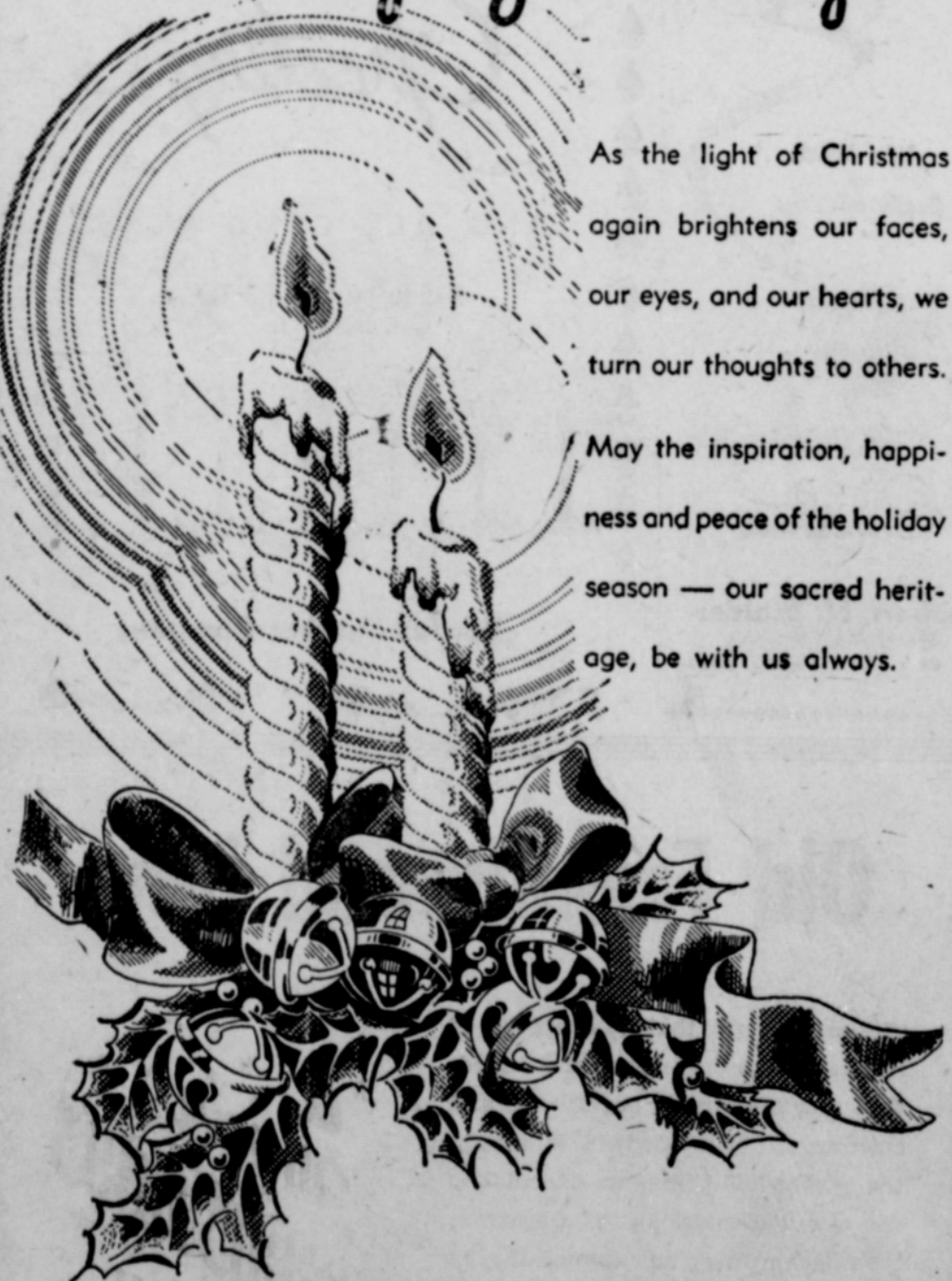
The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Riis who wrote an article about them. Few people, however, were interested in the idea.

Then, in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanatorium, recalled the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas."

With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected.

The first nation-wide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups, and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis association.

Merry Greetings



As the light of Christmas again brightens our faces, our eyes, and our hearts, we turn our thoughts to others.

May the inspiration, happiness and peace of the holiday season — our sacred heritage, be with us always.

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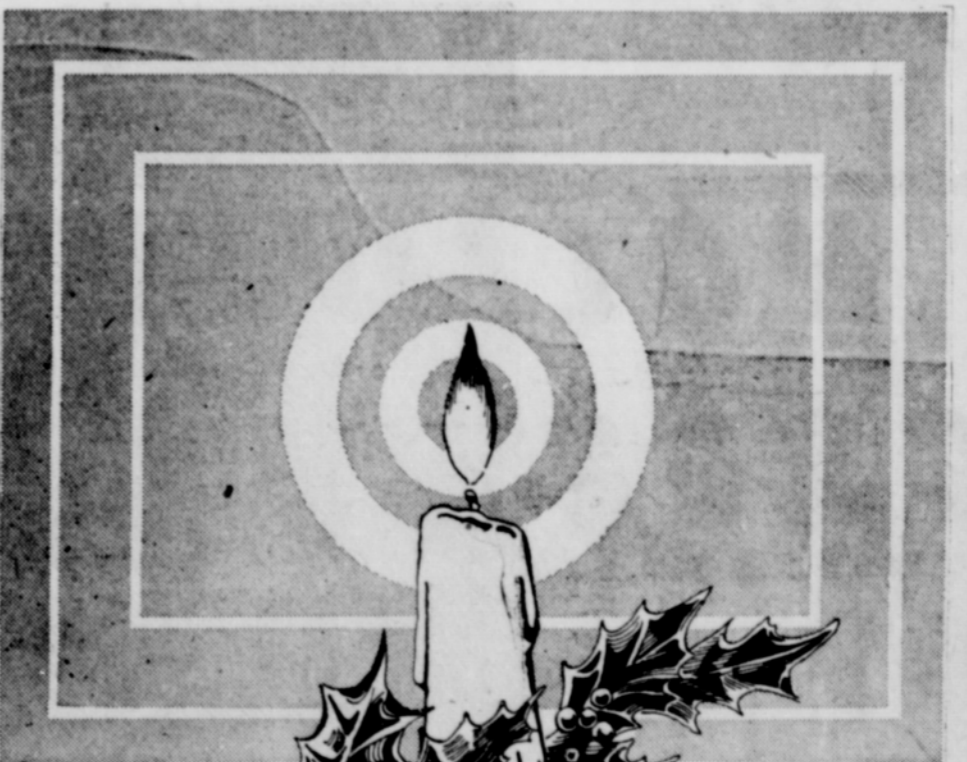
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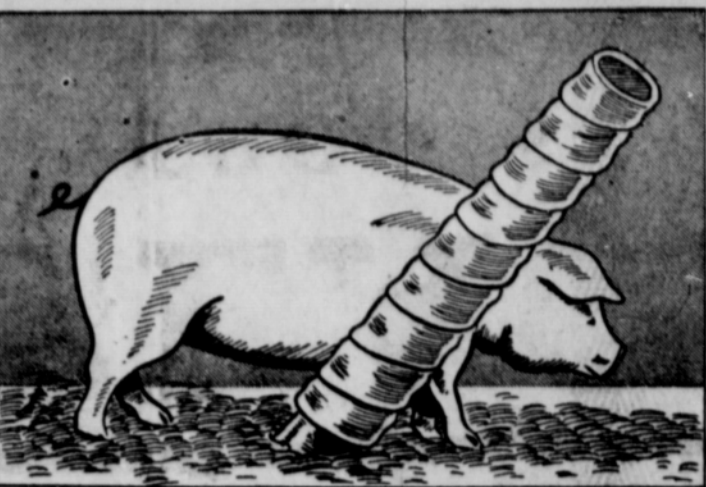


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**Fire Department Elects Officers**

At the regular meeting of the Baird Volunteer Fire Department December 4, 1952, the following members were elected to serve as officers for the next year:  
 Gilbert Hinds, Chief; Fabian Bell, 1st Asst. Chief; Bob McKennon, 2nd Asst. Chief; Clifton Hord, Secy-Treas.; Bob Swinson, Earl Hall, and J. Bruce Jones, Trustees.  
 Bill Walls, Foreman Truck No. 1; Russell Warren, Foreman Truck No. 2; Conley Pruitt, Foreman Truck No. 3; Earl Hall, Pension board 3 year term; J. Bruce Jones, Chaplin.  
 The above members will be installed at the regular meeting January 1, 1953.



**HOG OILER . . .** A simple hog oiler can be made by wrapping burlap in several thicknesses around a post set in the ground at an angle of 45 degrees. Hog can scratch back as well as sides.

**Bulls Feature Of Fort Worth Show**

FORT WORTH—The carload and pen division of bulls, which has had a spectacular growth since its establishment five seasons ago, is expected to be again one of the outstanding departments of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, January 30-February 8.  
 George R. Shepherd of Fort Worth, superintendent of the division, declares that this city was, for a long time, the unquestioned marketing center for replacement bulls and the carload-and-pen division has now re-established Fort Worth's position. Over 600 bulls were shown last year and exposition officials are hopeful the number will be surpassed at the '53 show.

"The small breeders, as well as those with large herds, find the carload-and-pen division appealing because of the different classes featured," Shepherd said, "and, for the same reason, the small, as well as the large, purchaser finds the division attractive."  
 Herefords will be shown in carloads, which can be 12 yearling bulls or 15 senior bull calves or 15 junior bull calves, and also will be shown in pens of five. Shorthorns and Aberdeen-Angus will be shown in pens of five and pens of three. Premiums offered total \$6,335. The American Hereford Association will provide \$1,167.50; the American Shorthorn Breeders Association \$1,000 and the American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association \$1,000, with the Stock Show matching each amount.

**Former JP At Clyde Dies**

James Murphy Reed, 76, former Clyde justice of the peace, died at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Ann Hospital in Abilene. Ill for more than a year, he had been in the hospital about one week.  
 Mr. Reed was born May 9, 1876, at Sulphur Springs, Tex., and first married May Helsey in Hopkins County in 1918. They had seven children.  
 After the death of his first wife, he married Catherine Turner in November, 1946. The couple moved to Clyde in that year.  
 He was a rural school teacher in Texas and Oklahoma for many years and served as a justice of the peace here for about four years before resigning due to ill health. He was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ and the IOOF.  
 Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Clyde Church of Christ with the minister, A. A. Berryman, officiating. The body was taken to Dallas Monday for burial in the Restland Memorial Park. Grandsons acted as pallbearers. The Bailey Funeral home in Clyde had charge of arrangements.  
 Survivors include his wife, one son, M. C. Reed of Sonora; five daughters, Mrs. Gladys Herrington of Abilene; Mrs. C. D. Roselle of Weatherford; Mrs. W. D. Long, San Antonio; Mrs. Jess Orr of Sulphur Springs; and Mrs. Ruth LaRue Beasley of Houston; 20 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.  
 In its early stages tuberculosis gives no warning symptoms. You may have the disease without knowing it. A chest X-ray is the best way to detect early TB.  
 The number of nerve cells in the brain does not increase after birth.  
 Yosemite is an Indian word meaning "destroyer," and refers to the grizzly bear.

**PONTIAC HAILS NEW COLORS**

Ten distinctive colors will vie with green for popularity among the buyers of 1953 Pontiac Chieftains.  
 Green was the color most often chosen by Pontiac owners in 1952 according to H. E. Crawford, general sales manager, but he believes that other colors being offered in the 1953 line will give the leader a good race in the coming year.  
 The eleven brilliant colors will be available singly or in combination on eleven body styles in the 1953 Chieftain line, Mr. Crawford said.  
 The colors range from the still popular Raven black through Caravan blue, Continental maroon, Marathon grey, Milano Ivory, Santa Fe red, Linden green, Stardust blue, Cirro grey, Spruce green and Laurel green. Combination available include Cirro grey and Marathon grey, Milano Ivory and Laurel green, Linden green and Spruce green, Stardust blue and Caravan blue, Cirro grey and Stardust blue, and Laurel green and Milano Ivory.  
 A wide range of matching and harmonizing interiors are available with the various colors, with upholstery in leather, nylon and other fabrics.  
 The following body styles are available in the 1953 Special Chieftain series: four-door sedan, two-door sedan, two-seat station wagon, three-seat station wagon and sedan delivery.  
 The six-passenger station wagon has two seats, with the second seat folding, while the eight-passenger station wagon has three seats. In the 1953 two-seaters, rear seats fold flat for maximum carrying space.  
 Chieftain Deluxe models this year include a four-door sedan, two-door sedan, convertible coupe, Catalina and Custom Catalina coupes and station wagon with folding rear seat. The Catalinas are the hard-top convertible-styled models.  
 For export, the company produces a four-door sedan with right hand drive in both the Special and Deluxe series.  
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<b>Red, Ripe TOMATOES</b> . . . . . Pound	10c
<b>Bewley's Best MEAL</b> . . . . . 5 lb. Bag	43c
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**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**  
 By Mary Lee Taylor  
**Cranberry Glazed Ham Balls**  
 2 cups ground, cooked ham  
 1/2 cup cornmeal  
 few grains pepper  
 1 teaspoon dry mustard  
 3/4 cup Pet Milk  
 2 Tablespoons flour  
 3 Tablespoons hot fat  
 1 cup mashed, jellied cranberry sauce  
 1 teaspoon vinegar  
 3 Tablespoons water  
 Mix in a bowl the ham, cornmeal, pepper, mustard and milk. With wet hands, shape into 8 balls. Roll balls, one at a time, in flour. Brown slowly in skillet in hot fat. Cover with a mixture of cranberry sauce, vinegar and water. Cook slowly, covered, 10 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

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**THINGS YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW IN GETTING THAT XMAS PUPPY**

The number of puppies that will be given as gifts this Christmas will likely set an all-time record, it is predicted by Harry Miller, director of the Gaines Dog Research Center, New York, a leading source of dog information.

Of the estimated 500,000 homes that will acquire a puppy this Yuletide, a substantial num-

ber will be right in this area, he states.

Mr. Miller has compiled a list of "pitfalls to be avoided" in adding a puppy to the family circle this Christmas. There is a dog for every purpose, one to suit the age and temperament of any owner, and with a little careful planning each can be sure of getting exactly what is needed

or wanted, he suggests.

1. If undecided as to breed, a visit to a dog show, where a variety of breeds are on exhibit, should prove helpful. If no dog show is being held in the vicinity visit to local kennels of different breeds will help make up your mind.
2. Don't get a puppy too young—not under ten or twelve weeks. The younger the puppy the more care it requires.
3. If you are not sure the puppy is healthy, insist on a veterinary statement before purchase.
4. If you want to be sure the pup is purebred, request a registration certificate, which should also show a transfer to you as the new owner.
5. Before taking the pup home, be sure to select a spot in the house he will be able to call his own. Place his bed there—an ordinary box filled with shredded paper will do—and put near it a toy or rubber ball or bone to help him cut his teeth on and divert his attention from mischievous deeds.
6. Don't stuff him and don't

handle him unnecessarily when you get him home, else you may end up with a sick or dead pup. If you are really wise, you will arrange to have him delivered a few days before or after the Christmas day excitement.

Tuberculosis costs the American people well over \$350,000,000 each year. This figure includes cost of hospital and other medical and nursing care, case finding, health educators, rehabilitation, relief to families, medical research, and pension to veterans.

There are an estimated 150,000 unknown cases of tuberculosis in the United States today. Many of these people do not know they have the disease in active form and may be spreading it to others.

The death rate from tuberculosis among Negroes is three and a half times the rate among white people; in crowded Northern cities it is five to six times as high.

**Here's a Safe "One For the Road"**

AUSTIN — Responsibility for avoiding one type of holiday automobile accident is on the shoulders of the host or hostess, according to word received by the Texas Division of the American Automobile Association from Dr. Gien Shepherd, assistant dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine.

Here's the way Dr. Shepherd reasons:

When you as a host permit a person unfit to walk through your door to his automobile, you are an accessory to manslaughter. It is murder by proxy to let him walk out of the door to his car because you know that there is considerable chance that in his hands his vehicle is a deadly weapon which may cost his life or worse, the lives of innocent and entirely sober persons.

Dr. Shepherd's recommendation is a simple one. Serve the departing guests "one for the road"—a generous helping of coffee. And make it strong, with sugar, the doctor advises. Everyone knows the sobering effects of coffee, says the doctor, but a lesser known fact is that quantities of sugar taken immediately after drinking offsets the effect of the liquor. Strong black coffee with sugar, a natural combination, makes a safer "one for the road" than anything else.

**It's the Old, Old Story . . .**



The journey of the three Wise Men to bring gifts to the new born King is familiar to each of us, a story as fascinating and thrilling now as when it was first related. And just as thrilling to us is the opportunity we have each Yuletide to wish our friends,

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Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season

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When the Army, the Navy and the Home-front Workers get together with Santa Claus, it's bound to be a joyous occasion. So, at this Christmas time, we're taking "time out" to be glad that there is a Santa Claus, and that the spirit of Christmas is everywhere. To our friends and customers we wish a most joyous Christmas Season.



**J. M. Cody**  
Grocery  
Clyde, Texas



CHRISTMAS FEAST . . . The toys have been opened and church services are over. Now, it's time for that Christmas feast and a turkey dramstick.

The average cost of one case of tuberculosis is between \$14,000 and \$15,000. This includes cost of medical care, compensation, loss of wages, pensions, and relief payments.



May each of us be mindful of the true significance of Christmas as we accept the good wishes of friends.

**Cisco Steam Laundry**  
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**THE JOY OF Christmas**



May you have Each Joy and Blessing That is part of Christmas Day

**Ashlock Insurance Agency**  
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**COUNT Your Many BLESSINGS**

At Christmas, more than any other occasion, we need to reverently pause, gratefully acknowledging the countless blessings that have been ours —

Among these we find one that is always treasured—your friendship. We are truly grateful and trust that we may continue to merit these associations for many years to come.

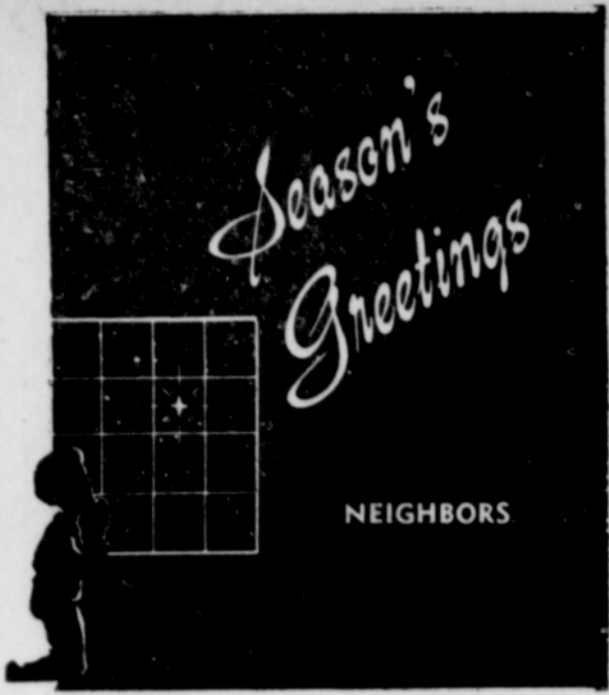


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**CHRISTMAS CHOIR**... Junior members of a church choir lift their voices in song during the annual Christmas candlelight service. Truly, they represent the spirit of Christmas.

**Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found in Old Carol**

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns' product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained: "It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1638). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary medium. Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolizing mankind's hope for a bright future, the nostalgist of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an

adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may not be more pleasant. Thus, it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to

"Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

**Christmas Eve Memory Check**

**Did You Remember** . . . to take home a few extra toys? If you are expecting two or three neighborhood small fry to drop in, you can be sure six will show up. And three toys and six children do not enhance "Peace on Earth."

**Did You Remember** . . . to check the Christmas tree lights? Not day before yesterday. Not last week. We mean right now. A few stores are still open and you can supply new ones.

**Did You Remember** . . . that you told all those people to drop in for refreshment tonight? Better check on the cake, cookies, soft drinks, and other goodies.

**Did You Remember** . . . those last minute Christmas cards? If not, you can send telegrams to friends too far away for cards to reach them by December 25. You can even have a messenger call at your house while the guests you invited in for snacks are there, and probably everybody will remember someone far away who should have a Christmas greeting.

**Did You Remember** . . . to hang some kind of Christmas decoration outside the house, so passing strangers may enjoy some of the Christmas glow that is in your home and reflect it around your town? Remember, everyone has a part in this Christmas cheer, not just your small circle, and the more cheer you scatter, the more you will gather.

**First Christmas Card Was Created in 1842**

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of beautiful cards and has become known as the grandfather of the business.

**Far-Off Lands Come to Life In Yule Toys**

**GEOGRAPHY** comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve. In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands. Beside a teddy bear, replica of Australia's marsupial furred koalas, perhaps will stand a carved wooden farm scene from German Bavaria, a South American gaucho doll, or a miniature pagoda made in Japan.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment, its small-scale railroads and sky scrapers to delight children all over the globe.

Toy industries in Germany and Japan are on the upswing again. Germany was among the first nations in the world to make tin horses on wheels, engines that ran, animals that walked, birds that sang. Now U.S. buyers go back to cities such as Nurnberg for the output of ingenious middle-aged inventors.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, quickly walks down the slope. Another is a recent gadget from Denmark called a "tippe top," a wobbly sphere about the size of a small apple that suddenly flips upside down and continues spinning on its stem.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and an atom physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-flop action.

As a mirror of mankind's culture, toys reflect the progress of civilization. Yet an amazing similarity can sometimes be seen between the toys of long-forgotten eras and the playthings of today.

One million two hundred thousand people in the United States today need medical care or supervision because of tuberculosis; 400,000 have active TB, and 800,000 have inactive TB which can become active unless proper care is taken.

*Merry Christmas*

It makes an old tradition warmer and



nicer, to have the chance to express

to fine friends like you.

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CHRISTMAS EVER,  
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**GREETINGS ... FOLKS**

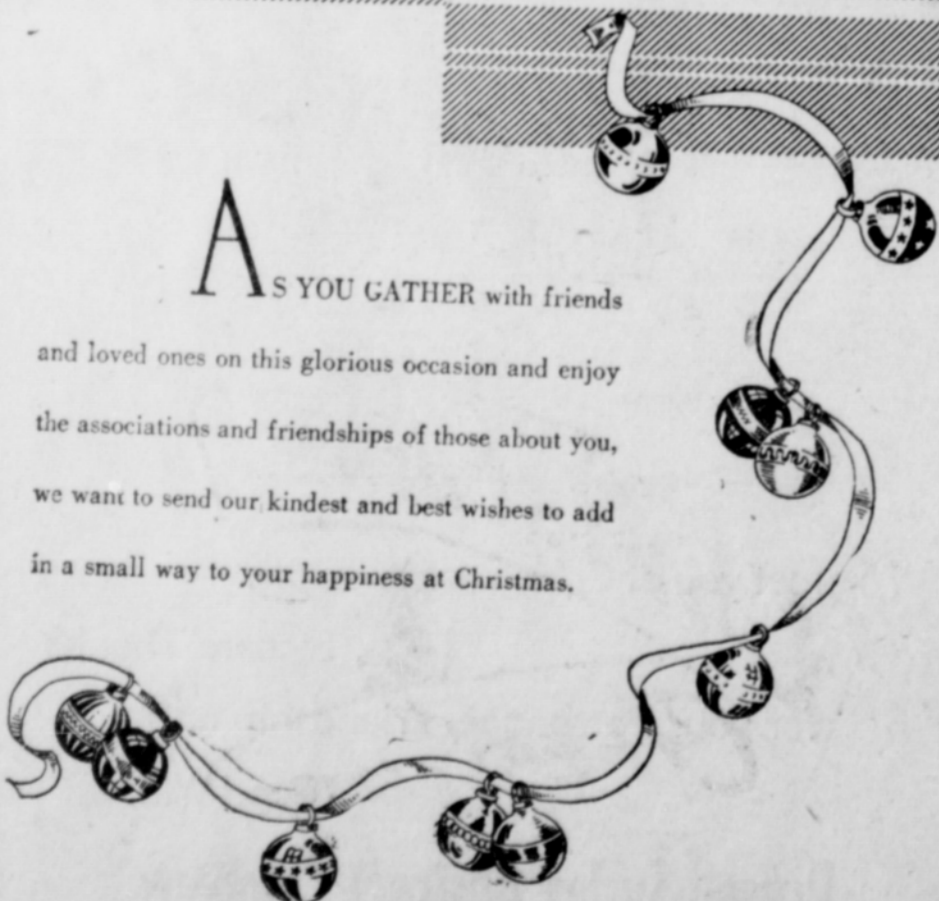
There is no better wish than we could hold for you, our friends and customers, than that something of the happy friendliness which you have brought to us with your many kindnesses and courtesies throughout the past year, be yours at this Christmas Season. Merry Christmas.

**Fox's Inn**

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

AS YOU GATHER with friends and loved ones on this glorious occasion and enjoy the associations and friendships of those about you, we want to send our kindest and best wishes to add in a small way to your happiness at Christmas.



Premier Oil Refining Co.



We Wish Each of You

A VERY MERRY Christmas

Robert H. Holder  
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*Greetings*

AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS



Bowius Lumber Company

**Old Friends and New**

The greatest gift that we could ask of Old Saint Nick is the continued friendship and goodwill of our friends and customers. This goodwill is among the worthwhile things we cherish—so one of our greatest joys at Christmas time is expressing our appreciation of your friendship and wishing you A Merry Christmas.



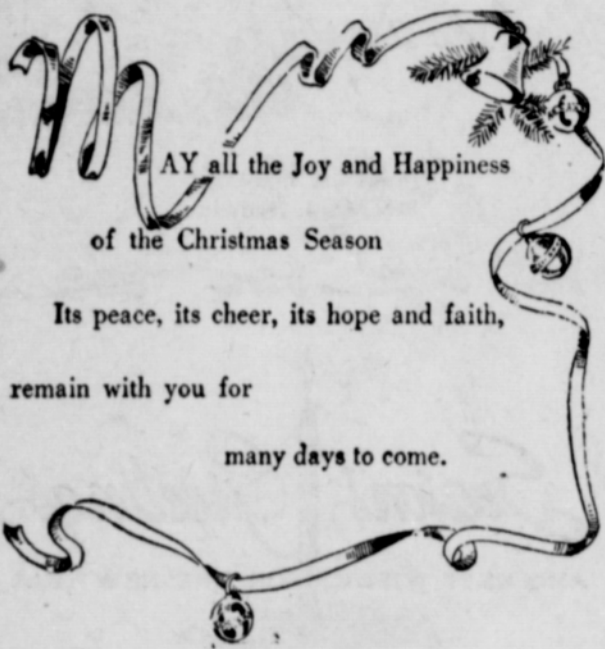
White's Grocery & Market  
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# CHRISTMAS



brings pleasant thoughts of our friends. That's why it is a pleasure to think of you and each of us join in wishing you sincerely a Joyous Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. (Slim) Manion



MAY all the Joy and Happiness of the Christmas Season

Its peace, its cheer, its hope and faith, remain with you for many days to come.

Lawrence Laundry



for your door

**A HOLLY WREATH**

for your fireside

**FRIENDS**

and for you

**GOOD CHEER**

Thompson Variety Store

## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

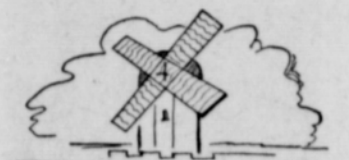
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



HOLLAND (Harteijke Kertgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as town-folks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Kristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



### First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in "Cleveland, the city of good will (unlimited)", incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer.

Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."

Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.



SNOWMEN FOR YOU . . . Your local lumber dealer may have patterns for these plywood and hardboard "snowmen" which you can make yourself. If not, use this picture for a pattern and go to work.



L. B. Lewis



CORDIAL GREETINGS

AND ALL GOOD

WISHES TO

YOU, OUR FRIENDS

Glover and White Laundry



SEASON'S GREETINGS



TO ONE AND ALL

C. E. Andrews



Merry CHRISTMAS

And, may we add —

THANK YOU

For your Patronage

I. A. (Hoot) Allphin

## Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred-gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or corn-cobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

### Burial Place of Santa Said to Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage, and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.



TIME OUT . . . Santa Claus pauses in his Christmas Eve visits sometimes to pick up a hot dog and ice cream cone at an all-night hamburger stand.

## A Merry Christmas



Cunningham Drug Putnam, Texas



Jackson Insurance Agency



for a FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS

Callahan Abstract Company

Season's GREETINGS

And, may we add, our sincere thanks for the splendid patronage which you have given us during the year just closing. We invite your continued consideration.

Anderson Butane Company

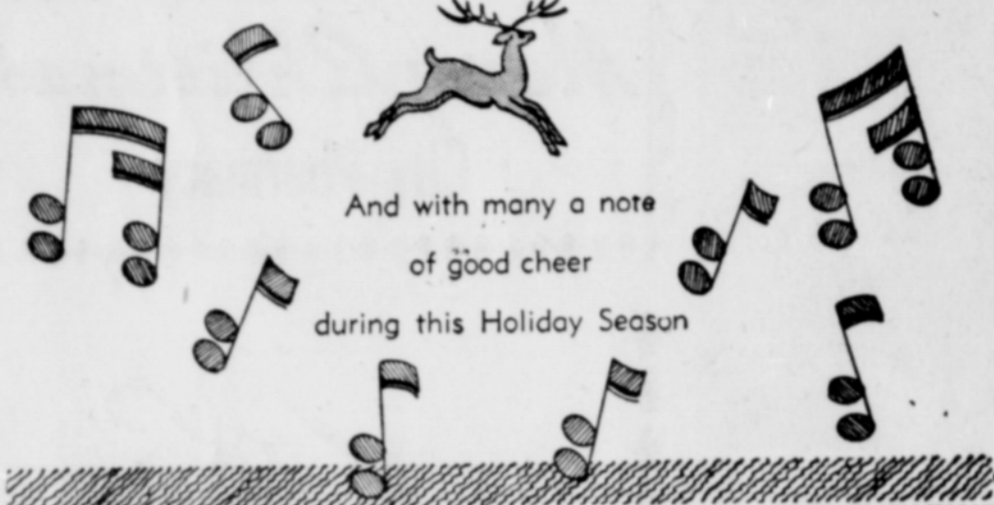


To wish you  
a real old fashioned

**Merry Christmas**

**Mayfield's**

GREETING YOU *with all  
best wishes* AT CHRISTMAS

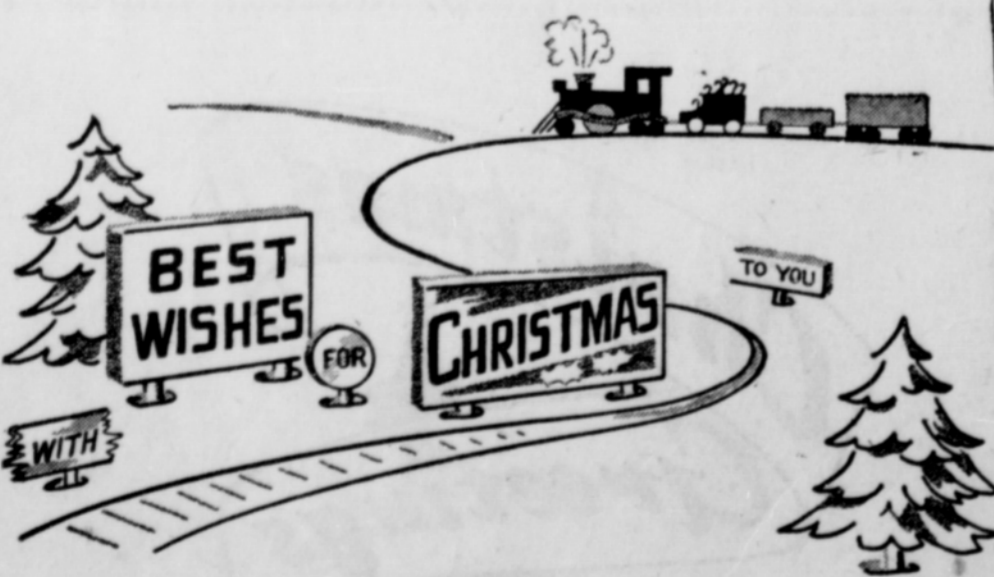


And with many a note  
of good cheer  
during this Holiday Season

**Rio Theatre**  
Clyde, Texas



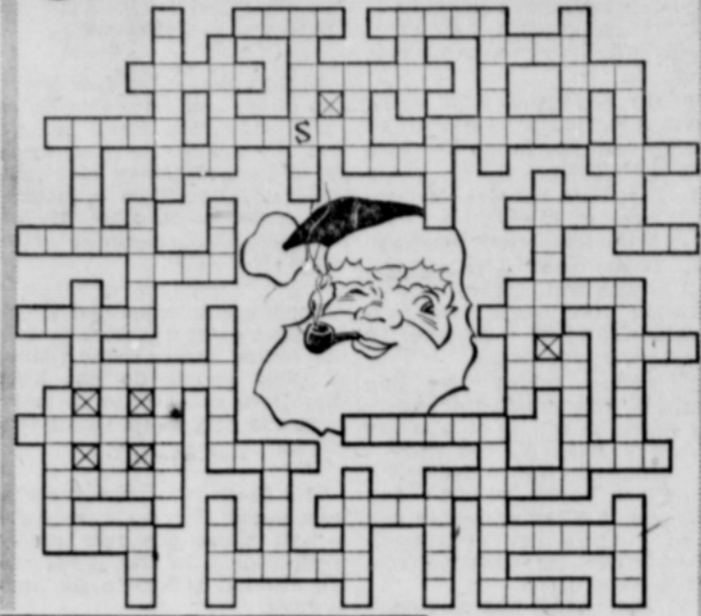
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**Mrs. F. P. Shackelford & Son**

John Deere Dealer Putnam, Texas Lumber and Hardware

**Christmas criss-cross**



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work. It is simple. Fill the words into the right spaces. One letter "Y" is given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the lower right. Don't peek!

ALL DON	LOVE	CHILD	SPELL	INFANT
EVIL	NOEL	CHIMNEY	TRAIN	MANAGER
FUN	WINE	CLIFD	WIEN	SEASON
GAY	RAFF	GLORE	WHITE	SLEIGH
WINE	RING	HOTEL	ANGELS	THOUL
RAF	SLED	LIGHT	CANDLE	WREATH
RUN	SHOW	NIGHT	DANCER	CHIMNEY
AWAY	DOLL	PEACE	BADRE	HOLIDAY
EACH	TULE	REIGN	DONNER	BRASS
GOLD	CANDY	SANTA	FLOCKS	FRANCER
HALL	CHIEF	SLEEP	GOSPEL	TRINGS

**Answer**

**The Mystery of God's Firmament**

THE "STAR" which signaled the First Christmas may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word coma, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist. From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

**Christmas Game**

Snapdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago; it is still played in modified form in England and America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snapdragon," accompanied the game.

**God Bless Christmas**

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, uncle, though it had never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I say, God bless it!"—Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol."

**The Prophecy**

Isaiah 9:6  
For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

**Serving of Boar's Head One of Old Christmas Customs**

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in



its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers. In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:  
Then set down the swineyard,  
The foe to the vineyard,  
Let Bacchus crown his fall,  
Let this boar's head and mustard  
Stand for pig, goose and custard,  
And so ye are welcome all.



Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tumble of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrances of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by golden time.  
It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.  
Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children can call their own. It is the striped candy cane.  
It is the joyful music of chiming and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit 'c', the season that makes strangers friends.  
It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the bello from neighbors.  
Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.



**Gray's Style Shop**



**JOY TO ALL**

As the carols of Christmas seasons  
ring out the Joyous Tidings,  
we bring you  
our good wishes  
for a happy Christmas Season.

**White Auto Store**

christmas brings a little bit of heaven to our daily lives, good fellowship and kindness which strengthens our confidence in each other and makes us all feel happier and more friendly.



When you awake on Christmas morning, we hope that it will be your pleasure to enjoy one of the happiest days of your life.

**John W. Loven**

Premier Distributor

Clyde, Texas



**Boydston Hardware Company**

Wishing you  
a Joyous Christmas  
and the best of  
good wishes

C. L. McCleary  
Humble  
Service Station



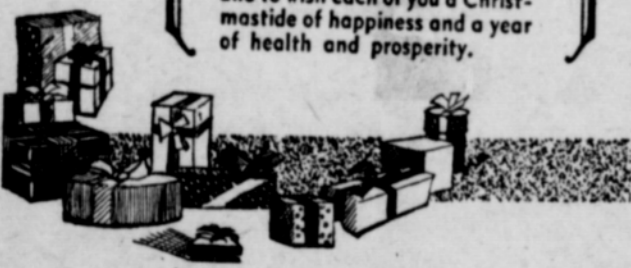
AS we enter upon the  
threshold of another year  
our thoughts revert grate-  
fully to those whose court-  
esy, good will and loyalty  
have made possible our  
progress.

In this spirit we extend to  
you greetings of the Season

Municipal Light and Power Plant  
City of Baird

the MERRIEST OF  
YULETIDES

At this Holiday Season we feel  
prompted to tell you how deeply  
grateful we are for the con-  
sideration you have so kindly  
extended us in the past year  
and to wish each of you a Christ-  
mastide of happiness and a year  
of health and prosperity.



Modern Tailor Shop

Christmas

Again the occasion arises to  
unite in renewing our pledge  
of peace on earth and good will  
toward our fellow man.

May each of you receive many  
fold blessings during the Christ-  
mas season.

Caperton Brothers  
Texaco Station

Christmas  
Greetings



Glen Boyd Grocery

To Our Friends Everywhere

Season's  
GREETINGS

Peek's Fashion Cleaners

We sincerely trust that many  
friendly thoughts will find  
their way to you to bring  
Christmas joy.



And, may we say simply, but  
with all sincerity, "THANK  
You."

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Texaco Bulk Station  
Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Vines

Christmas  
Don'ts

To keep your Christmas a truly  
merry one, keep these don'ts  
in mind:

DON'T give children dan-  
gerous toys, or toys with sharp  
points. If they operate with elec-  
tricity, be sure you supervise  
their use.

DON'T decorate the tree with  
lighted candles unless it's abso-  
lutely unavoidable.

DON'T place the tree near a  
stove or fireplace.

DON'T leave lighted tree un-  
guarded at any time.

DON'T use a rickety, unsafe  
ladder in decorating the tree.

DON'T place Christmas can-  
dles near the tree, curtains,  
paper wreaths or other deco-  
rations.

DON'T overlook the opportu-  
nity to make your tree fire-  
resistant.

DON'T leave toys exposed  
where people can trip on them.

DON'T allow steps and side-  
walks to become icy in cold  
weather.

DON'T drive recklessly.

Early Yuletide  
Thought Pagan  
By Christians

CHRISTMAS, like any other  
blessed institution has had to  
fight its battles. The first great  
enemy of Christmas was the Ro-  
man empire whose pagan em-  
perors determined to blot out all  
kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Con-  
stantine Christianized the empire  
other enemies of Christmas arose.  
One course of contention was: Is  
December 25 really Christmas?  
Some said Christ was born on Jan-  
uary 6; others held for March 29.  
Some set April 21 as His birthday.  
Nobody knew with complete con-  
fidence just when to celebrate  
Christmas. At last, in the fourth  
century, Pope Julius I settled the  
matter in favor of our present date.  
His decision was accepted.

From the first there had been  
among Christians a certain hos-  
tility toward the Christmas festi-  
val. The celebration of birthdays  
in general was considered heathen-  
ish and something taken over from  
the pagans. Nor did the enemies  
of Christmas fail to observe that  
many pagan customs had crept into  
the festivities of the day. Christmas  
and the days of Advent that go be-  
fore it occur at the time of the  
winter solstice, when the days  
cease to grow shorter, and begin  
to lengthen—when the sun, hav-  
ing declined its furthest from  
zenith, begins to climb again.  
The period was one of festival  
in many parts of the world, and  
was held sacred by many religions.  
Then occurred the Roman Satur-  
nalia, with its wild excesses, and  
the people of the north, too, had  
a great midwinter feast with days  
of hearty eating and deep drinking.

From the Saturnalia came ban-  
quetings and dancings and riotings  
in masks and the giving of gifts.  
Our Christmas dinner and Christ-  
mas presents and Christmas cards  
and the wearing of Christmas  
masks in various parts of the world  
date back to the Saturnalia. The  
mid-winter feast of the northern  
peoples was called Yule, hence our  
Yuletide and Yule log. The burn-  
ing of the Christmas log descends  
from northern tree worship. So  
does the Christmas tree.

Santa Claus seems to date from  
later Christmas times. He is good  
St. Nicholas, of course. The hang-  
ing of stockings comes from the  
legend that the saint, among his  
other charities, used to provide  
doweries for poor girls. The older  
form of the Christmas stocking  
custom was for poor girls to hang  
up stockings in the hope that bene-  
volent St. Nicholas would place  
marriage portions in them.



SANTA'S ROLL CALL . . . In a  
big city Santa needs a platoon  
of helpers to make the rounds.  
Here he checks up in New York  
to see if all of his aides are on  
hand for the big Christmas Eve  
delivery.

CHRISTMAS  
Greetings

To all of you whom we have had  
the pleasure of serving  
this past year.

Brashear Food Store  
Baird, Texas

Holiday  
Greetings



Texaco Service Station  
R. R. Shelnett

To WISH YOU  
Joy of the Season

City Cafe

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A  
Merry Christmas

TO EACH OF YOU

Medford Walker  
Premier Distributor

Joy  
for evermore

Glory to God in the high-  
est, and on Earth  
Peace, Good Will  
toward men.

LUKE 2:14



We wish you a  
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Will D. Boydston Dry Goods

SEASON'S

GREETINGS

Sam H. Gilliland

# Greetings

The world changes, it's true, but there is something which has withstood the test of time unchanged—CHRISTMAS.

May the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day of all days be yours throughout the coming year.

Miss John Gilliland, Postmaster  
 Terrell Williams      Miss Eliska Gilliland  
 Miss Elva Smith      Mrs. Helen Brown  
 O. T. Towler          Sterling Abernathy  
 J. Brice Jones          Ernest Gillit  
 J. W. Bufks

## The Santa Legend Should Be Explained, Psychologist Says

"CHILDREN enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is," Duke University psychologist Dr. Gelolo McHugh says. "No one enjoys finding out that he has been kept in the dark," says the specialist in child psychology, "and children are no exception." The real meaning of Santa Claus is the joy of giving to make others happy, says Dr. McHugh, and no child should be deprived of this privilege.

Later parents have the difficult job of explaining that there is no jolly old Christmas man, Dr. McHugh points out. When the truth comes out the parent has placed himself in the position of being responsible for Santa's disappearance.

Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the very beginning, he should be treated as a wonderful pretend game. This method has proved successful with many children, the specialist says, including his own two young boys.

Children, who love to make-believe, are perfectly capable of enjoying Santa, reindeer, chimneys and all, while knowing in their hearts, when they stop to ask themselves, that he is a pretend person, he says.

The child who takes part in the Santa game doesn't have to wonder on Christmas morning why Santa didn't like him well enough to bring the expensive toys that were ordered from the North Pole, the psychologist points out.

The young Indianapolis mother who recently wrote a Christmas letter for her 5-year old son just before her death in an airplane crash, had wonderful understanding, Dr. McHugh says. She ended her letter by telling her little son that "anyone who loves and gives is real Santa."

## Here's How To Choose Your Christmas Tree

NEARLY 30,000,000 Christmas trees will be sold in the U. S. this year. Select one which will retain its needles well indoors. A simple treatment will keep the needles from drying out, make the tree less flammable and keep it green longer.

Choosing the tree: Select a balsam or Douglas fir. Their needles will last two or three weeks indoors. A balsam is easily identified by its fragrance, rigid branches and two thick rows of needles

which do not stab the hand. Douglas fir, the best of the firs, has long pointed red buds. Other firs have globose buds. All have soft needles. A spruce drops its needles soon after it's placed in a warm room. A Norway spruce, however, makes an ideal community Christmas tree outdoors. A white spruce is better than a Norway spruce for indoor use. Pines recognized by extra-long needles can be used. Hemlocks and junipers are of little value as Christmas trees.

**Preventing needle drop:** Cut at a slant an inch off the base and set the tree in a bucket of water or wet sand 24 hours before bringing it in the house. Then anchor tree firmly in a holder that contains water or moist sand. Do not place it near a radiator.

**Fire precautions:** (Internally)—No tree can be made completely flame-proof. Government experts suggest reducing flammability by standing tree in a solution of either ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate, calcium chloride or ammonium sulfamate four to six days. First weigh tree and divide by four. That will be number of pounds of material required. To each pound add one and a half pints of water. During treatment, keep tree in cool, dark place. (Externally)—Mix nine parts water glass (soluble sodium silicate) with one part water containing teaspoon of wetting agent (such as solvent soap) per quart. Dip tree into solution or spray it on tree. This will give shiny finish to needles.

**Christmas Greens:** Measure height of ceiling before buying tree. If branches must be trimmed from tree, use them for door spray, mantel piece or swag for newel post.



**INFLATION . . .** Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

## Polio Aid For Texas Is Curbed

AUSTIN—Texas got a stern reminder of the financial pinch caused by its unprecedented polio outbreak when the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis scaled down emergency aid to state Chapters.

General Robert J. Smith, State Chairman for the 1953 March of Dimes, stated that the NFIP had to curb allotments because the record number of cases nationally has almost exhausted available funds.

He said the restriction in cash advances would prevail until the 1953 edition of the March of Dimes, which is exclusively the finances for the anti-polio work.

"This does not mean that care will be curtailed for any patient needing help," said General Smith, who is president of the Pioneer Air Lines. "Pressing financial needs will be met, but hospitals will be requested to carry some polio care bills until money is available from the 1953 March of Dimes to be conducted January 2 through the 31st."

The economy move, according to the General, was taken to insure all Chapter needing aid, a fair share of emergency funds until the end of the year.

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



May the Christmas Holidays be a season long to be remembered for the happiness and good fellowship enjoyed.

KONCZAK'S  
 Clyde, Texas

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

Greetings  
 of the season



Rock Hotel  
 Mrs. C. J. Redwine

Season's Greetings  
 AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

T&P Cafe



The star still shining from above lights the Christmas sky with the blessings of His love.

Swinson and Tankersley Barber Shop

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Season of Good Cheer finds us again eagerly awaiting the opportunity of expressing a warm and friendly Greeting to our host of friends throughout Callahan County—the community which it is our privilege to serve. May the sentiment we express today remain with you through the Holiday Season . . . and all the days following.

The approach of the New Year affords us a splendid opportunity to express to you our heartfelt appreciation for your fine friendship and consideration during the preceding twelve months. It is with every real pride that we, your automobile dealers, join hands to say in a harmonizing chorus to you "HAPPY NEW YEAR."

ROCKEY MOTOR CO.



RAY MOTOR CO.



SUTPHEN MOTOR CO.



BAIRD MOTOR CO.



May the Bells  
of Christmas

ring in much cheer  
for you and yours.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Callahan County Farmer's Co-op., Inc.

Baird

Clyde

A CHEERY Thought

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

May joy, in every  
single way  
be with you in the  
days to come.

Baird Lumber Company

Christmas  
Gift

and every good wish  
for the Season

Lowell Boyd Grocery

Wishing a  
MERRY Christmas

to some people it's a pleasure to remember

Hughes Company

Automotive Service

East Highway 80

Baird, Texas

KEEPING  
CHRISTMAS

by

Henry Van Dyke



Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

'Lord of Misrule,'  
'Hodening Horse'  
Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule."

When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

Chemical Solution  
Protects Christmas  
Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1½ pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big  
Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D.  
Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D. but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.

ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS . . . Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.



Staudt's Jewelry

A Christmas  
GIFT

● Not much, to be sure, but with the sincere appreciation in our hearts for the many kindnesses that have been ours to enjoy, we extend this little package of Christmas Greetings to each of you.

● The goodwill of our friends we value immeasurably because we well know that without them life in itself would be empty indeed.

● As we wish you the Joys of Christmas and every Happiness throughout the New Year, we add our heartfelt thanks for all past favors.



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