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## Parker Remodels Store and Enlarges Business; Purchases Menard Store

Double announcement of renovation and enlarging of the Red and White grocery in Eldorado, and of purchase of the Red and White grocery store in Menard is made this week by W. T. Parker, Eldorado grocer and returned war veteran.

The Red and White grocery was established in 1940 by W. T. Parker, in the building in which his father's business had been located. When Mr. Parker left for service, Bill Sproul, then manager of the Red and White at Christoval, moved to Eldorado to become manager.

Work on the renovating project will start January 1. The Ashmore Barber shop and the Leslie Baker office will be moved to other locations, and the partition will be removed between these rooms and the present Red and White quarters, to provide additional floor space.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, Parker and Sproul went to Stanford to buy a walk-in cooler, which they moved to Eldorado, for use in storage of meats, vegetables and fruits. Other improvements on which work will start in January, include complete remodeling of the front and the interior, in conformance with new grocery store designs. The remodeled store, it is planned, will be more attractive and more convenient for the self-serve shopper.

Mr. Parker will manage the Eldorado store, with Wylie Hight as assistant manager, Doyle Cates as market manager, and the old crew of clerks as assistants.

While Mr. Parker is carrying out his plans here, he will also be taking over another store in a neighboring town.

The W. T. Parker Red and White Grocery Company has purchased the Red and White store at Menard, and Bill Sproul will move there and take charge of the business January 1.

The deal whereby W. T. Parker enlarges his holdings by acquiring a second grocery store was completed this week.

While details are yet to be worked out, it is planned that Bill Sproul, associated with Mr. Parker for eleven years, and manager of the Red and White during the two years the latter spent in service, will be manager of the store, with Glenn Parker, already in Menard, to be in charge of the market.

In connection with the Menard store, a locker plant, leased from Joe Aycock, will also be operated. The food locker plant also has slaughtering facilities.

The deal is effective January 1, on which date the name of the store will be officially changed to W. T. Parker Red and White Grocery of Menard.

The business change calls for some repairs and improvements in the building, to be made after January 1.

Mr. Sproul has not been able to make plans to move his household goods to Menard as he has not yet found a residence there.

LOST—One ladies black shoe, Oxford style. Lost somewhere between Christoval and Eldorado. Mrs. George Dickens. 1tpd

## Bids Are Asked On Menard Road

The Menard-Eldorado inter-county seat road is scheduled to receive attention from the state soon with publication of request for bids to be received Jan. 10.

A strip scheduled for early future letting will be a section from Menard Co. to the Schleicher Co. line, and another strip will be the Schleicher section leading to the business district of Eldorado. It is understood that Texas will spend about \$487,000 on this Menard-Eldorado highway.

Farmers and ranchers along the road to the Menard line are moving fences in preparation for moving in of the state highway road equipment.

## Calcote Builds New Station Roof

Workmen have prepared concrete supporting bases and have placed rafters for the new roof which F. B. Calcote is building on his Eldorado Motor Company location. The floor of the driveway has been cemented for a number of years but the pumps at the front had always been in the open.

## J's Cafe Enlarged

Feeling the need for more room as her business increases, Mrs. Jim Finley, proprietor of J's Cafe, has recently remodelled the interior of her building by opening a door into an adjoining room where she has placed a number of tables and booths.

With the additional room, Mrs. Finley is better prepared to serve a large crowd.

## Local Young People Wed In November

Frances Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Payne Robinson of Eldorado, was married Nov. 14 at Bandera to Ernest Howard Sellers, Jr., son of Mrs. Claude Butler of Eldorado and E. H. Sellers of Drumright, Okla. The marriage has been announced during the Christmas holidays.

The bride attended Our Lady of the Lake College at San Antonio where she received her BA degree last spring, and at the time of her marriage was working at her Master's in library science.

The groom entered service in July, 1941, receiving his discharge in November, 1945, after 38 months' service. Both young people were reared here.

They are at home in the Bearce apartments, and the groom is associated with his step father, C. A. Butler, in the trucking business.

Mr. and Mrs. Joab Campbell and Forrest Alexander returned Friday night from Dallas where Mr. Campbell had gone for a check-up on his eyes following a recent operation. The doctor reported his eyes to be in excellent condition.

## Merry Christmas, Readers! and a Prosperous New Year

This issue of the Eldorado Success conveys Christmas greetings from the business people of Schleicher County to the general reading public. This paper, dated Thursday, reaches the readers on Christmas Eve, and will take the place of Thursday's issue.

It takes an entire community to run a newspaper—the people who make and report the news, and the businessmen who address the public through the paper's advertising columns.

We can truthfully and sincerely say that this newspaper has received the heartiest cooperation from everyone—a fact which has made work pleasant and living in Schleicher County a joy. For this we sincerely thank you.

We expect our newspaper to grow with the town. We will give you during 1946 the best publication it is within our power to produce.

That Christmas may be a happy time for you and the New Year a prosperous period in your life, is our wish.

The Eldorado Success,  
Fred and Alice Gunstead.

## J. L. Ratliff Buys Out Oberkamp of Ozona; Deal Effective Jan. 1

### SONORA GROCERY IS BADLY BURNED IN FRIDAY BLAZE

The Eldorado fire boys made a run to Sonora at about 5:00 a. m. Friday, to help put out a destructive fire which badly damaged the Red and White Grocery and for a time threatened an entire business block.

The store is located in the main part of the Sonora business district, adjoining the bank. The fire, which evidently caught in the roof of the building, spread throughout the store, causing damage to the building and grocery stock.

Through the efforts of the Sonora and Eldorado fire boys, the damage was confined to one store building. The Red and White stock and building are owned by the Hamiltons. Some insurance was carried.

### Tire Rationing To End January 1

New Year's will bring to motorists of the U. S. the end of one of war's worst headaches—tire rationing.

Official announcement is made that tire rationing will end at 12:01 Jan. 1.

After Jan. 1 motorists may buy as many tires as they need—if they can get them!

### CAMERON GIVES BONUS

A letter from E. R. Bolton, the president of William Cameron and Co., Inc., to 868 of the firm's employees advised them of a Christmas bonus equal to one and one-half months salary. This marks the sixth consecutive year that the company's bonuses were based on that method.

Sharing in the bonus distributions are 76 ex-service men who have returned to their places in the Cameron organization.

Gardner McCormick, law student at Baylor University left Monday (today) for his school after spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Van McCormick. As he is a member of the basketball team he is scheduled to accompany the team on a trip to Oklahoma during the holidays, and to New York and other points in the East in the early spring.

Mrs. Lorna Schooney and son Clifford, will leave Monday (today) evening for Voca where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Schooney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Holloway. While there Clifford, who recently returned from overseas, will visit the grave of his father, the late F. D. Schooley, and will place a marker there.

Mrs. G. S. Cathey of San Angelo is a weekend visitor in the home of her sisters-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meador are spending Christmas in San Antonio.

An important business deal was made recently when J. L. Ratliff of Eldorado, owner of four dry goods stores in Southwest Texas, bought out Joe Oberkamp of Ozona, the change to become effective Jan. 1. The Oberkamp business is one of the largest in Ozona, comprising hardware, furniture, undertaking and butane gas.

The dry goods store which Mr. Ratliff bought in Ozona early in November from Steve Perner is already open for business. It is the fourth in the Ratliff chain, others operating in Eldorado, Sonora and Rock Springs.

With ownership of Oberkamp's Mr. Ratliff becomes a heavy investor in the business district of Ozona, as owner of two main businesses. He also expands his interests; the Perner deal was a dry goods store, as are the other Ratliff establishments; the Oberkamp business includes hardware, furniture, funeral work and butane gas, all lines which he had not previously operated with the exception of the funeral work. Quarters housing the business occupy much of a business block, representing expansion during the 30 years Oberkamp has operated there. Many of the former employees will be retained under the new management.

While it has been definitely decided that the business will operate as J. L. Ratliff and Sons, other plans are in the tentative stage. Until this deal was made it was planned that Carroll Ratliff would be manager of the dry goods store at Ozona after his discharge from service, and that the other sons would remain in their present locations. Now, with the arrival of Carroll in Eldorado Friday night, and arrival of the other children here for the holidays, other plans may be worked out which may or may not change the entire set-up. It is expected that details will be arranged by the time Mr. Ratliff assumes operation of the business on Jan. 1.

## Building Repaired For Page Drug Store

Robert Page and his repair crew are at work this week on the renovating of the interior of the building which will house his drug store. Fixtures have been bought and are expected soon, and stock will arrive here early in January.

Page states that he hopes to open his new store soon after New Year's.

### JOHNSON DISCHARGED

Sgt. Lloyd B. Johnson has been honorably discharged from service. He was inducted at San Antonio and saw service at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Bolling Field, Washington D. C. He is authorized to wear the American Theatre Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal and Expert Rifleman's Badge.

Prior to entering the service he was employed by Soil Conservation Service Eldorado, and plans to return here upon arrival.

### MCCORMICK DISCHARGED



TSgt Rex H. McCormick was discharged from the Army on Dec. 18 at Ft. Bliss, Texas, after having served over five years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex McCormick of Eldorado.

He is a graduate of Eldorado High School and attended San Angelo Business College.

He served in the States throughout the war except the last four months, when he was in Guam. He and his wife and baby are now making their home here. They expect to engage in ranching.

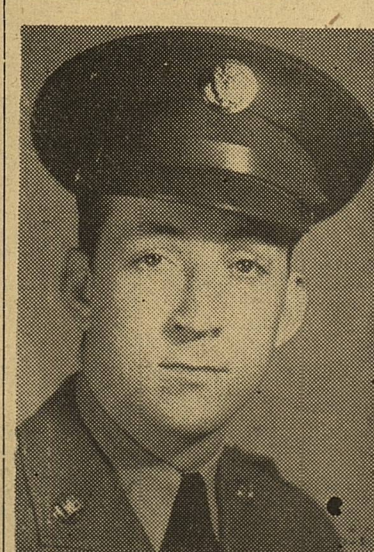
### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church, and individuals and business firms of Schleicher County who gave us financial assistance after the recent loss of our husband and father. God's blessings on each and every one of you.

Mrs. D. L. Rutland and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Conn Isaacs and son Larry of Big Springs are spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Isaacs, Sr.

### PARKER DISCHARGED



Ellis Glenn Parker received his honorable discharge recently at Scott Field, Ill. and is at home with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Parker, and other relatives.

Parker, who held the rating of Staff Sergeant at the time of his discharge entered the service in Nov. 1941 in technical training, and with the exception of about six months, spent his entire period of training at Scott Field.

He is a graduate of the Eldorado High School and was reared here.

Eddie, the small son of Cpl. and Mrs. Willard E. Humphrey, was carried to a San Angelo hospital Friday evening for medical treatment. Following a check-up, he was brought home, and his condition is considered somewhat improved at present.

Mrs. R. A. Smith of Phoenix Ariz. arrived Saturday for a holiday visit with her brothers, Ed and H. E. Finnegan and families and her sister, Mrs. G. H. Patterson who with Mr. Patterson and daughter, Wanda, are visiting here from Oak Ridge, Tenn.



### Personal Items

Mr. and Mrs. David Williams have moved to their place in the Reynolds community following his recent discharge from the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Ratliff and daughter, Carolyn, arrived home Friday evening from San Diego, Calif. Carroll, who served with the Navy, has received his discharge. He was in the Medical Corps while in service attached to the U. S. Naval Hospital at San Diego.

Carroll White has bought the John M. Bates ranch of 2,575 acres near town at a little more than \$25 an acre. Bates, who lives in San Angelo, reserved all mineral gas and oil rights.

The Case Ranch in Schleicher County averaged \$667 on five head of registered Polled Herefords sold at the National Polled Hereford show and sale recently at Jackson, Miss. Top of the Case consignment was a heifer selling at \$1,000. Three bulls also sold at \$500, \$775, and \$850.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Cates and family left Sunday for Rochelle where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

The name of Joyce Ann Van Horn, Freshman should have been included on the list of honor roll students for the second six weeks.

Staff Sergeant R. L. MacFarland, who visited here during part of his 90-day re-enlistment furlough, has returned for re-assignment.

Mrs. Mabel Parker and son Howard are spending the holidays at Eden.

W. C. Spurgers left Japan Dec. 4 on his way to the States, relative state.

Catherine Davis, TC freshman, arrived here Friday morning to spend the holidays. She is majoring in music.

Bill Sproul spent part of this week in Menard on business.

Sgt. Billy Wade has wired his parents that he had left Los Angeles and would be at home by Christmas Eve.

An REA auditor, A. T. Sanders spent Friday at the office of the Southwest Texas Electric Co-op on a routine visit.

Gertrude Sauer of TSCW arrived in San Angelo Thursday evening and was met there by relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dickens and Raymond Dickens left Saturday afternoon for Corpus Christi to attend funeral services for a brother of Mr. Dickens, F. J. Dickens, who died Friday night.

The condition of D. C. Hill, who became seriously ill last week while visiting at Alpine, is reported to be much improved. Mr. Hill is a pioneer resident of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Nixon left Saturday for Miles where they will spend the holidays with their son, Rev. A. G. Nixon and family.

#### Whiter Paint

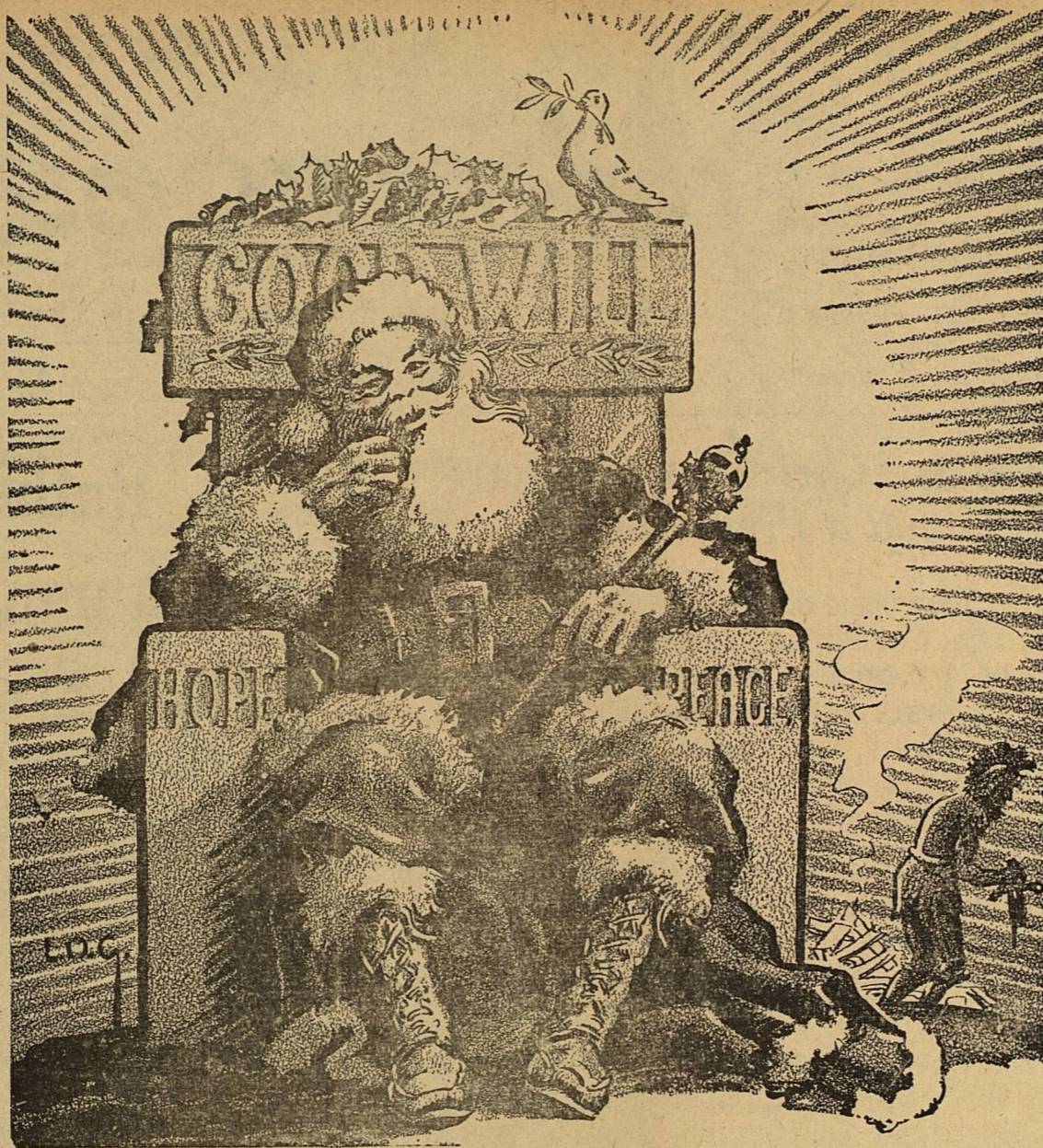
Tests with milkweed seed oil in exterior white paints indicate that the paint so prepared is somewhat whiter in color than that prepared with soybean oil, while the difference in drying was slight. In white enamel, the milkweed seed oil alkylid enamel was slightly superior in gloss. In experiments with alkylid resins for baking purposes the film from the milkweed seed oil alkylid showed remarkable resistance to discoloration and was definitely superior to that of the soybean oil alkylid. Both films were equally hard.

#### Iodine Deficiency

Chief animal losses from lack of iodine result in interference with reproduction. In mares the foal is either still-born or unable to stand. Cows may give birth to weak, goitrous calves. Sows often bear almost hairless offspring that are weak and may die. Ewes give birth to lambs that show enlarged necks and may be partially woolless.

#### SLEEP ALL NIGHT

Getting up every few hours destroys your rest. Save this energy. Correct the ph. in your body fluids with CIT-ROS, avoid this discomfort. CIT-ROS for sore, aching back, burning bladder, swelling feet. Get CIT-ROS \$1.00 at your druggist today. For sale by HOOVER DRUG STORE



### What Is Christmas Without Toys?



There is no shortage of toys, although the trend has been toward mechanical or educational types. Dolls have not been forgotten, however.

### Save Greeting Cards for Making Different Unique Gift Decorations

Here's a suggestion that will make your friends wish they had thought of it first.

Don't throw away the lovely greeting cards you have received and saved during the year. Keep them as ornaments for packages, or to decorate an otherwise plain wall.

The next time you wrap a gift for someone, glance through the greeting cards you have saved and pick out one with a colorful or appropriate picture on it. Cut the picture out neatly, glue or paste it on your gift wrapping. That's all there is to it.

There are any number of objects about the house that cutouts from greeting cards might brighten: closet doors, furniture, waste paper baskets, screen and cigarette boxes. Pasted on and coated with a preservative of clear shellac, greeting cards can serve a variety of decorative purposes.

Inexpensive and distinctive gift novelties can be made from the

greeting cards. Bookends, jelly jars for flower vases, bookmarks, matchbooks, handblotters, tally cards and score pads can be made to look quite impressive by the simple addition of a design cut out from greeting cards and pasted on these objects.

The lovely etchings and reproductions of famous masters and the flower prints that appear on so many greeting cards are well worth the price of a small frame. These pint-sized pictures are "just the thing" to brighten a dark corner of some room or entrance hall.

Some rainy afternoon when the children are looking for something to do, give them the greeting cards you have saved during the year. Especially will they like to make gay blotters from the cutout designs. Have them make small-sized ones for checkbooks, a good-sized one for Dad's desk, and a pretty feminine one for Mother's correspondence, or selected ones for friends.

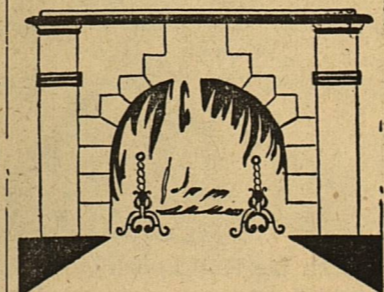
### Famous Artist Sketched First Santa for U. S.

### Thomas Nast Credited With Pictorializing Famous Character In 1873.

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and above all has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

The story of how our American version of Santa Claus evolved is interesting. According to legend,



children of Lapland and Siberia, raised on tales of the good and generous St. Nicholas, thought of their benefactor as dressed in furs and traveling in a reindeer-drawn sleigh, just as they did themselves.

#### Stories of St. Nicholas.

Wondrous stories of this great Fourth century saint, who gave handsome presents to good little children, were repeated at the fire-sides of all Europe from the time of his death in 342. The Dutch children observed the anniversary of his death on December 6 and received presents in their wooden shoes.

These Dutch youngsters thought of St. Nicholas as a stern old man with a long white beard, garbed in bishop's robes and carrying a stick to chastise naughty children.

The little Hollanders coming with their parents to found New Amsterdam brought Santa Claus or "San Claas" as they said, with them. In no time the English colonial children whose fathers had taken over the Dutch settlement and renamed it New York caught on to this wonderful man. The English moved his yearly visit from December 6 to New Year's Eve.

Germans coming to America brought their Christmas customs; Christmas trees and Christmas candles burned in honor of the Christ Child, whom the German children called "Kris Kringle."

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

## Electric Appliances are HERE!

—We have a 7 ft. Crosley Shelvador electric REFRIGERATOR on our floor now . . .

—and a Crosley electric or battery RADIO, table model . . .

—and a Cadillac VACUUM Cleaner! Appliances are arriving every day.

See the large pictured illustrations showing 19 different Radios, table, console, and radio and phonograph combinations; and Refrigerators

SEE THE REFRIGERATOR IN OPERATION ON OUR FLOOR NOW!

We are taking orders for all appliances now—Clocks, Irons, Toasters, Waffle Irons and many small appliances expected in January.

—Check appliances in which you are interested and return this slip to us:

- Refrigerator
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Radio
- Washing Machine
- Electric Iron
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(Your Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

We will number and stamp each order which comes in, in the order received.

## Randy's Electric Co.

Electric Contracting and Repair



To Wish you Health and Happiness

May Christmas Bring You Happiness.  
May the New Year Bring You Peace, Joy and Prosperity.

## H. L. Hazelwood

HUMBLE PRODUCTS

### THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERYONE

May You Be Prosperous and Happy During the New Year.

DR. H. W. WIEDENMANN



# GREETINGS

Good friends are like good cars. You take a lot of pride in them. You get a lot of pleasure going places with them. You feel safe and comfortable with them. You know they're dependable.

So we have a lot of regard for our friends. We know they value us, our experience and our service. We're glad that the recommendations of people who have found us dependable bring so many new friends to us.

Today we're wishing our friends more happiness, more security, more comfort than they've ever had, for the coming year. And may every road you take be smooth and wide.

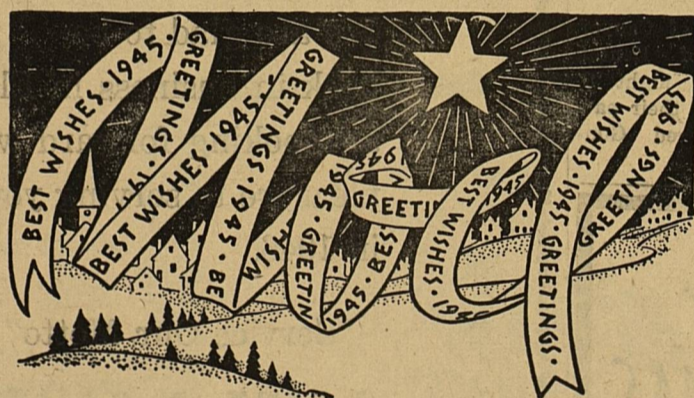
A Merry Christmas and all prosperity to you!

Sincerely yours,

## Foxworth - Galbraith Lumber Co.

Eldorado, Texas

J. H. Mace, Mgr.



TO OUR CUSTOMERS  
AND FRIENDS WE EXTEND  
THE SEASON'S  
GREETINGS

**Eldorado Wool Co.  
& Feed Dept.**



### CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME

for friendliness, for the  
open house and the  
open heart

It is the time, too, for  
us to greet our friends,  
to thank them for their  
consideration of us,  
and to wish them all a  
very Happy Christmas.

**ELDORADO MOTOR CO.  
MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION**

F. B. Calcote and Employees



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# The Season's Greetings

May your Christmas  
be pleasant! May  
every day in the 1946  
calendar bring you  
joy and happiness.

## Humble Service Station Rock Station No. 1 Snack Bar

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Montgomery  
and employees

Thanking You  
For Your Business During the Past  
Year and Wishing You a Merry Xmas  
and a Prosperous New Year.

**TOPLIFFE**  
GAS AND ELECTRIC SERVICE  
Butane Gas, Roper Ranges  
Electrolux and Frigidaire Appliances

### Christmas 1945

Ours to Cherish—The  
Precious Gift of Peace

Once again the world can  
fully enjoy the true Christ-  
mas spirit.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



San Angelo  
Telephone Co.

Mr and Mrs. Leonard Wilson, who have been visiting for the past ten days with his relatives at Stamford, Haskell and Abilene, are spending the holidays here with her father, Whit Smith and other relatives

Anita Runge, daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. F. Runge, is at home for the holidays after attending the fall session at Our Lady of the Lake, San Antonio, where she is a high school senior

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagley left Thursday morning for Portales, N M., where they will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Hicks. From there they will go to Eldorado, Okla., for a visit with other relatives.

Mary Lee Gunstead of Canyon and Billy Gunstead of Denton arrived here Thursday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunstead.



• The long awaited occasion is here—CHRISTMAS—and with it the opportunity of renewing friendships. We cannot tell you how much these friendships have meant to us. We treasure them, every one.

Let us celebrate the Yuletide with rejoicing and good cheer. Let us celebrate it with a genuine thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings that have been ours to enjoy.

### HIGHWAY SERVICE STATION

A. B. Bradshaw

A. C. Jeffrey

### THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

We are glad to be  
back in business in Eldorado  
are looking forward with  
pleasure to serving you  
in 1946.

"Service Our Motto"

### LUM DAVIS

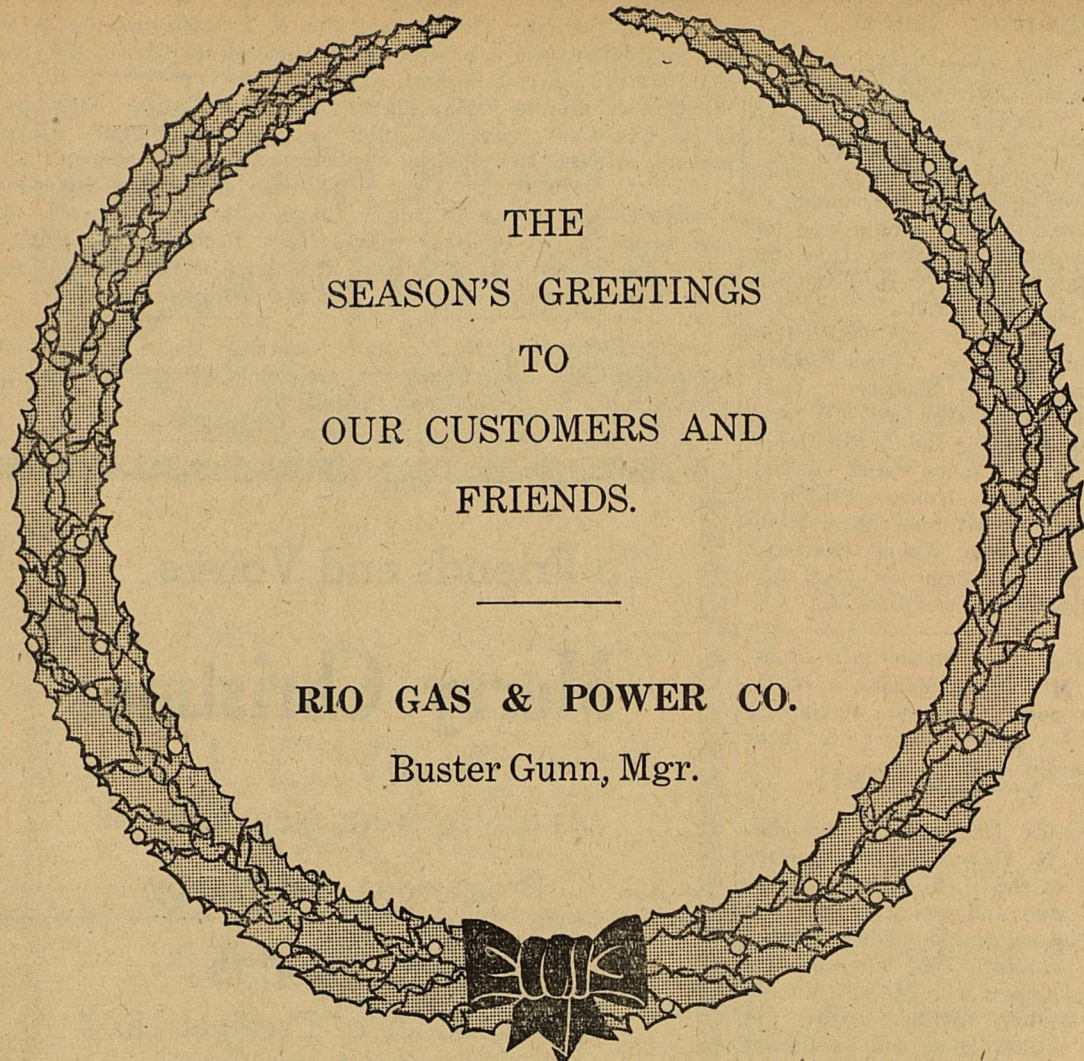
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This is my twentieth Christmas in  
Eldorado, and for the twentieth time  
I'm greeting customers and friends.  
And I'm still making those good  
juicy hamburgers and selling them  
for a dime with the assistance of old  
Santa Claus!

HAMBURGER BILL





1945  
**TIDINGS of GREAT JOY**

☆

The prevailing spirit of good will embraces us all during this joyous season. We, too, want to extend to you personally our hearty good wishes for an exceptionally

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Eldorado Ice House  
E. M. Doty, Mgr.

**Baptists Honor Returned Boys**  
Returned servicemen and their families were special guests of the First Baptist Church at a banquet in the reception rooms of the church last Thursday evening.



**A. J. ROACH**  
Furniture  
Feed and Produce

Christmas decorations were used on the tables and a short program with W. T. Whitten as toastmaster was presented. Lavelle Meckel led in group singing of Christmas carols, and also sang several special numbers. Emily Ann Harper, Vera Faye Biggs and Frankie Thompson entertained with a group of songs. Miss Helen Thompson was accompanist. The Rev. J. M. Hays brought the closing message. Miss Wroe gave a reading and each boy made a brief talk.

There were sixty-nine present, including the returned servicemen their wives, and other young people of the church.

Mrs. W. H. Price of San Antonio is visiting here until after the Christmas holidays with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. O'Harrow. Mr. Price, who accompanied his wife here, left Thursday for a visit at Tyler.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
☆ TO ONE AND ALL ☆

**CLAUDE ALEXANDER**  
**R. J. ALEXANDER**  
Proprietors of Alexander's Garage  
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1945  
**Good Cheer**

This is the season of good will, and, looking down the long list of names of those who have shown their good will towards us in 1945, we come to yours. We want to thank you for this good will on your part, and to send just the friendliest of wishes for your happiness and cheer at Christmastime.

**Dick McCalmont**  
Eldorado  
Tool Repair

**FROM EACH OF US TO ALL OF YOU**

1945  
*Best wishes for Christmas*

**WILLIAMS HATCHERY, ELDORADO**

**Major Page Here On 45-Day Furlough**

With the arrival home from overseas of Major James A. Page, the family circle is complete once more for the Bert Page family. Major Page, who arrived in the States last week was met in San Antonio by his wife, Maxine, and her brother, Billy Wilton, who accompanied him home Thursday night.

Major Page, who received his training at Brownwood, went overseas in January, 1944, and served with a Medical Corps in England, France, and was stationed in Berlin, Germany. He will spend a 45-day furlough here with relatives before reporting back to San Antonio.

Two other sons of the Pages, S-Sgt. Wilson Page of Camp Swift and Paul, who is attending SMU at Dallas, are also here for the holidays.

**AAA HOLIDAY HOURS ANNOUNCED**

The AAA office will be closed Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of this week, will remain open through Saturday next week and will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, (Mon. and Tues.). They will be open an additional Saturday of that week.



Christmas is always a welcome event with us, for two reasons:

First, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that is all-prevailing; second, because it affords an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for your valued patronage.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to serve you, and in sending you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas we do so with the hope that the Christmas season of 1945 will transcend all of its predecessors in real happiness for you.

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1945

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO CUSTOMERS and FRIENDS

**H. E. FINNEGAN**  
Your Gulf Distributor

to one and all 1945  
**Christmas Cheer**

Again may you know the fragrance Of hemlock, pine and holly.  
Again may friendly voices call A greeting warm and jolly;  
And again may the meaning of Christmas,  
Deep and still more true Bring faith and hope and gladness To the hearts of yours and you.

**Jack Ratliff**  
GENERAL INSURANCE



**LOCAL TSCW GIRL PLAYS IN TOURNAMENT**

Miss Barbara Mund of Eldorado recently participated in the second round of the Inter-Dormitory Volley Ball Tournament sponsored by the Domes Recreation Association at Texas State College for Women.

Miss Mund, a freshman student at the college, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Mund and is majoring in costume design.

Mrs. Bertha Shugart of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Spamm, also of Dallas, are holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Baker.

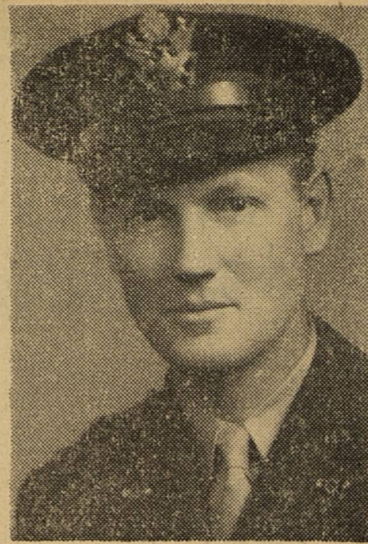
**FORMER RESIDENTS HERE**

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Berry and children of Richmond, California, former residents here, left Saturday for Houston, after visiting here Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Dickens, Mrs. G. A. Neill and other friends. After visiting relatives in Houston, they will return here for a visit before leaving for their home next week.

Mr. Berry was employed on the J. W. Lawhon ranch before moving to California to enter defense work.

Misses Dora and Emma Riley are visiting this week in San Angelo with Mrs. Tom Williams and other friends.

**Hinyard Honored**



Lt. Col. James Hinyard, former resident of Eldorado, has received a Legion of Merit citation as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES N. HINYARD, 0267421, Chemical Warfare Service, Army of the United States, while serving in the Office of the Chief Chemical Warfare Service from February 1942 to April 1945 performed notably outstanding service. Displaying unusual planning ability and tireless industry, he was influential in organizing and supervising smoke protection for vital war factories and communications centers. Lieutenant Colonel Hinyard was responsible for estimates, plans, and organizational smoke units which have been verified by actual operations in the theaters, saving thousands of dollars and lives. His ability in coordinating the Chemical Warfare Service weapons and munitions program, contributed immeasurably to the vital part played in the destruction of the German military machine and industrial capacity. In his work on the Project Coordination Staff his understanding of intricate modern warfare problems resulted in an efficient integration of the various research agencies and an early accomplishment of results of such proven accuracy and applicability that they are now the basis for chemical warfare planning. His cumulative accomplishments were a material contribution to the successful prosecution of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Hext and son arrived here Thursday night from Lamarc to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hext and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hext. They will go on later to Pecos to visit Mrs. Hext's relatives.

N. G. Hodges, who suffered a broken shoulder in an accident was brought home recently from a San Angelo hospital where he has been confined for several weeks. He is getting along very nicely.

**Wheeler Entertain Honoring Ellen**

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wheeler honored their daughter, Ellen, with a formal Christmas party at their home Thursday evening.

The young ladies came dressed in evening gowns, and singing of Christmas carols, games and the presentation of favors from the Christmas tree, were diversions for the small guests.

Mrs. Wheeler was assisted in entertaining by Ellen's grandmother, Mrs. L. Wheeler.

Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served to Judith Ann Jones, Thomasine Jones, Ann Ballev, Riedale West, Monetta Bradshaw, Jonnie Ray Whitten, Ellen, David Steen, George Wayne Crawford, Charles Ray Edmiston, Cecil Mac Walston and the hosts.

Billy Frank Meador, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meador, is on his way home from the Philippines and his parents expect to hear from him at any time.

Wanda Matteson of Schenectady, N. Y., made a southwestern tour of the U. S. on her way to Eldorado, and was joined in Austin by her brother Bill a University student. They are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Coulter. Another visitor in the Coulter home will be Earline Coulter, who is employed in San Angelo.

County Clerk H. T. Finley is convalescing at home following a recent bout with the flu. A son, George Stanley, who is in training at Southwestern University, at Georgetown, arrived Friday night for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finley.

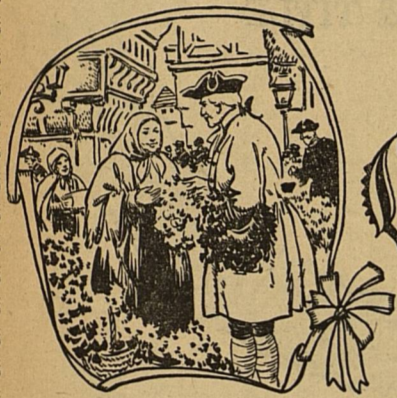
Sonny Moore of San Antonio is here to spend the holidays with his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Britton and family left Saturday morning for Tahoka to spend the holidays.

John O'Harrow writes from California to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. P. O'Harrow, that he may be home by the first of the year.

Mrs. J. F. Jeffrey who had an eye operation at Dallas recently, returned home Thursday night. She was accompanied by her son Claude and her daughter Pearl Jeffrey. Doctors hope that she will regain her vision as a result of the operation.

Coach Al Vance and his family are holiday visitors in San Antonio.



*A Joyous Christmas*  
1945

That best part of a good man's life— His little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love.

—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows, where each helps share the other's happiness and all do their part towards making the Christmas season enjoyable for each and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a position to serve you. We take great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

**THE RATLIFF STORE**

*Old-Fashioned*  
**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

1945



THERE are a thousand and one ways of extending the season's greetings to you, but no words we can put into writing, no words we can frame with our lips, ring with more sincerity than the old-fashioned greeting—

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU**

**Eldorado Hardware**



**Christmas Greetings to all**

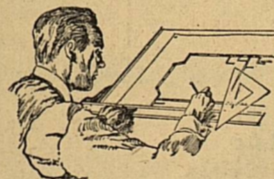
As the Shadows fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our deep appreciation of your good will and friendship, and to wish for you during the Christmas season of 1945 all the better things that life affords.

**THE UPTOWN LAUNDRY**  
Marvin Thomas & Louise Belt

**WRAP UP THAT DREAM**

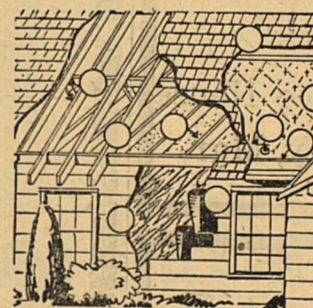
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Women's Wear

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AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all our customers and friends.

**J's CAFE**

We'll be closed all day Christmas.



Merry Christmas  
*one and all*

## A Salute

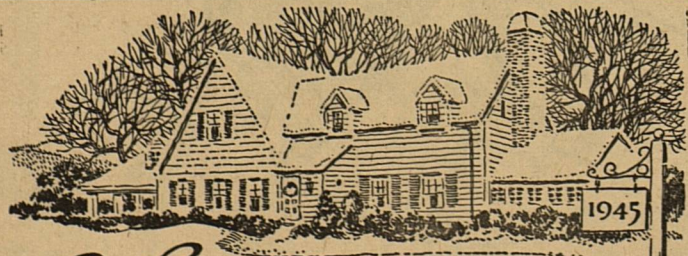
to our friends and a big, hearty Christmas wish to you all, this merry, merry Christmas season.

Looking back over the year calls to mind our greatest source of pleasure has been our contact with folks like you.

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**CLARK'S**

TEXACO STATION



*Greetings at Christmastide*

and Thanks for All Past Favors.

TAYLOR'S GULF STATION  
Clovis Taylor and Employees

Joe T. Logan, S 2-c has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Logan, that he is now in Yokasuka, Japan, twenty miles from Tokyo. He stated that the group he is with are rebuilding airways destroyed during the war and that each boy had charge of ten Japs who assisted in the construction work

Miss Dorothy Spears, who is employed in Galveston, left Thursday after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Spears.

Mrs. Dura Swindle of Hamilton is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs J. M. Hays and Rev. Hays.

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
to all.

**W. P. McFARLAND**  
Eldorado, Texas

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304 San Angelo Nat'l Bank Bldg  
San Angelo, Texas  
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HOLY-NIGHT-SILENT-NIGHT

CHRISTMAS  
*Greetings*

AS the light of Christmas again brightens our faces and lightens our hearts, we turn our thoughts from ourselves to help others. For this is the spirit that first saw the light of day in a stable at Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, and which has endured ever since.

May God bless and protect you and your dear ones and bring happiness to your home this Christmas season.

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# Holiday Greetings



To each of us the word Christmas summons many happy memories. To some it recalls a ride over the frozen countryside to grandma's, sleigh-bells tinkling all the while. To others it recalls happy reunions in mirth-filled living rooms, gay banquets and glowing Christmas trees. But to all it recalls days of charm and endearment, the happiest days of our lives.

May you know this happiness in all its fullness once again, dear friends, this Christmas season of 1945.

**Williams & McAngus**  
**HARDWARE**



There is nothing we have valued during the six years we have served you as much as the good will and personal friendship of our customers.

It has indeed been a real pleasure to serve you. May we continue to merit your confidence in 1946!

A Very Merry Christmas  
To You and Yours and  
A Bright and Prosperous  
New Year.

We will soon have a made-to-measure suit line. Watch for announcement

**Coulter's Man's Store**

Eldorado, Texas



Happiest  
**HOLIDAY**  
**SEASON**  
to all

### THE QUEST OF HAPPINESS

has ever been the ultimate goal of human beings. Some find happiness in one way; some in another; and many never find it at all. Whatever road you may have been taking in your pursuit of happiness, may your fondest hopes be realized during this Christmas season of 1945.

One other thought: we want every one of you to know that we deeply appreciate everything you have done for us during the past year.

**HOOVER**  
**Drug Store**

Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year  
to all.

To Be Sure INSURE

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

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# GREETINGS

Once again we as a banking institution take pleasure in greeting the citizens of Eldorado and Schleicher County.

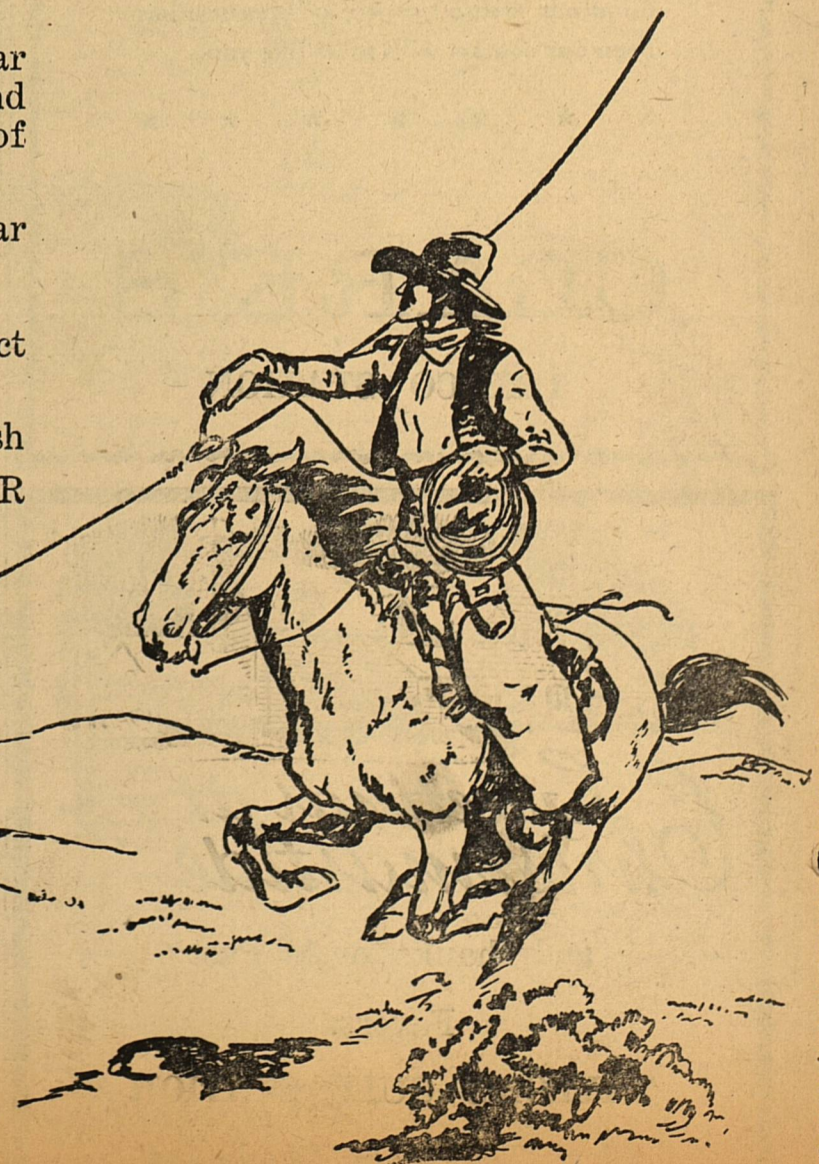
The year of 1945 has been a good year, for Schleicher County, a year of prosperity and bigger bank deposits than we have ever handled, and best of all a year which eventually brought peace and return of some of our boys.

We look forward to serving you in 1946. We believe that the new year will witness a period of growth and expansion—of a steady increase in population, of improvement in roads and streets and other material things which make for better living. Everything considered, we predict a good year for Schleicher County and the ranching Southwest.

We wish to thank you for every courtesy extended to us and to wish you and yours A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

**First**  
**National Bank**

Eldorado, Texas





**Balsam Fir Chosen by Heavenly Messengers**

According to Ansgarius, who converted the Vikings to Christianity, the Lord sent Faith, Hope and Charity to earth to select His Christmas Tree.

They selected the Balsam Fir because it was as high as Hope, as wide as Love, and bore the sign of the cross on every branch.

But the toy should suit the age of the recipient. Every boy should have a ball of some kind. Boys like trains, but wooden blocks painted to resemble cars are better than the kinds that can run only on tracks. Girls are pleased with rolling pins, doll beds, houses, trunks, small chairs and tables, and dishes. One mother writes that her son's most cherished gift last Christmas was five pounds of assorted nails given him by an understanding uncle.

For older folks, books and Christmas just seem to go together as naturally as bread and jam, or

**Constructive Toys Make Better Gifts**

When you buy toys for children, give a thought to their constructive qualities. How much can they do with the gifts you are providing them? Will they soon tire of them and go back to the good old spoons and pans in the cupboard that they can do so many things with? If you buy a doll, get one that can be dressed, bathed and brushed. If a boy wants a doll, let him have it. Fathers love children.

Growing children need big toys that require lifting, tugging, running—movement of muscles. Blocks are ideal. Think of the things that can be done with them! One carpenter out of work made quite a good thing last Christmas of children's blocks. He collected odds and ends of boards at the lumber yard, planed them off smoothly, painted them gay colors and sold them in lots of a dozen up to 100. Wagons, cars, scooters, skates, sleds, and skis are good.



Educational toys are popular.

ham and eggs. A home-made book may make a hit. It may consist of leaves of brightly colored cambric, ten colors in all, sewed securely through the middle to hold them together, and with pinked edges.

**Christmas QUIZ**

1. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana, (b) New York, (c) California, (d) Texas.
2. The poinsettia plant owes its name to (a) Stanley Coulter, (b) Howard E. Enders, (c) James Madison, (d) Joel Roberts Poinsett.
3. Mothers in America are overwhelmingly agreed that they (a) should, (b) should not teach their children to believe in Santa Claus.
4. The nation's Christmas tree was dedicated on Christmas day (a) 1918, (b) 1925, (c) 1935, (d) 1940.
5. If the sun shines through the apple tree on Christmas day, there will be (a) good, (b) medium, (c) bad crops the following year.
6. A warm Christmas gives a (a) cold, (b) warm, (c) hot, (d) cool Easter.
7. There are (a) 4, (b) 100, (c) 450, (d) 800 varieties of mistletoe grown in the various parts of the world.
8. The mistletoe is the state flower of (a) Florida, (b) Delaware, (c) Oklahoma, (d) Mississippi.

9. New England mistletoe is so small that botanists overlooked it until (a) 1776, (b) 1871, (c) 1900, (d) 1930.

10. Rings of mistletoe were worn around the neck to prevent sickness in (a) Denmark, (b) France, (c) Spain, (d) Sweden.

**ANSWERS:**

1. (c) California.
2. (d) Joel Roberts Poinsett.
3. (a) Should.
4. (b) 1925.
5. (a) Good.
6. (a) Cold.
7. (d) 800.
8. (c) Oklahoma.
9. (b) 1871.
10. (d) Sweden.

Rating—90-100, a genius; 80-90, excellent; 70-80, good; 50-70, fair; less than 50, you be the judge.

Each correct answer counts a score of 10 points. Correct your own answers.

**Reason for Eight Reindeers**

Have you ever stopped to think why St. Nicholas drives eight reindeer instead of one? You haven't? Well, let's pause for a moment and figure it out.

St. Nicholas is a mythical character, he rides in a mythical sleigh, carries a mythical bag, and drives mythical reindeer. The creators of St. Nicholas knew that one reindeer would do the job, but in order to make the character more impressive and longer remembered, they hitched a matched unit of eight to the sleigh.

**Amsterdam Dutch Brought Santa Claus Across With Them**

The American version of Santa Claus was found chiefly in New York until a paper in that city published the poem we know as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," then it spread rapidly over the whole country and now every community has a similar legend.

It all began about 300 years ago. When the Dutch boys and girls first came to America in the early 17th century, and settled in New Amsterdam, they brought Sinter

Asia Minor, who was noted for his charity and goodness. In the Dutch pageants Sinter Klaas rides on a white horse, accompanied by his servant "Black Piet."

Klaas with them, and Sinter Klaas Eve was still their most important day. After a time, the English took Amsterdam from the Dutch and named it New York.

Many years before this, the English had had a Saint Nicholas celebration. In the English celebration, the choir boys elected a boy bishop and for a week boys went around the town begging gifts, but these festivities had been stopped by royal decree. When the English took over New York, the Dutch boys and girls kept right on celebrating Sinter Klaas day in spite of the English laws. Later Norwegian and Belgian children who settled in and near New York, also celebrated the day in a similar manner. It wasn't long before English boys and girls wanted to receive gifts. Since they already were celebrating Christ's birthday on December 25, they chose that day as the one on which to exchange gifts. The English children called Sinter Klaas Santa Claus.

As more and more people of different nationalities came to America, each added its bit to the celebration of Santa Claus day. From the Norwegians came his reindeer, the Italians gave us the custom of hanging up our stockings and so on. The regal figure of Sinter Klaas slowly changed to the fat, jolly Santa Claus of today.



The Dutch "Sinter Klaas" from whom our Santa Claus descends represents the bishop of Myra in

**Xmas Greetings From Your County Officials**

The Season's Greetings  
to  
Schleicher County Residents  
and other friends  
everywhere.

MRS. MABEL PARKER  
County Treasurer

This office  
takes pleasure in extending  
greetings to all Schleicher County  
residents. Merry Christmas and  
a very Happy New Year.

ERNEST H. SWEATT  
Sheriff & Tax Assessor-Collector

Greetings  
May Your Christmas Be Happy.  
May you enjoy continued  
prosperity in  
1946.

C. L. MEADOR, Jr.  
County Judge

From The  
Office of Your County Clerk  
Come Our Greetings  
to residents of Schleicher County:  
Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year.

MR. AND MRS. H. T. FINLEY  
(County Clerk)



**PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY**

"Behold the Handmaiden of the Lord" was the subject of the "Joy Gift" program when the Presbyterian Auxiliary entertained with their annual Christmas party at the church Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. A. Carriker was leader for the program and others taking part were Mmes. Sam Oglesby, Bert Page, R. A. King, and Jim Simpson. Gifts were exchanged around the Christmas tree and Santa Claus visited with the group. Auxiliary members were hostesses and refreshments were served

to sixteen members and Martha Dell Williams.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank all who sent flowers, cards, and letters to us while Mr. Hodges was in the hospital at San Angelo. Be assured that we appreciate your kindness. N. G. Hodges and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Patterson and daughter, Wanda, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., are visiting here with Mrs. Patterson's brothers and families, Ernest and Ed Finnegan.

**PEPPARD HERE**



Sgt. Harold Peppard, former Eldorado resident, visited here recently with Granville Kerr and other friends. Peppard, who was employed here in the First National Bank, prior to his entry in the Marine Corps, has received his honorable discharge from the service.

Harold a graduate of the local school is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Peppard who now reside at Anson. He was formerly stationed at Guam with several other Eldoradoans.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank everyone for the nice cards and letters and other expressions of kindness extended us while we were in the hospital. Mrs. J. F. Jeffrey.

**WEDNESDAY BRIDGE CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A Christmas tree and exchange of gifts highlighted the meeting of the Wednesday Bridge Club this week.

Following a co-hostess luncheon at J's Cafe, the group met in the home of Mrs. Horace Linthicum for the tree and an afternoon of bridge games. Mrs. C. A. Reynolds won high score and Mrs. Jimmie West binged. Others present were Mmes. Leslie Baker, Sam Oglesby, C. C. McLaughlin, S. D. Harper, Carroll White, V. G. Tisdale, Jack Shugart and the hostess.

**PRESBYTERIAN PAGEANT IS POSTPONED**

The pageant which was to have been presented at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, was called off due to sickness of the cast and of the director. A candle-lighting service is being planned for next Sunday evening, Dec. 30 the Rev. J. A. Carriker has announced.

**PRESBYTERIAN PARTY**

Santa Claus visited the Presbyterian Church Friday evening with gifts for the young folks and bags of fruit, nuts and candy for all.

Preceding the Christmas tree, a program of songs and reading was presented in the auditorium with the opening devotional given by the Rev. J. A. Carriker. Other numbers included a piano solo, "Silent Night" by Nancy Jo Elder. Readings by Elizabeth Ann Ballew and Carol Frost; a song, "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" by Alice Lee Isaacs; readings by Euda B. Isaacs and George Ochsenner and a reading, "The Night Before Christmas" by Marselaine Patterson.

Following the program, the group adjourned to the basement for the exchange of gifts and the visit from Santa.

Wilton Baggett writes that he has been transferred from a camp in Virginia to Washington, D. C.

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When not convenient to shop in person, use our mail service. Mail orders given personal, prompt attention.

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"Serving West Texas Since 1913" SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.



We wish to express our thanks to all for favors rendered us in 1945. May you have happiness and joy in the coming year.

**Wheeler Grocery**

**WRIGHT'S CASH STORE**

Eldorado, Texas



This Christmas is our 23rd Christmas in the mercantile business.

The success we have attained is due to the goodness of our friends—without your patronage we could not have been as successful.

Our deep appreciation goes out to each of you and we wish for you and yours the Season's Greetings.

May the coming year be your best and may the love of Christ abide in you.

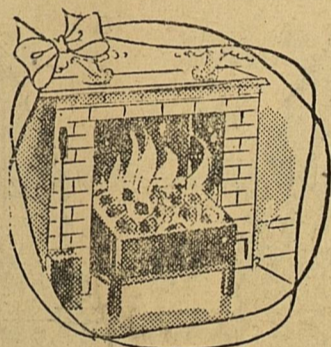
Thanks,  
A. T. WRIGHT.



★ Of far greater value than the most precious jewel or the most costly gift is happiness and peace of spirit. Could we wish more for you this Christmas season than its attainment?

For your fine cooperation and loyalty to us in 1945 you have our lasting gratitude.

**PALACE BARBER SHOP**  
W. C. Doyle  
Douglas Nall



Many thanks for the favors extended us during 1945. We hope we may continue to serve you in 1946.

Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year.

**DONALDSON'S GULF STATION**

**Thanks, folks!**

As the old year draws to a close, we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our customers for every courtesy extended to us in 1945.

The New Year will find us launching a program of expansion. We expect to enlarge and renovate our quarters and increase our stock, the better to serve you.

We've had a good year in 1945. We freely acknowledge our debt to you, our customers—and we are glad and proud to announce that a bigger and better W. T. Parker's Red and White will be at your service in 1946.

That this will be the happiest Christmas you have ever had is the wish of

**W. T. PARKER'S THE RED & WHITE STORE GROCERY**

Bill Sproul  
Doyle Cates  
Laura McGinnes  
Wylie Hight  
M. J. Miller  
W. T. Parker