

## SANTA AND REINDEER COMING SATURDAY



Christmas Eve will be a big day for the children of Schleicher county, who will have opportunity on that day to see Santa and his reindeer, and receive the candy which he will distribute.

Santa will arrive in Eldorado at 3:00 that afternoon, to greet all residents of Schleicher county. En route to Eldorado he will make a stop at Sonora to make the acquaintance of Sutton county residents.

The fire boys of this city, under whose auspices Santa will visit here, are planning to rope off streets which Santa will use as he makes his triumphal tour of the business district. He will stop at the front of the courthouse, where he will distribute the candy to the children.

The firemen are making every effort to have each person present. The plan to provide a section of the parking place, for use of shut-ins, who can see Santa from the

comfortable seats of their cars. In case anyone who is a shut-in has no way to get to town, he is urged to contact one of the fire boys, who will make arrangements for transportation.

A large crowd is expected at this gala event, as a real Santa with natural white whiskers, is a rarity at any time. In addition, Santa will drive real reindeer, which were transported from Alaska to pull Santa's sled, and there will be real sleigh bells; most of the children of this West Texas county have never seen a sleigh, or reindeer, and have never heard sleigh bells.

The deer have been acclimated to the Texas weather, though they sweated through the summer heat because of their heavy hair, and they have had to find substitutes for their native Alaskan moss. They are now in excellent physical condition, and with the coming of cooler weather are beginning to be real Texas boosters.

The reindeer have spent almost as much time traveling as did Dancer, Prancer, etc., of the famous poem, "Night Before Christmas"—and a lot of their traveling has been by air.

The reindeer were trained to pull Santa's sleigh in Seattle with the aid of Mike Nilluka, a Laplander who came to Alaska in 1892 with the first herd of reindeer imported by the federal government. Since arriving in the United States Dancer, Prancer, Donder and Blitzen have been seen by many thousands in parades and other "personal appearances" which give children of the Southwest their first opportunity to see Santa's famous helpers in person.

Santa's trip to Texas has been an expensive one, and the fire boys have been helping him defray the expenses of the trip by taking up a free-will offering during the past few weeks as a holiday gift to him.

## Growers Protesting Cotton Allotment For Schleicher County

A committee, members of which had planned to leave Wednesday for Austin in an effort to get more acreage allotments for Schleicher County, has been notified by Statistician V. C. Childs that it would be better to mail the figures and reports to Austin, then if presence of the group is needed notification to that effect will be mailed.

Recently published figures show that Schleicher has been assigned 4999 acres, and in view of the figures for the past three years, as reported by growers, it is generally thought that the county should have a larger allotment.

Among those working on the problem are County Agent W. G. Godwin, L. Moore, the PMA committee, Eddie Brown, and others, also Congressman O. C. Fisher of San Angelo who had planned to make the trip to Austin with the group.

## Bailey Ranch Scene Is Completed

For the second successive year members of the Bailey Ranch Baptist church have arranged an impressive Christmas scene on the grounds near the church building.

The scene, which is brilliantly lighted, shows up with particular beauty at night. This year the life-size figures are arranged in a shadow box. In the background is the city of Bethlehem and the star, and in the foreground are the virgin Mary and Joseph near the manger, and a donkey and sheen. Outside can be seen a shepherd, and the three wise men bearing gifts.

Last year the building of the manger scene was the work of the RA's in the church, but the project this year includes all the church membership.

All Schleicher county residents who have not yet seen the manger grouping are urged to do so sometime during the Christmas season, and are reminded that it is most impressive after dark.

## Greeting Paper Is Mailed Out Earlier Than Usual

This issue of the Eldorado Success conveys pre-Christmas news, and Christmas greetings and last-minute gift suggestions from Eldorado merchants.

We are proud of the fact that in spite of the small crew maintained by the Success, this issue, dated December 22, reaches the hands of readers a day earlier than usual. Only the fact that the crew have been working on this greeting paper since early in the month enables them to meet the usual mailing time.

This is the fifth Christmas greeting paper put out by this newspaper family, in Eldorado. It is the largest single issue they have mailed since taking over the paper in the summer of 1945.

The Gunstead family take this opportunity to thank everyone for their co-operation in the matter of furnishing news and advertising, not only this week but throughout the past year, and we join with others in extending our best wishes for a happy holiday season.

## 42 CLUB PARTY

Members of the Merry Makers 42 club entertained their husbands with a Christmas party at the memorial building last Thursday night. A turkey supper was served to 24 guests, after which the group spent the evening playing 42.

## Xmas Trees, Programs Held at Local Churches

### Holidays News Is Requested By The Success

It is the intention of the Eldorado Success to print all holiday news concerning families in this trade territory. As local businesses will be closed on December 26, and the day has been unofficially designated as a holiday here, the Eldorado Success reporters will start their work one day later than usual next week.

This being the case, and since some families do not have telephones, families are urgently requested to hand in their news. Only by cooperation of the entire Success reading public can the newspaper carry out this aim.

Phone, mail or bring in your news.

### Eagles Meet Kittens, Angelo College Team, During Past Week

The Eagles basketball team met the San Angelo Kittens and the San Angelo College B team in games during the past week.

Last Thursday night, the Kittens B team defeated the Eagles B team 33-31, with Gordon Hamm as high point man making 13 points. Jack Mund and Joe Ed Spencer made 8 points each. The Eagles A team defeated the Kittens 47-18, with Bill Jones and Chester Biggs each making 14 points.

On Friday night, the Eagles A team played the San Angelo College B team and lost by a 28-21 score. Bill Jones was high point man with 7 points.

The team, which is taking a short vacation during the holidays, will start working out December 29th for district play, which will start January 6th.

Several Eldorado churches have observed the Christmas season with programs and entertainments during the past week. They include:

**Bailey Ranch Church**  
Members of the Bailey Ranch church held their Christmas program Sunday night. The children in the church gave a playlet, "A Family Christmas", followed by a Christmas story by Mrs. Carl Stevens.

Santa visited the group, and distributed gifts.

**Methodist Church**  
Each department in the Sunday school had a part on the program at the Christmas service Sunday night at the Methodist church. A religious film of the Christmas story was shown to the group, followed by a visit from Santa.

**Rudd Methodist Church**  
A Christmas tree, program and religious film made up the program at the Rudd Methodist church Saturday evening.

**First Baptist Church**  
Various departments in the First Baptist Sunday school held Christmas trees and programs during the past week. Last Thursday night the junior department had their Christmas party. On Saturday, there was a Christmas party for the primary students, and on Sunday the cradle roll and beginners had a tree and visit from Santa. The young people's department had their Christmas program Sunday evening after church services.

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Ollie Alexander Jr. was taken to a hospital at San Angelo Monday afternoon for treatment when he became quite ill. He has been at home on a holiday visit.

## J. L. and Jack Ratliff to Open Furniture Store

After three years absence from Eldorado, J. L. Ratliff, experienced merchant, announces that he is moving back to this city, and with his son Jack will open a furniture store February 1.

On Friday he staked off the location of a new five-room residence, on a lot adjoining the Jo Ed Hill place in Glendale. Work on construction started Monday. The house will have two bedrooms and bath, living room, dining room, kitchen, and attached garage, and will be of frame construction. Mr. Ratliff will do the work, with the aid of others.

The furniture store will be located in the Jack Ratliff building now rented by Mrs. Lester Henderson for her West Texas Cafe. The interior will be completely renovated between now and February 1.

Mr. Ratliff has lived in Ozona for three years. He has heavy investment in the business district there, and will leave his son Charles in charge of the hardware and furniture store at Ozona, though he will retain his interest in the business. He also owns an apartment house and other residential property in Ozona.

Mr. Ratliff has long hoped to return to Eldorado, where he spent all of his business life until three years ago. He states that the store will be modern and up-to-date, with a complete stock of good furniture, displayed in a renovated and modernized building.

### SCHLEICHER COUNTY OKAYS COTTON MARKETING QUOTA IN LIGHT VOTE THURSDAY

With less than half of the county's eligible voters participating, Schleicher county okayed the cotton marketing quota in a light vote Thursday. About 80 eligible voters and their wives (a total of about 150), could have voted.

Schleicher county cast 57 votes for and 13 against in the referendum.

### CHRISTMAS MASS

The Catholic Church will have their regular Christmas mass at 9:30 Sunday morning at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

### Palmer West Notified Of His Appointment To Local Draft Board

Palmer West of Eldorado has been notified that he has been appointed a member of Selective Service local draft board no. 110 at Sonora as a representative of Schleicher county.

West was appointed by President Truman after being recommended by Governor Allan Shivers. He was advised of his appointment by Colonel Paul L. Wakefield, state director of Selective Service.

"I am sure your membership on this board will reflect great credit to yourself and the Selective Service System of Texas," Colonel Wakefield wrote West.

Local Board No. 110 covers Sutton, Kimble, Schleicher, Crockett and Edwards counties.

### Fundamentalists To Convene Here On January 3

A West Texas Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting has been scheduled at the local Fundamental Church for January 3, in an all day session at the hostess church.

Representatives are expected from about 23 churches comprising the fellowship. Included are San Angelo, Abilene, Big Springs, Coleman, Brownwood and other places. Families will attend the meeting, and all of the visitors and the local members will have dinner on the grounds at noon.

Among the guest speakers at the meeting will be L. T. Grantham, Abilene; Rev. Griggs and Rev. Tatum of San Angelo; John Rice of Coleman and others.

### DODGE UNITS SOLD

Parker Motor Co., has sold the following Dodge units in the past week: Marion Dacy, two-door; Ed Hill, four-door; Mrs. C. C. West, Plymouth coupe; A. J. Halbert, 4-door deluxe Plymouth; Fred Watson, four-door Dodge sedan.

### FEW BUSINESSES TO BE OPEN DECEMBER 26

Most of Eldorado business houses will provide themselves and their help with long week ends, by closing the day after Christmas and the day after New Year's.

While there is no obligation for any business to close, many prefer to close December 26 and January 2, so that a two-day holiday period may be provided.

There is probability that some of the restaurants, drug stores, filling stations, and others with services of that type, will work out their own hours, and will be open part or all of the two-day week end.

### Fire Boys Sponsor Caroling Thursday

The local fire department has announced the sponsorship of an evening of caroling Thursday night, December 22, and all those in the community who like to sing are invited to join them. The group will meet at the city fire hall at 7:00.

There will be trucks and cars available for transportation. Fire boys state that they hope to see a large group of carolers present.

## DON'T LET TRAGEDY COME THIS CHRISTMAS

- ★ Your greatest gift may be a life saved.
- ★ Drive carefully.
- ★ Watch your fires and your fireworks.

Roy Andrews,  
Fire Marshal

## Income Tax Facts Given For Benefit of Farmers

County Agent W. G. Godwin has received the following summary of farm income tax information from extension specialists at Texas A&M college. Since farmers are beginning to think about income tax reports, this information may be of some help.

The summary covers only the simpler provisions. For more difficult items, consult a capable lawyer or accountant.

1. Who is a farmer under the tax law? A farmer is a person whose "gross income" from farming or ranching is two-thirds (at least) of the total income. This definition will be of interest to those farmers who work part time in town, on highways, etc.

2. How will a farmer know whether to file a return? A farmer, whether married or single, who made a "gross income" of \$600 or more must file a return.

3. When does the farmer file his return? The final return for the calendar year, 1949, is due on or before March 15, 1950.

4. Many folks in town not on a salary have to file a tax declaration. Does a farmer? Yes, he does. Farmers have until January 15, 1950, to file their declaration for the year 1949. The "declaration" is an estimate of their 1949 tax. People in town have to make theirs much earlier, but due to the nature of farming, it is hard for the operator to guess his income early in the year. The tax law recognizes this fact and allows more time.

5. Can the filing of a declaration be avoided by the filing of a final return? Yes, if he so desires, the farmer may file his complete, final income tax return on or before January 31, 1950, with payment in full of the tax as computed on the return. In this event he will not be required to file a Declaration of Estimated Tax. This represents a change from last year where the final return had to be filed on or before January 15th in lieu of the Declaration of Estimated Tax. Remember, in the event a farmer can not file his completed return for 1949 by January 31, 1950, he must file a Declaration of Estimated Tax by January 15, 1950. If no Declaration of Estimated Tax is filed, if due, and the final return is filed after January 31, 1950, penalties for failure to file the Declaration can be assessed.

6. How much money must accompany the Declaration of Estimated Tax made on or before January 15th? The total amount of tax estimated to be due and shown on the declaration if it is the farmer's first estimate, must be paid with the estimated return. If a previous estimate has been filed and payments have been made on this in March, June and September of 1949 and such previous estimate (in the case of a farmer) is not in error by 33 1-3%, payment thereon can be completed by January 15th. If the previous declaration appears to be underestimated by 33 1-3%, an amended declaration should be filed and sufficient tax paid so that total payments amount to not less than 2-3rds of the final correct tax liability. The final return then must be filed on or before March 15th.

7. Who is responsible for the accuracy of the return? Farmers and ranchmen should remember that they are solely responsible for their own returns, and not the lawyers and accountants who might make out the returns for them.

8. Which should the farmer use the cash basis or the accrual basis? No simple answer is available. The average farmer whose income does not vary greatly from year to year probably will find the cash basis more satisfactory. The larger farmer or rancher who may frequently sell the production of more than one year during a single tax reporting period may use the accrual basis to advantage. A more detailed comparison of the advantages of the two methods follows:

A. Why some farmers use the accrual method:  
(1) It gives a choice of setting up work, breeding, and dairy stock as capital items, and claiming depreciation or as setting them up as inventory items, and showing gain or loss between the beginning and ending inventory.  
(2) It may save money over a period of years by leveling off fluctuations in net income, thus the farmer may get into a higher bracket less often. There is usually less variation in net income for tax purposes under this method, especially in cases where livestock feeding is a major enterprise, or a farmer often stores a lot of commodities for future sale.  
(3) It reduces abnormally large income tax payments in parenthesis.  
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tical years, even though a higher surtax bracket is not reached.

(4) Records of purchases of livestock and supplies are not needed beyond the beginning of the taxable year, as the inventory carries these values forward.

(5) It doesn't penalize the farmer who has built up a herd and sells all, or a large part of it in the latter stages of a period of rising prices.

(1) It does not require crop and livestock inventories at beginning and end of year.

(2) Expenses and incomes are easier to handle; they are reported only when cash is paid out or taken in. Accounts payable and accounts receivable do not have to be kept.

(3) A sale of all, or a large part of a herd in the latter stages of a period of falling prices may penalize the farmer who is on an accrual basis.

(4) If his net income is in the lowest tax bracket from year to year, chances are that the cash method will not cost the farmer any more in taxes than the accrual method.

9. Can a farmer shift from one basis to the other? Yes, but permission must be granted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, D. C. He will grant

permission only after being certain that the farmer does not profit by shifting back and forth from year to year. The farmer must apply for a change within the first three months of the taxable year. In other words, it's too late to get a change for 1949. To get a change for 1950 a farmer would have to apply during the first three months of 1950.

10. What tax forms does a farmer need? Final tax reports must all be prepared on Form 1040. To assist a farmer in the preparation of his return, a special schedule, Form 1040F, has been devised. This schedule should be filed along with the return on Form 1040. Without Form 1040 it is not acceptable as a farmer's return. Farmers who use the cash method of accounting must use Schedule 1040F to show their income and expense. Farmers who are on an accrual basis may show their operations in Schedule C of Form 1040. While the use of Form 1040F in such cases is optional, it is very useful and its use in accrual cases is recommended. If a farmer had sales which qualify as capital asset sales, Schedule D should be used to report such items. All reports should be prepared in duplicate and the duplicate copy of the return retained indefinitely. It is a complete history of an annual operation and contains much useful data for future use, particularly if complete records are not maintained.

11. Where may the tax forms be obtained? Write the Collector of Internal Revenue either at Austin or Dallas or one of the nearest branch offices of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Sometimes banks or lawyers have copies.

12. What are the personal exemptions? The farmer receives an exemption of \$600 for himself and \$600 for his wife, plus \$600 for each dependent.

13. Who may be claimed as a dependent? A dependent must receive more than half of his support from the taxpayer. His gross income must not exceed \$500 and he must be a rather close relation to the taxpayer (mother, father, sister are all eligible—consult tax form for others eligible).

14. Is the farm operator responsible for the hired man's income tax? No. The hired man is required to make his own return, and pay his own tax. However, if the farmer paid the hired man as much as \$600, an information return (Form 1099) should be made on this hired man by the farmer.

15. Do most farmers pay taxes on their cash receipts (less deductible expenses) commonly called the cash basis? Yes, more than 95% of the farmers do. Practically all of the smaller farmers who are required to pay income taxes do so on this basis. Note—in order not to confuse the vast majority of farmers, and to be more useful to them, the remaining questions and answers pertain only to the cash basis.

16. What kinds of cash incomes are taxable? Incomes received from sales of crops, livestock, and livestock products are taxable—also, income from uses of farm resources such as pasture leases, storing feed for others, breeding fees, and the like are taxable. Cash received for work and other services, such as custom grinding are taxable. All government payments received should be included. The

value of farm products, which are produced by a farmer and used by his family, is not taxable income.

17. What kinds of farm business expenses are deductible? The cost, or depreciated cost if depreciation taken, of livestock bought may be deducted only when animals are sold. Depreciation may be taken on livestock for breeding and dairy purposes and for workstock. Depreciation, too, on all farm buildings and permanent improvements used in the farm business and on farm machinery and equipment is allowed. No depreciation is allowed on farm homestead occupied by owner. Purchase values or depreciated values of all purchased livestock which die during the year are deductible. Also deductible are all ordinary and necessary operating expenses in raising and feeding livestock as well as all other disbursements in crop production, cultivating and processing.

18. How are market livestock which were bought this year, or earlier, and sold this year, handled? Remember this little jingle: "On market animals you buy, don't deduct them until you sell them or they die." Accordingly, if a steer was bought in 1948 for \$200 and sold in 1949 for \$325, the \$125 would be entered as taxable income for 1949.

19. Is the farm residence counted as part of the farm business? No. Neither depreciation nor operating expenses are deductible on the farmer's residence. Utilities, taxes, upkeep and maintenance expense of residence should not be shown as a deduction. The tenant house and bunkhouses for labor are part of the cost of operating the farm business and are deductible.

20. Is the value of the board furnished hired hands deductible? That part of the board coming from products raised on the farm is not, but the groceries and other items purchased are.

21. Can a farmer deduct for the cost of operating the family car? Only to the extent the family car is used in the farm business. If 50% of the mileage is used in hauling milk and doing other jobs connected with the farm business, 50% of the expense is deductible.

22. Can depreciation be taken on

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orchards? Yes, if the original cost was not charged off in previous returns as part of the operating expense. The farmer should use his best judgment as to how long the orchard will last.

23. If a crop is damaged or wiped out by hail, floods, or in other ways, can the estimated loss be deducted? No. The expense of producing the crop has already been taken care of by the deduction of operating expenses and by depreciation.

24. Does a farm boy or girl have to make out a separate income tax return for profits made from 4-H club projects and other youth activities? If the boy or girl who is a minor has a gross income on his or her projects of \$500 or more, an

income tax return must be filed. Taxes must be paid, if due, after legal deductions are made. Income of the child is not included in the parent's return. No credit for dependents is allowed if their separate gross incomes are over \$500 regardless of their ages.

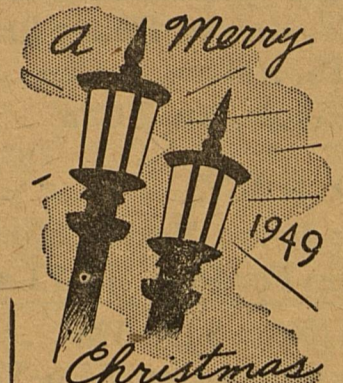
25. Suppose a farmer owned two farms and decided to sell one. Would the income from the sale of the farm be taxable? Yes. If he had owned this farm for more than 6 months, the transaction would likely be considered a capital gain, and one-half the profits (total sales minus purchase cost, minus improvements, plus depreciation taken) would be taxable. This may or may not be the case, as there are many things to be considered in a real estate sale. The farmer should get in touch with an internal revenue representative or a

good lawyer or accountant about this proposed sale.

26. Of what advantage is it to the farmer to show the sale of dairy, breeding or work stock as a sale of capital assets? Only 50c of the net gain, instead of 100%, is taxable.

27. What does the farmer do with money he gets back from a cooperative he may belong to? Patronage dividends and refunds on items affecting his farm business such as feed purchases or tomatoes sold through the cooperative are fully taxable. Stock dividends from the cooperative are taxable, too.

28. What are the requirements for livestock sales to be counted as "sales of capital assets"? There are three basic requirements: 1, the animal must be for breeding, dairy purposes or work stock. 2, the animal must have been owned by the farmer for more than six months, 3, the sale must have reduced the normal size of the herd or made room for replacements. This is another regulation that is difficult to interpret. Better check with your local internal revenue representative.



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**Jr. Woman's Club Has Christmas Party**

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagley won high, and Harold Scherz and Mrs. Jack Montgomery won low. There were twenty-eight present for the evening including two guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lucas of Borger. Mrs. Lucas was president of the club last year.

**BAPTIST CIRCLES**  
Circle 3 of the WMU of the First Baptist Church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Joe Wagley. The session opened with prayer, after which Mrs. Ben J. Doty, circle chairman, directed the program on "Tidings to All the World." Assisting her were Mrs. John Lueddecke, Mrs. W. K. Regeon, Mrs. Jack Montgomery, and Mrs. Jim Hays. The hostess served cake and coffee to the group.

W. G. Godwin will leave Friday for Dallas to spend the holidays with his wife and daughter. Mrs. Godwin and Martha Ann have been visiting Mrs. Godwin's mother, who has been seriously ill.

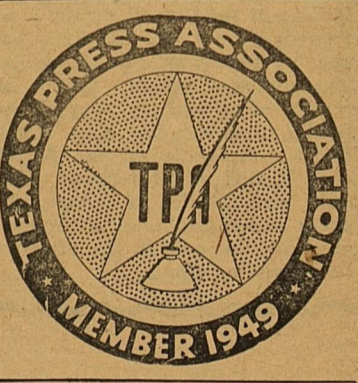
Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Johnson left the middle of the week for Wichita Falls to spend Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Burden and children.

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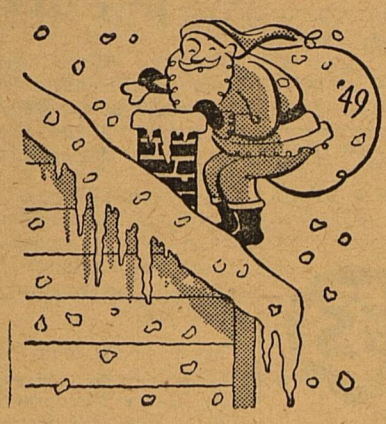
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**BAPTIST S. S. WORKERS TO HAVE STATE CONFERENCE**  
Texas Baptists will be hosts to Sunday School workers from twenty-two states at a Southwide conference in Dallas, Dec. 27-30.

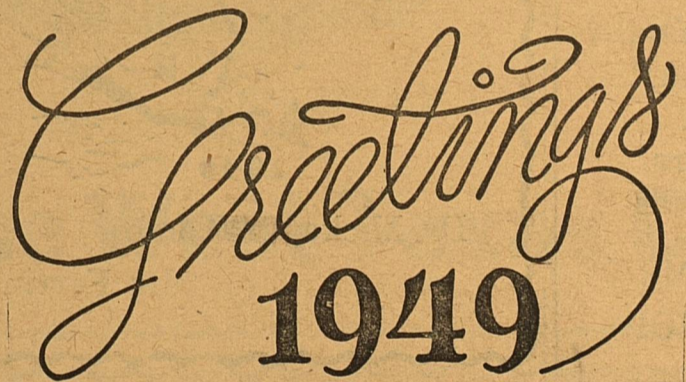
Six thousand Baptists from all over the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to attend the meeting. The purpose is to report on the progress of Sunday School

work during the past year, and to make plans for reaching goals set up earlier. The goals include an increase in Sunday school enrollment of 500,000.

The conference is for pastors, Sunday School superintendents and teachers, educational directors, association missionaries, and other Sunday School workers.

Headquarters for the meeting will be the First Baptist Church in Dallas, with auxiliary conferences being held in the First Presbyterian and First Christian churches.

This is to be the first of the Southwide Sunday School conferences to be held since World War II. They usually convene every four years.



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Notice is hereby given that Joe M. Christian and LaVita C. Brooks, partners, doing business in Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas, under the firm name of The West Texas Woolen Mills, intend to incorporate such firm without a change of the firm name after the expiration of thirty days from this date, being the 6th day of December, 1949. Notice is further given that the said partnership will be dissolved by mutual consent upon the incorporation of said firm. All obligations due to and due from said firm shall be paid and discharged at the office of said firm in Eldorado, Texas, where the business will be continued as a corporation under the name, "The West Texas Woolen Mills, Inc."

**THE WEST TEXAS WOOLEN MILLS,** by Joe M. Christian LaVita C. Brooks, Partners.  
(Dec. 8-4tc. 141 words)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Schleicher County Rural High School District will receive sealed bids until 2:00 p. m., January 3, 1950, on the Bailey Ranch school house. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids may be left with Leslie Baker, assistant secretary.

—Board of Trustees, Schleicher County Rural High School District.  
(Dec. 15-22-29)

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**FURNISHED** two-room apartment for rent at \$20 a month. The Westbrook apartment. See Mrs. Auta Mae Bradshaw, City. 49,50,51pd



**DINNER FOR SCOUTS**

Mrs. James Williams was hostess at a dinner in her home Saturday night honoring the Girl Scouts. Present were Ann Ballew, Thomasynne Jones, Charlene Logan, Ellen Wheeler, Dale West, Doris Dickens, Sue Kinser, Mary Tisdale, and Jimmie Dell Williams, and a guest, June Williams. Leaders present included Mrs. Lionel Ballew and Mrs. Chester Wheeler. Gifts were exchanged from the tree and games were played.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferrin Holcomb, and daughter Laura, and their niece Sandra Holcomb, left Wednesday morning for Vian, Okla., to spend Christmas with relatives. Dr. and Mrs. Mickey Holcomb will remain here until Saturday when they will leave for Vian. During the absence of the doctors, the clinic will be closed for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farris visited in San Angelo during the week end with their parents.

Mrs. Ward Parks of Pyote is here visiting in the homes of her children, W. C. Parks and Mrs. R. J. Alexander, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Atkins will go to San Angelo Saturday to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. H. T. Bird and family.

Capt. and Mrs. Harry Hays of San Angelo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Coulter.

**GIRLS' CHORUS GIVES CANTATA FOR PTA MEETING**

The high school girls' chorus presented a cantata, "Carols of Christmas", at the December meeting of the PTA, held Tuesday night in the First Methodist Church.

Miss Lucille Farmer directed the cantata, which included numbers by the choir, various ensemble groups, and soloists. Mary Lee Gunstead accompanied the group on the organ.

The program included: "The Christmas Invitation", choir; Jerry Henderson soloist, "The Prophet's Singing", sextet, Laura Holcomb, Myrta Bob Harper, Kathryn Whitley, Jerry Henderson, Mary Thompson, Lola Beth Ballew.

"The Message of the Angels", choir, Laura Holcomb soloist; Myrta Bob Harper, Kathryn Whitley, Gayle Childers, trio.

"The Dark Silent Town", choir; Mary Lou Alexander soloist; Lola Beth Ballew and Gayle Childers duet; Myrta Bob Harper and Kathryn Whitley duet; Lola Beth Ballew soloist.

"Guided by a Star", choir; Kathryn Whitley and Myrta Bob Harper duet; Irene Sudduth, Margaret Ellen Edmiston, and Kathryn Whitley, soloists.

"The Adoration", choir; Lola Beth Ballew, soloist.

"Thrice Holy Day", choir.

Chorus members are Mary Lou Alexander, Lola Beth Ballew, Jane Belk, Fern Cheatham, Gayle Childers, Peggie Daniel, Lorraine Dilline, Betty Mae Doyle, Margaret Edmiston, Myra Farrington, Margaret Paull, Glynita Griffith, Mary Yvonne Griggs, Myrta Bob Harper, Jerry Henderson, Laura Holcomb, Patsy Kinser, Susie Linthicum, Retha Nell Lloyd, Helen Morgan, Peggie McAngus, Nancy Posey, Sue Shilling, Patsy Smith, Irene Sudduth, Mary Thompson, Kathryn Whitley.

**Christmas Concert By School Band Given Monday Night**

A good crowd was present for the Christmas concert presented by the high school band in the school auditorium Monday night. C. F. Jones directed the group.

The band played "Yuletide Echoes", "Christmastide", "Crusader Overture", "March Religioso", "Westward Ho", "Meet the Band" (a novelty number), "Winter Wonderland", "Missouri Waltz" and the school song.

During the evening Mrs. Wilson Page sang a solo, Gounod's "Ave Maria", accompanied by Mrs. James Page.

**NEW SON FOR DAVIDSONS**

Born, a son, at 12:30 Sunday noon in San Angelo, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roy Davidson, who have named him Walter Roy Davidson. He weighed 7 pounds and 8½ ounces at birth. The couple have one other child, a daughter, named Judy Ann.

The new baby has three grandparents, Mrs. Roy Davidson of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Godwin of San Angelo, and four great grandparents, one of whom is Mrs. B. K. Cheek of this city.

Mrs. Ben L. Isaacs returned Thursday from Austin, where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Isaacs.

Carl Craft of Lampasas has been visiting his uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Joiner, his cousin Wallace Joiner on the D. C. O. Wilson place, and other relatives at Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Keeney returned Monday evening from the Rio Grande valley where they visited five days with Mrs. Keeney's brother at Pharr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roach will spend the week end with their daughter in Ozona, and will attend the midnight mass at the Catholic church there, Christmas Eve.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward C. Parks on their ranch recently were Mrs. Parks' mother, Mrs. O. A. Turner and daughter Hazel and son Gene of Whitney, and her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Turner and son of Hillsboro.

Joyce Burk and the C. C. Henderson family visited Sunday in Ballinger.

Joe Bailey Montgomery and Eugene Brooks, highway patrolmen stationed at San Antonio, are spending two or three days with the J. B. Montgomerys.

Mrs. Walter Lowe and son of Eden are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Lowe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGinnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shelton, Mrs. Luther Stewardson and Mrs. Lillian Lewellyn of Santa Anna spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milligan.

Mrs. H. F. Webb is spending the holidays in Menard with her sister, Mrs. H. L. McDonald.

Mrs. C. C. West is able to be up part of the time, after a recent fall in which she injured her shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wiedemann of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Harrison of Post are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McMillan.

All of the family of J. L. Ratliff were here for a family reunion Sunday at the Carroll Ratliff home. Present were J. L. Ratliff, Tom and his family of Sonora, Vernon and family of Ozona, Glenn and family of Monahans, Carroll and family of Eldorado, Mrs. Curtis Smith and family of San Angelo, Jack Ratliff and family of Eldorado, and Charles of Ozona. The group had their dinner at the memorial building and in the afternoon Santa visited them.

**R & H GROCERY & MARKET**

SHOP HERE FOR YOUR **Holiday Foods**

SUGAR MINTS, 9 Oz. Pkg.	25c
Orange Slices, 16 Oz. Pkg.	25c
Chocolate Drops, 16 Oz. Pkg.	25c
WALNUTS, 16 Oz. Pkg.	25c
PECANS, 16 Oz. Pkg.	35c
BON BONS — 4 Lb. Box	\$1.75
PEACHES, Halves, Honor Brand	19c
APRICOTS, Halves, 2½ Can	15c
Dole Pineapple, No. 2 Can	33c
CAMPBELL'S 2 NO. 300 CANS	
TOMATO JUICE	19c
Del Monte Pears, Halves, 300 Can	25c
Blueberries For Pies, No. 1 Can	25c
SWIFT'NING, 3 Lb. Tin	79c
Bake Rite Shortening, 3 Lb. Tin	69c
SOFTASILK Cake Flour, Box	37c
BISQUICK, Roll Mix, Package	43c
Mission Peas—2 No. 2 Cans	27c
Jack Sprat Catsup, 14 Oz. Bottle	17c
FROZEN OYSTERS, 1 Lb. Ctn.	79c
Frozen Tamales, 12½ Oz. Ctn.	25c
Hawkeye Bacon, Pound	39c
Wilson's Picnics, 5 to 7 Lbs., Lb.	39c
LONGHORN CHEESE, Lb.	49c
BEEF ROAST, Pound	57c
PORK CHOPS, Pound	49c
BALLARD BISCUITS, 2 Cans	25c
POTATOES, 10 LB. BAG	59c
LETTUCE, POUND	10c
BANANAS — POUND	12c
TOMATOES, POUND	15c
CABBAGE, POUND	5½c

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From all of us here to all of you—a most happy holiday.

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Dr. Ferrin Holcomb

Merry Christmas 1949

We wish you well this season.

May you be Prosperous and Happy throughout the New Year.

**BLAKE'S ELECTRIC SHOP**

Blake—Helen—Lester—James

**MRS. SHILLING ENTERTAINS WOMEN OF CHURCH**

Mrs. Roy Shilling was hostess to the women of the Methodist church in a Christmas party Monday afternoon at the parsonage. The table was covered with a lace cloth, and was centered with red candles, and red berries mixed with greenery.

Mrs. Luke Thompson, WSCS president, poured coffee, which was served with fruit cake, sandwiches, nuts and mints. The program included the Christmas lesson by Mrs. F. G. Clark, and singing of Christmas carols led by Mrs. Mickey Holcomb, with Mrs. Ken Ogdan at the piano. At the close of the afternoon gifts were exchanged from the tree. About fifty attended.

**TREE TRIMMING AT WESTS**

Relatives and friends of Mrs. C. C. West spent Sunday afternoon in a tree trimming at the West home.

Those who assisted in putting up the house decorations and in trimming the tree which the men cut were Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Womack, and Jimmie Womack, of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mund, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simpson and Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Carson West, Mr. and Mrs. Lavelle Meckel and Jerry, Dr. and Mrs. Mickey Holcomb and Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. John Bledsoe, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer West and Dale, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie West and Barbara and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. West and Mrs. Coralie Mebane.

During the afternoon Mrs. West called the children who were not here and talked with them by long-distance telephone.

**SLAM BRIDGE CLUB**

Members of the Slam Bridge Club and their husbands were served a turkey dinner in the Memorial building Monday night, and later played bridge in the club room. Included in the five tables of players were four guests, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lucas. Each couple brought a gift and these were exchanged at the close of the evening.

Mrs. C. C. McLaughlin and Junior spent the week end at Fort Stockton with Mr. and Mrs. M. Henry.

Patricia Enochs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patton Enochs, has mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson and their daughter Jerry left Wednesday morning for St. Louis, Mo., to spend the holidays with the Henderson's daughter.

Bonnie Biggs, Juanita McAlpine and Vera Fay Biggs are at home from Abilene for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bradley of Lubbock will arrive here Thursday to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hop Cheatham, who are on a vacation trip to California, have written relatives here that they have arrived in Salinas, Calif., and are having an enjoyable trip.



**BAPTIST CIRCLES MEET**

Mrs. Fred Watson was hostess to circle 2 of the First Baptist WMU at her home Monday, with seven members attending. The lesson was on the Christmas Star, all members participating, and Mrs. Stigler accompanying the group on accordion for the Christmas solos. After gift exchange from the tree a Christmas refreshment plate was served.

Circle 4 met Monday with Mrs. H. F. Webb, with Mrs. J. D. Ashmore as program leader. She led the devotionals and was assisted in the Christmas lesson by Mrs. J. F. Kinser, Mrs. Carol Ratliff, and Mrs. E. W. Mund. Refreshments were served to seven.

Circle 5 met Monday with Mrs. Perry Mittel, Mrs. Richard Cheatham and Mrs. Hudson led in prayer, and Mrs. George Williams gave the devotionals. Those on the program were Mrs. Cheatham, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Walter Ramsay and Mrs. J. H. Wagley. The hostess served cookies and coffee to eleven. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Hudson January 2.

**TO TRADE**—4-row John Deere G tractor. All equipment. 5-disc Moline break plow and 8½ foot tandem disc. Will trade for 2-row tractor and equipment. Will sell disc plow and tandem disc separately. All in good condition. Also 600 pounds Moca stormproof cotton seed, 2nd year. —F. I. Brodnax, Itc 22078.

**MEXICAN SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON**

Mrs. W. M. Davis and Miss Crystal York, first and second grade teachers in the Mexican school, were in charge of a closing program, and distributed gifts of candy and fruit, Wednesday afternoon. The Methodist women assisted with purchase of the gifts for the children. Only two grades are taught this year in the Latin American school.

**MARYVONNE GRIGGS IS HONORED ON BIRTHDAY**

Mrs. Gordon Griggs entertained with a dinner party at 6:00 Sunday evening honoring her daughter Maryvonne on her sixteenth birthday. The dinner was served buffet style, and the guests were seated at quartet tables. Present in addition to the honoree were Jonnie Lee Dickens, Nelva June Bolt, Lilla Jean Ellington, Mrs. Jimmie Cook, Mary Ann Frieble, and June and Jane Craig. A gift was received from Mary Dell Edmiston who was unable to attend.

Red carnations and red candles were used in the table centerpiece, and there were Christmas decorations throughout the house. The honoree received gifts from the guests.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McCalla have been on the sick list this week. If they are improved soon, the McCallas and Jeanette Wheeler will leave soon for Santo for a holiday trip.

**Mr & Mrs S E Jones Married 50 Years**

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jones, pioneer Schleicher county ranchers, prominent members of the Presbyterian church, and life-long residents of the Southwest, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary here Tuesday.

The sunny skies and warm temperature of Tuesday were in marked contrast to that day fifty years ago, when relatives and friends rode through a Texas norther to attend the wedding.

The couple were married in Brady, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. W. Espy, who served a wedding supper to thirty guests after the ceremony.

The groom was ranching with his father, John Irvin Jones, on the Jones place eighteen miles from Brady. Before the wedding he built a house on the place, and this was ready for their occupancy after the wedding vows had been exchanged. There the young bride learned to cook and keep house, and in this, their first home, their two older children were born.

Sam began to look around for a ranch to buy, and bought a seven-section tract from Sol Mayer, 18 miles southeast of Eldorado, and the family spent many happy years at their ranch home. This was in the early days of Schleicher county, when it took an entire family to guard the stock from predatory animals, especially wolves. A few years after the turn of the century there were about a dozen families living at Mayer, and of these Bert Page, W. J. Edmiston, G. C. Crosby and the Joneses are the only families left in the county.

Social life of the community centered around the schoolhouse and church, where the children received their elementary schooling. The families gathered for church services, and many family get-togethers.

When their oldest child was ready for high school the family moved to Eldorado, and they have occupied the same house since then.

Mr. Jones was born 72 years ago, but is still active, and works 10½ sections, with the assistance of his son. He can still carry on routine ranch work, such as riding fences, working stock, and bulldogging steers, and drives to and from the ranch every day.

Mrs. Jones, the former Martha Fenna McGrew, was born April 19, 1878, in Refugio, but was reared in Brady. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church of this city. Mrs. Jones was a charter member of the Auxiliary, and Mr. Jones has been Sunday School superintendent about 25 years, and is an elder in the church. They have four children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Hundreds Attend**  
Several hundred friends from Schleicher county and other places joined with the relatives in paying honor to the couple by attending the Open House Tuesday evening, in the Presbyterian church parlors.

In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Jones and children, Mrs. H. T. Finley, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Lewis Whitten and S. E. Jones Jr. Mrs. Jim Lucas presided at the register during the first hour, and Mrs. R. A. King and Mrs. Bert Page poured. Mrs. C. T. Jones Sr. of Sonora and Mrs. T. K. Jones served the second hour, with Mrs. Georgia Brittain at the guest register. Mrs. R. J. Page and Mrs. Joe Reynolds served the third hour, with Mrs. Jack Etheridge registering the guests.

Included in the list of musicians who played or sang during the evening were Edwin Sawyer of Sonora, Joe Kreklow, Mrs. Horace Linthicum, Mrs. James Page, Mrs. Wilson Page, Mrs. Sammie Jones, Pam Jones and others.

In the house party were Mrs. Thomas Richard Jones, Mrs. Jack Jones, Mrs. Jimmie Espy of Brady, and other members of the family from Schleicher county and other places.

The table from which punch and cake was served was centered with an arrangement of yellow roses, and other decorations in the room were yellow mums, white gladioli, and Christmas flowers and plants. The wedding cake was iced in gold.

The couple received a large number of gifts, including sterling, dinner ware, crystal, and many other items.

Among out-of-town guests present for the reception were: Mrs. Bill Murchison and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Murchison, of Menard; Mrs. Joe Reynolds and boys of Roswell, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lucas of Borger; Mr. and Mrs. Gardner McCormick of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. R. A. King Jr.; Mrs. Harold R. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Steward, all of San Angelo; Mrs. Minnie Harris of Brady; Mrs. J. B. Parker of Winsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Perner and daughter of Ozona; Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Aubrey Loeffler, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jones, Mrs. Thomas Espy, Mrs. Howard Espy, and Mary John Espy, all of Sonora; and Vester Hughes Jr. of Merton, student at Harvard Law School.

Mrs. John Bureson of Odessa spent the week end here with her mother, Mrs. Emma Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sauer attended the dedication of the Lutheran church at San Angelo Sunday.

The Parrent family have moved from the C. C. West rent house to the Edmiston place near the woolen mills.

Christmas guests in the D. C. Hill home will be Miss Miltia Hill and Dr. Malone V. Hill and family of Alpine, Miss Katherine Hill of Port Arthur, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker and son of Plainview.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Bailey spent the week end in Kerrville.

Mrs. Sid Rogge and daughter of Sonora spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bryant.

Mrs. Marvin McDonald has been on the sick list.

Mrs. B. K. Cheek is visiting in Lampasas with her sister, Mrs. Julia Wolf. She accompanied her son Kenneth to Lampasas last week. She is also visiting there with her brother Felix Garrett of Arizona, who stopped in Lampasas after visiting in Dallas.

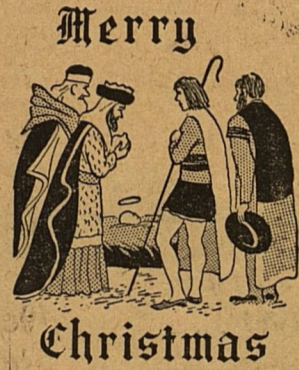
Mrs. Lilburn Hazelwood had a tonsillectomy Monday in the Shannon hospital, and has returned home. Her husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morgan, were with her and others visiting her in the hospital were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hazelwood and Mr. and Mrs. Houston Thigpen and girls.

Lum Burk has completed a three-weeks water works course which was given in San Angelo. The course concluded Monday night with a banquet, which he attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Faulk and children will spend Christmas in Sheffield with the Leo Ivy family. The women are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Green and baby of Morgan, and Mary Lou Green of Sul Ross college will spend Christmas here in the Franklin P. Green home.

Mrs. W. F. Edmiston has gone to Andrews to spend the holidays with her children, Mrs. McLaughlin and Jack Edmiston.



Merry Christmas

Let's do it up right this year and join our efforts to give each other the finest holiday season ever.

**Eldorado Beauty Shop**

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Merry Christmas

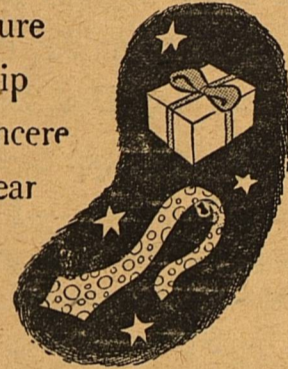


The divinity of the season is surpassed only in the joy it brings to the hearts of men. Merry Christmas.

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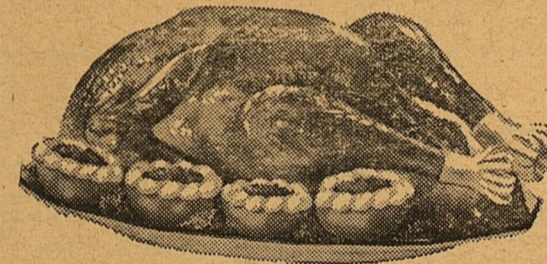


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## Joyful Yuletide

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### News from Neighbors

#### Conservation for Crockett

Ranchers of Crockett County have pretty well completed all conservation practices for 1949 and are now planning for 1950, according to Richard L. Flowers, chairman of the County PMA committee. Incomplete reports indicate that 81 ranchers in Crockett County carried out conservation practices under the 1949 ACP. This is about 56 per cent of all ranches in the county. Also applications for payment will soon be ready for all ranchers to sign for 1949 money. The county allocation of funds for assisting ranchers in carrying out approved conservation practices in 1949 was \$59,200.00. —Ozona Stockman.

#### Sutton Is Bracero-Approved

Word was received here yesterday that the bracero contracting center at Crystal City would be open until December 20, and that Sutton County ranchmen can contract for Mexican Nationals for agricultural work until that date.

In a letter to County Judge C. A. Wynn, Mayor Alfred Schweining, Supt. of Schools A. E. Wells, and Sheriff B. W. Hutcherson, Luis W. Marin, Mexican Consul of the Del Rio office, announced that the ban which had been imposed on Sutton County, preventing entry of braceros, had been lifted. It was understood that the Mexican Government had imposed the ban when a Mexican worker was paid off with a bad check by a Sutton County ranchman.—Devils River News.

#### Pastor Resigns

Rev. W. I. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Big Lake for the past four years, resigned his position last Sunday morning to accept the pastorate of a church in Safford, Ariz. His resignation will become effective at the close of the year.—Big Lake Wildcat.

#### Airport For Menard?

A rather disappointing meeting was held Monday in Judge Jim Scruggs' office. The meeting was for the purpose of trying to find some way the Airport Bonds, which were voted in 1944, could be re-allocated for other civic interests. According to County Attorney E. K. Neel this is impossible.

A group of men and women presented a petition with 251 signatures asking that the money be re-allocated for a community center and swimming pool, among other things. Many people worked hard on this petition and civic interest is great. As Mrs. Ed Mears put it, "We are not against an airport, but we think it is time something is done with the money, and we desperately need a youth center of some sort and this would meet the needs so we thought we should try." Henry Reeve spoke very convincingly for the same thing. He also stated that he had checked with surrounding towns and found their airports a very unsatisfactory business proposition.—The Menard News.

#### Winners Welcomed

The greatest ovation ever given an Eden football team was part of the reward for the conquering Bulldogs Friday night as they arrived home tired but happy from Marfa after winning the Region 2-B championship Friday afternoon by beating Marfa 19-14.

No sooner had the result of the game been telephoned here than impromptu yet well-directed plans for a victory celebration were made.

Although several hundred people went to Marfa from here, hundreds of others just as enthusiastic but unable to attend made plans for the big welcome-home, with all who heard about it pitching in to put it over.—Eden Echo.

#### Site for Dam Purchased

Definite steps were taken this week to acquire a site for the proposed Mountain Creek dam and reservoir to provide a municipal water supply for the town of Robert Lee.

Dee J. Walker accepted an offer of \$100 an acre for 70 acres of his ranch land that will be required,

while a similar price has been offered Millard Meek for twenty acres.—Robert Lee Observer.

Guests of Grover Lee Johnson, who had an operation last week, were his father, G. C. Johnson of Gonzales, and Glenn Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Pershing Johnson of San Antonio.

S. L. Stanford has returned from a 23-day stay in a San Angelo hospital, where he had a serious operation. He is reported to be doing fine, and is now at home. Miss Gloria Henshaw and Miss Ina Mae Lightsey left Wednesday for Odessa and Blanket respectively to spend the Christmas holidays.

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- Cut Flowers, the perfect gift for relative or friend
- Decorative items such as candles and roses
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- Plenty of holly
- Christmas corsages, artificial wreaths, vases
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**Rev. Hays Speaks To Woman's Club On Bible Day**

Rev. Jim Hays spoke on "Religion in America" when the Women's Club met last Tuesday for a Bible Day program in the club room. Mrs. S. D. Harper, program chairman, introduced the speaker to the group.

Mrs. Archie Mittel, president, was in charge of the business session, during which the members voted to buy a \$5 TB bond.

Christmas decorations were used throughout the room and the Christmas motif was carried out in refreshments. The social committee, Mrs. Edward Meador, Mrs. John Stigler, and Mrs. Carl Stevens were in charge of arrangements. About twenty members and one guest, Rev. Hays, were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Aris Carr and Pam of San Angelo visited here Sunday.

**B. T. U. PARTY**

The Baptist Training Union met for a party on the night of December 16 at the home of Mrs. John Luedecke, the young married people attending. As this was a Xmas party and social, the group spent the evening at "42" and other games, and exchanged gifts from the tree. Mrs. Luedecke, the Training Union mother, was presented with a gift. Date roll and fruit punch was served to Mr. and Mrs. James Linsley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rountree, Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Hazelwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Doty.

Rev. Alvin Marsden is back on the job as pastor of the Fundamental Baptist Church, after a visit in Abilene with Mrs. Marsden and the couple's new daughter, Evelyn Lenora. The family will remain there with relatives until after Christmas.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

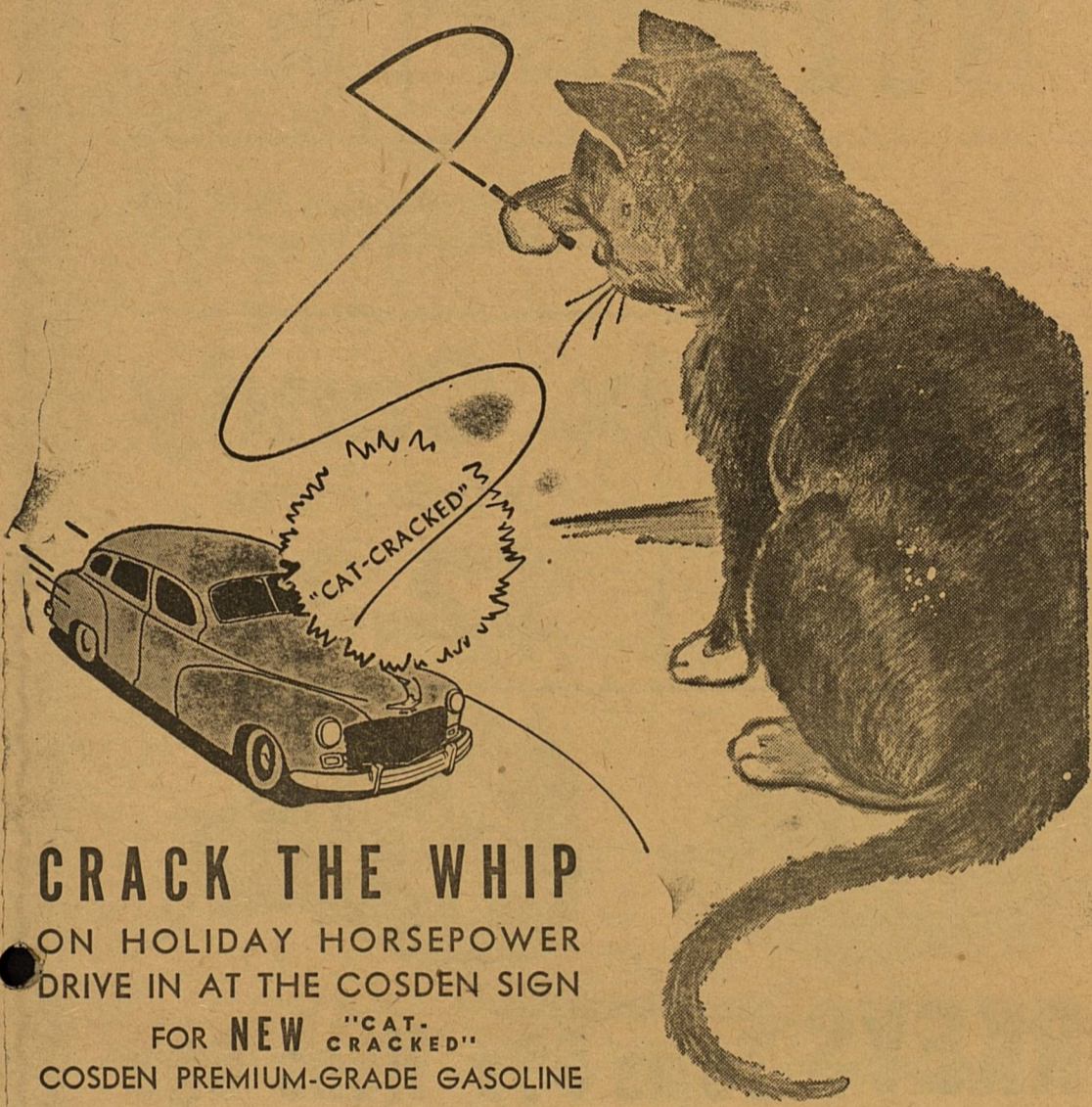
Benny Doty, Jr., was honored with a birthday party December 16 at the home of Mrs. John Luedecke. After the games, birthday cake and hot chocolate was served and red and yellow balloons were distributed as favors to:

Frankie Nell, Judy and Stevie Blaylock, Tony Clark, Nancy Martin, Cathy Kinser, Theresa Doty, and the honoree, children; and Mrs. Joe Logan, Sunday school teacher, Mrs. A. A. Clark, Mrs. Roy Martin, Mrs. Luedecke, and Mrs. Ben Doty.

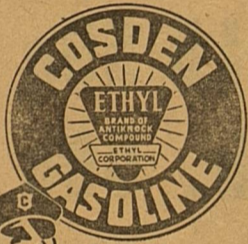
**FUNDAMENTALIST MEETING**

Members of the Fundamental Church and their families held a Christmas meeting Monday night at the church, with Rev. Alvin Marsden, pastor, bringing a Christmas message at that time. The group spent part of the evening singing Christmas songs.

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Buddy Baker and Wayne Davis of Arlington arrived here last week end for a two weeks' vacation with home folks.

Miss Crystal York of Eola is spending the holidays there with relatives. She is a member of the school faculty.

Mrs. Agnes Williams of San Angelo spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams



We thank the people of Schleicher County for their generous patronage during the past year and extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Success To Publish Babson's Predictions

The Eldorado Success will publish Roger W. Babson's "Business and Financial Outlook for 1950" on December 29.

We bring this article to your attention because our readers deserve the best. Consequently, because of Mr. Babson's outstanding record for accuracy in his Annual Forecasts—an average of 87% for the past 14 years—we are publishing this feature to give you a preview of business and finance in 1950.

Mr. Babson's 1950 Outlook will contain 50 forecasts covering such important topics as: General Business, Commodity Prices, Taxes, Retail and Foreign Trade, Labor, Deficit Financing, Farm Outlook, Stock Market, Real Estate, and Politics.

### Background of Babson

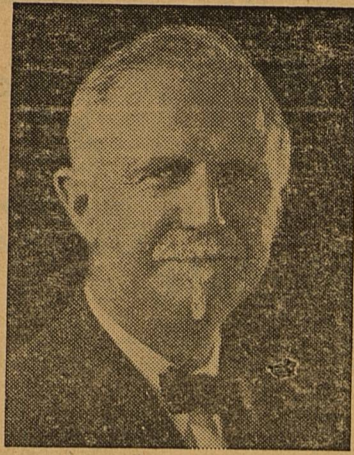
American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating in 1898, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead". It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business statistics.

That was more than forty-five years ago. Today his weekly statistical and financial reports are read by thousands of businessmen and his research work is carried on by a large staff of workers.

Mr. Babson founded Babson Institute for men; and, in cooperation with Mrs. Babson, developed Webb College for women, both nationally known educational institutions. Here young men and wo-



Roger W. Babson

men may concentrate more on the fundamentals and less on the frills of business.

More recently he founded "Utopia College" for men, located in Eureka, Kansas, the center of Mr. Babson's "Magic Circle". He is also reviving an interest in Sir Thomas More who, 400 years ago, outlined in his "Utopia" the only solution to our problems. Only this year he has been active in the establishment of still another medium of service to the public, the Gravity Research Foundation, located at New Boston, New Hampshire.

To millions of newspaper readers, Mr. Babson is best known by his familiar weekly stories on business which appear in more than 420 papers throughout North America. Of unbounded energy, Roger W. Babson has probably done more than any other man to bring statistics to life, to instill a broader vision in businessmen, and to publicize the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

### TEXAS BRIEFS

Without leaving Texas you can go to Holland, India, China, Ireland, Italy, Scotland and Egypt. They are all Texas towns.

Edna and Alice, Texas, are named for daughters of a French Count who surveyed the first highway to Mexico.

## Christmas Trees Can Be Kept Safe From Danger of Fire

Be careful, home Santa Clauses, how you handle that Christmas tree. It takes just a spark to turn a beautiful spruce into a blazing torch in your living room. Christmas trees are full of inflammable pitch and resins, and burn furiously even when fresh cut.

To help you keep Christmas merry, the National Board of Fire Underwriters offers these safety rules for installing and decorating your Christmas tree:

1. Choose a small tree, instead of a big one. It will be just as pretty and much less hazardous.
2. Keep your tree outdoors until just before Christmas. Install it in the coolest part of the room, away from fireplaces, heaters or radiators.
3. Do not, under any circumstances, use cotton or paper for decoration on the tree or around the tree.
4. Do not place electric trains around the tree.
5. Use electric lights for illumination. Never use candles. See that all wires are in good condition. Use Christmas tree lighting outfits which have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. These can be identified by a tag bearing the name of Underwriters Laboratories Inc. attached to the wires.
6. Do not plug or unplug the electric cords beneath the tree. Provide a switch some distance from the tree to turn the light off or on.
7. Do not leave lights burning when no one is in the house. From time to time inspect the tree to see whether any needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.
8. When needles start falling, take the tree down and discard it.

Tyler, Texas, produces more than one-third of all the rosebushes in the U. S.

Texas did not surrender in the Civil War until May 30—more than a month after General Lee surrendered.



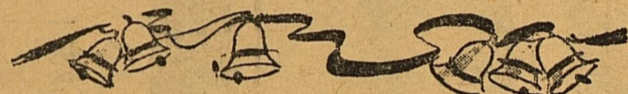
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**NEW DAUGHTER**

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fore of Bowie are the parents of a daughter, Glenda Ruth, born Dec. 12 in Bowie. Weight at birth was 8 pounds, 10 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fore of Eldorado and Charles Berry of Odessa.

Mrs. Fore and daughter Wanda left for Bowie Friday to visit Glenn and his family, and will remain there through the holidays. Albert Ray Fore is visiting his father, who is working at Andrews at present.



**Remember Last Christmas?**  
These were the major goings-on in the world during Christmas week in 1948:

December 27—Joseph Cardinal Mindzenty, outspoken foe of Hungary's Communist regime, was arrested on charges of plotting against the government, spying, treason and blackmarket dealings in currency.

In an extemporaneous speech at Kansas City, President Truman made this remark that caught the interest of the world: "There are certain leaders in the government of that country (Russia) who are exceedingly anxious to have an understanding with us."

December 29—President Truman returned to Washington after a Christmas vacation in Independence, Mo.

December 28—Twelve stranded air force men were rescued by plane from an icecap in southern Greenland by Lt. Col. Emil Beaudry.

December 31—The 80th congress, denounced by President Truman as the second worst on record, passed into history with the adjournment of both houses.

December 31—At year's end, America's favorite popular song for the moment was "On a Slow Boat to China."

**Swiss Brotherhood Sang at Christmas To Banish Plague**

One of the most impressive customs in the world is observed in Switzerland where the "singing at the fountains" is done by the Sebastiani brotherhood in the picturesque spa town of Rheinfelden.

According to the Swiss writer Gottleib Wyss, the custom is more than 400 years old, dating from 1540 when a plague, sweeping through many lands, visited Rheinfelden. Twelve men formed a brotherhood in honor of St. Sebastian, promising to pray to him to safeguard their town from further distress. They also undertook to nurse those afflicted by the plague and to bury its victims.

If one of their own members died, the brethren acted as pallbearers, and up to the present day, by their own selection, the membership of the brotherhood has remained at 12. Pestilence in the medieval period was ascribed to the evil spirits in the water, and when the Sebastiani brethren make their rounds of seven fountains on Christmas eve, they start at the fountain in the "Froschweide" where the plague started in the 16th century. After singing for the seventh time near the town church, they join its congregation for midnight mass, first placing their quaint mounted lantern, with its lighted candle, before the altar of St. Sebastian.

For their Christmas eve singing at twelve, brethren are dressed in dark clothes and black silk top-hats. Around their lantern-bearer they stand in a circle and three times, as the name of Christ is mentioned in their song, they uncover their heads.

On New Year's eve, between 9 and 10 o'clock, the Brethren make another round of the fountains, this time singing an old song which concludes with the wish that St. Sebastian may intercede for all in the New Year so that they may be safeguarded from war, pestilence and other perils.

WEDDING announcements and wedding invitations printed to order. Also paneled cards, informals, and calling cards.—Eldorado Success.

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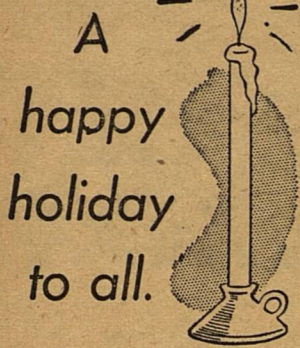


Gay spirits are more commonplace during the Yule season than at any other time of the year. We hope you're fitting in.



May you prosper in the wealth with which Christmas abounds...

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**Naturalized Citizen—That's Our Santa**

Santa Claus as Americans know him is a naturalized American citizen, and as such is America's contribution to the Christmas legend. That's the opinion of Dr. Gustav O. Arlt of the department of Germanic languages on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

"The Norwegians who settled early in America brought the first version of the modern Santa Claus, who in Europe had been known as St. Nicholas, but never adequately personally described," said Dr Arlt.

"When the American Clement Moore described the jolly, rotund gentleman in minute detail in his poem "Twas The Night Before Christmas," he assumed the proportion of living legend and thus became an integral part of Christian legend and folklore," the professor stated.

**Archaeologists' Findings Bear Out Bible Stories**

Archaeologists' findings oftentimes serve to further establish the authenticity of the story of Jesus. Only recently a group discovered the name of Jesus, carved before 70 A.D. and perhaps by an eyewitness to the crucifixion, among inscriptions on 11 early Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road.

The urns may provide the "oldest archaeological record of Christianity" and an historical confirmation of the trial and crucifixion of Christ, the archaeologists said.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate and mourned the crucifixion of their leader, was believed to have left the writings on the urns in the cave.

The Hebrew and Aramic inscriptions contained common names like Miriam, Simeon, and Matti. The Greek inscriptions and symbols beside them contained references to Christianity and, it seems probable, to the crucifixion.



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Among the myriad problems which beset parents at Christmas time are the many questions from the small-fry about Santa Claus. And the business of telling Junior or his little sister the truth about the jolly old gentleman in the red suit is really a major task.

However, the situation is bound to arise, and when it does, it does something to your heart strings—so you draw the little ones close and cast about for the best explanation.

Oddly enough, the true story is best—and the easiest to tell. So why not just tell the little ones this?:

St. Nicholas (or Nicolas) is Santa Claus' real name. He lived in Asia Minor and was the beloved bishop of the Greek church of Myra in Lycia. He is the patron saint of the young, and in some European countries a person dressed as a bishop still assembles the children and distributes gifts of nuts, sweetmeats and other nice things to the good boys and girls.

Children loved St. Nicholas and trudged along beside him as he trudged the dusty roads of the Lycia countryside, bringing fruit and candy to the sick and needy.

One of many stories told of his goodness concerns a poor and honest man and his three good and beautiful daughters. The father was unhappy for poverty prevented his giving the customary dowries to his daughters, and for this reason they could never have suitable husbands.

One night a bag of coins was tossed in at the man's window. The next night the act was repeated. But on the third night the father watched, and the anonymous giver was detected. The jolly bishop stood with the third bag of coins in his hands. The father was very proud and would not accept the money. The good bishop begged the poor man to accept the gifts and use them for his daughters' dowries, requesting that his name never be revealed.

At last, the father accepted the money for his daughters, but he could not keep the name of the generous bishop secret—so the legend of the goodness of St. Nicholas was further spread and strengthened.

The practice of placing burning candles in the windows on Christmas eve is tied up with an Irish custom which holds the thought of the Christ child alone in the dark, needing light for his way.

When buying toys for children remember that those of the constructive types are best—they develop the youngsters' ingenuity.

The wild boar has been revered from ancient times, and was especially honored at Christmastime, for having taught mankind the art of plowing by rooting into the ground with his tusks.

### 98 Years Ago a Lutheran Pastor Set Up the First Tree in Church

December 24 this year, the tradition of the Christmas tree in American church services will be 98 years old—for it was back in 1851 that a Lutheran minister in Cleveland, Ohio, lighted the first tree at such services.

The minister was the Rev. Henry Schwan, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church on Cleveland's York street and his action brought on a storm of controversy which lasted several years. This was caused by the fact that the Christmas tree had so long been associated with pagan observance of the season that many conservatives believed it had no place in Christian ceremonies.

However, some of Rev. Schwan's congregation, especially the children, thought the beautifully-decorated tree, glowing with candles, was just the spirit of the Christmas season.

But the objectors had their way and they were determined that Rev. Schwan's tree was to be the last of the Christmas trees erected in America.

Through the years that followed, the minister did all in his power to learn of the origins of the Christmas tree tradition in order that he might show that the tradition was from the "heathen" ceremony it had been called.

He wrote countless letters to friends and acquaintances all over the world; he questioned strangers and made long notes of their conversations. And, when he learned that a particular part of the world already had Christmas trees, he would mark that place on a large map which hung in his study—a

dark green tree where the tradition was established, a light green one where Christmas trees, at least, were known.

Pastor Schwan made his search for knowledge of the Christmas tree almost a crusade.

But as Christmas time approached in 1852, Rev. Schwan had not found enough church support for the tradition to light another tree at his Christmas service that year. So, with great regret, he resigned himself to the end of his hope of establishing the custom.

But on December 24, he received from the pastor of one of Cleveland's older churches the present of a new tree. Rev. Schwan realized immediately that the present meant the acceptance of the custom by a churchman far more influential than himself, and his sadness vanished.

There was a Christmas tree in the York street Zion Lutheran church that year—and once accepted in Cleveland, the custom spread all over the United States.

York street where Pastor Schwan's church once stood is changed now and long ago was renamed Hamilton avenue; and the first tree, decorated with candles and a gold star at its top, has given way to trees with brighter, more colorful decorations.

But the tradition of erecting and lighting Christmas trees, which is observed throughout the nation, is the same tradition which Pastor Schwan introduced to this country in the town of Cleveland nearly 100 years ago.

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zens of Farmington, N. M., sustained a broken leg in an accident there Dec. 8. Cozzens, who is a welding contractor, was unloading pipe

when the accident occurred. Cozzens' leg was broken below the knee. His condition is good, according to reports received here.



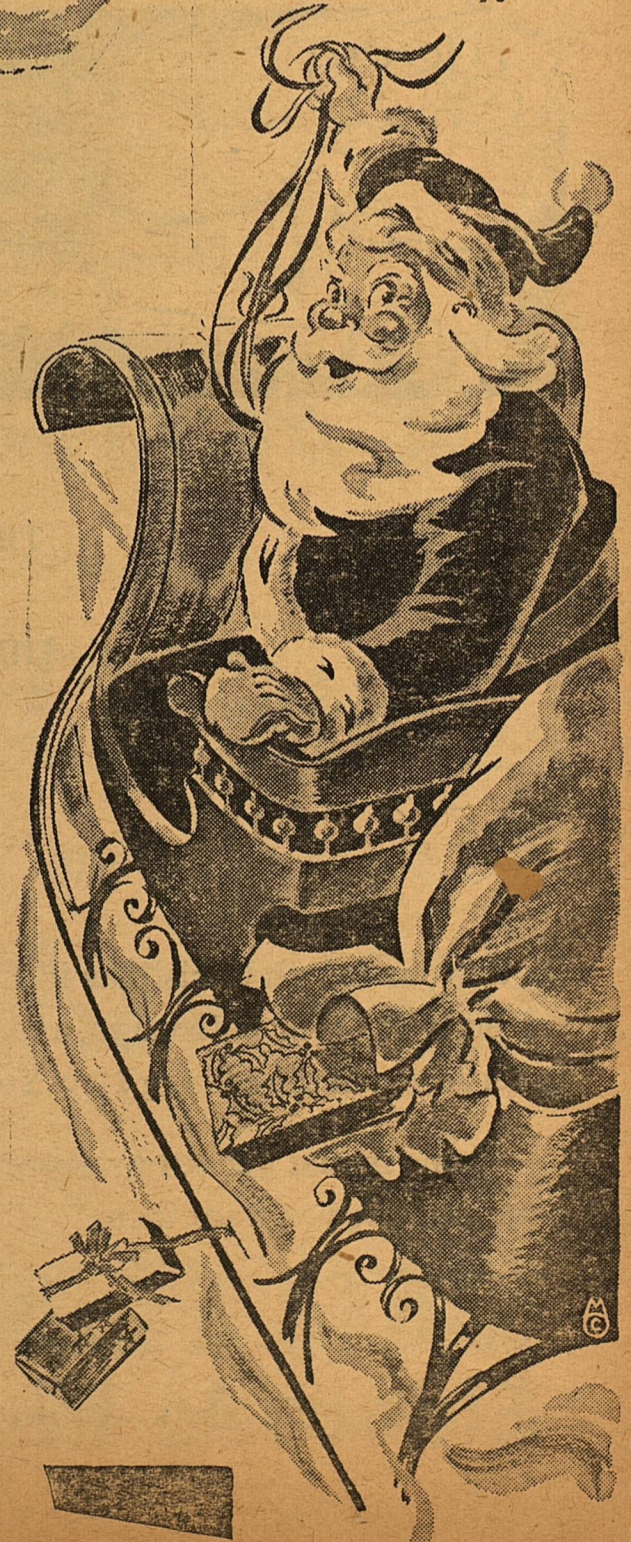
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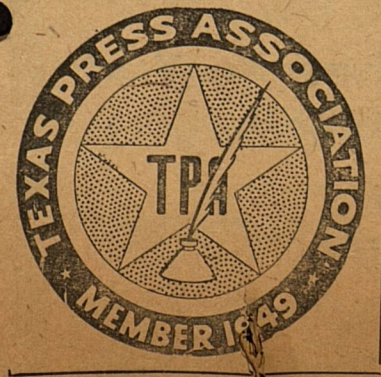
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## The Eldorado Gas Dept.

Thanks customers and friends for their patronage during 1949. The year now closing has brought substantial growth to the plant and to the number of meters in operation. About 500 families now receive service — a gain of approximately 50.

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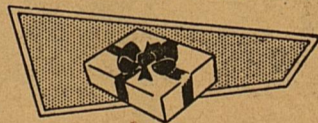
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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BE YOURS  
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### Bringers of Gifts Range From Santa To Knight Ruppert

In America on Christmas Eve, there is a merry tinkle of sleigh bells as Santa Claus drives up in a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer.

He drives from roof to roof, pausing just long enough to climb down each chimney. From a huge pack on his back he fills the children's stockings with toys and goodies. Gifts that are too large to be stuffed in the stockings are put on the Christmas tree or stacked underneath it.

This is Christmas in America —but it is not always Santa who brings the gifts to children in other lands.

The Dutch children anxiously await the arrival on Christmas of St. Nicholas. He was the bishop of Myra, so he is dressed in the traditional bishop's robes of black, wears a mitre, and carries a crozier.

He rides a white horse and is accompanied by Black Peter, his page boy. Instead of hanging up their stockings to hold the gifts, the Dutch children place their wooden shoes in the chimney corner before going to bed. On the window sills they leave a bunch of hay for "Sleipner," the bishop's white horse. It is customary for St. Nicholas to overturn chairs and leave the room in general confusion for Christmas morning.

English children wait for a Santa Claus who closely resembles our own. They also find gifts tied to a green Christmas tree, but this custom has been in effect only since Queen Victoria was a young bride. She married Albert, a German prince, and it was he who introduced this Christmas custom to England from Germany.

It is an angel who leaves the gifts in Czechoslovakia. She descends on a golden chord to accompany Santa.

In Scandinavia gifts are distributed during the supper hour. They are brought by dwarfs and the children leave bowls of porridge on the doorstep for them. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer.

The birds receive the largest number of gifts in Sweden. Each family places a sheaf of grain on a pole or on the fence posts for the birds' Christmas dinner.

Spanish children place their straw-filled sleeves on the window sills so the Magi may feed their horses while they leave gifts. The older people fill an Urn of Fate from which the gifts are drawn on Christmas Day.

Knight Ruppert, who is the German Kris Kringle, is represented by a young girl wearing a golden crown and gowned in a flowing white robe. She carries a small tree laden with gifts which she distributes.

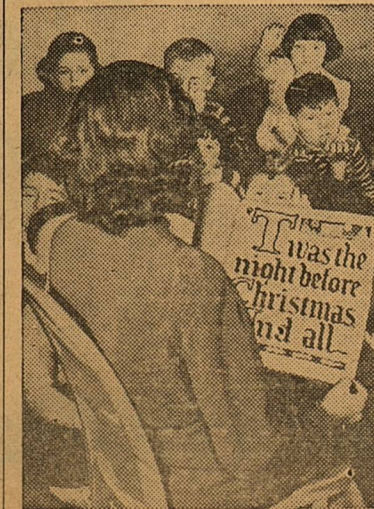
The children of Switzerland have their gifts brought to them by a radiant angel who rides in a sleigh drawn by six reindeer. She brings them goodies to eat as well as toys.

And in Poland, at least before the Communists came in, the people called at the parish house on Christmas morning where the priest presented them with "peace wafers," which symbolized peace on earth, good will to men. The people exchanged Christmas wishes as the wafers were broken and eaten before returning home.

As Americans observe this Christmas in the comfort and luxury of modern civilization, who among them will pause for a thought of how their forebears kept the holy season?

An example of Christmas of the past in America is provided in a study of the history of the old village of Kaskaskia, first capital of Illinois, where the pioneers braved the rigors of a new and unsettled world.

Despite the hardships and discomfort which prevailed in the days of the early settlers of this land, there was hardly a cabin so humble but what its occupants found some way to keep Christmas.



OLD, OLD STORY . . . If teacher could get this kind of attention as she lectures on the three R's, she'd have a room full of geniuses. She is reading the ageless Clement Moore classic "Twas the Night before Christmas." And not a . . . is stirring.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ONE AND ALL!



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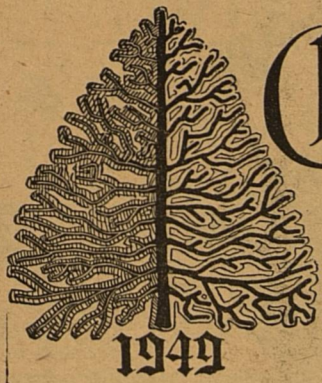
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By Shirley Sargent

**T**HE VERY NICEST thing about Henry Ellis, Henry had decided, was the fact that he was nine years old. He possessed another attribute variously described by his mother as stubbornness, stupidity, and the result of a one track mind.

To get something he really wanted, Henry had learned from experience, he always had to work hard and long. Pestering his mother for what he wanted came easiest.

"Why not, mom?" he begged. "Why can't I do it? I want to more than anything in the world. I'd be so good you wouldn't know me."

Finally his mother gave in to his endless teasing and what she considered impossible promises.

"All right, all right," she said,



Soundly sleeping, he lay back in the chair, in one hand a noise-maker; clutched limply in the other, a large horn. The box in his lap contained piles of confetti.

"We'll see if you can be good for a whole month and then—well, we'll see."

His long-awaited goal was in sight, but Henry had to admire his mother's shrewdness. Knowing that Rita, who was five, would keep close tab on him, Mrs. Ellis put her in Henry's charge for the month. Playing nursemaid to a five-year-old was a stern task, even when he could be as nasty as he wanted—but taking care of her on his good behavior was purely awful. All this time she would taint her demands with "Or I'll tell mama."

Only once he told her calmly but desperately, "If I ever have any children, they'll all be boys or all be girls. I'm not going to make any little boy of mine have a little sister. No sir, I'll give him a turtle or a goat or something he wants, not a little sister."

Rita just barely listened to him before demanding, "Now be a turtle for me, Henry. Crawl like a turtle and pull your head in a shell." So Henry crawled all over the apartment like a turtle and wished he'd kept quiet—like a turtle.

The days crept past Christmas and Henry knew that being good was surely a most terrible experience. Then at last the month was over and he heard his mother asking, "Had enough of being good, Henry?"

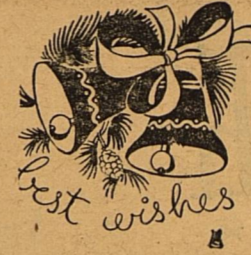
Feeling it to be a trick question, he answered casually that "... would be fun to see the fellows again, and just sort of all over relax!" She laughed, encouraging him to go on. "Hey, mom, well, can I do it—you know?"

She kissed him, saying, "Yes." Henry yelled "Hooray" as he ran into his room. Gosh, it had been worth waiting for after all—my but he hated girls, though. Ugh! There were some very important matters to attend to before he was quite ready. They wouldn't take so long, but the waiting would. He started unwrapping his packages. Thanks to mom, life was really fine.

A little before 12 that night Mrs. Ellis, noting the silence, went into Henry's room. His lights were blazing but the boy was asleep in a chair drawn close to an open window. She walked quietly over beside him. A whole month—thirty arduous days devoted to being good—he had worked for this night, and now he was asleep with the sum total of his dreams in his lap and fists. Soundly sleeping, he lay back in the chair, in one hand a noise-maker; clutched limply in the other, a large horn. The box in his lap contained piles of confetti, while reams of paper streamers were laid neatly over the chair arms. There was a ridiculous paper hat crushed into the chair back by his head, and, on the table near him, there was another horn. It had a white card tied on it labelled simply "For mother."

So, she thought, with tears in her eyes, a little man's plan for one night had included his mother. She shook him gently, settled his hat more perkily on his head, and picked up her own horn. Noise seemed suspended in the air.

"Wake up, little one track mind," she said, sitting him up straight. "Hurry and wake up so you can wish me a Happy New Year!"



**GREETINGS OF THE SEASON  
TO ONE AND ALL...**

As the old year draws to a close, and the New Year dawns, we pause to greet you, our Schleicher County friends.

We appreciate your many kindnesses rendered during 1949 and take this opportunity of wishing for you

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**C. L. Meador, Jr.**  
County Judge

**TO GREET YOU  
AT CHRISTMAS TIME...**



Extending our true wishes for a Merry Christmas to all of our friends —and a prosperous and happy New Year.

**Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sweatt**



# THANKS

FOR YOUR PATRONAGE DURING 1949

## Merry Christmas

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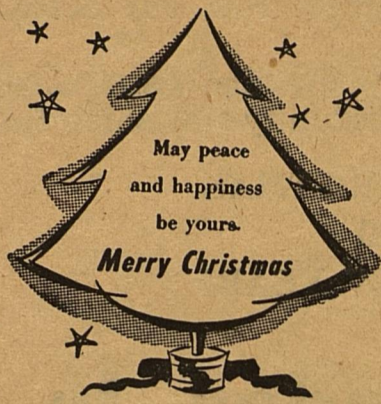
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**HAS A HEART**

Dorothy Boys Kilian

**T**HE CLOCK struck nine as Nola hung the last bauble on the fragrant green Christmas tree. Without even stepping back to admire the finished effect she went to the front window and peered out. A cold white moon illumined a cold white earth. She shivered. How lonely she had been in this tiny, quiet village!

When she had written Jim two months before that she was being evicted from their apartment in Chicago he had answered, "I'm hoping against hope to be home from occupation duty in time for Christmas, and I can't think of any place more perfect than Pineville to spend the holidays and my terminal leave. Remember my telling you what happy summers I spent there as a child, and how I'd always wanted to see it in winter? Do investigate this, as a Christmas present for me, Nola darling."

So she had come here and found a house. But somehow she felt that the villagers had ignored her as an outsider.

And now it was Christmas Eve. "He's not going to make it and that's that," Nola thought miserably. She knew that he had landed at San Francisco three days before and had been trying desperately to get a seat on a train or plane.



"It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. My wife thought I'd better take you over."

The telephone rang. "There's a telegram just come for you, Mrs. West, down here at the drug store. Very important."

"Yes?" Nola breathed.  
 "Chicago, 8 P.M. Am catching train. Get off Shoreham five miles east of Pineville 10 P.M. love Jim."  
 Nola leaned heavily against the wall and stared at the phone.

"Mrs. West, are you there?" Mr. Trotter, the druggist, sounded anxious. "Listen, you go out in the garage and get your car motor to warming up. My wife'll be up there in five minutes to stay with your little boy. Hurry now."

In joyful haste Nola peeked in at Jimmy—"Santa Claus is bringing you your Daddy, honey"—powdered her nose and put on her fur coat and boots.

The garage door stuck in its icy groove although she bent her whole weight against it. Suddenly, out of the darkness, a voice called. "It's me, Doc Ryan. We're on your party line you know, and heard the good news. I'm so used to driving out in all kinds of weather, my wife thought I'd better take you over."

"Dr. Ryan, I didn't realize 'til just now how I dreaded that trip alone."

A train whistle shrilled through the cold thin air as they drove up to the little depot.

"We made it!" Nola cried exultingly. "Come on." She held open the door.

But Doc muttered, "I'll stay here and keep my feet warm."

Now the huge black engine roared past, slowed down and slid to a stop. A coach vestibule door opened, and before the conductor could step down, a khaki-clad figure leaped onto the platform.

"Oh, darling, darling, darling," Nola's heart throbbed as she felt once more the thrilling warmth of Jim's arms around her.

"Nola!" Jim said everything in that word.

A few moments later as they walked to the car a voice boomed from within, "Glad you made it."

"Whoever you are—thanks," Jim answered. "It's people like you who made me want Nola to come to Pineville to wait for me."

"Get in and close the door. You're freezing me out." Doc grinned as he raced the motor.

"Christmas Eve," Jim said softly as they squeezed in with Doc. "You beside me, our baby just a few miles away, and a Christmas card place like Pineville to welcome us. Don't you love it there, darling?"

Nola glanced at Doc, thought of Mrs. Trotter and the others. "Yes, Jim, I do," she whispered. "I surely do."



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**The Season's Greetings**

We thank you sincerely for your many kindnesses during 1949 and hope we may have the pleasure of serving you through the coming year.

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And Station Attendants

**Greetings To All**



The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost.

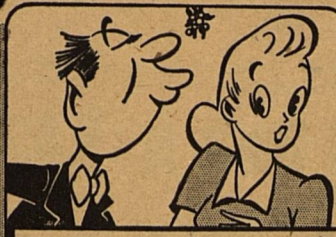
And for what it's worth, we offer our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

There is still time to get that warm Christmas gift blanket at the Ratliff Store.

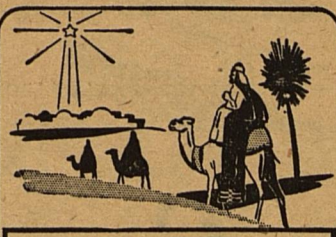
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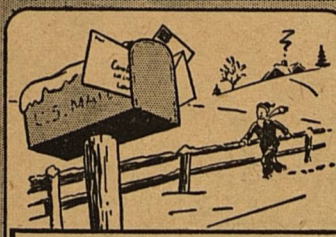
## QUESTIONS ON CHRISTMAS




1. The Swedes know kissing is fun. That's why they thought of the Christmas mistletoe. What should be done to the mistletoe for each stolen kiss? (a) remove a berry (b) do nothing (c) take off a leaf.




2. We ought to know the names of the Three Wise Men who were the first givers of Christmas gifts. They were Melchior, Balthasar and (a) Samuel (b) Casper (c) Shadrach?



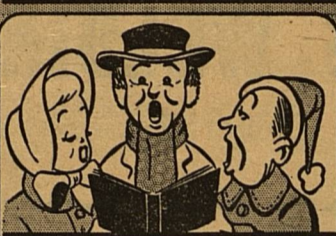
3. Everyone likes to get lots of Christmas cards. When did the custom of sending them start? (a) about 1845 (b) about 1781 (c) about 1903.



4. Who first had the idea of building a small replica of a manger for the Christmas ceremony? (a) Pope Gregory (b) Piers Plowman (c) St. Francis of Assisi.



5. The Christmas tree is the heart of our Christmas decorations. Which country first used the tree as a part of holiday observance? (a) Germany (b) Norway (c) France.



6. "Silent Night, Holy Night," one of the most beloved of Christmas hymns, was written by (a) Beethoven (b) Father Joseph Mohr (c) Martin Luther?

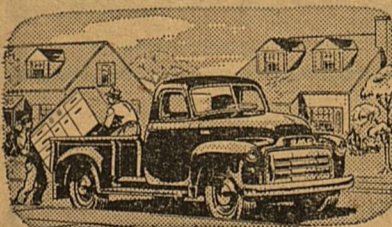
ANSWERS:  
 1. (a) Remove a berry. It's a small price for a kiss.  
 2. (a) Melchior, Balthasar, and Casper.  
 3. (a) About 1845. W. C. Fisher, an English artist, probably sent the first card.  
 4. (c) St. Francis of Assisi, in 1223, built the first one.  
 5. (a) Germany. Father Joseph Mohr wrote the hymn in Germany and sang it in a little church near Salzburg.  
 6. (c) Martin Luther.



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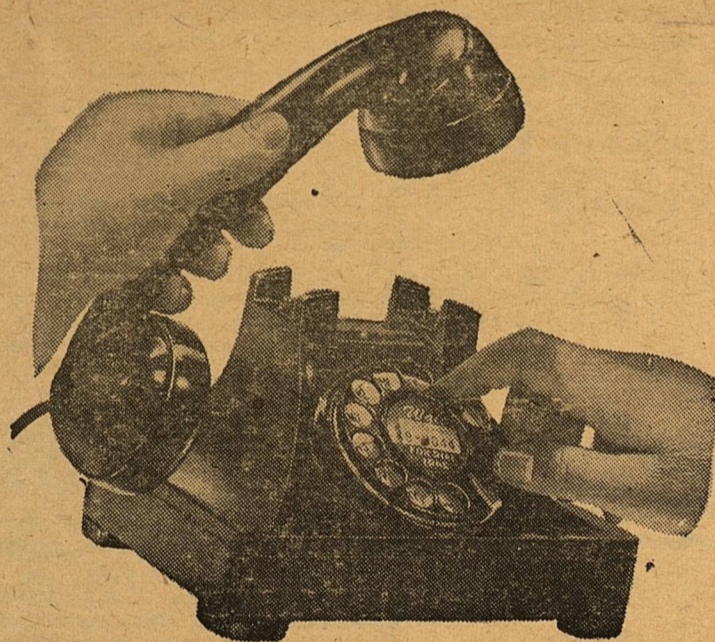
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## Greetings Customers & Friends

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 the blessings of  
 Christmas  
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 upon your homes  
 in  
 abundance.



**Mr. and Mrs. John Stigler**



By Dorothy Boys Kilian

IT WAS Christmas Eve but the group of people sitting on the floor in the Reeds' living-room certainly weren't in a festive mood.

"Doggonit," Dad exclaimed as he stared gloomily at the shiny tracks and the motionless cars of a new electric train. "What's wrong with this thing anyway?"

"We've put it together exactly according to directions, I'm sure we have," fifteen-year-old Rick insisted.

"Well, something's got to be done," said Mom, looking in from the kitchen where she was stuffing the turkey. "Little Jackie's been praying for that train for months, and how'll he feel tomorrow morning if the thing won't run?"

"Maybe Ralph can help. He's coming by for me in a few minutes, you know," said Wilma, the pretty big sister of the family.

"Oh, him!" Rick was scornful. "That guy from the big city with his socks and ties and handker-



He picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

chiefs that match! What does he know about motors?"

"Rick!" Mom reproved. "Oh, I know you all think of him as an outsider," Wilma said. "If you only really knew him better! Mom, I do wish you'd let me ask him to breakfast tomorrow."

"I'm sorry dear, but I just don't think he'd fit in."

The doorbell rang. Wilma answered it and she and Ralph exchanged happy hellos.

Rick immediately threw out the challenge to the tall, blond, well-dressed young man. "We can't make this train go. Can you tell what's wrong with it?"

"Maybe," Ralph said quietly. "I used to have a train something like this."

"Look out, that cotton batting stuff will stick to your trousers," Dad warned.

"That's snow, and the snow around here is clean."

Dad looked slightly startled.

Wilma smiled. She remembered how impressed Ralph had been by the whiteness of the drifts even on Main street last night.

"The flakes are practically sooty before they even reach the ground in Chicago," he had said.

"Tracks are O.K.," Ralph straightened up. Then he picked up the shiny black engine carefully and turned it over and over. He put it up to eye level and peered into its workings.

"The professional touch!" Rick muttered.

"There may be oil in the commutator," Ralph said. "That sometimes happens with a new engine. I'll see if I can get it out."

"I'll get you a rag, Ralph, just a minute," Wilma got up and started for the kitchen.

"Never mind, this'll do," Ralph answered, pulling his perfectly folded wine-colored handkerchief out of his jacket pocket.

He worked quietly for a moment, gently poking the corner of the handkerchief into the inside of the engine. Then he set the engine carefully down on the track and said, "Turn on the juice, will you Rick?"

Rick meekly moved forward the black lever at the transformer. There was a whirring sound, the wheels began to move, and the little puffer-billy whizzed and clacked around the curve.

"Praises be!" Dad heaved a loud sigh of relief.

Ralph quietly got up from the floor and turned to Wilma. "Maybe we'd better go now, if we want to catch the gang."

"Alright, Ralph," Wilma said. Her eyes turned pleadingly to Mrs. Reed. "Mom—"

"Oh, yes, Wilma," Mom interrupted. Turning to Ralph she said heartily, "In all the excitement we almost forgot to ask you to be sure to come over for late breakfast with us tomorrow. It's just a simple family affair, but we surely would like to have you with us."

"You bet." Dad's eyes twinkled. "Something might go wrong with it again and we'd feel safer with you around to fix it."



# Holiday Greetings

TO  
 ONE AND ALL

## TAYLOR'S WELDING SHOP

Delbert Taylor

## Merry Christmas - Happy New Year

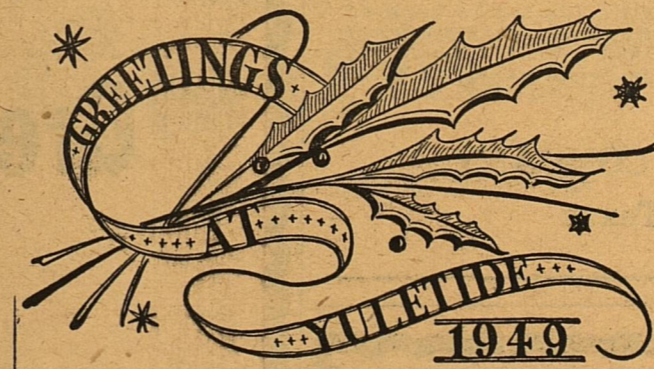


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