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T. P. Robinson Jr., To Be New Co. Attorney

Acceptance of the resignation of Joab Campbell as county attorney, and appointment of T. P. Robinson, Jr., in his place, effective Jan. 1, occupied the attention of commissioners at their call meeting in the Schleicher County courthouse Tuesday.

Robinson received his law degree during the past year, and is now in Eldorado, practicing law, serving as secretary of the Credit Association, and ranching. He was reared here, is well and favorably known to residents of the county, and is well qualified to take over his new duties as attorney for this county.

The change will be made shortly after the first of January. A decision which the commissioners will make is whether the job will be on a salary or fee basis; according to state law, counties with under 20,000 population may choose whether they will pay a salary, or be on a fee basis, with an ex-officio salary. This question has been discussed, and there will be announcement concerning the decision of the court after the first of the year. Heretofore the pay has been on a fee basis.

Mr. Campbell has been county attorney since 1929. He came to Schleicher County in the autumn of 1902, to become one of three partners in operation of a land agents' business in a building where the City Hall now stands. He served two terms as county judge, going into office in 1910, and leaving that office in 1914. He has been a practicing attorney in the county ever since his arrival here, and was for some time a county commissioner from the Cliff neighborhood, where he owns a ranch, and where he lived for 15 years before moving back to town. Roads were almost impassable at times, and he sometimes came to sessions of court in high boots.

An interesting incident occurred when Campbell first arrived here. The lawyer who was then county attorney went down into the draw near the Mexican community, lay down on the ground with his head on a rock, pressed his gun against his head, and killed himself—thus creating a vacancy in the courthouse staff. Campbell was selected to take over, and he served as county attorney for about a year; this was shortly after the turn of the century.

The Campbells now live in Eldorado, where they have been active in civic and church affairs, and they still own their Schleicher County farm, which they lease out.

CHORAL CLUB IN CANTATA AT PTA MEET

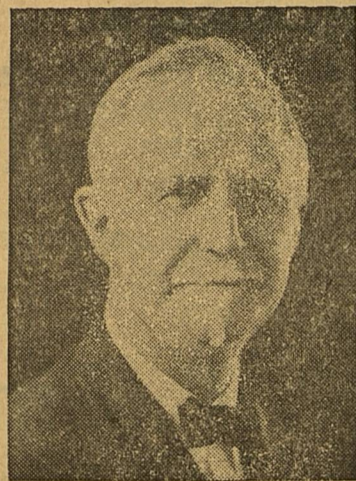
Miss Lucille Farmer, music teacher in the Eldorado schools, presented her high school choral club in a Christmas cantata, as a main feature of the PTA meeting Tuesday night in the school auditorium. Mrs. Joe Muller Christian was the accompanist.

The complete program follows:
1. Hail, O Blessed Redeemer, Choir.
2. Tell Us of Our King, Choir and Alto Solo.
3. Shepherds 'Neath a Starlit Sky, Duet and Choir.
4. Glory to God, Soprano solos and choir.
5. Away in a Manger: Alto duet.
6. The Bells Ring Merry Christmas: Choir.
7. At the Cradle of Jesus: Soprano Solo.
8. Come and Worship: Choir.

Members of the choir are: Mary Lou Alexander, Sherry Atkinson, Lola Beth Ballew, Frances Bauguess, Jane Belk, Mudie Bincham, Marianne Craig, Clarice Dannheim, Fae Davis, Margaret Ellen Edmiston, Glenna Edmiston, Patsy Holden, Betty Hunt, Billie Jo Jeffrey, Glowanda Jeffrey, Jorgi Lagow, Donna Beth McCormick, Carolyn Ratliff, Mae Runze, Beth Shilling, E. Shilling, Merle Smith, Barbara West.

A social hour followed in the home ec rooms. A good crowd of parents and other school patrons was present.

Mrs. Marvin McAnens, PTA president, and Mrs. Hollis McCormick, clinic chairman and her assistants urge the general public to watch for further information concerning the pre-school child study clinic which will probably open in January. All parents of young children will be interested in attending this course. The committee members are working out details concerning time, place and subject material, and will make further announcement soon.



Roger W. Babson

BABSON REVIEW, PREDICTIONS, IN NEXT ISSUE

Roger W. Babson's Business and Financial Outlook for 1952 will appear in The Success next week.

Mr. Babson, a pioneer in the field of business and financial statistics, enjoys an unusual record of accuracy in his Annual Forecasts. His score for 1951 was 86% accurate.

On December 28, 1950, he predicted: (1) that World War III would not start during 1951; (2) that the Taft-Hartley Law would not be repealed during 1951; (3) that there would be an increase in corporation and personal taxes—including excess profits taxes; (4) that the National Income for 1951 would be the highest in history.

Background of Roger W. Babson
American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. A outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his lifelong 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 forecasting. His weekly releases are used by over 450 newspapers and his financial reports by 20,000 corporations and estates. 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 Webster College for Women, both nationally known educational institutions. Here young men and women may concentrate on the fundamentals of business administration. Later, he founded Utopia College, located in Eureka, Kansas, the center of the United States. Recently, he has been active in the establishment of another medium of service to the public, the Gravity Research Foundation, located at New Boston, New Hampshire.

Mr. Babson has probably done more than any other man to create among his millions of newspaper readers an interest in simple business problems, and to instill a broader vision in businessmen, enabling them to meet the ups-and-downs of the business cycle.

Trigg To Umpire At Orange Bowl Game At Miami, Fla.

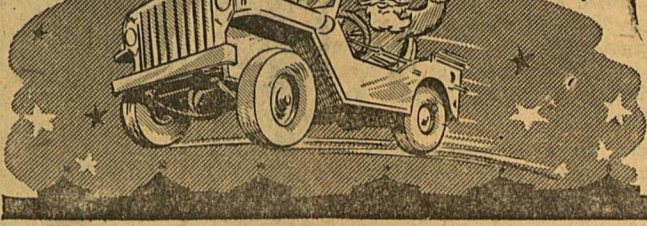
Two men who coached together at SMU, and who are both now Ford dealers, have accepted invitations to officiate at the Baylor-Georgia Tech game at the Orange Bowl at Miami, Florida, on January 1.

These two men are Charlie Trigg, Ford dealer of Eldorado, and Whitney Baccus, Ford dealer at Lockney.

Mr. and Mrs. Trigg will make a holiday trip out of this occasion. They will leave by plane on December 26, and arrive in Miami in time to take in the sights of the city and bask in the Florida sunshine. They will be away from home about a week.

Mr. Trigg has never been in Florida; Mrs. Trigg was a small child when she visited there. This will be Trigg's first experience as umpire at a Bowl game.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



To our friends, subscribers and advertisers

Eldorado Success Crew

SHELL SAFETY MEETING IS HELD HERE LAST WEEK

Eldorado Safety Chapter of the Shell Pipe Line held their final meeting of the year at the Memorial Building Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, 1951.

A chicken dinner was served to sixteen members and their families. Out of town guests included H. M. Hovis, Colorado City, and K. W. Looney, Cushing, Okla.

After the dinner was served the business meeting was conducted by Chairman F. A. Watson, Governor C. E. Branson and Secretary W. R. Davidson. Features of the program consisted of an open discussion on the job hazards, election of officers to serve during the year of 1952. The following were elected: governor, E. W. Perry; secretary, R. B. Luckenbach; chairman, W. R. Davidson of Big Lake.

K. W. Molthan, area safety engineer from Houston, discussed and demonstrated the natural hazards encountered in handling fuel gases in the home and on the job.

Local members attending were: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Perry and Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Watson and Lonnie Spurgis, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McGill, Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith, W. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Prochaska and Frank Jr. and Charles, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sweatt Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plagens, Mr. George Globe, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Huber.

Big Lake and Menard were represented as well as Eldorado. There was a total of about 40 in attendance.

44,000 For PMA 1952 Agricultural Conservation Work

Schleicher County has been allotted \$44,000 for the PMA's Agricultural Conservation Program for 1952, Wilson Smith, County PMA Secretary, has announced.

Under that allotment which is considerably less than the 1951 allotment, the county committee has set a limit of \$500 for conservation aid for each operator. Approvals up to the \$500 limit will be issued to operators as they are ready to begin work until the full amount is allocated. Work may be started January 1st if prior approval has been obtained.

The following practices are approved for farm and pasture improvement for the county: Standard terraces, diversion terraces, stock water wells, application of potash and phosphate, winter legume seed, biennial sweetclover, elimination of destructive plants, control of oak, deferred grazing, pitting pasture land, and pasture grass seed.

All PMA work for 1951 must be completed by December 31st and applications for payment should be signed as soon as possible. A few farmers have not reported cotton planted in 1951. This cotton acreage should be reported to the county PMA office now.

MAKES HONORARY STATE

Winfield Fry, who was guard on the Eagles' football team at the start of the season, and who moved recently with his parents to Mt. Vernon, Missouri, received honorable mention for all-state in Missouri, it was learned here recently.

Lions To Aid Needy; Hear Xmas Program On Wednesday Noon

Two humanitarian projects are claiming the attention of Lions this holiday season, and both were discussed and planned at the regular meeting of the club Wednesday noon.

The five-year-old son of R. L. Green, negro employee at Hank's Gulf Station, was badly burned when he fell on a heater at the family home about two weeks ago. The child sustained severe arm and under-arm burns, and must have special treatment involving skin grafting, to keep the arm from growing to his side. The Lions voted transportation money, and are working today with the help of Dr. Robert Maginot and probably local Masons to have the child accepted at the Shreiner Children's Hospital at New Orleans. Local officials are expecting word from this application today, Thursday, and if the boy is accepted will arrange for transportation.

The other project concerns enlarging of living quarters for Negro Sarah, a widow, who has been living in a small shack measuring about six by eight. Lions are meeting this morning, Thursday, and will work as a carpenter's crew to enlarge this room. Much of the material is already on the ground.

The Ministerial Alliance was in charge of the meeting. The program included songs by the High School sextette, Scripture by Rev. Clifford Nelson, and a talk by Rev. Roy Shilling, with Rev. Charles Bruce as chairman.

Eagles Return From Del Rio Tournament

Coach Johnson's Eagle cagers played three games in the basketball tournament at Del Rio over the weekend, and were eased out of third place by Uvalde in the finals. Participating besides Eldorado were San Felipe, Del Rio, Crystal City, Eagle Pass, Brackettville, Uvalde, and Big Wells.

In the first games Friday night the Eagles downed San Felipe 27 to 26. The teams stayed within three points of each other all the way, although San Felipe had the lead only once. Humphrey was high point man with 9.

The Eagles dropped the second game Saturday morning to Del Rio, 47 to 39. Humphrey was again high for Eldorado with 10.

Saturday night found Eldorado and Uvalde shooting for the third-place trophy, with Uvalde winning 23 to 20. Eagle Pass won first and Del Rio took second.

POSTAL INCREASE RATES EXPLAINED

Price of postal cards will go up to two cents on Jan. 1, 1952. The higher rate will become effective with the beginning of the new year. When postal cards are sold in quantities of 50 or more there will be an additional charge of 10 per cent over the two-cent base charge. Private mailing cards also will carry the two-cent rate.

Also increased Jan. 1 will be insurance, registry and COD service and on postage for books and catalogs.

Newspapers and magazines will have a 10 percent increase to pay in second-class rates on their publications beginning April 1. Another 10 percent increase will become effective in 1953 and a third increase of 10 percent in 1954.

Christmas Events At Local Churches

Presbyterian

The Rev. Charles Bruce announces events at the Presbyterian church:

Eldorado Presbyterian church will observe the Christmas tree and Christmas program for the church and Sunday School tonight, Thursday evening, at seven o'clock.

The Junior choir under the direction of Mrs. James Page will present a number of the Christmas carols to the assembled group and later broadcast over the amplifier.

At the morning service on Dec. 23rd the Christmas message will be brought to the congregation. At this service two of the infants of the church will be presented by their parents for the rite of baptism. This rite is one of the oldest rites of the Christian church and has its inception in the covenant relation made with the old Testament church. In the Presbyterian church this is one of the most beautiful, sacred and meaningful ordinances.

The Candle lighting service will be presented at the Vesper service at six o'clock. The choir of the church will bring the Christmas songs in accompaniment for the service.

The members of our church are most cordially invited to each of these services and all of our friends who will worship with us are assured of a cordial and friendly welcome in our church. The Presbyterian church is a Bible loving, Bible preaching, and Bible living church. We hold no views which may not be found in full accord with the Word. Our local church is growing in numbers and in spirit and in fellowship and if you have no church home here we welcome you to each of our worship services.

First Baptist

Regular Sunday School and Church services will be held at the First Baptist church. At night, there will be a special Student Night service, with young people in charge of the entire service.

The Bykota class of the First Baptist church went caroling Tuesday night, as a main feature of the evening's entertainment at their Christmas party. They met at the church and all went in a truck to sing carols in town. Later they returned to the church for a social hour, during which cookies, Christmas candies and coffee was served to the large crowd who attended. The class presented their teacher Mrs. Sadie Davidson with a cameo pin. Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree.

More details concerning First Baptist events are reported in Rev. Clifford Nelson's news column on page 4 of this issue.

Methodist

On Friday night beginning at 7:00 the Methodist Sunday School, with the three department heads in charge, will present a Christmas pageant, in which a cast of 22 children and young people will have parts, assisted by the choir. Arrangements are in charge of Gerald Hartgraves, Elton McGinnis, and Mrs. Albert McGinnis. Rehearsals have been under way for some time.

The program will start at 7:00 with the half-hour pageant, and this will be followed by singing of Christmas carols by the congregation, after which Santa will appear and will distribute gifts to the children.

There will be regular services Sunday morning at the Methodist Church, with the pastor delivering the Christmas message at the 11:00 o'clock hour. At 7:00 p.m. a Christmas film, Star of Bethlehem, will be shown. Everyone is invited to any or all of these services.

Fundamental Baptist

The Fundamental Baptist church of Eldorado will have a New Year's watch party and prayer service at the church, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. F. H. Pryor. The service will open with gospel singing, to be followed by the sermon by the pastor, and a fellowship hour during which refreshments will be served. Singing, preaching, a testimonial service, and prayers will occupy the time until midnight, when the group will greet the New Year, after which they will disperse to their homes. Several visiting pastors will be present. Everyone is invited to attend.

Next Sunday there will be the usual service, Sunday School at 10 a.m. and preaching at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At noon gifts will be distributed to the children of

the Sunday School.

Here for the weekend at the church is the Rev. A. P. Patterson, pastor of the Sweetwater Fundamental Baptist church, who will probably assist at the regular teachers' meeting tonight, Thursday. The Teachers of the Sunday school meet each Thursday night to hear the following Sunday's lesson taught by the pastor.

Events which have already taken place included these:

Bailey Ranch Tree

The Bailey Ranch Baptist church had their annual Christmas tree and other Christmas observances Sunday at their church. On Sunday morning, the pastor, the Rev. Baltis Mathews of San Angelo, brought the Christmas message to the assembled congregation. This was followed with a family all-church dinner, and there was a second preaching service at 2:00. In the evening, the group exchanged gifts from the tree, and Mrs. Mathews led in the singing of Christmas carols.

Quite a few motorists have again taken time to drive out to the church, to see the Christmas scene, which is shown under lights at the front of the church. Devoting the manger scene, the Wighted tableau is most effective. Each Christmas this church has arranged this scene to be shown each night during the two weeks preceding Christmas.

First Baptist

A most appreciative audience attended the Christmas cantata which the First Baptist choir presented Sunday night, under direction of Miss Lucille Farmer. Mrs. Joe Muller Christian was organist and Mrs. John Stigler played while the large group was assembling.

The entire cantata was presented with smoothness and finish by the talented group—showing capable direction on the part of the leader, and careful practice and appreciation of the majesty of the Christmas story on the part of the choir. Members of the choir were:

Sopranos: Mrs. Roy Davidson, Mrs. Bill Rountree, Mrs. Clifford Nelson, Mrs. W. N. Ramsey, Mrs. E. W. Perry, Miss Faye McAlpine, Miss Frances Bauguess, Miss Jane Overby, Miss Margaret Wilkinson. Tenors: Weldon Davis, T. P. Robinson, Jr., Joe Muller Christian, Lavelle Meckel, Doug Yates, Clifford Nelson.

Altos: Mrs. Gus Love, Mrs. Roy Andrews, Mrs. Roy Phelps, Mrs. T. P. Robinson Jr., Mrs. John Stigler, Carolyn Ratliff.

Basses: Ervin Mund, Will Whitten, Carol Ratliff, Roy Phelps, T. E. Holcomb.

Other Christmas events listed in Rev. Nelson's column.

Methodist Parties

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Shilling entertained the women of the Methodist church at an afternoon Christmas party Monday, beginning at 3:00, at the Methodist parsonage.

The program was opened with Christmas carols, led by Mrs. Luke Thompson, who also assisted Mrs. Albert McGinnis in leading the group in a new Christmas song, Mrs. Ogden playing the piano. Mrs. Frank Meador led the devotionals, which included the Christmas story from the Bible, a number of Christmas poems, and a litany in which she was assisted by Mrs. Ray Tisdale, WSCS president.

The High School sextette sang several numbers, and Mrs. Grover Lee Johnson described Christmases in other lands. Gifts were exchanged from the decorated Christmas tree in the parsonage.

During the social hour coffee, fruit cake, and candies, mints and nuts were served from the dining table, which was centered with an arrangement of white Christmas ornaments topped with a star, the letters WSCS appearing in the angel's hair. Mrs. J. E. Tisdale presided at the coffee service.

About 40 WSCS members and others attended.

Over 50 were present Monday night, when the Methodist Men entertained the women of the church with a Christmas party in the church parlors.

Charles Garv, president, presided over the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Albert McGinnis played the piano for the group. Christmas songs which opened the program, after which Mrs. Frank Meador led the devotionals.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree, and the men served the refreshments from a serving table which was decorated in the Christmas motif. Table games were played during the evening.

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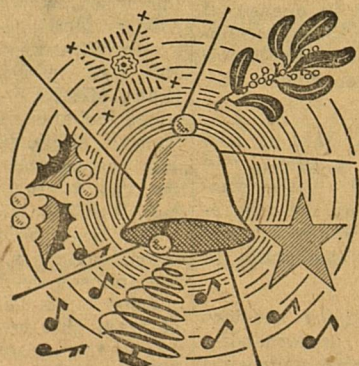
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The Wilkersons

"Greetings by Mail"
Originated in 1846,
Now a Modern Custom

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

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

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



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

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

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

**Mistletoe Outlived
Sinister Meaning**

Mistletoe, once used as a weapon of death, is now almost a universal symbol of love and peace.

According to Norse mythology, there was a god named Balder, who personified the sun. Loki, another god, plotted to destroy Balder.

Balder's mother, when she first learned of Loki's intentions to kill her son, obtained a promise from all living things that they would not harm Balder. All agreed, but the mistletoe, so it was with a mistletoe arrow that Loki induced Balder's blind brother, Hoder, to kill the sun god.

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

The custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe is an assurance that it will never again be used as an instrument of evil.

**Origin of Gift-Giving
Told in Many Versions**

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started.

Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart.

This started it all. Now gift giving is traditional.



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



HOLIDAY GREETINGS to all of the people in grand old Schleicher County, (the best County on earth) from your County & District Clerk and his family.

Thanks to all of you for your splendid cooperation, continued encouragement, thoughtful forbearance, and repeated good wishes during the eventful year of 1951.

Each year brings new friends and a deeper appreciation of old friends, which has meant more to us during this year of 1951 than ever before.

We realize more than ever before that we are the recipients of a public trust, of which we are justly proud, and it is our sincere wish that we may ever prove worthy and appreciative.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year to each of you.

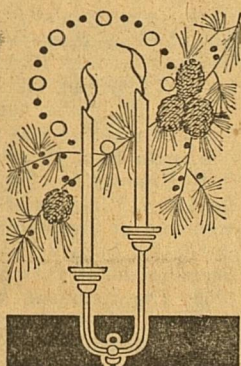
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Season's Greetings

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YOU HAVE HELPED ME IN MANY WAYS TO CARRY OUT MY DUTIES AS YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIAL, AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND LOYALTY, AND TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

E. W. CRAIG

and Lola, Marianne, and Pinkney



IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

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

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

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

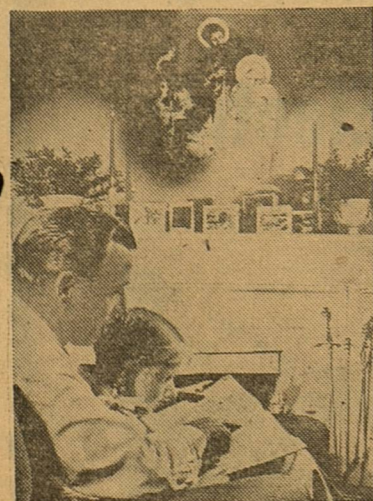
Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

St. Francis Made First Crib in Cave

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

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

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



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



The Legends of Christmas

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Records Show Yule Customs Were Old In Fourth Century

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Greens Brighten Home

A few well placed Christmas greens can do much to brighten a house at Christmas time. Properly clipped, the branches will never be missed, and might improve the looks of the tree from which they are cut.

Hemlock, red cedar, juniper, yew, pitch pine, white pine, will make



suitable material for a spray to decorate a mantle, door, or a spray for a newel post.

In pruning, however, keep in mind the natural appearance of the tree from which you clip branches.

St. Nick's Spirit

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



The rosemary shrub, symbol of fidelity and constancy, was once supposed to possess many occult virtues. Hamlet's Ophelia said, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." The fact that Rosemary blooms at Christmas has introduced it into celebration of this feast.

Rosemary, according to one legend, opened to hide the Virgin Mary and her child from the soldiers of Herod, a legend shared with the juniper and other trees.

Another legend says that, during the flight to Egypt, Mary threw her blue cloak over a bush of rosemary when she lay down to rest. Ever since, in her honor, the flowers have been the heavenly blue of the mantle.

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WISH YOU THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS OF ALL!

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Merry Christmas

ELDORADO LAUNDRY

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams
(Closed Christmas Day)

King's Crown

Extends best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year

We want to thank each of you who have helped us make our business a success, and we join with Santa Claus in wishing you the best of everything during 1952.

MR. AND MRS. G. J. (Tiny) KING

Season's Greetings

Charlie Trigg Motors

Johnnie Hawkins Gilbert Lowe Jim Lucas
Tom Westbrook Noweita Matthews
Charlie Trigg

First Baptist News

The pastor and his wife wish to express their appreciation to all the people who have sent so many beautiful Christmas cards and Christmas greetings. There never have been so many or so lovely a group before in all our lives. Thanks to everyone for being so thoughtful this season.

Don't forget our Lottie Moon offering. If you have not had a part in this over and above offering do so. Our goal is \$1,000. This will be a goal that is easily reached if each of us does our very best this Christmas season. Let us make this a Christmas for Christ, and a gift of Christ to the world for Christmas.

The Primary department presented their program and had their tree in their department Sunday afternoon at 3:00. The program was appreciated and well attended by the parents and children of the Primary department. After each child was given a bag of candy and fruit presents were exchanged. Miss John Alexander is superintendent of the department. The program was arranged by Mrs. Ben Biggs.

The choir presented the cantata, "The Nativity," last Sunday evening to a large and appreciative congregation. Solo parts were taken by Lavelle Meckel, Carolyn Ratliff, Mrs. Gus Love, Jane Overby, and Joe Muller Christian. The trio was composed of Miss Overby, Mrs. John Stigler and Mrs. Roy Phelps. After the program the choir met at the parsonage for fellowship and refreshments. Here a recording of the program was played and Miss Farmer and Mrs. Joe Muller Christian were presented with lovely pins for their work as director and organist for the program. The choir wishes to thank each person who came and each person who encouraged them in this effort and for the many nice things said about the program.

We were down in our Sunday school last Sunday: only 190 present. Let us do our best in the two remaining Sundays that we might reach our goal for December. Our goal is 188. Beginners led last Sunday with a grade of 78. Primaries were second with 75, and Nursery third with 73. Adults were on department with 45.

Brotherhood met Monday evening at 7:30. Mr. Lowell Queen of San Angelo brought the fine and inspiring message to the men. There were not as many men as we had hoped for. Men don't forget the

January meeting. It will be a joint meeting with the men of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Supper will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the film Mr. Texas will be shown in the church auditorium at 8:00.

Sunday evening at 7:30 we will observe student night at Christmas. This program will be in charge of the young people. Young people will fill the choir. Young people will bring the messages. Young people will usher. This will be an inspiring program that you will not wish to miss. Durward Rutland will be pastor of the church for this service. Glenn Biggs and Jane Mund will bring the messages of the evening.

The people of the First Baptist church wish for each of its many friends a beautiful Christmas season, and may God's richest blessings be upon you and yours as you serve him in this coming new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill spent the weekend in San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill.

Mrs. Pete Ringle and her brother Clyde Reece who moved here recently to work for Cooper Gas, visited relatives in Ballinger recently.

Recipe of the Week

White Fruit Cake

½ pound butter.
3 cups sugar.
4 cups flour.
1 cup milk.
3 teaspoons baking powder.
Whites of 8 eggs, well beaten.
1 medium coconut (grated).
½ lb. candied pineapple.
1 lb. citron.
1 pound candied cherries.
1 pound pecans.
½ pound almonds.
Cream the butter, add sugar gradually and cream well. Sift flour, measure and combine with baking powder. Add milk alternately with flour. Chop fruit and nuts and sprinkle with flour. Add to the cake batter. Fold in egg whites. Greasing and lining the pans helps prevent the cake crust from becoming too brown, thick and dry during baking. Grease pan, line with waxed paper or heavy brown paper. Grease paper. Bake in a slow oven (250 F.). The baking time depends on the size and shape of the loaf. This table may serve as a guide for cooking:

Wght. of Cake	Approx. Time
1 lb.	2½ hours
2 lbs.	3½ hours
3 lbs.	4 hours



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

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

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

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

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

Interesting Job? Santa's Beats All At This Season

WHO HAS ONE of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy. It's Santa.

The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year.

However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the



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

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

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

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

St. Nicholas Possessed Of Great Virtue, Piety

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

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



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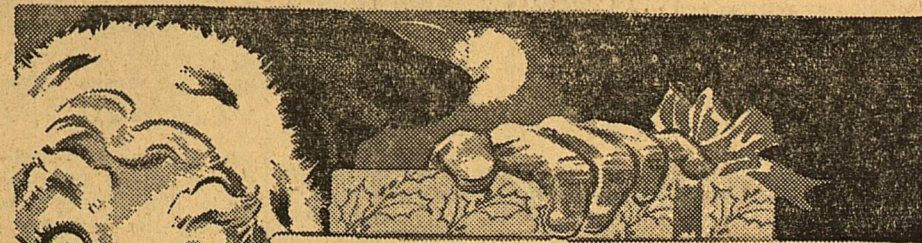
MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Once again we approach the holiday season with a feeling of gratitude toward you, our customers and friends, who have made 1951 another pleasant year.

We've been your Dodge & Plymouth dealers quite a while and have had business dealings with most of you—and we thank you sincerely for all past favors. We hope to serve you again in 1952.

Earl Parker Motors

Dodge and Plymouth Sales & Service Earl Parker and Employees



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

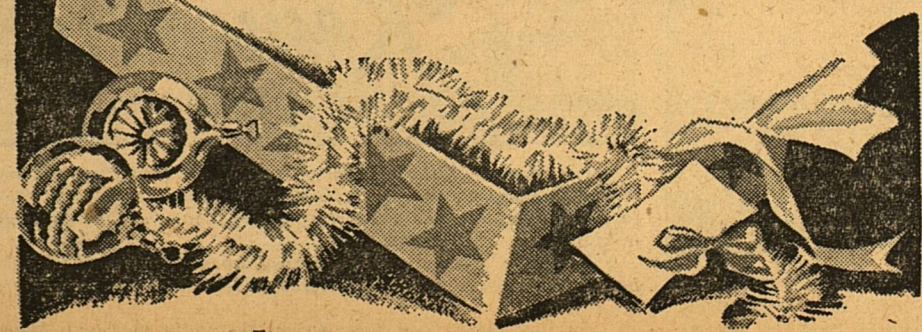
For the sixth time since we opened our electric shop, we pause in the midst of a busy holiday season to thank you sincerely for your patronage.

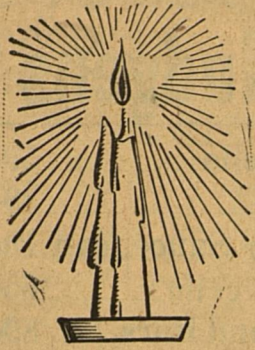
We appreciate your consideration and thank you for your many courtesies. We hope to serve you again during the New Year.

Thanks again for everything,

Blake's Electric

Blake and Helen





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MISS JOYCE BURK IS HONORED AT GIFT TEA FRIDAY

The women of the First Presbyterian Church were hostesses at a gift tea, honoring Miss Joyce Burk, bride elect of Jody Whitten, Friday afternoon, December the 14th, in the church parlors.

In the receiving line were the honoree, her mother Mrs. L. B. Burk, Mrs. Lewis Whitten, Mrs. J. A. Whitten and Mrs. Sam Jones. Mrs. Whitten is Jody's mother, and Mrs. J. A. Whitten and Mrs. Jones are his grandmothers.

Presiding at the tea table during the first hour were Mrs. S. E. Jones, Jr., and Mrs. John Williams; at the second hour Mrs. Norman Hodges and Mrs. Palmer West served the guests. Mrs. H. T. Finley was at the register the first hour and Mrs. Joe Wagley the second.

The Christmas motif was carried out in the room decorations and the table appointments. The serving table was centered with an arrangement of Christmas baubles on styrofoam, flanked with Christmas candles. From one end of the table the decorated Christmas cake was served to the large number of callers, and at the other end of the serving table coffee and tea was poured from a silver service.

Organ music was played softly during the tea hours, with Mrs. James Page and Mrs. Horace Linthicum as organists. Pam Jones sang "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," accompanied by Mrs. James Page at the piano. Miss Lucille Farmer, director and pianist, presented her high school girls' sextette in three numbers, "No Other Love," "Winter Wonderland," and "White Christmas." Miss Farmer also sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. James Page as pianist.

Members of the sextette who sang were Mae Runge, Margaret Ellen Edmiston, Lola Beth Ballew, Sue Shilling, Mary Lou Alexander and Carolyn Ratliff.

Here from out of town for the tea were Mrs. Myrtle Sellman of Sonora and Miss Tootsie McGilvary of San Angelo.

To Wed Saturday
 The couple, both of whom have been reared in Eldorado, will wed Saturday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m. in a formal ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Eldorado. Jody is in the Air Force and his fiancee is employed at the office of Frank Meador in Eldorado.

A reception will follow the ceremony, in the church parlors.

Entertaining On A Shoe String

COLLEGE STATION — Holiday entertaining can be a joyous affair and easy on the pocketbook if enough planning is done ahead of time. Louise Mason, foods and nutrition specialist, with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service suggests this menu: Hot spiced tomato juice, creamed turkey in corn bread ring, a relish tray of pickles, carrot sticks, celery curls and cranberry relish, doughnuts, prune bread sandwiches, refrigerator cookies and coffee or mulled hot apple cider.

Buy groceries well ahead of time, taking advantage of special sales on foods for the menu, Miss Mason suggests. Use left-over turkey from Christmas Day dinner or chicken, ham or canned meat in the corn bread ring. Make the doughnuts and prune bread a day or so before or if a home freezer is available, they may be made a week or so ahead of time.

Miss Mason suggests serving the hot tomato juice in small after-dinner coffee cups in the living room while the last minute preparations are being made for the supper. Crisp crackers or salted nuts will taste good served with the juice.

Another low cost menu suggested by the specialist includes chicken and spaghetti, tossed vegetable salad with celery or poppy seed dressing, hot buttered garlic bread, inexpensive fruit cake, cranberry tarts, popcorn balls and coffee or cocoa made with powdered milk.

Corn Bread Ring
 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning.
 4 teaspoons baking powder.
 1 cup corn meal.
 1 cup enriched flour.
 1/4 cup sugar.
 1/4 teaspoon salt.
 1 egg. 1 cup milk.
 1/4 cup shortening.

Sift together dry ingredients in to medium-sized bowl. Add egg, milk, and shortening. Beat with rotary egg beater until smooth, about 1 minute. Do not overbeat. Bake in a greased 8-inch ring mold in hot (425 F.) 20 to 25 minutes. Turn out onto platter. Fill center of cornbread ring with creamed chicken or turkey. Makes 8 servings.

JR. HIGH BASKETBALL
 Coach John Waldrum reports 16 boys on the Junior High basketball team, with Lee Neithercut, Bernay Sheffield, Curtis Stockton, Jerry Perkins, and Harold Lloyd as starters.

Others on the team are: Herman Early, Herman Phillips, Monty Hill, Bob Steward, Jimmie Harris, Jimmie Carroll, Ronnie Kerr, David Kuykendall, Bob Ratliff, Mike Vianueba, and W. L. Wilson.

This team has the same district schedule as the high school.

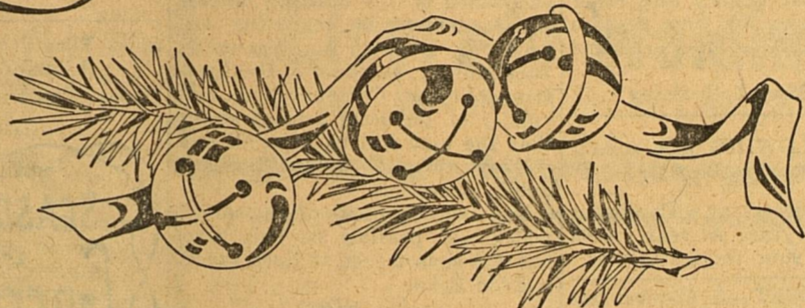
Christmas

and another year has

passed. To us here it has been a year of accomplishment and satisfaction. But without your friendship and goodwill, and the friendliness of other splendid folks like you, such achievement could not have been possible.

So we say thank you. Thank you very sincerely for the contribution you have made toward our success this year. We hope that your Christmas will be a Merry one.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



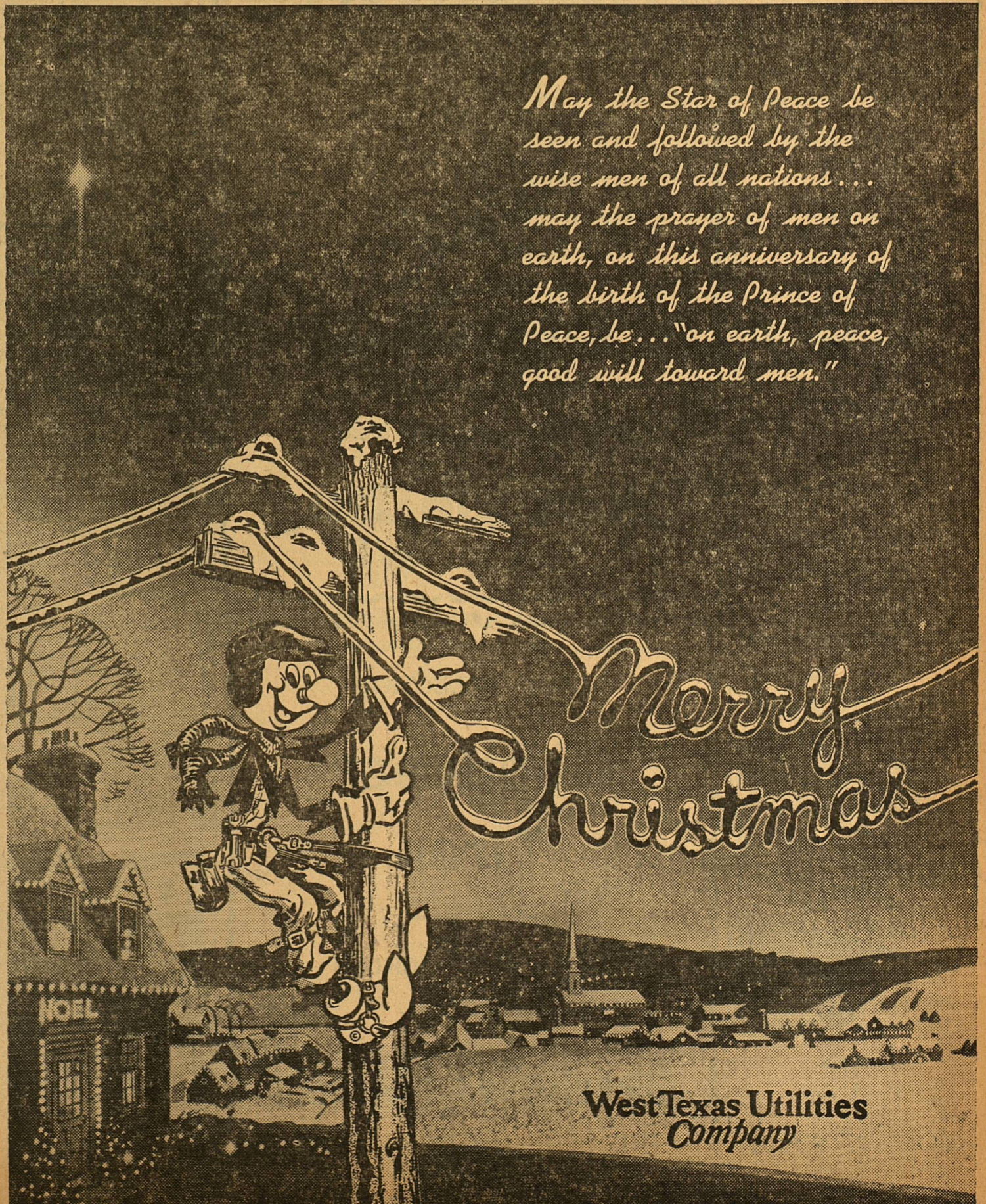
Three more shopping days before Christmas. Our stock is still fairly complete. Gifts for the lady or man of your heart—gifts they will be proud to receive

COULTER'S

Ready-to-Wear

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May the Star of Peace be seen and followed by the wise men of all nations... may the prayer of men on earth, on this anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, be... "on earth, peace, good will toward men."



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700 bales threshed
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FOR SALE—one apartment house, 3,000 feet floor space, five units and two cottages, close in, approximately \$825 per month income—also four down-town business lots. Inquire Sprout Insurance and Real Estate.

NO HUNTING or trespassing on property controlled by me. E. Otto Williams. To Jan. 1

FOR A Christmas Gift, a Dearborn heater. Prices, \$24.95 to \$49.95, at Topliffe Gas & Electric Service, 1c

FOR SALE — 3-bedroom house, floor furnace, tile cabinet, fenced back yard. Price \$7,500. Contact C. A. Reynolds, Box 471, Brady, Texas.

FOR SALE—2-bedroom house on two nice lots. See Earl Parker. (Nov. 22-tfc)

—CHRISTMAS pot plants, azaleas, poinsettias, and Cyclamen, from \$3 up, at Eldorado Flower Shop. 1tc

A FEW greeting cards left. Nice ones, by Burgoyne. Eldorado Success.

XMAS special, regular \$99.50 four-burner new Columbus natural gas range to go at \$69.50.—Topliffe Gas & Electric Service. 1tc

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News From Our Neighbors

New School For Mason
The Board of Trustees of the Mason Independent School District in its meeting last week discussed plans for festivities to accompany the opening of the new elementary school building. Final plans will be made and announced when the date of completion is known.

The contractors have indicated that they plan to have the building ready for its final inspection by the architect and the Board at an

GIFT ITEMS—Cigarette dispenser 50c, silver plated jewel boxes \$2, 3-piece pen and pencil sets \$1.25, cigarette cases and lighters, powder boxes, triple strand pearls at \$3.50, table lighter \$2.50, atomizers, watch bands, pottery, and other Christmas goods. Christmas cards at Eldorado News Stand.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere thanks to the good people of Eldorado who so willingly gave of their means to us in our time of need. We thank God for each and every gift and that God still has people whom he can work through to manifest his grace.

It really blesses my heart that God has seen fit to save my daughter's life. Through the effort of some of the women I have a new washing machine and iron. I want to thank the doctors and nurses, and members of the Fundamental Baptist church and other church members for your prayers and help. May God bless each and every one.
Mrs. Arch Posey 1*

GARDEN PLOWING jobs solicited. Charge about \$3. Ph. 21181 1*

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DON'T FORGET—A 52-piece set of 1847 Rogers silver will be given away Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. at John Stigler's Jewelry.

TO TRADE—New house—5 rooms and sleeping porch on two lots each 50x190; chicken fence, well in yard—for Eldorado property of equal value. Write or see B. W. Cochran, box 59, Christoval, Texas. 51-52*

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank each and every one who gave beautiful gifts and did so many kind deeds while I was in the hospital.
Mrs. Alvin Atkinson and family. 1*

early date.—Mason County News.

Dairy Closes
Fort Stockton this week is without a local commercial dairy, for the first time in its modern history.

Joe Peckham this week announced the closing of his dairy, due to steadily rising costs, a growing scarcity of feed, and unbalanced milk supply. Mr. Peckham bought the local concern last winter from H. Y. Burdine.—Ft. Stockton Pioneer.

Accidentally Killed
Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock in San Angelo at the Cox Funeral Chapel for Kenneth Bullard, who was accidentally killed at the Linticum ranch in Reagan county last Friday.

Mr. Bullard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bullard of Sherwood, was found dead at the ranch by a friend who just happened to drop by. Mrs. Bullard and Mrs. Griggs, wife of the man who found Bullard were in San Angelo shopping when the accident happened. Mr. Griggs had dropped by to see if they had returned.

Mr. Bullard was shot in the right breast by a 12-gauge shotgun that was resting on a pick-up in which he had been riding. Justice of the Peace F. T. Cartwright returned a verdict of accidental death.—Mertzon Star.

Open House At Eden
Following a plan similar to that recently publicized at San Angelo, and which is now drawing nationwide attention in answering the need for low-cost housing units, Zack Murray, manager of the Armstrong Lumber Company here, and builder of the local project states that the unit will be open all day Sunday through Wednesday for public inspection.

The house, first of a series, which will possibly be built here, has 650 square feet of floor space.—Eden Echo.

New Eden Pastor
Fulfilling the vacancy created early last summer, spokesmen of the First Baptist Church announce the call of Rev. Bob Harris of Abilene, as the new pastor of the local church.

Rev. Harris formerly played football at Texas Tech. He left the Lubbock school to enroll at Hardin-Simmons at Abilene at the time he entered the ministry. He began preaching in 1947 and was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Rotan in 1948. He was educational director at Immanuel Baptist Church in Abilene for a year before becoming pastor of Friendship Baptist Church.—Eden Echo.

EAGLE DRIVE IN THEATRE

Thursday, Friday, Dec. 20-21
MYSTERY STREET
Ricardo Montaban, Sally Forrest
Polka Dot Puss—Cartoon

Saturday, December 22
I Killed Geronimo
James Ellison
Bad Luck Blacky—Cartoon

Sunday, Monday, Dec. 23-24
No Man of Her Own
Barbara Stanwyck John Lund
Hypo Cat—Cartoon

Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 25-26
LEMON DROP KID
Bob Hope Marilyn Maxwell
Hatch Up Your Troubles—Cartoon

Thursday, Friday, Dec. 27-28
WAKE ISLAND
Brian Donlevy Robert Preston
William Bendix
Hep Cat—Cartoon

Saturday, Dec. 29
MASKED RAIDERS
Tim Holt
Ski For Two—Cartoon

Show Time 6:30—Gates Open 6:00
Admission—9c and 4c
Phone: Theatre 23053; Res. 22541



Sanitary Association Meets
Robert Lee was host to the Ft. Concho Sanitary Association at a turkey dinner Monday night at the Home Economics Cottage. The dinner was prepared and served by the Future Home Makers class under the supervision of their instructor, Mrs. Elizabeth Hall.

Representatives were present from San Angelo, Ozona, Sonora, Eldorado, Bronte, Big Lake, Coleman and Winters.—Robert Lee Observer.

More FM Road for Menard
Menard county commissioners Monday accepted the proposal of the State Highway department that an additional four miles of the Palmer schoolhouse road be designated a farm-to-market road. With that addition, eight miles are now scheduled for paving in the future, according to County Judge Jas. W. Scruggs.

Ozona Girl Wins
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6.—Miss Jeannene Thompson, 15, Ozona, Texas, high school girl, won the "Wool Princess" award of the fifth annual national style show at the National Wool Growers convention here Wednesday night.

Runner-up for the award was Mrs. Joy Short of Bandera, Tex. Miss Thompson and Mrs. Short were winners of the junior and senior divisions in the contest, held at Kerrville at the annual wool and mohair festival there this fall.—Ozona Stockman.

Car Accident Fatal
A 63-year-old grandmother and her 12-year-old grandson were killed and the boy's mother and 8-year-old brother seriously injured when the car in which the four were riding crashed head-on into a highway bridge about 15 miles west of Ozona on Highway 290 Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lois Naomi Starkweather, 63, of Kerrville, and David Charles Starkweather, 12, died instantly in the crash.—Ozona Stockman.

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Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce, can 19c
Hershey's Kisses—1-lb. cello 65c
Hershey's plain or almond Bars, 24 89c
Wrigley's Gum—box 20 69c

VEGETABLES
Oranges — Pound 12c
Delicious Apples — Pound 15c
Cranberries — Pound Cello 25c
Tangerines — Pound 15c
POTATOES — 10-Lb. Bag 59c

MARKET
Wilson's Certified—10 to 14 lb. av. Lb.

HAMS 59c
Half or Whole

Wilson's Cert.—8 to 10 lb. slab Lb.
BACON 49c
Half or Whole

Swift's Circle S Cooked, 5 to 7 lbs. Lb.
PICNICS 49c

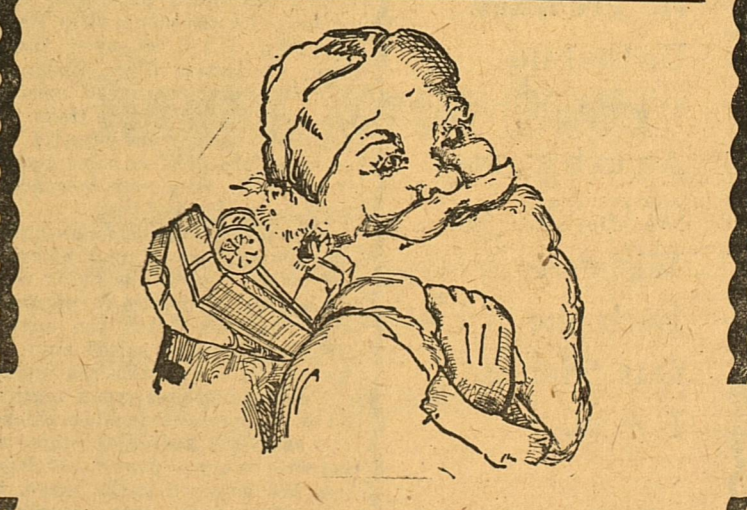
Ballard Biscuits—2 cans 25c
Swift's Gold Crest Cheese, 2-lb. box 79c

INTRODUCING!
Pillsbury's **GOLDEN YELLOW** CAKE MIX

Pillsbury's GOLDEN YELLOW Cake Mix 35c

Cracker Jacks—2 boxes 9c
Durkee's Margarine—Lb. 30c
KIM—Dogfood — 2 cans 25c
Garden Napkins—80 count box 15c
Drize Household Towels—150 roll 19c
Ponds Facial Tissues, 2—300 boxes 45c

PurAsnow 25 Pounds
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Christmas Greetings

May your eyes reflect the glad shining of your Christmas candles—and may Santa's warm smile of friendliness find a permanent place in your heart to bring you happiness through the coming years. We wish to all our customer-friends a bright and Merry Christmas.

DANCING CLASS IS PRESENTED IN RECITAL

Mrs. Gwen Askew presented her dancing class in recital Tuesday evening at the Memorial Building, 125 parents and friends attending. Group and individual numbers were given, with three of the younger children, Toya Jo Finley, Pat Nunley and Prissy Linthicum, performing solo dances, and all of the pupils taking part in group numbers. The class of older children presented a Charleston tap dance as a specialty number and there were two specialty numbers by young people from Sonora. All numbers were in costume. Punch and cookies were served from tables decorated with Santa and Christmas ornaments.

Over 150 Attend Ohio Oil Company Program and Tree

A safety meeting for Ohio employees and an all-family Christmas tree for the children had been planned as separate events, but the two were combined in one large meeting Thursday night at the Memorial Building. The tree had originally been planned for Friday. Attending this Christmas party and meeting were 150 people who are either employed by Ohio or are members of employees' families.

W. E. Chalfant, personnel director of Houston, and his wife, were here to have general charge of the arrangements and the program. A picture which the company had made was shown to the assembled group, as the main feature of the program.

Some humorous films were then shown for the benefit of the children, after which gifts were distributed to the children from the decorated tree. Doughnuts and coffee were served to all later in the evening.

THEY'RE NEW IN ELDORADO

Among those who have moved here recently are:
C. B. Thackerson, Jack Whitely house.
N. G. Gillispie, Mercer house.
E. D. Botkins, Crosby apartment.
Ammer Carter.
C. A. Farris, Aaron Stewart.
Lee Greenwelge, in Earl Parker house.
Clyde Waugaman, Crosby apartment.
Mrs. D. L. Graves, Auta Mae Bradshaw rent house.
Republic, in Jack Halbert Bldg.
T. A. Roller, east side Humphrey.
H. W. Hunt, Otto Mund house.
Preston Reel, in Humphrey apartment.

Here for the holidays in the T. K. Jones home are their daughter, Mrs. Joe Reynolds and two sons of Roswell. Mr. Reynolds recently had a minor accident in which he injured his hand in a feed mixer, but he was dismissed from the hospital and will join his family here for Christmas.

POST - SCRIPT

And now, with everyone getting into the holiday spirit—or if they aren't it's time they were—comes a communication from the state Department of Safety, striking a sour note by reminding us that during the eleven-day holiday season an estimated 222 persons will meet violent deaths. Traffic accidents will account for 115 of them, suicides or homicides 42, and miscellaneous accidents such as fires and drownings the remaining 65. It would be a fine thing for Texans to be extra careful, and prove the experts to be wrong.

Santa and his reindeer did not make their usual appearance at the top of the courthouse this year. In place of the usual tableau of Saint Nick and his trusty steed there is a large lighted star which can be seen for miles away. Also in place and making quite a display at night are the colored Christmas lights which outline the facade of the courthouse and the entire community building on the courthouse grounds.

Clyde Keeney wonders if anyone would ever be able to predict what agriculture would do in Schleicher County in any given year. When we heard his story we didn't blame him for feeling that way.

Out around the cemetery he had 160 acres in cotton this fall—from this he got one bale. Eight acres in a lake bed got in on a freeze and some of it was never even plowed, and this produced one bale per acre!

There have been many favorable comments on the Christmas music, which the various organists of the city have been furnishing in the late afternoon, beginning last Monday. The Christmas carols have been broadcast from the Presbyterian church, the organists taking turns to bring this Christmas feature to the residents of the city and shoppers in the business district. It has been heard for quite a distance away and has elicited much favorable comment.

Cubs Have Party Saturday Night

Eldorado Cub Scouts went caroling and distributed sacks of Christmas cookies and fruits to shut-ins at their Pack meeting and party Saturday night. They presented trays, bread boards, shoe shine boxes and cookie jars they had made, to their parents. They also collected books to send to Gonzales polio hospital.

Refreshments were served the group which included committeemen, in the Memorial building. Den 1 received the Den Pennant for having the most parents present.

Den 1 had their Christmas party Friday afternoon at which they exchanged gifts, were served cookies, fruits and nuts, and received their Cub Scout shirts. The den has also bought an electric saw. Seven mothers were present.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Hazelwood and baby visited from Friday to Sunday in Austin with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Case will have as guests for a week after the 28th, their daughter Helen and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brigham, of Maryland. Mr. Brigham has been called into service and will report for duty in January.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ballew has been undergoing treatment in a San Angelo hospital.

Those from here who attended the funeral of Lee Griffin at Stacy last week were John Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Skeet Griffin, Mrs. W. F. Parrent, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Griffin and Ronnie, Mr. and Mrs. Delwood Blair and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffin and Perry Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Hight spent the weekend at London where they visited relatives and Mr. Hight did a little unsuccessful hunting. They returned home Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kuykendall have had as guests Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Kuykendall and daughter of Martinez, California, who spent several hours here Monday. They were on their way to Houston to visit other relatives. The men are brothers.

Local relatives have been informed that Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cheek sailed on the 12th for the Hawaiian Islands, where they expect to spend the month of January. They were accompanied by another couple from Tucson, Arizona.

Mrs. A. G. Clark, Mrs. Charles Sudduth, Mrs. J. B. Montgomery and Mrs. Edwin Childers spent Tuesday in Ozona attending a gift coffee, honoring Mrs. Kenneth Willy, the former Gail Childers, at the home of Mrs. Carl Stevens.

Dr. Edward Caroe and others from San Angelo were business callers in Eldorado and Schleicher County Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. O. Wilson had as guests the past weekend Mr. and Mrs. Don Moffatt of Wheeling, West Virginia, and Robert Crebbs of Caracas, Venezuela. Mr. Crebbs boarded a plane in Eldorado early Tuesday afternoon.

O. L. Woodward was in Brownwood during the weekend for stock for their Christmas trade at the nursery.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR CAROL

Mrs. Ray Tisdale was hostess at a birthday party honoring her second daughter, Carol, on her seventh birthday. Present were 31 children and five adults, Mrs. Wynn Hall, Mrs. W. J. Humphrey, Mrs. Lester Early, Mrs. Jack Hext who took pictures of the group at play, and Mrs. Pat Finley. Favors were candy canes, and refreshments consisted of punch and birthday cake.

PAT O'HARROW WEDS GIRL FROM MENARD

October 5 has recently been revealed as the wedding date for Pat O'Harrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van O'Harrow, and Irma Kingrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Truett of Menard. The couple were unattended at the wedding which took place in Kerrville.

The groom attended EHS and has been employed here several years. The bride has been working recently at the City Cafe.

The couple are living temporarily with the O'Harrows.

SQUARE DANCE NOTICE

Eldorado Square Dance club is having a dance and party Friday night, Dec. 28, at the Memorial building. We are going to have live music and lots of fun for all. All members urged to attend.

FOR SALE—Two used bicycles, one boy's, one girl's, \$10 each. One .22 rifle \$5. Call 24881. 1*

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank each of you for your calls, flowers, cards and other expressions of sympathy while I was in the hospital.
Herbert Graf 1*

MAGINOT TAKES OVER HOLCOMB CLINIC HOSPITAL

Dr. Robert Maginot moved to the Holcomb Clinic building during the weekend, and is now operating the hospital, succeeding Dr. M. G. Holcomb, who has moved to El Paso.

A large crowd of friends called during the evening Thursday, when the Methodists held Open House in the Holcombs' honor, and presented them with going-away gifts.

JIM SMITH HONORED ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Jim Smith honored her husband with a birthday supper at the family home, all of her family being present except one brother, Jimmie Woodward, who is in the Navy.

Present for the chili supper were Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Woodward and children, R. L. Nolen and his family, the Pat McAlpines, the Burl Woodward family, Mrs. O. L. Woodward and the Smiths.

After the supper the group played canasta and "42".

Deep Well For Sutton

The Pure Oil No. 1 S. H. Allison blew in after acidizing Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, giving Sutton County its first deep oil well.

The well flowed 66 barrels during the first 40 minutes through a half-inch choke. Pressure was 1130 pounds.

After the first flow, the well flowed 17 barrels per hour until storage tanks were full. It was then shut off. A small amount of water and sediment was present and further testing will be done after the well has chance to clean itself out. —Devil's River News.

Paved Streets for Texon

Texon people may well be proud of the improvements that are being made in their town, and their thanks go to a former Texonite, Mike Griffith of Sinton, who is said to be instrumental in getting the project started. Mr. Griffith, assistant superintendent of the Big Lake Oil Company in the early days of Texon, is now vice president and general manager of the Western Division of the Plymouth Oil Company of which the company at Texon is a subsidiary. The improvements include the paving of all the main thoroughfares, and the painting and re-roofing of the houses. The houses are white with green trim and the roofs are green. —Big Lake Wildcat.

Install Parking Meters

Work was started last weekend installing standards for parking meters in downtown Alpine although it is not expected that the six-months' trial of the devices will begin until some time next week, at the soonest, city officials said Wednesday.

The city commission entered into an agreement with the Magee-Hale Park-O-Meter Co., of Oklahoma City last July to install the meters on a strictly six-months' trial basis. One hundred ninety meters were ordered and spaces for 160 of these had been designated up to press time this week with the probability that the area might be extended, it was stated. —Alpine Avalanche.

Venison For The Needy

Venison which cost two Brownwood men \$346 Sunday was distributed to the needy of the town the first of the week by the game department Joe M. Matlock, game warden, said.

The meat was cut from an 8-point buck which weighed 85 pounds, drawn. Calculating by weight, it was pretty expensive—\$4 per pound. —Junction Eagle.

THE TWO WAYS

"The Wages of Sin is Death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ Our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

Here in simple language, is outlined for man the creature, two fundamental truths that run through the word of God.

God gave man the choice of two roads to travel in this life. The choice he makes in this life determines where he will spend eternity.

Any man or woman has the privilege of working for Satan during his normal life. Satan has many jobs; you can have your own way and serve him. God has set some of the ways you may serve him in Galatians 5:19-21.

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelling, and such like of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

My friend, your wages for doing these things is to spend your days in the lake of fire, there to spend forever and forever. No hope, no peace, no God, no Christ. Just eternal suffering!

Look down the other road, sinner friend, and you may have the gift of God which is eternal life. Notice how we receive this life and that is through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Do you have this life? It is yours if you will come to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Come to church.—F. H. Pryor, Fundamental Baptist church.

Here from Thursday to Saturday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Furr and their daughter Freddie and children were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shore, Sr., of Highland.

Herbert Graf, who has been hospitalized for some time, returned home from San Angelo last week, and is able to be in town part of the time.

Anna Ruth Cowart and Cynthia Flores of San Angelo, will arrive here tomorrow, Friday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Godwin.

Joseph Faull underwent major surgery Saturday in a San Angelo hospital, and is reported to be doing well. Local relatives have been visiting him frequently.

Dr. H. M. Anderson of San Angelo and his son Mike who attends school in Dallas were here Wednesday, hunting with O. B. Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd White drove to Cisco last weekend to take Mrs. White's mother to the home of a son, after a two weeks' visit here with the Whites. She will spend Christmas in Canadian.

Old Friends & New

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



Eldorado Welding

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carroll

Best Wishes

In the Spirit of Christmas, we wish for you happiness and good fortune throughout the coming years. This year more than ever, we pledge ourselves to expressing the friendly spirit of Christmas every day during the coming months. Through more efficient service to you; greater courtesy and friendliness, we want to demonstrate to you, our friends and customers, how much we enjoy knowing you and how much we appreciate the business which you bring to us. So, to each of you, we wish a Merry Christmas, and the best of the good things this happy season brings.

JOHN STIGLER



THANKS FOR ALL
PAST FAVORS
AND
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL

The RATLIFF STORE

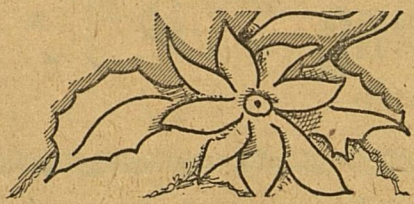


Best wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy Holiday Season

Our sincere thanks to every one of you for your kindnesses to us during the year we have been operating our Motel.

KENO'S MOTEL
Mr. and Mrs. Keno Ogden

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS



- Your family dinner will be happier with a centerpiece of cut flowers, a pot plant, or styrofoam ornament.
- That very special relative or friend will like a corsage.
- Remember the shut-in with flowers.
- We wire orders—get your order in as early as possible.
- We deliver anywhere in town as usual.
- Come in and look around.

With each passing year we appreciate our friends more. As another Christmas rolls around, and we look back over the year, we realize that it has been a good one. We've helped at weddings, funerals, anniversaries, as well as many dinner parties, and we appreciate your unfailing cooperation at all times.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Eldorado Flower Shop
Mrs. O. L. Woodward



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thanks to Each
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That REINDEER

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

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

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

Last year, there were 16 different recordings of the song for sale, ranging from boogie-woogie by Sugar Chile Robinson to Bing Crosby, and cowboy singers.



... A HERALD OF THE KING ...

Tree Decoration Has Ancient Source In Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a centuries-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

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

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

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

Christmas Helps World's Economy

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

Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

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

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

May Your
CHRISTMAS

be a Happy One

This is the sincere wish of every member of this organization.

We are deeply appreciative of the opportunity we have had in serving you . . . and we truly hope that for each of you, this may be a day of great joy

Magnolia Petroleum Co.

A. J. Halbert, Consignee

Jack Halbert, Jr.

Jones Bros. Service Station

Merry Christmas

and

GOOD WISHES

TO EACH OF YOU



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Ozona, Texas

CHRISTMAS

GREETINGS

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company

Teena

Vernal

Eldorado, Texas

Wiley

Skeet

Motorists Warned Of Holiday Wrecks

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Every motorist has a real reason for careful and safe driving right now—for some time during December the one-millionth traffic fatality is due to occur. This prediction is based on the present rate of highway deaths in the United States.

"The majority of traffic accidents," the National Automobile Dealers Association points out, "are the result of an error committed by one or more of the drivers involved. These errors are usually the product of carelessness and ignorance."

"This ten-point program," says N. A. D. A., "if followed by every motorist, will at least push back the date when this millionth victim will make headlines."

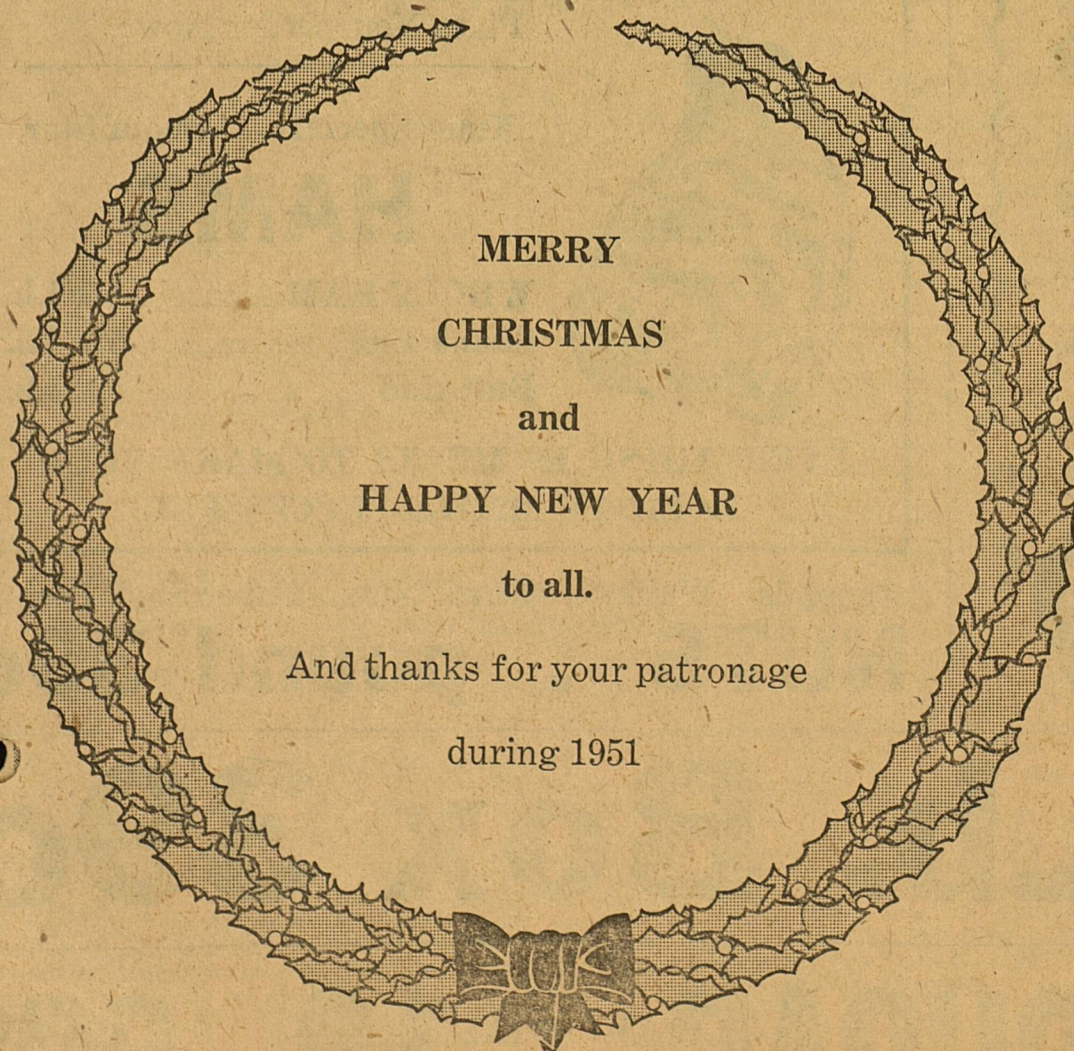
1. Don't drive so fast that your stopping distance exceeds your seeing distance, or that you risk losing control of your car.
2. Use your rear-view mirror and signal your intentions, before moving out of the lane in which you are driving.
3. Pass only on the left side of other vehicles when overtaking them.
4. Give the pedestrian the right of way.
5. Make it a point to turn your head and look before backing up.

6. Don't follow the driver ahead too closely. You should allow a distance of at least one car-length between you for every ten miles per hour of speed.
7. Drive on the right side of the road.
8. Slow down and look both ways at traffic lights—even green ones.
9. Be careful that no train is coming when crossing railroad tracks.
10. Keep your car in the best operating condition at all times. Take it to your dealer for periodic inspections.

ESTERBROOK fountain pens, \$2.—At the Success office.

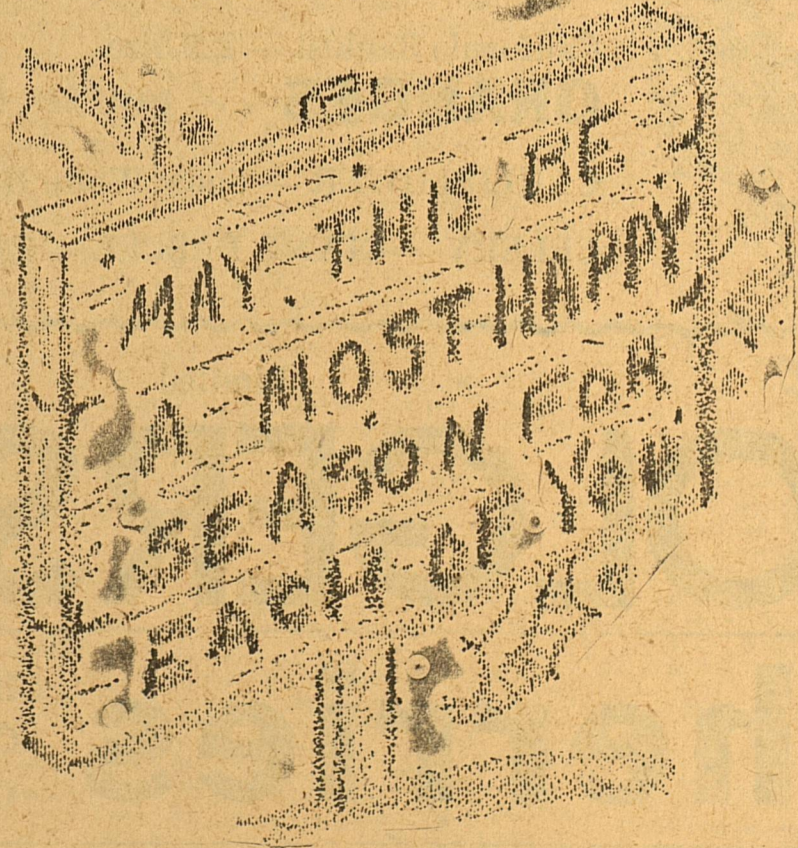
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Faught and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sauer have returned from a several day visit with relatives at Matagorda Bay, Seguin, San Antonio and Doss.

Carl Bruce of Shreiner arrived here Wednesday to spend the holidays with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bruce at the Presbyterian Manse.



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CIGARS

Melba Special, box of 50 \$3.29
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Red & White—All green No 2 Can
ASPARAGUS 39c

Dove Brand No. 10 Approx 48 Olives
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Ocean Spray 2 Cans
Cranberry Sauce 25c

Miracle Whip, pt 29c

R & W PEARS—2½ CAN 43c

R & W PEACHES—TALL CAN 23c

We hope you have the
Merriest Christmas Ever!



EGG NOG MIX FULL QUART 85c

Frozen STRAWBERRIES PACKAGE 33c

REDDI WHIP CREAM each 65c

EAGLE BRAND MILK—Can 25c

Pie-O-My Blueberry Muffin Mix—Box 39c

Pie-O-My Coffee Cake Mix—box 33c

Pineapple Upside-Down Cake Mix, box 49c



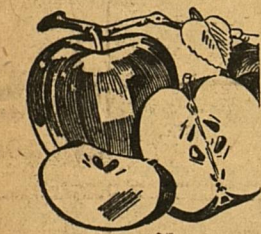
HERSHEYS
KISSES, 1 Lb. Pkg. 63c
HERSHEY BARS
Box of 24 98c
WRIGLEYS GUM
Box of 20 69c

MAKE-IT-SNOW BOMBS
Enough For 10 Ft. Tree
EACH \$1.39



Florida 5 Lb. Bag
ORANGES GRAPEFRUIT 29c

CRANBERRIES Lb Box 23c



Washington Red—Fancy and Ex Fancy Box
DELICIOUS APPLES 5.49

Florida Fancy Box
TANGARINES POUND 12½c 4.29

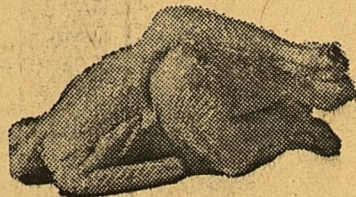


California Sunkist—222 Size Box
ORANGES POUND 9c 5.49

CAULIFLOWER—Snow White Heads—Each 29c

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Standard Baltimore Pint Can
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CONTRIBUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

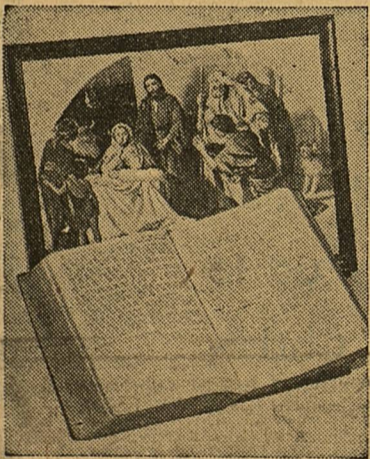
The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

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

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

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

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



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

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

—Looking for modest gift? ETTT Are you looking for a modest gift? Esterbrook fountain pens at \$2 are still available at the Success

SANTA'S HERE

to Make You Happy!

Let's prepare a warm welcome for the kindly old gentleman.

He's not likely to pass up the type of people we have in this community, the finest anywhere. He likes to visit where folks are friendly, considerate, thoughtful and that is just what we have here. We know from experience.

So, friends, get ready! Old Santa's sure to come by.

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



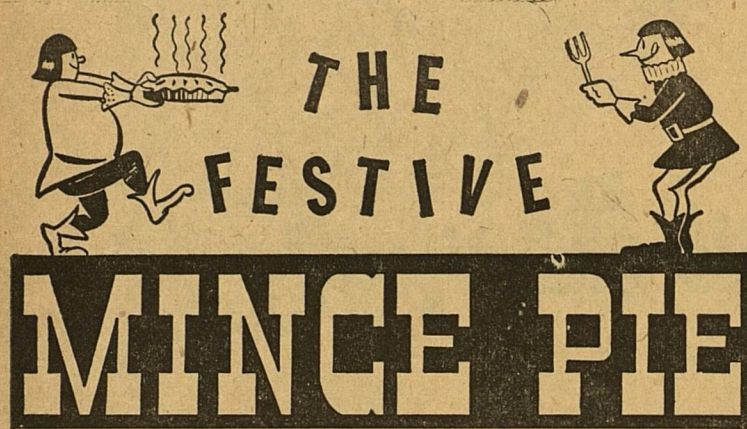
Southwest Texas Electric CoOperative, Inc.

NOTICE

CONCERNING

Dr. M. G. Holcomb's Accounts

ALL ACCOUNTS OF DR. M. G. HOLCOMB AND THE HOLCOMB CLINIC & HOSPITAL WILL BE TURNED OVER TO MRS. PALMER WEST FOR COLLECTION. PLEASE CONTACT HER FOR THE BALANCE TO BE PAID.



OF ALL THE holiday delicacies, none carries more of the old-time traditions and associations of good eating and festivity than mince pie. Many writers give credit for its origination to Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history.

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

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

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

HELPING SANTA

When Buying Toys for Children

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

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

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

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

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

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

Piano-Organ Installed

A beautiful new piano-organ was installed the last of the week in the Robert Lee Methodist Church. It was presented to the congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Houston Hill of Midland as a memorial to Mrs. Hill's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newton.

The instrument, known as the Organa, is manufactured by the Janssen company. — Robert Lee Observer.

Children To Leave Dogs At Home

Only this week, children in the Eden schools, were asked to see that their dogs stayed at home, that they be sent home should they appear on the school grounds. Several of the four-legged pets have become pests at school and it is general opinion that they should be thinned out before some youngster is injured. — Eden Echo.

Yours for a

Merry Christmas

with Firestone Tires

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CREETINES

The spirit of Christmas helps us to appreciate the true value of the friendly folks whose loyalty makes it possible for us to successfully go on Christmas after Christmas.

Business has friendships . . . many of which gain strength as they go down through the years. Old names on the ledgers, old familiar voices on the telephone, old customers entering our doors . . . all make us realize that behind every successful business there is a powerful force of friendship that gives warmth and feeling to the everyday things of life.



THANKS FOR YOUR PATRONAGE DURING 1951. WE HOPE TO SERVE YOU AGAIN IN THE NEW YEAR.

McMillan Dry Cleaners

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McMillan

The First National Bank of Eldorado

Officers

Directors

Employees



Happy New Year
 And Thanks For Your Patronage
**Ashmore
 BARBER SHOP**



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

Tradition Says Tree Originated in Egypt

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1605. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

Basilica of the Nativity One of Oldest Churches

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,620 years ago.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, surprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

Hospital Progresses

The Irion County Memorial Hospital is rapidly shaping up as a modern up-to-date institution.

This editor had the opportunity to inspect the partially completed hospital yesterday and was amazed at the rapid progress being made.

The hospital has the latest in equipment. All beds are modern innerspring type. The air is completely changed every 30 seconds. The modern nursery is equipped with lights that sterilize the air constantly. Operating room is complete with hydraulic table and retractor type lights, all wired explosive proof.

The drive for donations is progressing well with the people of Irion County responding as they always do to worthwhile causes.

—Mertzon Star.

Fireworks Banned

Menard councilmen passed an ordinance at their regular meeting Tuesday evening which prohibits persons from setting off fireworks within the fire limits of the city.

Under the provisions of the new ordinance, persons found guilty under its provisions "shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100. —Menard News.

A Merry CHRISTMAS to You

We want to thank you for your many kindnesses to us during the past year, and we hope that we can continue to serve you during the New Year. It has been a pleasure to know you and to serve you as your news stand dealer. Thanks for everything.

Eldorado News Stand
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**Thank You
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 Thank You**

From the time I went into the Filling Station business three years ago, until the time last September when I sold out to Mr. Mund, the people of Eldorado and Schleicher county were more than generous to me with their patronage.

I want you to know that I haven't forgotten and as the close of the year draws near, I extend to you, one and all, my best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

I want you to know also that I will continue to be around . . . ready to serve you again when the opportunity presents itself. When the New Year opens you will find me actively campaigning for the office of SHERIFF, and your continued generosity and consideration will be more necessary to me than ever.

C. N. SHAW



This Is The Holiday Greeting of

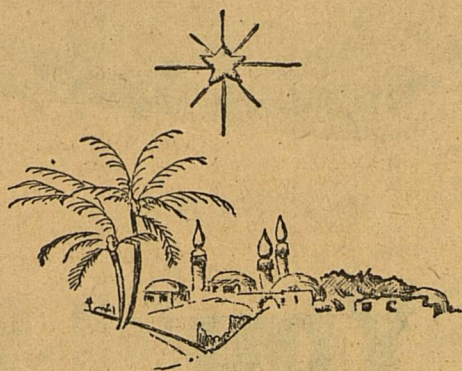
Eldorado Gas Dept.

We sincerely thank you for your liberal patronage during 1951. The year now closing has brought a substantial increase in the number of meters in operation, a fact of which we are proud and for which we are most grateful to you.

Your city-owned gas plant is making every effort to improve service and serve a steadily growing number of users in 1952. We thank you for helping us grow!

MERRY CHRISTMAS — HAPPY NEW YEAR

Palmer West, City Plant Superintendent
 and City Officials



It is not an easy thing to say goodbye to our Schleicher County friends. You have been most kind to all of us during our association with you as your physician, and we appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts. Surely it goes without saying that we regret having to leave you.

We are pleased with one thing: the hospital will be left in excellent hands—Dr. Maginot will take good care of you.

Thanks for everything.

DR. M. G. HOLCOMB

and Family—and Hospital Staff

RATLIFF HEADS DRIVE FOR USO IN THIS COUNTY

Carroll Ratliff, Eldorado business man, recently was named Schleicher County chairman for the forthcoming fund appeal in Texas for the U. S. O.

Appointment of Mr. Ratliff to head the Schleicher County appeal was announced by Ben H. Wooten of Dallas, Campaign Chairman of the Texas United Defense Fund committee and Earl Smith, district 24 chairman of the U. S. O. fund campaign.

In accepting the appointment as County Chairman, Mr. Ratliff pointed out that Schleicher County has a total of 46 men and women serving in the armed forces, and that more young people will be called up from time to time as our defense program expands.

"One of the most important civic, patriotic and personal responsibilities is to these young people in uniform," Mr. Ratliff said.

"Through the U. S. O. we have a means by which we can assist in keeping up the morale of these young men and women who are giving up to much to protect our freedom.

"Let's make certain that the fund appeal for \$320 in Schleicher county is a success."

Texans in the past two months have subscribed \$552,370, toward a state goal of \$700,000 to provide the home-away-from-home services

of the USO to our Armed Forces in this country and abroad, Ben H. Wooten, campaign chairman, reported today.

"This is a god showing representing 78% of our goal," Mr. Wooten said. "Many counties have completed their campaigns and some have oversubscribed their quotas, but there are a number of others which are incomplete or just beginning. It is very necessary that the remaining \$147,630 be raised to complete our goal, and the only way we can do this is for each county to meet its quota."

Mr. Wooten described the USO as a direct morale and welfare service which Texans can provide for our young people in the Armed Forces.

Attorney General Price Daniel is general chairman of the Texas United Defense Fund Committee, which is conducting the appeal for \$700,000 for the USO, Wooten is campaign chairman, General Courtney Hicks Hodges, vice chairman, R. L. Thornton, Jr., of Dallas, treasurer, and Fred M. Lange of Dallas, secretary.

Texas Agriculture Should Prosper In '52

COLLEGE STATION—In general, Texas farmers and ranchmen should have a prosperous year in 1952. In making this prediction, John G. McHaney, an Extension economist of Texas A&M College, points out that agricultural economists from over the nation have considered supply, demand and the cost of producing farm commodities in 1952 and have based the outlook on these findings.

McHaney adds that economic conditions within the state will have little effect on the 1952 outlook for Texas agriculture. The big influence will come from economic conditions within the nation and the world.

A powerful force behind the prediction, says McHaney, is our expanding defense program and an even bet for the continuation through 1952 of the cold war. There may or may not be full scale fighting or all out war, but free nations will continue to expand their defense programs against the threat of communism.

From the standpoint of supply,

1951 was near a record for total agricultural production and prospects for 1952—weather permitting—should be another year of high production. With the outlook for large supplies of agricultural products, the prices received by farmers are expected to hold generally near the 1951 levels despite an expected strong demand. However, McHaney points out that an unfavorable growing season in 1952 would result in considerable upward pressure on prices, particularly in the second half of the year.

Demand for farm products is expected to continue strong during 1952 as employment and incomes rise. Larger defense expenditures are expected to push consumer income higher. McHaney says current plans call for defense spending by fall of 1952 at a rate of 65 billion dollars a year as compared with a rate of 41 billion for the third quarter of this year.

With few exceptions, prospects for exports of agricultural commodities in 1952 look very good. The rearmament program of the free world should make available additional foreign exchange, and this should relieve dollar difficulties encountered since World War II by countries which normally are our customers.

The unfavorable side of the 1952 outlook for agriculture, says McHaney, are production costs, which continue to rise. Those in 1951 set a new record. Costs may average five per cent higher in 1952. Supplies of materials needed for production are expected to be sufficient to permit high farm production though some items will be relatively scarce, McHaney says. Prices of all important groups of items used in production are higher now than a year ago. Farmers and ranchmen, adds McHaney, must also expect a moderate increase in farm wage rates in 1952.

The prospects for higher production costs in 1952 offers a challenge to all agricultural producers to cut costs and use more efficient methods of production. McHaney says producers should place orders now for goods and supplies needed for producing the 1952 crops and livestock.

—ESTERBROOK Fountain Pens, \$2 at Eldorado Success.



As the Christmas season approaches and we pause to look back over the year drawing to a close, we realize that nothing has been of such lasting value to us as the friendships we have made.

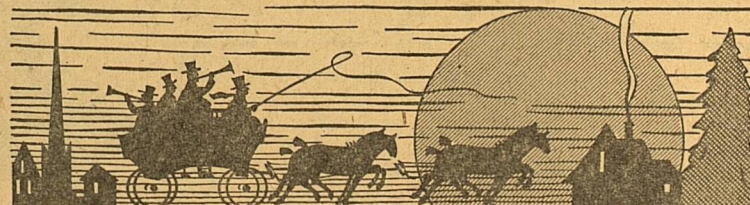
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
THOUGHTFULNESS AND
CONSIDERATION.

WHATEVER THE NEW YEAR MAY
HOLD FOR ALL OF US—WAR OR
PEACE, DROUTH OR RAIN—IT'S
GOING TO BE A BETTER YEAR
BECAUSE OF THE COOPERATION
AND SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS.

Thanks to everyone—for everything.

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Ray and Shorty

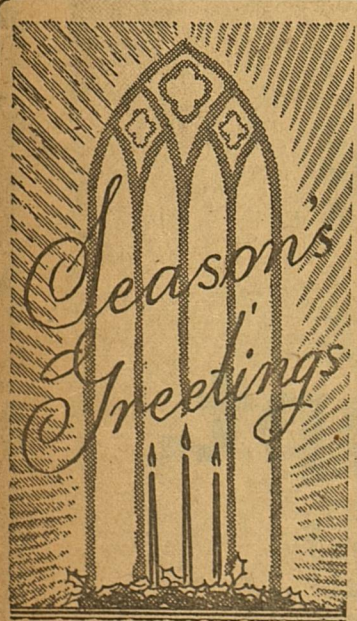


Season's Greetings

THANKS TO EACH OF YOU FOR
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COMING DURING THE NEW YEAR.

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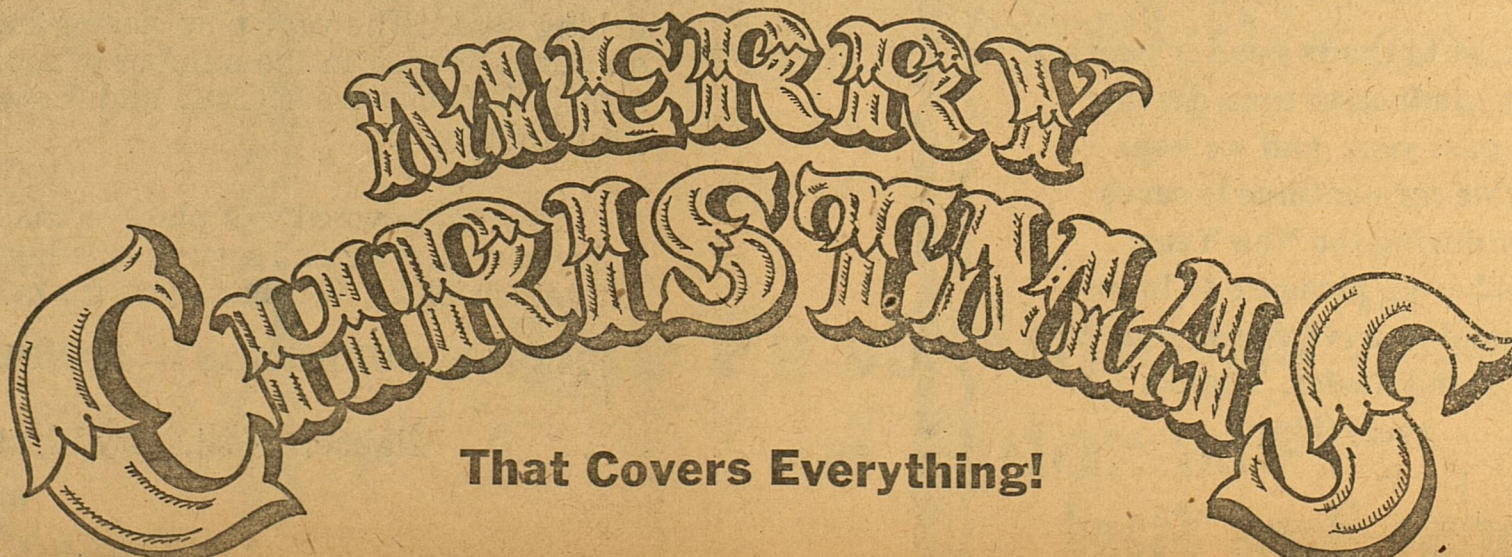


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for your patronage during 1951 and we hope to serve you during the new year.

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Eldorado Beauty Shop

Fay and Ollie



CHRISTMAS LECTURE . . .
 "Now this is a Christmas tree," big brother appears to be telling the toddler. "It grows in the living room only once a year, and it always has a lot of nice presents under it."

Games for All Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Xmas Scramble Contest is good for a group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astna, erireden, ehsgil, dynca, gosiknct, erie, trepesn, lupnc, alsore, and niborb.

Sighting Deer Rifles

By W. J. FRAKER

Every year a number of deer hunters miss, or worse yet, cripple deer because they are using rifles which they have not sighted in or with which they are not well acquainted. Each hunter owes it to the idea of good sportsmanship to become a part of the rules of the game and certainly one of these requires that one hunt only with a rifle with which he is well acquainted and on which he can depend. The following rules, or at least some of them, may be of help to hunters:

1. Always fire at least a few

sighting shots with your gun before starting to hunt deer or other game.

2. If you have never shot the gun before as it is, then shoot first at a small bullseye (1-inch or less) at 10 yards for a gun with iron sights and at about 20 yards for guns with telescope sights.

3. Arrange to shoot from as dead a rest as possible with the barrel or forearm resting either on your hand, arm or a soft pad, never on wood or metal. Remember sighting shots are not for practice but to see just how your gun is shooting. It is just as important to steady your body as it is to steady your

gun barrel.

4. After your gun is shooting consistently in the bullseye at 10 or 20 yards as the case may be, try it at 100 yards and it should be hitting within six inches or less of where you want it at that range.

5. Then, if possible, shoot at zero range to be absolutely sure.

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Our Sincere Thanks To All

On this, our second Christmas in Eldorado, we want to thank you for your generous patronage and for your continued interest and encouragement. We have had a good year, and we appreciate all you have done for us more than we can say.

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YOUR NEW YEAR PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY

Lots of Items for the Last-Minute Shopper

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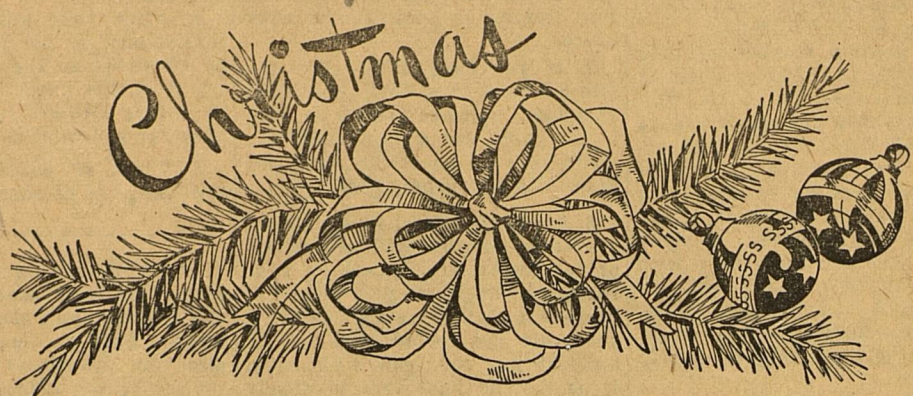
The management and employees thank each of you for your patronage and pleasant relations during the past year.

Let us wish you and yours a
 Happy year in 1952

**The Season's Greetings
 To One and All**

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GREETINGS

There are many thoughts that go through the minds of each of us at Christmas . . . impressions that remain with us for days to reflect the happiness that prevails everywhere at the Yuletide Season.

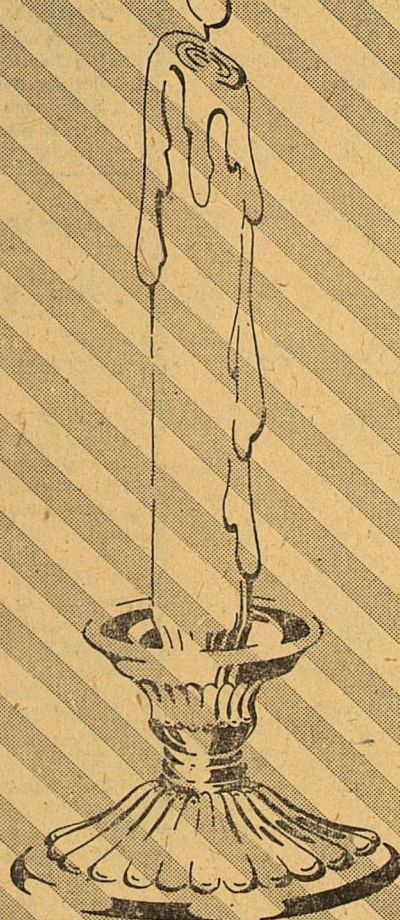
From Christmases past there are remembrances of associations with loved ones and friends . . . of tokens of esteem from those about us . . . there have been Christmas festivities . . . family reunions . . . religious worship . . . the joy of giving . . . and the happiness that comes from being remembered. These and many others are the impressions that make Christmas meaningful and joyful.

It is our sincere wish that you may enjoy every one of these blessings this Holiday Season . . . that the Christmastide this year may be the most impressive of them all.

Merry Christmas, all!

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sweatt
and Family

Merry Christmas



*To Each
of You, Our
Friends*

JONES MOTOR CO.

John R. and Ray Jones

New Road To Cleo

The county road machinery is busy laying a base for spring topping of six miles of county road from the North Llano bridge to Cleo, Asa Murr, precinct commissioner, said.

Work started several weeks ago under supervision of Joe Parker, county unit system employee. It will be paid for from county funds which were swelled again last year by approximately \$30,000 from the Alamo Motor Lines registration fees. —Junction Eagle.

—The Eldorado Success, \$2.00 year.

Custom of 'Pinata'. Observed in Mexico. Is Spreading to U.S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States.

Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time.

The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweetmeats and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling.

Each of the guests, not always only just children—is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season tolerable for Mexican children. Tradition decrees that they must wait until the final day of the 21-day Christmas season to receive their gifts.

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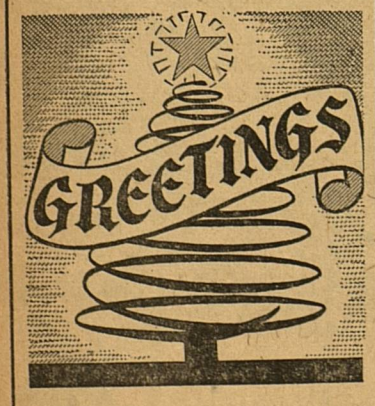
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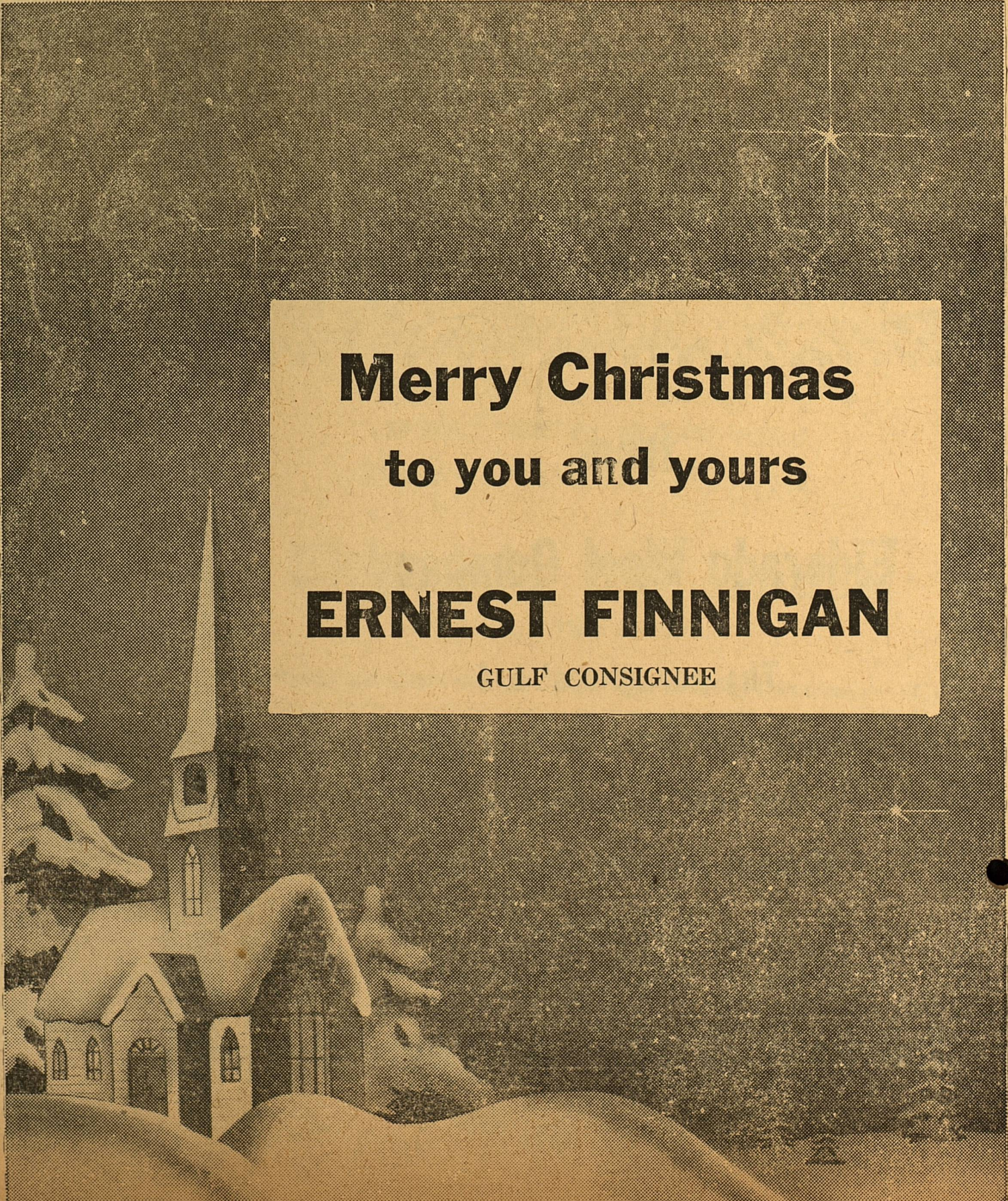
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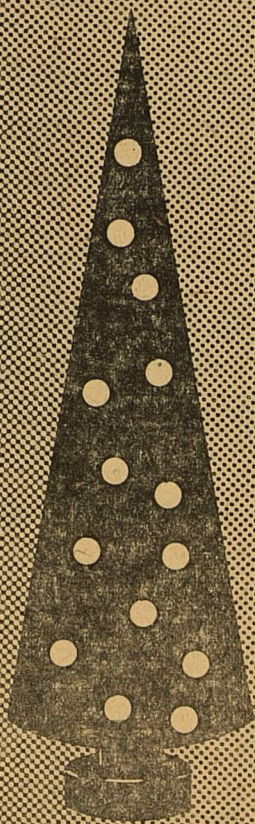
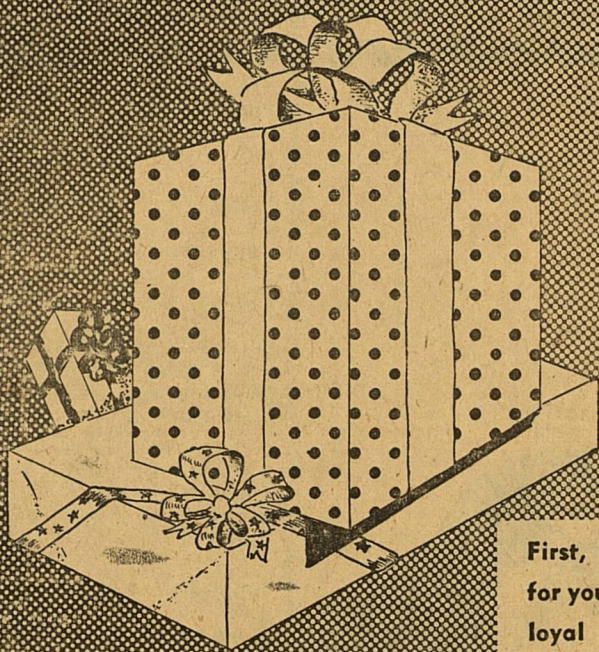


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**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**



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Then, a cordial wish for the best for you and yours in the Holiday Season.

Eldorado Motor Co.

Fred Furr and Crew

May You Have a



Christmas

That's our wish to you for a Merry Christmas

Clark's Texaco

Clevie and A. G.

Cameron's In Llano

Announcement was made this week that William Cameron & Co. of Waco will enter the lumber business in Llano.

The company has bought the old Don Carlos hotel site from Bailey Ratliff, the deal being handled by the Real Estate Exchange. Mr. Ratliff retained 100-foot frontage on Bessemer avenue for a used car lot.

The Cameron firm is one of the larger lumber companies in Texas, operating 65 yards in the state. —Llano News.

It's Dry In Mason

Rainfall recorded in the City of Mason during November was only .05 of an inch, but even so it was a "wetter" month than the two preceding Novembers, which had no rainfall whatever. A check of the official records maintained by Grady Steen shows that thus far this year Mason has had only 11.64 inches of rain, and for the past 14 months, only 11.80. Recent mists combined with the warm weather have seen the winter grasses making a strong effort to spring up. —Mason County News.

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CHRISTMAS QUESTION CORNER

QUESTIONS

- 1—Who was Kris Kringle?
- 2—What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
- 3—Who wrote the first Christmas Carols? When?
- 4—What superstition had the Scotch about the Christmas candle?
- 5—By what other name is mistletoe known?
- 6—Where did the custom of kissing under the mistletoe begin?
- 7—When were Christmas candles first used?
- 8—How long has the practice of gift giving at Christmas been observed?
- 9—How did the custom of hanging Xmas stockings originate?
- 10—Why are candles used during the Christmas season?

ANSWERS

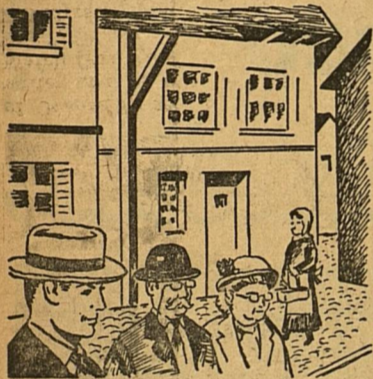
ANSWERS: 1. Santa Claus' helper. 2. "Little Christ Child". 3. St. Francis of Assisi and his friars—in Italy—during the 10th century. 4. It was considered an omen of bad fortune if the candle went out before midnight. 5. The Golden Bough. 6. England. 7. In the middle ages—at the Jewish "Feast of Lights." 8. Since the fourth century. 9. St. Nick once dropped a purse of coins down the chimney of a poor family. It landed in a stocking that had been hung to dry. 10. As symbols of the star of Bethlehem.

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

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

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

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



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

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

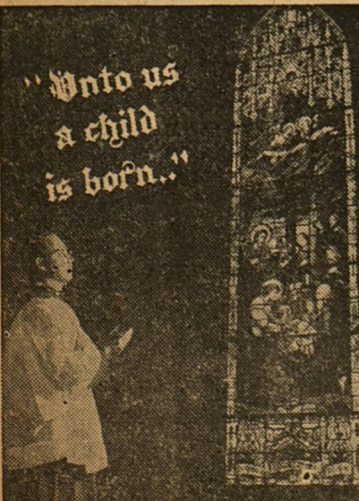
Once he received a United States dollar bill, enclosed in a letter written by a young American girl. It read: "Papa says that the dollar is my own, that he does not suppose you are in particular need of money, but I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I should send it to you."

Ancient Church Bells Still Summon Village

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

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

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



HAILING NEWBORN KING

Selective Service Deferment Details Given Explanation

AUSTIN—Young men of draft age who now ask for and get deferments under certain conditions automatically extend the time during which they may be drafted by nine years.

This was pointed out here in a statement today by Lt. Col. Morris S. Schwartz, deputy state Selective Service director, in clarifying recently received regulations on extended draft liability.

"The President on June 19th signed into law a draft amendment providing that all men 'now or hereafter deferred' can be drafted up to their 35th birthday," Col. Schwartz said. "The regulations now spell this out."

Col. Schwartz pointed out that the man who does not get any of the deferments mentioned in the draft regulations cannot be drafted

upon reaching his 26th birthday.

He pointed out the following types of deferred men who have their liability for service extended until age 35:

(1) Men who enlist at any time in the National Guard after February 1, 1951, before attaining the age of 18 years and six months.

(2) Members of the ROTC and other officer training programs.

(3) Accepted aviation cadet applicants.

(4) Students deferred to go to high school or college under requirements of law; college students deferred under authority of the local board.

(5) Men left at home to pursue civilian employment considered to be in the national interest.

(6) Men deferred to farm.

(7) Men who maintain a bona-fide family relationship in their homes with their children, or because of extreme hardship and privation to dependents. (This does not include a man with a wife

alone.)

(8) Any man who might be deferred because he is governor of the state, any other official chosen by the voters of the entire state, any member of the legislature, or any judge of a court of record in the state.

(9) Men classified as mentally, physically, or morally deficient or defective.

"Any man under 26 years of age on June 19th who has one of these deferments, or who since that time got one before he was 26, will be liable for service until he's 35," Col. Schwartz emphasized.

"It's possible under this provision of law," he said, "for such deferred men to become disqualified for deferment at—say, age 34. If that happens, they can be drafted."

DESK SIZE blotting paper—yellow, red, blue, brown, green. Twenty cents.—Eldorado Success.

Crockett Considers Road Bond Issue For Oil Territory

Over in Crockett County there is consideration of a bond issue for the purpose of building hard surfaced roads to connect oil fields in the central northeast area of the county with existing and proposed Farm to Market roads to be built.

It is understood that oil companies operating in the area had been requesting this action.

The state has pledged itself already to build a road from the Baggett Lane to the Vaughan Field, and to extend this road as the next step to intersect with the completed Big Lake Midway Lane road which is a continuation of Schleicher's new west road.

It is pointed out in Ozona that the oil companies now pay about 85 percent of Crockett's tax bill.

—The Eldorado Success, \$2.00 year.

2-Cent Postcards Due January 1st

WASHINGTON—The Postoffice department said Monday it hopes to have the new two-cent postal card available for sale in all post offices throughout the nation by Dec. 1.

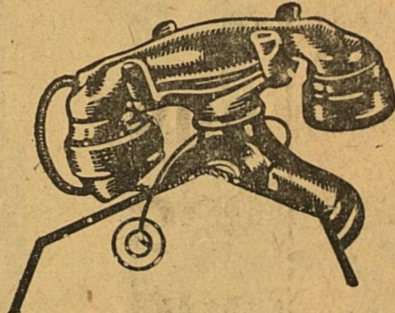
The two-cent postcard rate is not effective until Jan. 1, and the old penny postcard will continue to be sold up to that date. It will be good for mailing any time prior to midnight of Dec. 31.

SURGEON GETS STATE POST

Dr. Mickey Holcomb of Eldorado has been elected vice chairman of the newly-formed Texas Society of Osteopathic Surgeons.

The election came at a week end session of the statewide association in Fort Worth. Dr. Holcomb will soon be located in El Paso.

—ESTERBROOK Fountain Pens. \$2 at Eldorado Success.



Santa's Ringing His Sleighbells

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