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Shallow Field Activities Continue To Spread Out Here

Spacing of Oil Wells In City Limits Studied By Council

The City Council, working with visiting specialists, has been considering regulations concerning the drilling of oil wells within the city limits of Eldorado.

At a called meeting of the Council Wednesday night, Mayor Eldon Calk and all of the Council met with District Engineer M. W. Marshall and Field Engineer Elmer Simpson of San Angelo to make a start on working out of their problems.

The Council has tentatively decided to establish ten acres as a block on which a well may be drilled. Also worked out will be distance from improvements made by the property owner, rules concerning cleaning up after the drilling, and taking care of production if a well is brought in.

The men had studied copies of the Robert Lee and Bronte ordinances for suggestions.

The entire matter is somewhat complicated, involving the laying out of the entire city into drilling blocks. Making of these plans and drawing up of the map will require some time.

It is understood that the city of Bronte has 20-acre drilling tracts in the city limits. Smaller than 10 acres would carry such small allowable that no one would drill as a well could not be drilled and operated with profit.

The city officials, who have given the matter quite a lot of study, state that there are lots of problems to be ironed out before the ordinance is approved in final shape.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Early are moving to the former Earl Parker place, which they have bought and renovated, and for which they have bought new furniture. Arriving here Sunday to visit the J. N. Earlys and the Gene Earlys were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cox of Valley Mills, and their children.

Betty Sedberry is at home on two weeks' vacation from her school work at McMurry College, Abilene. She was accompanied home by two Colorado City friends, Mary Smith and Barbara Holman, of the Shannon School of Nursing, who have returned to San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Llano. Guests in their home for Christmas are their daughters Mr. and Mrs. Lilburn Hazelwood and family of Temple and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Briggs and baby of Farmington, N. Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Thurman and family spent the weekend with relatives, the John Falkner family at Iraan, Mr. Falkner having been injured in an automobile accident. They brought home their two-year-old niece Debra Falkner for a week's visit and all will return to Iraan in a week.

HARKEYS, PHELPS AND McCRAVEYS WIN IN CONTESTS

First prizes of \$10 each were awarded to winners of the three decorations contests, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club and the Lions Club. The awards were made after the judging Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harkey, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelps and Mr. and Mrs. Billy McCravey were the three winners.

The Harkeys, winner of the lawn contest, had arranged angels and a large candle, lighted with a spotlight. For the door trim, the Phelps had a large angel on blue background, with two large candles at sides, topped with cedar. The McCraveys had a solid green background on which Merry Christmas was inscribed.

Fewer entries than usual were made this year, possibly because of the fact that announcement of the contest was late in getting publicized.

Holiday guests in the home of the W. G. Godwins are two sisters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Ansley of Dallas and Mrs. Ann Cowart and daughter Cynthia, who arrived here today, Monday. Joining them later will be another sister Mrs. J. B. Kerby and two daughters of Bowie.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glasscock and children of Seminole visited Friday with Mrs. Glasscock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cheatham. Others visiting the Cheathams for the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cheatham of Brownfield, who arrived here today.

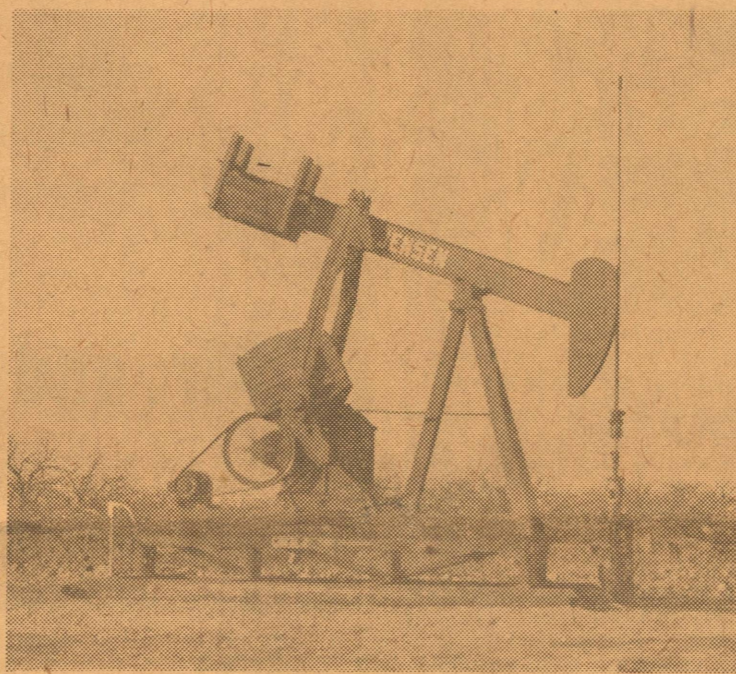
Owen Lawrence Jr., is here from North Texas at Denton, to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Van Dusen. Another guest in the home will be another son Davis Lawrence of Andrews, here for the week end.

Josh Ewing Jr., and his family of San Antonio arrived here Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Ewing. Joining them on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton and family of San Angelo.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Alexander are Gordie and his family of Austin, R. J. and his family of Vinson and the Claude Alexanders and Austin; also Bubba of Ardmore, Oklahoma, arrived here Saturday night for the holidays.

Guests for the holidays in the home of the Howard Derricks are Mrs. Derrick's mother Mrs. Fay Grobel and her mother Mrs. L. P. Powell of San Angelo. Later the Derricks will visit in El Paso with relatives.

The One That Started It All



The Success photographer stopped by the other day and snapped this picture of the pump at work on the R. H. Murray No. 1 West—the discovery well on the C. C. West section, which started the boom in leases and drilling all around the city limits of Eldorado. Another outfit, looking exactly like this one, was being placed in position Saturday on No. 2 West.

Post Script

Humble sales department representatives of San Angelo were here Friday to notify us again that Eldorado's famous Santa Claus will appear in a Texas in Review program, over San Angelo's T-V station, KTXL, at 8:00 Tuesday night, Christmas.

Santa's visits to a number of homes in Eldorado were filmed earlier in the month for this program.

Since this issue of the Success is expected to be in the hands of readers on Monday, we have been requested to report that automobile repair shops over town are to be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

A debt of gratitude is owed to Postmaster C. T. Waller and his crew for securing the best Christmas mail service we have ever had. They requested, and got, a second daily delivery out of San Angelo, the first truck arriving about 8:30 with first class mail and the other during the noon hour, bringing the rest of the mail.

This arrangement has helped the postal crew a great deal by getting the first class mail here for earlier distribution, and the general public, who enjoy getting their mail on time.

The arrangement lasts through today, Monday, and after Christmas it won't take long for the mails to get back to normal.

Arnie Lee Westbrook has purchased the old frame Bearce apartment house near the First Baptist church, which the church had for sale last week to be moved away.

Mrs. F. B. Faust, former Eldoradoan, writes friends that she has moved recently and is now at home at 630 Zelwood Drive, Tyler, Texas.

Surface Pipe Set On Two Prospectors Near The City

The Four W Oil Company Saturday was setting surface on their No. 1 Robinson well, just outside of the city limits of Eldorado.

On the R. H. Murray No. 3 West setting of surface was completed and drilling was about to be resumed, while No. 2 West was about to be put on the pump Saturday.

Other developments as the week drew to a close were:

The City of Eldorado was preparing to take steps to control drilling in the city limits.

Oran Enochs leased 15 lots in the Keele addition in the southeast part of town.

Another wildcat was spotted 1½ miles southwest of town alongside the highway on the George Williams place. It will be drilled as the M. D. Bryant No. 1 George Williams Estate. Cattle guards were constructed Thursday and slush pits were being dug Friday and Saturday. The operation is a farm-out from Shell, whose lease was due to expire in a few days.

Several other operations are due to start by the middle of January—one on B. E. Moore's and one on Mrs. W. H. Luedecke's.

Mrs. Bill Wooster and daughter Mrs. Finley and two children of Holiday arrived here Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Lige Chrestman. Other guests in the Chrestman home from Saturday until today were Marshall Chrestman and his family of Taft. They returned through Waco, where Sharon joined her husband, who is leaving for service soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Childers have as guests for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wayne Sudduth and children of Pecos and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Willy and son of Jena, La.

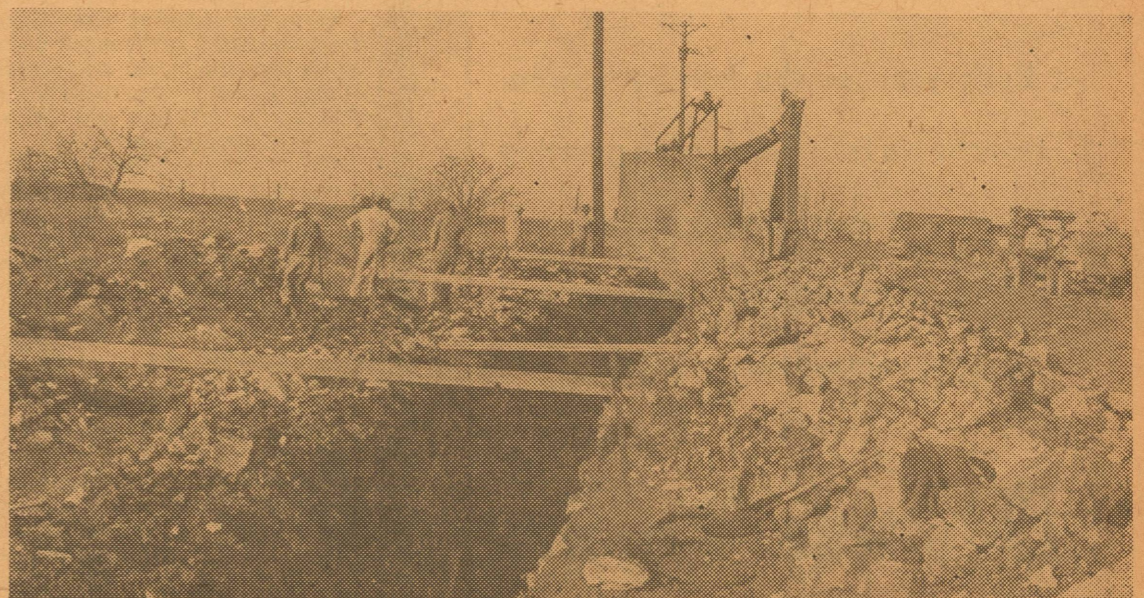
Roberta Finklea of Amarillo arrived here Saturday to spend two or three weeks with her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Emmons.

Telephone Company Announces Holiday Hours For Employees

Many General Telephone Company of the Southwest employees will get a long Christmas weekend as the result of a memorandum agreement reached between the company and Communications Workers of America. To allow a four-day weekend, employees—where possible—may have Christmas eve (Monday) off but will work instead all day the next Saturday, December 29. Ted Maxwell, district manager for the company, reminded subscribers that as a result of the work week change Christmas week that the business office will be closed all day Christmas eve but will open all day Saturday, December 29.

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Sewer and Water Extensions Going Forward in Eldorado



SOME TIME during the year of 1957 the City of Eldorado will be well supplied with sewer and water facilities, when construction of the present extensions are completed.

Above is a view of the work being done by Bland Construction Co. The crew quit Thursday night, Dec. 20, for Christmas holidays, and will be back on the job Thursday morning, Dec. 27.

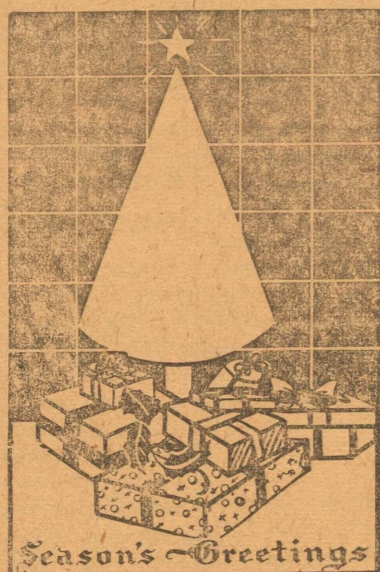


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TO CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS
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AND HOPE
TO SERVE WITH THESE GOOD
TEXACO PRODUCTS THROUGH
1957.

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The Life You Save May Be Your Own



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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Each year as the holiday season
returns we take pleasure in greeting
customers and friends.

We appreciate your patronage
and value your friendship.

Eldorado Welding

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carroll
and Shirley

AN UNPLANNED CHRISTMAS

BY Dorothy Boys Kilian

THE white drifts were already so deep that Mr. Milbank had to guess where the curb was as he parked the long black Cadillac in front of the little grey house with a "Rooms for Tourists" sign over the door.

"We simply don't dare go a mile further, Ora," he said to the middle-aged, fur-clad woman beside him.

"But it's only fifty miles more to Minneapolis," Mrs. Milbank protested. "And what a place to spend Christmas Eve!" She peered distastefully through the still-falling snow out on the village street.

"Better to stay here than be stalled overnight somewhere and freeze to death in the car. Do you realize it's taken us an hour to come only fifteen miles since dinner?"

"Well, if we must," Mrs. Milbank sighed. "I suppose we'd be too late for the Randall's cocktail party anyway."

"The snow looks so white and clean here," Mr. Milbank remarked as they trudged up the walk. "In the city, seems like it gets all grimy and slushy the minute it hits the ground."

Please don't go sentimental on me, Roger," his wife begged. "I can just see this place," she muttered grimly. "Iron bedstead, bathroom with clawfooted tub—"

A few minutes later as Mrs.



"Better to stay here than be stalled overnight somewhere and freeze to death in the car."

Johnson closed the door behind them Mrs. Milbank groaned. "There's the iron bed, just as I predicted. I wonder if it will even

hold us both?"

"It kind of reminds me of that bed we had when we were first married," Mr. Milbank smiled. "Only we painted it white to match the second-hand chest, remember?"

"Yes," Mrs. Milbank stared at the bed. Her voice had lost some of its coldness.

"We planned to use that white furniture in the nursery when the first child came," her husband continued softly.

"But it never came," Mrs. Milbank's voice was crisp again. Quickly she turned towards the bags standing near the dresser. "Did you bring up everything?"

"Everything but those gifts for the Randall children."

Being Thankful

"That's the one thing we have to be thankful for in all this mess," Mrs. Milbank said. "It really won't matter whether they get those things for Christmas or not. Their playroom is undoubtedly crammed with toys already."

"Come in," Mr. Milbank cut in in answer to a tap on the door.

Mrs. Johnson, a woman of about their age, wearing a crisp blue cotton dress, stepped into the room. "I wonder—I don't know—," she said hesitantly. "if you wouldn't like to come downstairs for some coffee and cake. It does seem a shame to spend Christmas Eve alone in a strange room."

"We mustn't intrude—" Mr. Milbank began.

"Intrude!" Mrs. Johnson exclaimed. "If Christmas isn't the time to welcome strangers to one's board, I don't know when!"

They had reached the living room now. Mrs. Milbank sat down on the sofa and looked searchingly at Mrs. Johnson. "You really mean that, don't you?" she said slowly.

Need Cheering

"Of course I do. And—I suppose I shouldn't say this—but when you people came in tonight you looked so lonely and unhappy. I just felt sorry for you. You seemed to need cheering up as much as the folks next door."

"You have no children of your own?" Mrs. Milbank asked and her husband sensed the intensity of her question.

"No," Mrs. Johnson sighed. Then she smiled. "But you can always scare up some substitutes if you look around you. I'm lucky to find some right next store." She glanced ruefully towards the tree. "I only wish I had more to give them."

Mr. Milbank looked quickly at Mrs. Milbank, who nodded vigorously. "Excuse me a moment, I have some things to bring in from the car," he said.



December marks a big month for us as your Gulf wholesalers — it's the season of extending holiday greetings, and it's our 14th anniversary in this business.

We took over the dealership in Gulf products 14 years ago December 1, the first day of gasoline rationing.

Over the years we have learned to value our friendships, and to appreciate our pleasant business relationships with the motoring citizens of the county.

At this holiday time we want to express our appreciation to all of you, with the hope that we can serve you again through the new year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Finnigan

YOUR GULF CONSIGNEE

THE ELDORADO CLINIC HOSPITAL

WISHES YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

DR. JACK I. MOWREY
AND STAFF



Merry Christmas

AND

Happy New Year

WAGLEY MOTORS

JOE CALLIE JODY JAN

Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas

TOPLIFFE GAS & ELECTRIC SERVICE

MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND



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and hope to
serve you again
during 1957.

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years and bad
we appreciate our
friends.

Our customers have
been loyal and our
business relationship
pleasant, for which
we thank you.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Doc's Courts

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer
Sofge

Christmas: Our Great
Holiday Began As

Strictly Religious Festival

Although records indicate that the Christmas festival was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing, the exact age of the holiday is not known.

Christmas actually began as a strictly religious observance and was officially recognized in the fourth century as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ. And it is quite significant to note that until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births, so Christ's birthday was appropriately the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

It was many years after the first observance of Christ's Mass before gift-giving became a part of the festival season. The church finally condoned the practice, in remembrance of the Three Kings who had traveled far to present their gifts to the new-born Christ.

In other centuries, too, the feast of Christmas was to be the subject of controversy. In England, during the Reformation, many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day to be sacrilegious. The English Parliament, on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

Naturally, the edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people, but it had its effect and it was many years before Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

And England was not alone. The Puritans of Mass. bay colony had a law that imposed fines for observance of Christmas and Gov. Bradford once issued a statement publicly ridiculing certain young men who declined to work on Dec. 25, "ye day called Christmas."

Poinsettia Plant
Can Be Kept for
Next Christmas

The poinsettia, long a most popular Christmas plant, is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with the shortest day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer.

The so-called blooms are really leafy bracts which color up a brilliant red. The true flowers are the small insignificant yellowish cups found in the center of the whorl of red bracts.

Poinsettias require regular watering—every day if necessary—but not excessive watering. They should be placed where they will get a maximum amount of daylight and sunshine. Day temperatures should be about 70-72 degrees and night temperatures should never be allowed to drop below 60 degrees.

Your poinsettia need not be discarded after the holiday season is over. To keep your plant until next year, place it in the basement or some other dry place, where there is no danger of it freezing. Water it very little, if at all, allowing the soil to dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two-thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil. Softwood cuttings taken in July and rooted will give you good Christmas blooms.

Proper Tree Cuttings
Help Forests Grow

Cutting an evergreen for a Christmas tree is not a harmful practice, so don't feel guilty about it. Even the trees that are sold in market places were "harvested" as a crop to give living room to regular plantings.

Christmas trees are grown on poorer forest soils and wet bog areas where evergreens grow far too slowly to produce a lumber or pulpwood crop—thus Christmas trees are the only profitable harvest that can come off that land. Some trees do come from top lumber areas, but these are "thinings." In growing trees as a crop it is often necessary to thin out the smaller trees so others will have room to live and grow.

Thus it is that the "thinings" serve a number of uses: they bring Christmas joy into the home; provide income for the forester; and serve as "life insurance" for upcoming timber crops.

Salary Increase Is
Proposed For Teachers

Austin, Dec. 20.—The proposed salary increase for Texas public school teachers is an emergency measure to provide teachers for Texas children until more lasting provisions can be worked out, Dana Williams of Gladewater, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, said today.

A complete citizens study of teacher salaries and school building needs will be made between now and the convening of the 56th Legislature in 1959, he explained.

Although the immediate request calls for an increase in the State minimum pay of \$399, the increased annual increments will provide most Texas teachers with a \$579 pay raise, Williams pointed out.

The plan calls for salary raises of \$90 per year for the first five years of service, compared to \$54 at present. This represents an additional \$180 increase for those teachers with five or more years' service.

The program also corrects certain inequities in salaries of principals.

From the conferences of citizens studying salary and building needs will come "realistic recommendations which should provide solutions to these current pressing problems," Williams said.

"Texas school population is increasing at the rate of more than 100,000 per year," he said. "By 1960 an additional 350,000 children will be in our classrooms. Texas will need by that time 43,000 additional teachers to teach the new children and to replace the thousands of experienced teachers who leave the classrooms each year. This situation creates a serious

emergency which I believe the Legislature will put among its top problems to be solved at the session convening in January."

"This salary increase request is modest indeed in the light of the increasing cost of living and of the salary increases which have been granted to employes in the various trades and industries of the State and nation," Williams declared.

"It will serve as an emergency measure to keep teachers in classrooms and to permit more successful recruitment among desirable young college graduates," he added.

We wish you . . .

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

Foxworth - Galbraith Lbr. Company



**Raggedy Ann
and Jack-in-the-Box**

Both told us how happy they were to come to live at your house. We agreed with them that you are "tops-plus" and you rate our cheeriest wishes for a Merry Christmas.

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FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION DURING
THE YEARS WE HAVE BEEN
YOUR SHERIFF AND
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR.
MAY YOUR
NEW YEAR BE PROSPEROUS
AND HAPPY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sweatt



AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

At this holiday time we are glad to extend the greetings of the holiday season to our customers and friends.

YOUR LOYALTY AND COOPERATION HAVE BEEN MOST PLEASING TO US. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL PAST FAVORS AND WISH YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS.

We hope to serve you again during 1957.

Doyle Barber Shop

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Doyle

**Cagey's
Christmas
Break**

BY D. L. ALEXANDER

HE WAS known as 61,653 by the prison officials; but his fellow prisoners gave him the name of Cagey Wilson because of his concentration on all the angles of any problem or proposition that came up for consideration.

Cagey was known as a model prisoner. He had only broken the rules once, and with deliberation. He had heard others talk of "The Hole," until he was curious to see what it was like. He smoked while lying on his bunk, which was against the rules, but instead of being sent to The Hole he only received a severe reprimand from the guard who caught him.

The admonition to "keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut" won the respect of the others and kept him out of trouble and he enjoyed the confidence they reposed in him.

Where men have little but future deviltry to occupy their minds every insignificant occurrence becomes momentous. Some of them caused Cagey much speculation: like the time the dormitory night guard had him stand before him for the purpose of memorizing his face and figure, an unusual proceeding.

"You have your own time to serve, and no one else can serve it for you," he had also been told. It had strengthened his resolution to shorten that time if he possibly could.



Instead of being sent to "the Hole" he only received a severe reprimand.

Christmas was approaching, but it had little meaning for any of them. They sneered at the prom-

ised turkey dinner with an apple for dessert. It did not appeal to them when their thoughts and talk revolved about merrier Christmas's they had enjoyed outside the walls. It filled them with restlessness and resentment.

Cagey easily fell into the prevailing mood. He thought of the old folks and friends at home, and the cheer that the season brought with it. He found it hard to fight off the fits of depression that came, and was in a receptive humor the day Big John Mallory slyly remarked there might be a break for freedom. And when Big John proposed later on that he join them he agreed to give it careful consideration.

Great Temptation

He pondered over the possibilities. The temptation was great, but to find himself without shelter in winter, without food or a safe refuge was not attractive. He could not return home, for that would be the first place they would look for him. To go into hiding would necessitate his dependence on doubtful loyalty of friends. His prison uniform would betray him wherever he went. He reluctantly gave up all thought of leaving.

The attempted break came the day before Christmas. The conspirators seemed to be favored with good luck. It was foggy, and their movements went undetected at first. They reached the roof of the prison and made their way to an outside corner, where they fastened an improvised rope.

A guard, coming on duty early, discovered the dangling rope. He called the guard on the roof by telephone and apprised him of the situation. When the would-be escapees returned to the roof they were fired upon by the guard and easily captured.

Time for Gladness

Cagey heard of the fiasco immediately and was thankful he had been cagey about the affair. He was more thankful after dinner when a runner came to summon him to the warden's office.

"Cagey," the official began, "you have been a good prisoner, obeyed the rules and made it easier for those who have had to look after you and the others. You have been conscientious about your duties, and have a clean record.

"The Governor asked me to make up a list of worthy men recently, and I included your name. The runner will take you to the commissary where you will be fitted out with citizen's clothes. You will then return here, and it will give me great pleasure to hand you a full and unconditional pardon, signed by the Governor.

"The Governor and I both wish you a happy future as well as a Merry Christmas."

GREETINGS

May the lighted Christmas log and the soft glow of Yule candles reflect the shining face of your loved ones at this glad season.

Merry Christmas!



HALEY TRUCKING

MR. AND MRS. PAUL HALEY



Holiday Greetings

The hustle of last-minute shoppers... bright, colorful decorations... the fragrant aroma of evergreens... laughter of Children on the stairs — Christmas morn... the soft glow of candles — all remind us of the Holiday Season.

We are reminded of your loyal support which has contributed so much toward making the past year a good year for us. And we will not soon forget the pleasant relationships we have enjoyed these past twelve months.

For your confidence in us we want to express our true and sincere thanks for all past favors.

West Texas Woolen Mills

GOOD TIDINGS



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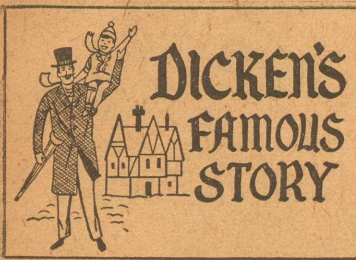
"She brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

Luke 2:7-14



DICKENS' FAMOUS STORY

Charles Dickens' famous Christmas Carol was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime, nor was it the one he hoped to be remembered by.

Dr. Ada Nisbet, who did extensive research for a book on the famous English author, states that the most popular of Dickens' Christmas stories in his day was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a poignant story of a father who tries to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life.

"It outsold Dickens' familiar tale of Scrooge and Tiny Tim by two to one," says Dr. Nisbet, an associate professor of English on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. "Two weeks after its appearance in 1845 dramatic versions of 'The Cricket' were playing at 12 different theatres in London alone."

Dickens' own favorite of his many Christmas stories, and the one he hoped would give him lasting fame, was "The Chimes." As he was writing it, he enthusiastically wrote a friend that it "would knock 'The Carol' out of the field."

But the public did not take to "The Chimes," probably because it was filled with uncomfortable topical satire. "The Christmas Carol" survived and became increasingly popular, Dr. Nisbet believes, because it is cheerful and "Christmasy," with a social doctrine shapeless enough to be acceptable to all.



SUNNY CHRISTMAS . . . It's always Christmas at the little post office at Christmas, Florida, and about this time every year thousands of packages pour into Christmas, to be mailed again, under the famous postmark of "Christmas, Florida." Here, Santa gets an assist from a young helper.

Water Is Key to Safe Fresh Indoor Tree

Water is the key to keeping a Christmas tree fresh after it has been brought indoors.

Every indoor tree should be anchored in a container that holds five or six inches of water. The butt of the tree first should be cut on a slant an inch above the end of the trunk.

Water should be added to the container every day to replace that taken up by the trees or lost by evaporation. Ample water makes a tree less inflammable and gives it better color.

Any Christmas greenery will stay fresher if sprinkled with water.

Nazareth: After Centuries, The Chosen City Is Growing Modern

The advent of modern conveniences is gradually making a vast change in the homeplace of Jesus. Nazareth, scene of many miracles, has witnessed a new one—water, in plentiful supply.

Since long before the time of Christ, Nazarene women had to carry water in earthen jugs. Now, such sources as the famed "Fountain of Our Lady Mary" will be needed, only as shrines recalling the city's historic past.

The water for the most predominantly Arab city in Israel is piped in from a Jewish farm settlement in the Valley of Esdraelon. The 12-inch pipe carries it to a summit overlooking Nazareth where a junction with municipal pipelines allows distribution throughout the city.

Nazareth, the chosen city and one of Christendom's holiest places, was once so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Jesus Christ in derision. And, long before the birth of Christ, the city was the target of a variety of invaders.

In the Christian era alone, Nazareth has been conquered many times. The city was wrecked by Saladin in the Christian-Muslim wars of the Middle Ages. In the same period the Christian population was massacred by Bibars, the Egyptian sultan and general. Some of the historic churches have been razed and rebuilt as many as three times.

Less than five miles away was the once thriving city of Sepphoris where the Romans put down a desperate revolt of the Jews led by Judas the Galilean when Jesus was a boy. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, rebuilt Sepphoris, and there is speculation that the young Carpenter may have aided in the reconstruction.

Christmas Hazards

Each year we read or hear of a family that has had their holiday season marred by a Christmas tragedy.

Little careless acts—that seem so unimportant at the time—are the cause of death or some accident which mars the spirit of joy that should accompany the holiday.

Tragedies—especially at Christmas—are needless, so take a moment to think about the dangers that may be present in your home.

Christmas trees cause many fires, so choose your tree wisely. Don't buy a larger tree than your family needs, and be sure it isn't dried out.

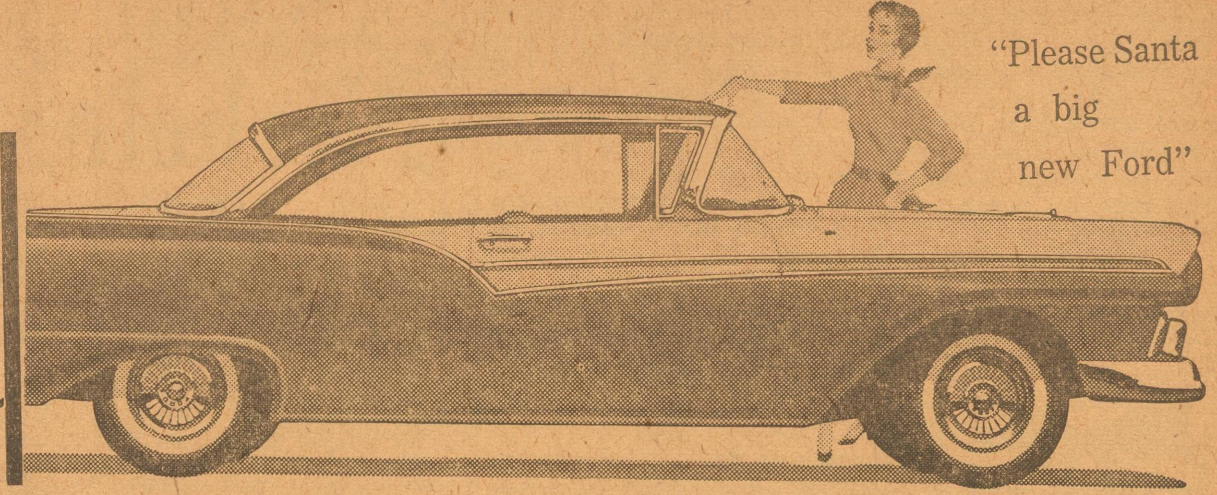
The many and varied assortment of lights now being used to decorate Christmas trees can, if not properly handled, cause an electrical fire.

Be sure you use only electric lighting sets that have been properly approved.

Christmas time has a lot of "do it yourself" tasks about the house. Watch out for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets on Christmas tree lights.

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Mr. and Mrs. Coy Whisenant and three children of Big Lake visited Friday with old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunstead. Mr. Whisenant is a Continental employee.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Brevard and two children Vic and Paul of Andrews are spending Christmas with Mrs. Brevard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Faull's son George S. has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Gunn left Sunday to spend several days with Mrs. Gunn's sister and her mother at Hamlin and Stamford.

Mrs. C. M. Reynolds will have as guests on Christmas for dinner Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McFaul of Mertzon, and Billy Jack Reynolds and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dacey and children and Bob Reynolds of Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Knight and Norman of Houston have returned home after a holiday visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ochsner and George are spending Christmas in Sonora with Harold Scherz and family.

Mrs. Ed Hill has as a holiday guest her mother, Mrs. J. F. Murchison of San Angelo, who arrived here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Homeyer and children of Odessa visited Saturday with Mrs. Homeyer's grandmother Mrs. Dora Oliver, on their way to Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Page left Saturday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hipp at Calhoun, La., and will stop in Center to visit other relatives.

The Albert Ray Thigpen family are spending Christmas in Hondo with relatives.

Mrs. Jackie Heffernan of Sweetwater has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Trentham. They are moving to Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thigpen attended the funeral of Ed Lewis in Menard recently, and visited relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagley and children Jody and Jan have gone to Portales, New Mexico, to visit relatives.

Gaynell, business college student at San Angelo, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Belk.

The P. D. Burnhams and son Leigh are leaving late Monday for San Saba and Junction to spend Christmas with relatives.

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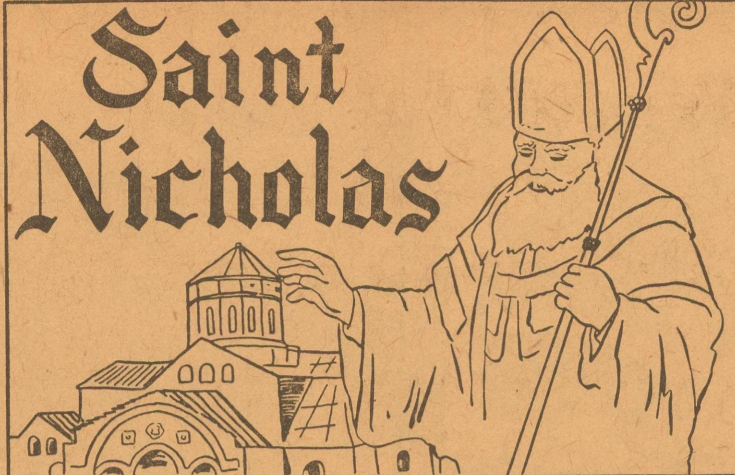
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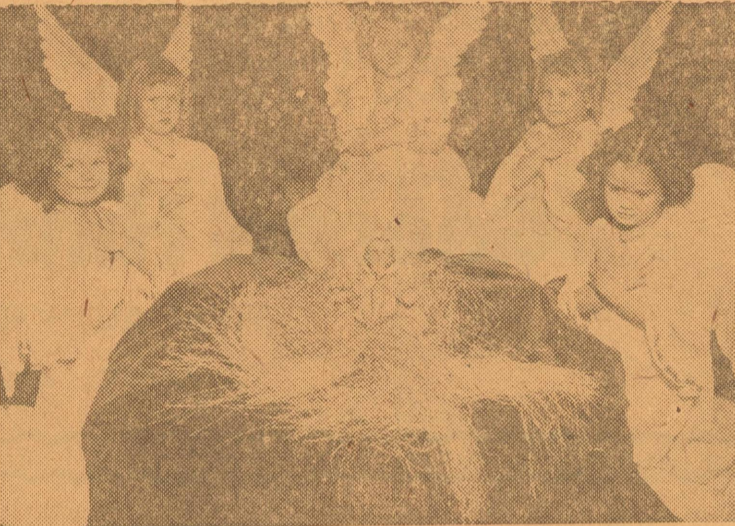
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The original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas who was born in the ancient port city of Patara, in Southern Turkey, on the Mediterranean coast, during the 3rd century. St. Nicholas was for many years Bishop of Demre (ancient Myra) and it was at Myra that he died in 342. He is buried in Demre in a church which bears his name, the Church of St. Nicholas.

Renown for his many kind deeds, and especially for his loving generosity towards children, the good bishop has become a legendary figure in the folklore of many nations. To accommodate the many travelers who visit the Church of St. Nicholas in the blue mountains of Demre, the Turkish government recently completed a new road. Just last year the government honored him by issuing a special stamp in his name.

Biblical tradition is very rich in the ancient land of Turkey. In the city of Antioch, where the followers of Christ first called themselves Christians, the site where St. Peter led the first Mass can still be seen. Many other saints, including the Apostles Paul, John, James, Luke and Barnaby were born in this region. Mary, Mother of Christ, retired after the Crucifixion to the city of Ephesus, where her abode has been excavated and opened to the public by the Turkish government.



PERFECT ANGELS . . . Being good is always easier when it gets near to Christmas time and these little ladies, dressed for the role of angels in a Christmas pageant, are certainly taking their roles to heart.

CUB SCOUT PARTY

The Cub Scouts had their annual Christmas party Thursday night at the Memorial building, with about 50 in attendance.

Bobcat awards went to: Phillip Montgomery, Pat Childers, Steve Blaylock, John Banta, Burt Laden. Lion badge with one gold and 3 silver arrow points to Raymond Smith.

Den 2 won the parent attendance award. For entertainment the Cubs sang Christmas carols, and punch and cookies were served.

All of the classes of the school held their Christmas parties Friday afternoon in their rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and daughter Kay of Austin are here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carrol White.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson will leave on the 26th to stay from two to four weeks at Katy, helping to start up the new station there. Mr. Haynes, who has been assigned to that station permanently, is already on the job, and his family will join him soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson have as a guest their grandson Lannie Spurgers of Silver, who will accompany them to San Angelo today for Christmas. Lannie will be met there by his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney Craig and boys of Seminole will be holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie West.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown are spending the holidays with relatives in Italy and Midland.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Our newest Guild books are: The Long Walk, Speak to the Winds, Tolbecken, and Rachel Cade.

The Greatest Story Ever Told was given in memory of Mrs. Walter Taylor by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elder. Story of the Bible, in memory of P. O. Love by Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mayer. The Civil War, was given by Frances Pendley and Chris Haydon. Angel of the Battlefield given by Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Meador. The Land They Fought For, given by Josephine Heavenhill, were in memory of Mrs. John Rae. Texas Under Six Flags and Literary America given by Kathryn and Prissy Linthicum, were also in memory of Mrs. Rae.

Lord, Teach Us to Pray, given by Fae and Lee Buie; Across the Cimarron, given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jeffers; The World We Live In, given by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson, all in memory of Mrs. Jess Koy.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Harris and children are here from California to spend Christmas with relatives in Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Andrews will be gone from Saturday to Wednesday, visiting relatives in Brady and Junction.

Mrs. Jack Elder and daughter Patricia left Saturday morning for Austin and brought home Nancy Jo, who is attending school at the University.

Arriving here Sunday to visit the Byrl Claytons were Mr. Clayton's sister Mrs. Wayne Tinson and her family of Corpus Christi.

Guests in the Arch Crosby home during the holidays are Grace Crosby and Audie Lindsey of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Bing Crosby of Christoval.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meckel of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lavendar of San Angelo are Christmas guests in the Lavelle Meckel home.



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Wednesday Club Has Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. Sam Oglesby was hostess at a bridge luncheon at her home Wednesday, for members of the Wednesday Bridge Club, four tables playing.

Christmas decorations brightened the reception rooms, and the dining table centerpiece was an arrangement of carnations with silver.

Mrs. Joe Muller Christian won high, Mrs. Ben Hext second high, Mrs. Emily Walston low, and Mrs. Carrol White bingo, and there were also table prizes.

This was the annual Wednesday Bridge Club Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Doyle are leaving today, Monday, for Deming, New Mexico, to visit their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cunningham and son.

Mrs. Walter Roy Davidson and family have as Christmas guests her mother Mrs. Carl Anderson and grandmother Mrs. D. B. Christy, both of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Tomlinson and son Tommy of San Angelo are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Tomlinson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker.

The W. A. Blaylocks have as holiday guests their daughters, Jerry, a surgical nurse instructor at Baylor University Hospital, Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. John Nichalauk and son Mike of Waco.

Bob Bradley and his family of Midland are here to spend Christmas with Mrs. Frank Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Graves, their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Isaacs are leaving Monday, today, for Austin to spend the holidays with relatives.

The John Haney family left Friday night for Henderson to visit relatives during the holidays.

Ila Jean Boyer of Abilene Christian college is home for the holidays visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyer.

Presbyterian Notes

Next Sunday morning there will be special ordination services, when Roy Collins, A. G. McCormack and Harry A. Ringle are ordained as deacons. These with Robert Page, will be installed as deacons.

John Williams and Leslie Baker will be installed as ruling elders. Several infants were baptized last Sunday morning, at the special Christmas service.



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Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson announced today that he is taking immediate steps to further implement the Great Plains Program. This program, aimed at stabilizing agriculture in the 10-state Great Plains region, was presented to the Congress by the President in January 1956, and covered by legislation (Public Law 1021) signed by him on August 7, 1956.

"In the face of continuing severe drought conditions in the Great Plains, the Department of Agriculture is determined to move ahead as rapidly as possible with its part of a program that will alleviate physical and economic problems and help develop a more stable farm and ranch economy in this important region," the Secretary said.

Public Law 1021 amended the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act and the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to enable the Department of Agriculture to enter into conservation program contracts with farmers and ranchers in the Great Plains States for periods up to 10 years. The act also authorized appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$150 million for a designated 15-year period, with provisions that payments in any one year will not exceed \$25 million. No appropriations are available for the current fiscal year.

The Secretary explained that the program will emphasize the responsibility of farmers and ranchers, counties, committees, soil conservation districts and other

groups at the local level. It has as its objective widespread use of good soil management and water conservation practices, as well as adjustments in sizes and types of farms, that will help farmers to cope with the climatic hazards of the region.

No new Federal agency has been or will be created to direct this program, Secretary Benson asserted. Instead, under administrative leadership of the Soil Conservation Service, it will bring together pertinent portions of several USDA programs of technical assistance, cost-sharing, credit, insurance, research and educational aid. Functions of the USDA agencies in this program, including the State and County Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization committees, will be carried out through regular channels. The principal device to be used is a long-time plan for conservation and land use adjustment which will be worked out with the producers in accordance with the capabilities of each farm or ranch.

The program was developed in cooperation with the Great Plains Agricultural Council, farm organizations and associations and state agencies in the region. The secretary said he expects these groups, especially the Great Plains Council, to continue to aid and advise as the program progresses.

Secretary Benson reported that, prior to enactment of the Great Plains legislation, he had directed several USDA agencies to accelerate and reshape some of their regular activities in the Great Plains as a means of getting this program under way.

SCS had concentrated additional personnel in the area to hasten completion of needed soil surveys and to provide added technical help. Educational work was intensified by the state extension services. Special research projects on

drought and wind erosion problems were launched by the Agricultural Research Service and the state experiment station. The Agricultural Conservation Program Service adjusted the rates of cost-sharing on certain key practices. Changes were made in the crop insurance program to support better land use. The Farmers Home Administration provided added credit,

geared especially to the needs of agriculture by the area.

The Secretary pointed out, however, that the legislation recently passed makes it possible now to move more directly toward the objectives of the Great Plains Program. "The fact that the Department of Agriculture can enter into these long-term agreements assures Great Plains farmers and

ranchers that they will have continuing aid over the period of years required to make needed shifts in land use on a gradual and orderly basis," he said.

Provisions of the law will apply in counties designated by the Secretary in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming.

STORY NO. 2

Duval's Background For Dictatorship Is One of Violence and Sudden Death

By-FREDERICK HODGSON

SAN DIEGO, TEX.—To know the history of Duval County is to understand the power of George B. Parr. To know the county's people is to know Parr himself.

Parr's power, and that of his father before him, is based on the Latin-American, by tradition an easily led "follower." Almost 90 per cent of the people in Duval are "Mexicans," so called even though their families may have lived on this land since the days of the Conquistadores. Most of them are desperately poor. Many are illiterate. Many speak no English at all.

Perhaps half the population of this little county town, 4,897 at the last official census, live in miserable "jacales," unpainted huts built with scrap lumber. The town, officially a city, is typically Mexican, with a mission-style church and a central plaza with a band stand. The line separating Duval from Jim Wells County runs through the town, and through the center of the San Diego Cafe, meeting place of the anti-Parr forces. Across the street, Highway 44, and catty-corner to the West is the Courthouse and the Windmill Cafe, headquarters of the Parr brigade.

The "Mexican" in Duval is small, dark-skinned, Catholic by religion. George Parr is an "Anglo" and by all rules of deep South Central Texas he and his followers should be as different as day is from night.

The average "Anglo" in Duval is a big man, taller by inches than the general run of Americans. By religion he is Protestant. He speaks little or no Spanish. He is apt to wear fancy, high-heeled Western boots and a Western hat.

Even though his skin may be burned by the sun to the shade of old copper he thinks of himself as "white"—in contrast to the Mexican-American who is patronized as a peon, as part Indian. The "Anglo" speaks of "good Mexicans" and "bad Mexicans," but always of "Mexicans." He doesn't think of the Latins as Americans at all.

More than a trace of the frontiersman still remains in the Duval "Anglo." There are men still living who can tell truthfully of pulling trigger on yelling Apaches.

It is more than a bit startling to the outsider to get the "feel" of the small towns in Duval, Jim Wells, Brooks, Webb and other counties of the area. A man from north of the Nueces River is a

"Yankee" and an alien. The feeling, the psychology, the atmosphere, is that of the frontier, of violence and of sudden death.

It would give a man from Austin, from Dallas or from Chicago quite a jolt to sit in a man's office as I did and ask a casual question about another man and have your host slam a loaded .45 on the polished desk so hard that it left a dent.

"One of these days the blankety blank so and so is going to walk in here and I'm going to kill him." Or to hear a peace officer say very seriously that if he were such and such a man—naming him—that he wouldn't fool around waiting for the law, he'd just up and kill the fellow who had gunned a relative.

Or to hear another man tell of visiting a friend in jail for murder, a friend who was acquitted quickly when the case went to a jury. I asked for the circumstances.

"Oh, he was throwing out of a bar when said 'Go ahead, why don't you kill me?' My friend said 'Alright, if that's what you want.' Bang!"

It's not so many years ago that these same men were killing Mexican raiders from across the Rio Grande on sight—and asking questions afterward.

George B. Parr's father, old Senator Archie Parr, and the son after him, put the anti-Mexican, patronizing psychology of the "Anglo" into reverse. They then parlayed the gratitude and adoration of the Latins into one of the most cynical, most ruthless dictatorships in American political history.

Old Archie, then a red-necked, cocky little \$25 a month cow puncher, arrived in San Diego at the turn of the century and took the side of the "Mexicans" against the "Anglos."

The "Anglos" in Duval were then split into two factions, led by the Robinsons and the Hoffmans. Archie shrewdly moved in between the two groups, voted his Mexicans as a solid unit and before a dozen years had passed he owned the county as a private barony. He knew every political trick in the book and added some of his own. The title "Duke of Duval" was no empty honor.

Old Archie was a small man, pot-bellied in his later years, who spoke Spanish like a native and thought like a Mexican. He apparently sincerely loved his followers, loved them as a man might love a faithful dog. He punished them when they were

naughty, fed them when they were hungry, led them like a flock of sheep, robbed them blind, tended their hurts—and used them so adroitly that no man dared oppose him. He made alliances with political leaders in adjoining counties. His power was vast.

Old Archie sat in the State Senate for twenty years, ran a rip-roaring wide open county back home in Duval where not a dog barked without his permission. He controlled the courts, the police, the schools, the rackets, everything in the county. He manipulated elections with the dexterity of a gambler with a deck of cards.

There were sporadic revolts against his rule, of course, but these were put down ruthlessly. On primary day in 1912, for example, three men were shot to death in the street in front of the Courthouse. Two years later a determined attempt was made by Parr foes to clean up Duval by the simple expedient of abolishing the county altogether. It didn't work. In 1915 the Texas Supreme Court ordered an audit of the county's books and the Courthouse burned down after the auditors had worked only one day, destroying the records.

In building his power, and in consolidating it, Old Archie had one powerful force operating in his favor—the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Ironically, that much-amended Constitution of 1878 was framed deliberately to give counties the greatest possible measure of home rule. Behind the solid rampart of that document the Duke of Duval ruled with the absolute authority of a Medic.

Thus it was the Constitution, as much as Parr himself, that posed the serious obstacle to Attorney General John Ben Shepherd in his march on the Duchy of Duval. He had to stay carefully within its obsolete framework while fighting against forces that cared not one snap of the fingers for all the law in Texas.

Old Archie's son, the present Duke of Duval, grew up in this atmosphere of corrupt politics. He knew of the liquor-laden pack trains that came into the county during the lush days of prohibition. He knew of the other things that went on, and he learned well. His playmates were the Latin children of San Diego. Spanish, not English, was his mother tongue.

Among his playmates was Manuel "Meme" Marroquin, now Parr's most bitter enemy, editor of a militant little bi-lingual newspaper "New Duval." Other articles in this series will tell more of Marroquin, a man who has suffered much, including physical beatings, at the hands of the Boss and his henchmen.



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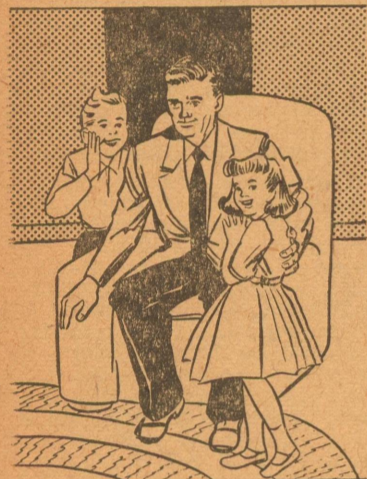
BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

YOU never can tell what's going to happen around our house at Christmas. Like the time Father brought a donkey home. We didn't get to keep it very long on account of town regulations; still, I'll bet we're the only family in all Bit-teroot that ever got a real, live, smelly donkey for a present. Another time when we were down to eating canned goods and the stuff our garden grows, Father came home with soap for everybody. Boxes of it. Enough to last for any-way a thousand baths, I guess, and all moulded in animal shapes. All in lurid colors and smelling strongly.

Mother always protested. "That's so impractical, Clem! Just a waste of good money."

And Father always answered by sweeping her off her feet. "It was a sale, honey; a real rooting, toot-ing bargain."

And we always wondered what he'd bring next—even when we were disappointed by his gift. See, there's six of us kids and one time Father bought a lot of unmarked canned goods that turned out to be alphabet soup. Pretty sickening after about ten meals.



"Sure, I've got a present for us all. In just a few minutes, it's coming right to the door."

Anyway, here it was Christmas Eve again and Father hadn't come in from his current job yet. Around the tree we had conventional gifts—nice ones mostly—but like Father said, it's impossible to find six special presents so if he could find just one—

I guess you know by now that we

all thought Father was the great-est. I mean he could have brought (in fact he did once) nothing but balloons and we still would have loved it. Even Mother, for all her protests, enjoyed the suspense. I guess that was the best part, be-cause some of us were bound to be let down when we saw what we'd been waiting for.

At last we heard his footsteps and stampeded to open the front door for him. He came in all red from the cold and happy-faced at seeing us, but he didn't have any-thing in his arms. I saw that right away and, as the others did, the room got real quiet.

Surprisingly, it was Mother who voiced our disappointment. "No bargains, Clem? No ridiculous present this year?"

No Laughing Matter

Father laughed and sat down in front of the fireplace he'd painted on the plaster wall. Four of the little ones piled on him, searching his pockets. Nothing exceptional there either, just the usual assort-ment of marbles, gum, jacks, and penny whistles. "Ridiculous? Im-practical?" But then he must have seen by our faces how upset we were for he sobered.

"Sure, I've got a present for us all. In just a few minutes, it's coming right to the door."

So the suspense wasn't over and our wild guesses went unanswered until we heard a strange noise out-side. Horses hooves!

"Not another donkey?" Mother groaned as we rushed to the front door.

It wasn't though. Golly, no. Out-side there were two solid-looking horses hitched to a wagon load of hay. The younger children raced out, but the rest of us just ques-tioned. "Are they ours to keep?"

"Just for one night," Father ex-plaind. "Just for Christmas Eve and it's up to you characters to de-cide what you want to do and where you want to go." That's all he said. That's all he needed to say.

"Let's ride all over town and ring bells," one of my brothers suggested. "You know—a sleigh ride like you read about in books."

Well, we had an old wind-up phonograph that Father had given us one Christmas, and we had eight lusty voices. "Not good, but loud," Mother said. And she was so right. You know, we went all over Bit-teroot singing like mad.

And doors opened and windows lighted and other voices joined in as we trotted along until half the town seemed to be following the wagon and all the town singing of that glorious night of old. We sounded great. Loud and good and heartfelt.



It's Christmas!

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Christmas Gifts From Your Kitchen Suggested

Homemade fruit cakes, cookies, candies and other food items make Christmas gifts with a "built-in" personal touch that's always appreciated.

Start now to check your Christ-mas list and make plans to include some gifts from your kitchen. Here are some suggestions from exten-sion foods and nutrition special-ists:

1-pound fruit cakes and larger decorated cakes with candied fruits and nuts—wrapped in cello-phane.

A box of homemade jams, pre-serves or jellies put in uniform jars and wrapped in holiday attire. Special yeast breads—tea rings, Jule Kaza and loaves of bread, at-

tractively wrapped.

Cookies or candy packed in de-corative tins or gaily wrapped box-es.

Bottles of homemade salad dress-ing.

Gala popcorn balls, wrapped in bright cellophane and tied with ribbon for children.

Plum puddings.

Wooden bowls with Texas pe-cans and a nut cracker.

A Mexican basket filled with col-ourful fruits.

Canned chicken or other meats from your pantry shelf—home-made sandwich spreads in little pottery jars.

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Brucellosis Remains A Strong Threat To Livestock of Texas

College Station.—Livestock rais-ing, says Dr. C. M. Patterson, ex-tension veterinarian, is a gamble at best and herds infected with brucellosis make poor profit risks.

Infected cattle suffer an average of 20% reduction in milk flow. Too, they calve only once on the average of every 18 months in-stead of annually and replacement needs are increased by 30%. These losses, says Patterson, apply to both beef and dairy cattle.

Swine producers fare little bet-ter with this disease. Infected sows abort or give birth to weak litters and often become sterile after ab-ortion. Brucellosis is also the most common cause of fistula of the

withers in horses and frequently is responsible for waterbags forming on the knees of both horses and cattle.

Human cases of the disease are being diagnosed with increasing frequency among persons handling livestock or drinking unpasteurized milk. Too, the loss of markets for Texas breeding and stocker cattle is becoming a problem.

During the past summer, live-stock sanitary officials of the state made a survey of dairy herds us-ing the milk ring test. Out of 2,551 herds checked, 79.1% showed evi-dence of infected animals. A simi-lar survey is scheduled shortly for beef herds of the state.

Patterson says 500,000 doses of Strain 19 Brucella abortus vaccine are now available to Texas cattle-men. Cattle producers who are par-

ticipating under control plans A, B or C are eligible to get their free material. The only cost to be borne by the producer is for the services of an accredited veter-inarian in administering the vac-cine. Patterson urges livestock pro-ducers to contact their veterinar-ian for full details because the vac-cine will be distributed on a first come basis.

Local county agents can also supply information on brucellosis control and Patterson suggests a visit with the local agent or an of-ficial of the Texas Livestock Sani-tary Commission for details on a control plan. Brucellosis has to go, concludes Patterson, if the live-stock industry is to continue mak-ing progress.

Success sent anywhere, \$2 yr.



AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Eldorado Drug



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The year is nearly over, and we couldn't usher in the New Year without saying thank you to you, our customers and our friends.

We sincerely appreciate your patronage during 1956, and hope we can please you again with our floral service during 1957. Thanks—and

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and
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PROOF ENOUGH . . . Skeptical oldsters who would spread the word there is no Santa should have a chat with this Chicago youngster who fairly beams as he asks old Saint Nick about the things that will be under his tree come Christmas morning.

Most Children Want Simpler Type of Gifts

An early report from Santa reassures the fact that our younger generation isn't too much fazed by this electronic world in which we live today.

Although some precocious youngsters ask for the outlandish in toys when they write to Santa, the majority still request the old stand-bys—such things as red wagons, tricycles, balls and gloves for the boys and dolls and such for the girls.

It is indeed reassuring in this modern age to know that children still find security and happiness in the simpler things of life, the things that pleased us most when we were children ourselves.

Holiday Spirit Dies Too Quickly

With all the excitement and hustle that precedes Christmas, it often happens that the day after Christmas is an anti-climax. It shouldn't be, although many new toys will already be broken, a few are certain to be disappointed because they didn't get what they really wanted from Santa—and, of course, there are bills that must be paid.

Yet, it isn't quite right to put Christmas so far behind us when December 26th arrives. There are many things that can and should be done to keep the Christmas spirit alive. This is the time for everyone in the family to write thank-you notes. Writing at once to acknowledge a gift serves two purposes. The giver appreciates such prompt thoughtfulness and it's always much easier to write a thank-you note promptly than to keep putting it off.

The day after Christmas is also a good time to start taking memos that will help make the next celebration of the holiday a greater event. And, before discarding those Christmas cards and letters, be sure that your address book is up to date.

Take a look around you at some of the gifts your friends received—and you may get some idea that will help you do a better shopping job for upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, and for the next Christmas, which on December 26th, is less than a year away.



Just as vari-colored Christmas tree lights add to the Christmas spirit in practically every American home, so does flickering candlelight add to the enjoyment of holiday decorations.

This year's candles take on a glitter and sparkle to go with their glow. Tall or short, fat or slim, all candles lend themselves to jewel-ing. And here, as with other Christmas decorations its the "doing" that increases the fun and deepens the joy.

Popular on Christmas shopping lists this year are trim-a-candle kits which "do-it-yourself" fans can use to transform plain-Janes of candleland into tapers of striking loveliness which may be used for home decorations or gifts.

The kits' contents include glitter, spangles of infinite shapes and colors, pearls, sequins, stars and hollow beads.

Yule Seal Idea Was From Denmark

This year millions of Americans have received a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.



Thanks, customers and friends, for your patronage during 1956. Your loyalty in this time of drouth is sincerely appreciated.

WE CAN ONLY SAY THANK YOU!

Hext Foods

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hext and Employees



Now that Christmas has rolled around again, we pause to take stock of our blessings.

You good people of Schleicher County and the many transient whom we serve have been most generous with us, for which we can only say a hearty THANK YOU.

May you have a big Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year—and keep coming to our modern cafe during 1957.

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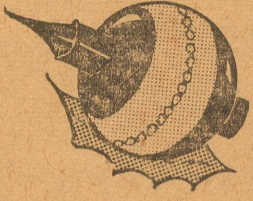
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Merry Christmas



In the spirit of friendship and good will we extend sincere wishes that your Christmas will be pleasant and your New Year happy.

WE VALUE YOUR FRIENDSHIP HIGHLY AND APPRECIATE YOUR PATRONAGE.

We hope to take care of your electrical needs during 1957.

Greetings from all of us to all of you!

BOYER ELECTRIC

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Boyer



BURIED UNDER . . . Every year about this time, the mailman becomes the town's busiest and most popular citizen. Despite efforts on the part of everyone concerned to get folks to shop and mail early, there's always a last-minute rush at local post offices.

Christmas Candles Are Traditional For Many Peoples

*"To learn your luck for the year they say,
Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day.
If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear,
Good luck will be yours through the year."*

This old verse is believed in many lands around the world and is said to be one of the reasons that candles in homes are traditional around the world.

The custom is believed to have started in Ireland. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe." And it is the custom that the candle can only be snuffed by one named Mary.

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child Candle," burned in the window on Christmas Eve is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.



BIKINI CHRISTMAS . . . They may not have snow, but it's Christmas in Miami Beach, too. Hilda Esteves gets into the Yule spirit by decorating a pool-side tree. Helper is Ellen Sweet.

Most Beloved Carol Is 'Silent Night'

The most beloved carol of the many that are sung in all parts of the world is "Silent Night" that simple and tender German song.

Its origin was unknown for many years. Recent research, however, disclosed that it was written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber.

The poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the carol for the first time on Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church in 1818.

The night it was sung the small church's organ was out of order and the choir sang to the accompaniment of a guitar.

That Reindeer Is Becoming a Tradition

That reindeer is becoming an American tradition.

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.



from

Eldorado Wool Company

We have enjoyed

servicing you and

wish to say "Thanks"

for the opportunity.

Let us wish you and yours a happy year in 1957



AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thanks For Your Patronage Keep coming for those good Sinclair products.

SHORTY TAYLOR



Thanks for your generous patronage during the 10 years we have been in business in our present location.

The patronage of our faithful customers has been much appreciated, and we thank you. We hope to help you with your motoring needs again during 1957.

Earl Parker Motors

Your Dodge and Plymouth Dealer

Drive Safely during the Holidays!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR



THANK YOU

WE WISH TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF ELDORADO AND SCHLEICHER COUNTY FOR THE GENEROUS PATRONAGE WE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST YEAR. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE SERVING YOU IN 1957 UNDER THE NEW FIRM NAME OF

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We hope we can take care of your laundry and dry cleaning needs through 1957.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Sonora
Steam Laundry**

Rance McDonald
Eldorado Driver



WE HAVE ENJOYED
SERVING YOU, OUR CUSTOMERS.

AS THE
HOLIDAY SEASON ROLLS
AROUND WE ARE GLAD
TO EXTEND OUR THANKS, AND
OUR BEST WISHES FOR A
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR.

Hazelwood Laundry

**THE CHRISTMAS
EVE GUNMAN**

BY WILLIAM L. ROPER



DARKNESS had come early. Outside the snow-laden winds of a December blizzard howled mournfully against the plate glass windows of the Milltown State Bank. The streets were almost deserted, except for a few belated, last-minute Christmas Eve shoppers, struggling home with arms filled with packages.

Joshua Watterson, the thin, gray-haired bank president, sat hunched over his desk near the entrance in front of a huge, old-fashioned wall safe. A desk lamp illuminated the ledger pages which he studied carefully. The bank's doors were closed, but Joshua's task of checking the day's business would keep him busy for another hour.

Suddenly a shadow fell across his page and he looked up.

"Joshua," said the tall, pink-checked man standing beside his chair. "We've got to get rid of that Christmas tree wiring. This is the third year we've used it and the insulation's getting worn. Today the tree toppled over against the wall safe there and I got a nasty shock."

Old Joshua grinned wryly. "I al-



A desk lamp illuminated the ledger pages which he studied carefully.

ways said banking was a dangerous business." Suddenly he frowned and his pale, blue eyes became stern. "What were you looking for in my safe, Bob?"

"The Bollentree mortgage," Bob said. "Old man Bollentree wanted to pay off his note while you were out at lunch."

"Oh, yes, I remember now." Joshua nodded and stroked the blue veins in his left temple.

"You ought to remember," the cashier said. "We don't get five thousand in cash every day."

Joshua smiled and returned to his ledger. Bob went back to his job of counting currency. Completing his task, Bob filled out his record reports and placed the money in the vault.

He got into his heavy overcoat quickly and buttoned it. As he was leaving, he paused just inside the door and called back: "Better get started home soon, Joshua. The storm's getting worse."

All in Order

It was almost five-thirty when Joshua completed his work. Carefully placing his ledgers in the wall safe, he set the combination and again checked the vault. Everything was in order.

Leaving the Christmas tree lights on, he sauntered toward a side door, pulling on his overcoat. Then drawing his gray felt hat down over his eyes, he let himself out by the side door.

The fury of the storm seemed to have increased and the pelting snow almost blinded him. As he paused to try the door to see that it was locked securely, a man stepped from the shadows.

"Don't try any tricks, old man," the gunman said. Joshua glanced at the dark, desperate eyes that gleamed from under the man's snow-covered hat brim, then at the blue steel of the automatic in the man's right hand. The gunman's voice was hoarse, low-pitched. "Just do as I say. Unlock the door. If you touch off a burglar alarm, I'll kill you even if it is Christmas Eve."

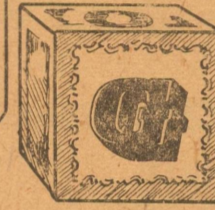
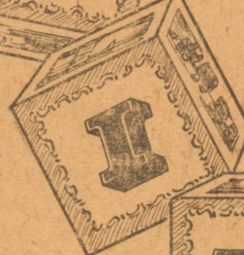
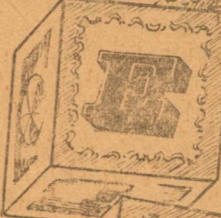
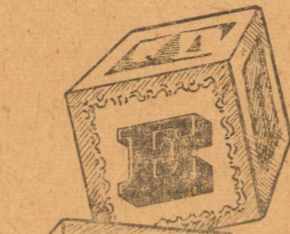
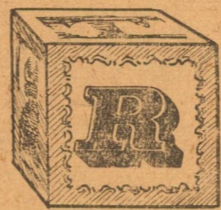
"It seems to have stuck," Joshua said, breathing hard. "You may have to give me a hand."

Big Surprise

Still keeping Joshua covered with the gun, the man leaned forward, seized the door with his left hand. He was pulling the door open, when Joshua stepped back and in doing so, knocked over the Christmas tree. It toppled against the safe. There was a hissing, crackling sound and electric sparks. The gunman screamed, tried vainly to release his hold on the steel door as his body twitched convulsively with the current. His automatic clattered to the floor.

Joshua picked it up and quickly disconnected the Christmas tree lighting circuit by jerking the plug loose from the wall socket.

"Just lie there on the floor and take it easy until I can call the police," Joshua said. "You must have got soaking wet out there in the blizzard; or that shock wouldn't have hit you so hard."



Christmas brings a little bit of something special in our lives — good fellowship and kindness. It strengthens our confidence in each other and makes us all happier and more friendly.

It's a grand experience and it is our hope that this fellowship and kindness will remain with us not only through the Christmas season but through the years to come. Our sincere good wishes at this great

Holiday Season.

The Ratliff Store

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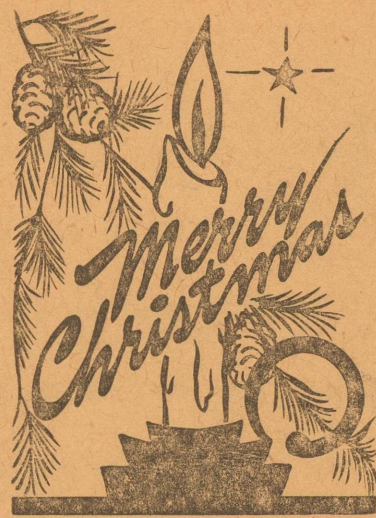
We value highly
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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

THE PERSONNEL OF

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For hundreds of years, and from many lands, the traditions of Christmas have been handed down from generation to generation. The tradition of mistletoe comes from England—the Yule log from Scandinavia—the Christmas tree from Germany—Saint Nicholas from Holland.

Add to these the good old tradition of sending Christmas greetings. We send ours with a genuine appreciation of your friendship and good will.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Ed Meador

Agency

FAITH'S REWARD

BY FRAN PACHTER

THE Daley living room wore that after Christmas look, the tree sparkled but dimly due to a few burned out lights. It's look of dejection was heightened by the untidy array of opened gifts piled in a disorderly fashion underneath it. A large package, resplendent in it's fancy wrappings shouted that it's recipient hadn't been there to claim it. Kathleen Daley's absence was made more conspicuous by the package. Her brothers Jack and Jim bitterly denounced her for hurting Mom and Dad, they had openly announced their feelings by leaving her gifts from them unwrapped upstairs.

Kathy had been out of touch with her family since leaving to follow a modeling profession. She wrote occasionally and sent a check each month to her folks but hadn't been home in two years. In her last letter, she had hinted that she might get home but hadn't shown up. It had cast a blanket of gloom on their holiday, despite Mom and Dad's attempt to make it a gala occasion. The boys knew their Mother had held onto the hope that she would arrive until Christmas night, when long past their bedtime, she had turned off the tree remarking quietly, "Well, another Christmas is over." The package seemed to shout, "Yes, and Kathy didn't show up." The tired hopeless look on her face had told them



"Hi, fellows. Meet my husband, Bill!" Kathy's radiant smile lit up her pale face.

more than any words could, of the hurt she felt.

Busy with Success

Kathy had achieved success in her chosen field, her pictures had appeared frequently on magazines, but with her success had come less contact with her home. Mom had excused her with the plea, "She's busy."

Dressing to go out New Years Eve, Jim said to Jack, "If Kathy were here I'd break her neck."

"Boiling in oil would be more to my taste," was Jack's reply.

The peal of the door chimes resounded and Jim said, "I hope it's company for the folks. Maybe they'll go out."

Jack laughed, "You know they'll not stir from this house for fear they might miss a call from their darling daughter."

"Listen," Jim shushed his brother. Soft voices were heard and the sound of tears mixed with laughter floated upstairs.

"It's Kathy, I'll bet." Both ran down the steps. It was Kathy. She was enveloped in Mom's arms. Beside her stood a tall man holding a pink bundle.

Anger Is Gone

"Sis," The boy's shouted in unison, a happy shout with no trace of anger.

"Hi Fellows. Meet my husband, Bill." Kathy's radiant smile lit up her pale face.

"Husband?" The boy's stood staring, dumbfounded.

Mom answered, "Yes husband. Kathy's been married for almost two years. I knew it, but Kathy had to keep it a secret on account of her work. I guess you're through working now, but why didn't you tell me." Mom turned accusing eyes at Kathy.

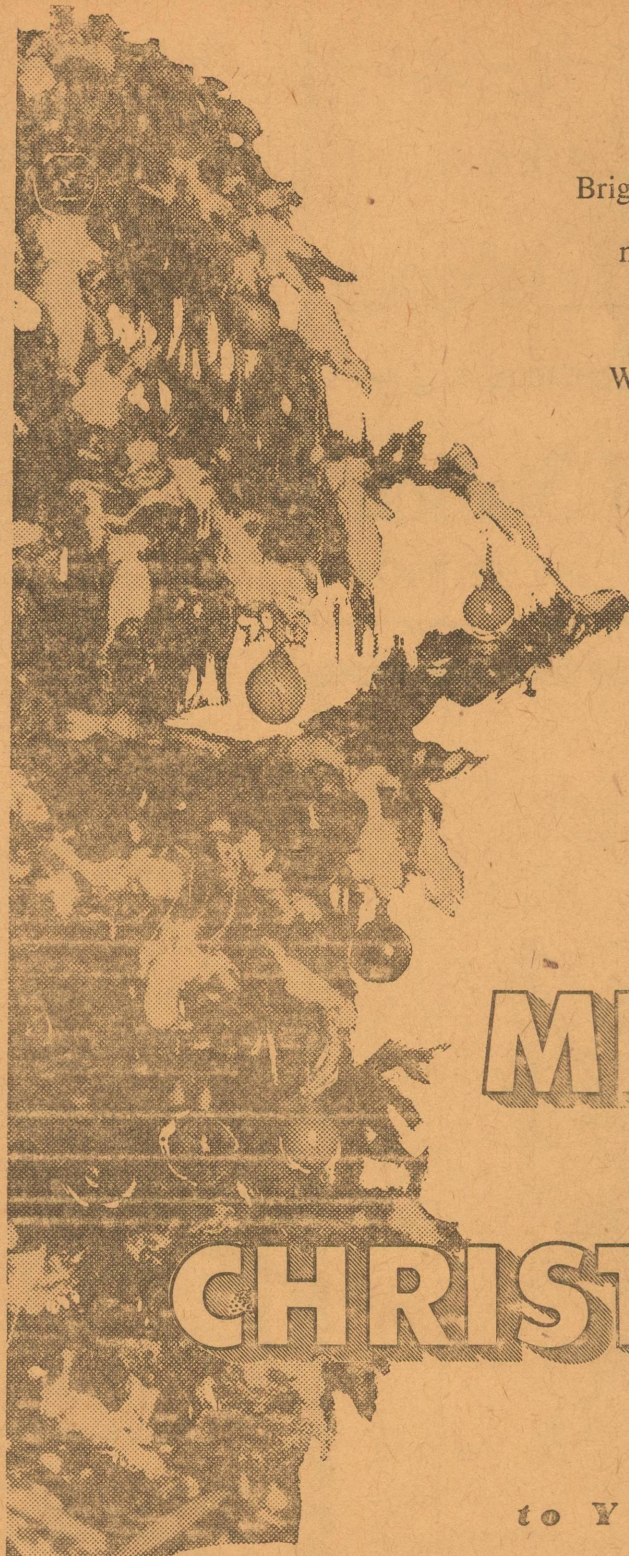
Bill spoke up, "I wanted her too, but she didn't want you to worry." He handed Mom the pink bundle and a wail came from it.

Kathy spoke quickly, "Mom, I've been hospitalized for a month, for fear I'd lose the baby. I'm sorry about Christmas, no card, no word but Bill has no mind for small details."

Bill smiled apologetically. "I was so darn worried about Kathy, that Christmas was over before I realized it. The baby came two days before Christmas and it was touch and go for them both."

Dad led Kathy to a chair and all suddenly realized Kathy was not her old perky self. Mom, holding on tight to her grandchild, said, "Nothing else matters, you're here now." Giving the baby to Gramp, she picked up Kathy's package, handing it to her. The mystery of the gift was revealed as Kathy slipped on a fawn colored stole and heard the masculine approval of "Wow."

Bill said, "Hey, we got presents in the car and tons of baby stuff."



Brightly the Holiday spirit lights
new friendships and rekindles
old ones year after year.
We hope you are pleased with
the way we have served
you and pledge anew our
willingness to help our
Community in any
way possible.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

to YOU and YOURS

Eldorado Motor Co.

Fred Furr, Prop.



**Season's
Greetings.**

The Christmas season makes us more than ever appreciative of our friends.

We value your patronage and are truly grateful for the gift of your friendship.

We look forward to serving you during 1957.

Davis Cosden

Lum Davis, Prop.



GREETINGS

As an expression of our

genuine appreciation of

your friendship and all that

it has meant to us,

we wish you and those you love

A Joyful Christmas Season.

FRANK MEADOR



MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
J. D. ASHMORE
Barber

A CHRISTMAS REPARATION
BY D. L. ALEXANDER

"FOLKS, as you all know, we are gathered together here in the Mistletoe school house this evening to hold our annual Christmas celebration."

Don Baker, master of ceremonies, paused, motioning someone to quiet down from the talking and playing children.

"We have prepared a delightful program of singing, reading and recitations which I hope you will all enjoy. After the program presents will be distributed. This has been a hard year on all of us, and presents have been hard to obtain. However, through the generosity of various ones in the community we are able to make each and every one a small gift of some kind."

He stopped and looked toward the door. Two hundred heads turned and eyes opened with astonishment at seeing the tall, spare figure of Aaron Thorndyke in the doorway. He advanced a step, and with a slight apologetic smile said:

"I hope I'm not intruding."
"I—ah—you are welcome, Mr. Thorndyke," Don Baker invited after a few moments of silence.

"If I may, I'd like very much to



"Folks," he began, as he faced them, "I have come here tonight to explain my past attitude toward you."

give a little talk to you folks." He cast a wistful glance around.

"Come right up front," Baker suggested. "The program is about to begin, and," he hesitated, "we are glad to have you with us."

Stares of wonderment, a few of thinly veiled hostility, followed the figure of Mr. Thorndyke as he made his way calmly down the

aisle. To the children he had been classed as a "boogy man" who would visit dire punishment on them for misbehaving; to the older ones he was a recluse repulsing any efforts of friendship, and an enigma to those who tried vainly to affix his character.

Double Reasons
"Folks," he began, as he faced them, "I have come here tonight to explain my past attitude toward you. I moved into your community a year ago, and have not been very sociable with you. That is because my only son was killed in Korea and my wife died as a result of the shock."

"I've felt plenty of grief and sorrow, and in my distress felt as if set apart from others in the world. I became moody and irritable, and didn't want to say or do anything that might cause anger, so I kept to myself as much as possible."

"My grief and sorrow has become dimmed by time. I value friendship above all else, and recently began to realize that by my aloofness I was missing what our Savior commanded of me: To meet my neighbors with brotherly love."

I have come among you tonight to make reparations for my behavior, and I hope you will consider me as a friend in the future. My home is open to all of you, and you will be received there with all cordiality. The decision rests with you."

Gifts to Come
He paused and whispered a few words to Baker, and then announced: "There will be a truck load of Christmas presents brought out from town before this meeting is over, and Santa Claus will deliver them to each and every one of you when the proper time comes. My son left a handsome insurance, which I don't need, and which I wish to spend in building up our community to make it the best in the country."

He nodded slightly and smiled. Bill Baker looked over the audience swiftly and noticed the change that had come over the faces of the people. He felt confident he was expressing everyone's sentiment when he said:

"I'll admit, Mr. Thorndyke, your attitude toward us has been a puzzle. We are happy to have you with us, and since you have explained things we are willing to accept you as one of us. There are others here who have lost loved ones, and I know your distress is like theirs and excusable. May I shake your hand in friendship?"

His example was followed by most of the grown-ups, after which, on the suggestions of members of the choir, Mr. Thorndyke and the entire audience broke into the song, "Will the circle be unbroken."



Thank You!
AT CHRISTMAS

We appreciate your loyalty and hope you will continue coming to the Drive-in during 1957.

MERRY CHRISTMAS — HAPPY NEW YEAR

Eagle Drive-In Theatre

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Edmiston



Merry Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
We appreciate your patronage. Keep coming during 1957.
HARKEY HUMBLE STATION
Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Harkey and Kaye



Merry Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your patronage during 1956 is appreciated more than we can say.

We value your friendship highly and we appreciate the fact that you consistently come to Hank's Gulf when your car needs attention. We can only say Thank You—and wish you a good holiday trip.

HANK'S GULF STATION

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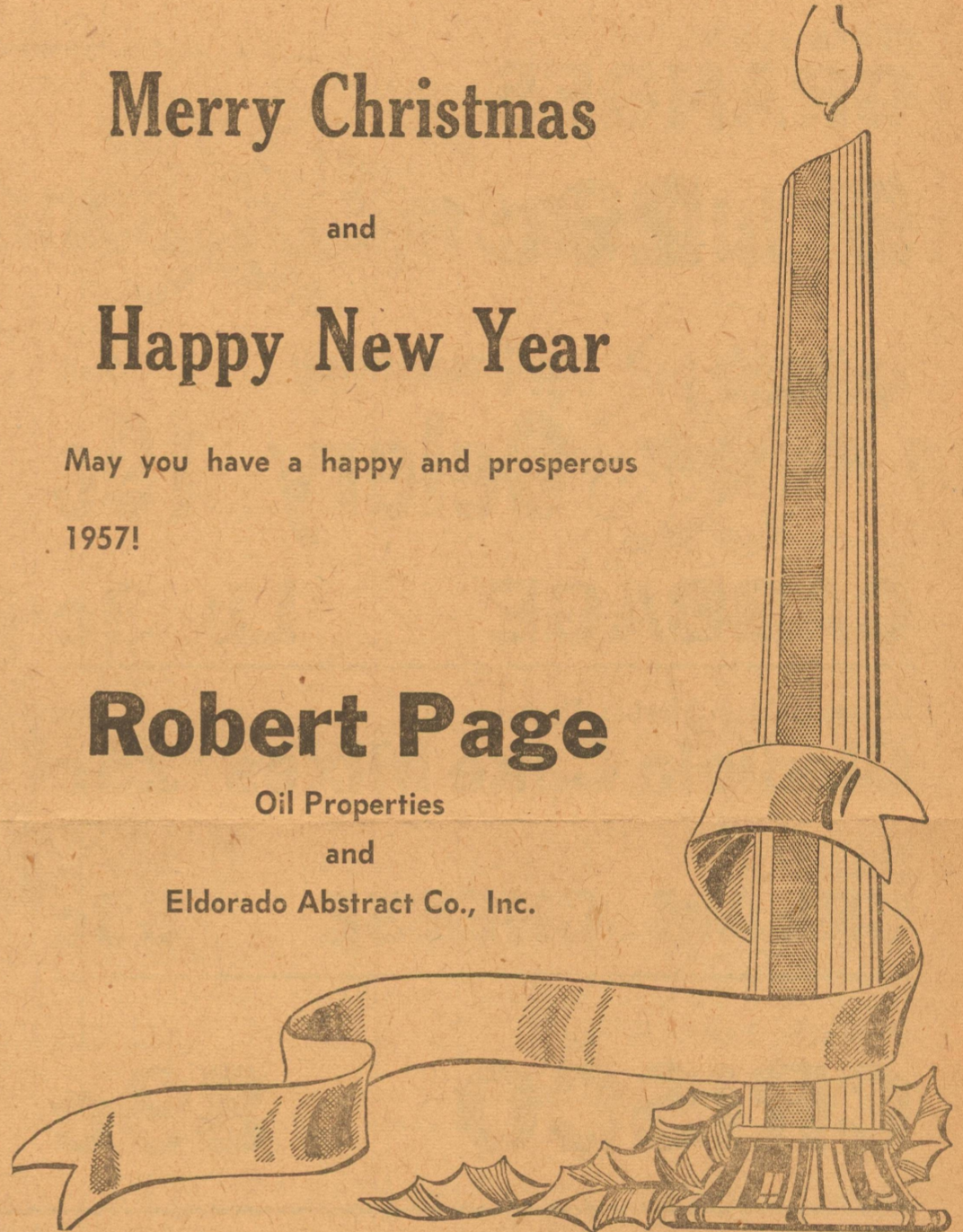
May you have a happy and prosperous 1957!

Robert Page

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Eldorado Abstract Co., Inc.



Thanks to Lions and other groups we have served—thanks to all drive-in customers and cafe patrons. All of you have been generous with your patronage, and we appreciate it.

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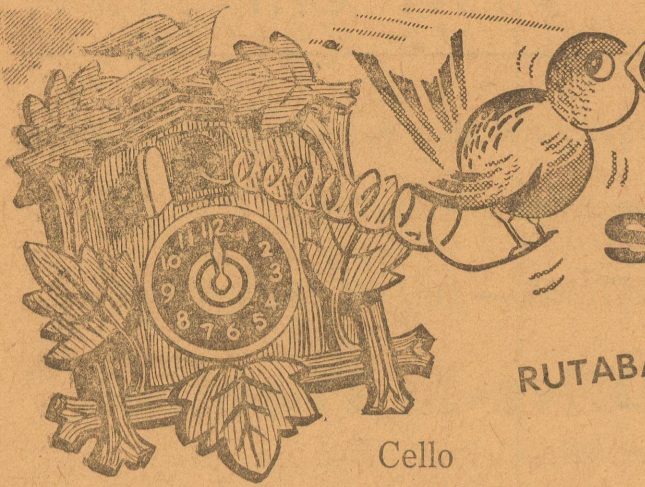
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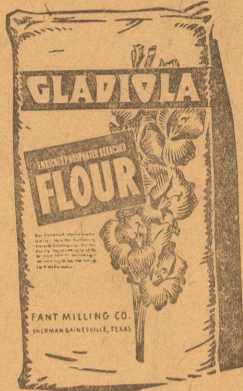


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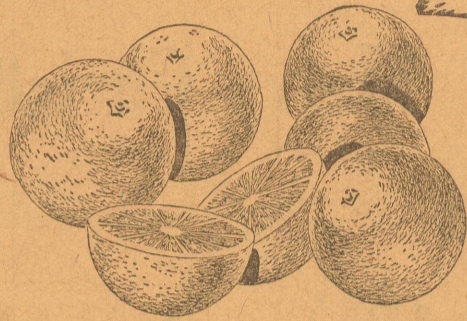
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Krafts, Half-Moon 10-Oz. Pkg.
CHEESE 43c

Hunts—Sliced or Halves 2½ Can
PEACHES 29c

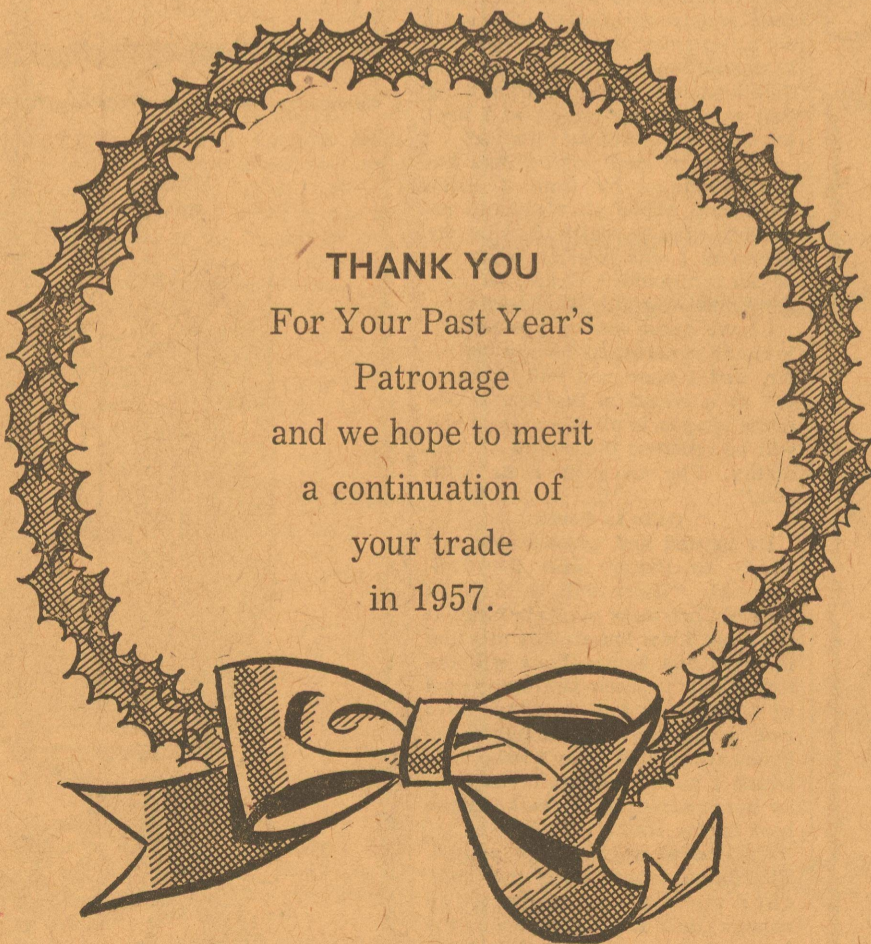
Krafts—Ballards Can
BISCUITS 10c

Pet Evaporated 2 Tall Cans
MILK 27c

Krafts, Sliced Pimento 8-Oz. Pkg.
CHEESE 39c

400 Count Box
KLEENEX 25c

Giant Box Each
CHEER 63c



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