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C-C Roster Gets Ballots For Selecting 15 Men Toward C-C, Development Directors



WAYNE D. GRIFFIN

Air Force Man Now in Tokyo

S-Sgt. Wayne D. Griffin now with the Fifth Air Force in Tokyo, probably will not be back in the states for the holidays, but he has made his first move in the homeward direction with transfer to a replacement unit.

Mrs. Griffin, cashier at Collins in Lamesa, said Thursday that her last letter was dated December 4.

The utilities non-commissioned officer has been with the 91st Reconnaissance Wing, an occupation air force in the Tokyo area. He was recently promoted to his staff-sergeant rating.

Overseas seven months, Sergeant Griffin joined the Fifth Air Force in the Philippines and has since been on Okinawa and now Japan.

Griffin is a graduate of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, where he majored in agriculture. He is anxiously awaiting the day when he can return to farming and ranching in his native state—Texas.

Mrs. Griffin lives at 1305 South Third. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Griffin, have recently moved from Route D, Lamesa, to Lubbock.

VFW Dance Limits 100-Couple Crowd

Tickets for the VFW post-holiday dance Friday night are on sale at the Green Hut and are also in the hands of local Veterans of Foreign Wars. The crowd will be limited to 100 couples, officials of the post said Friday, and proceeds will go into the Memorial Hall building fund.

The VFW-sponsored dance is scheduled at the recreation hall of the city park from 7:30 to 12:30 Friday night. Buddy Arnett and his orchestra from Lubbock will play.

POLITICS CLAIM SPOTLIGHT FOR WANING DECEMBER DAYS

The 1946 political calendar looms in last days of December as number one follow-up of holiday festivities. With at least 3,500 voters in Dawson County, all eyes will turn to the two primary and general elections scheduled next year.

Series of spotlight political dates lists 16 that will be of major importance to candidates and voters.

Leading out is the January 31 deadline for payment of poll taxes. First primary in 1946 is scheduled July 27, and the run-off elections will come August 24. Date for the general election is November 5, 1946.

Fine points of the calendared dates for 1946 politics are as follows:

January 31—Last day to pay poll tax, obtain exemption certificates or otherwise qualify by obtaining voting credentials.

May 20—Last day for candidates for judge of the court of civil appeals or for representative in Congress; or for state senator or district attorney in districts composed more than one county to file application for place on ballot.

June 3—Last day for candidates county and precinct officers to request with county chairman names on ballot.

June 22—Last day for candidates to pay ballot fees.

June 27—First day for candidates

Ballots toward the election of eight new directors of the chamber of commerce, who on January 1, will also be incorporated with hold-over directors into the Lamesa board of city development, have been mailed to members of the chamber.

Deadline for the return of the ballots, according to Mrs. Matt McCall, manager of the chamber of commerce, is December 28.

Fifteen names from the chamber roster with the highest votes in the balloting will be placed before the city council which in turn will appoint eight to serve with seven holdovers on the joint directorate. Tenure for the positions will be for two years.

Present chamber of commerce directors whose terms expire this year are J. H. Norris, C. Baldwin, W. K. Crawley, W. J. Beckham, Dan Davis, J. R. Leuenberger, O. H. Morris and George Norman.

Formation of the board of city development to work in a combined status with the chamber of commerce was decided upon last May 1, in a city election. However, because of curtailed activity and skeleton working forces during the war, combining of the two bodies was withheld until 1946.

Mrs. McCall will also expand her duties to include management of the board of development.

Proceeds from the chamber of commerce will be joined with finances allotted by the city council to the development board so that a proper maximum effort can be carried toward the building of a greater Lamesa.

"There has never been the idea of the charter commission of the board of development that any change be made to the chamber of commerce dues or duties," said Mrs. McCall. "The main purpose is of widening the area of work outlined in future development of the town."



WAYLAND MAXWELL

Wayland Maxwell Infantry Officer At Virginia Camp

Second Lt. Wayland Maxwell is now at Camp Lee, Va., awaiting shipment overseas, his mother, Mrs. A. B. Maxwell, said Thursday. The Lamesa high school graduate returned to the Virginia Infantry base last week following an eight-day leave.

Lieutenant Maxwell's wife and their two children, Linda Louise, 2-1-2 and two-month-old Gary Wayne, live in San Diego, Calif.

The Lamesan was commissioned at Fort Benning, Ga., on October 30. He went into service January 3. He served with the 94th Infantry Training Battalion, Camp Roberts, Calif., before taking officer candidate courses at Fort Benning.

Local Area Labor Market Is Short Job Opportunities

There is a current shortage of employment opportunities in Dawson and Borden counties for the manpower on hand, according to C. Raymond Jones, manager of the local U. S. Employment Service office.

During the week ending Dec. 19, 20 persons were referred to jobs within the Dawson-Borden area and 17 obtained employment. Thirty-three registered for jobs, 155 contacted the employment office in regard to jobs and 50 employment opportunities were open.

Principal demand for labor in the local area is divided according to the following: meat cutter, 1; common laborers, 10; electrician and plumber, 1; radio repairman, 1; waitress, 1; tinner and radiator man, 1; sheet metal worker, 1; sales person, 1; plumber, 1; secretary, male, 1; druggist, 1; linotype operator, 1; watchmaker, 1; auto mechanic, 1; tractor mechanic, 2; tractor mechanic helper, 1; tractor parts man, 1.

Outside the local area are the following job opportunities on file at the office: neon sign serviceman, 2; journeyman printer, 1.

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Offices in the city hall, also, will take a two-day holiday, with employees, taking off both Monday and Tuesday.

The Dawson County AAA office will be closed both Monday and Tuesday. County agents' offices will be closed the two days.

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Pfc. L. W. Watson Jr. above, will spend Christmas in Japan. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Watson, 413 North Main Street, Lamesa, Watson is with the 21st Infantry, 24th Division in Okayama, Japan. His outfit moved in October 1945. The Lamesan was awarded the Purple Heart for left hand injuries from a hand grenade on May 22 on Mindanao Island, where he went into combat May 13. His last furlough home was in March.

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The last bugle note has sounded
Over all the world.
Again where Freedom once abounded
Are Freedom's flag unfurled.

Gone is the sound of marching feet,
The ruthless conqueror;
Freedom and justice are complete
And now, "Excelsior."

Turn up your eyes, your mind, your heart,
It is the Christmastide;
Give thanks that having done our part,
The battle justified.

Beneath tomorrow's brilliant sun
All men everywhere,
May live in unison, as one,
And God's blessing share.

"Merry Christmas" this year is true
As never heretofore,
Lift up your heart, it is your due,
For there is no war more.

Dawson's Ginned Cotton Is Only 5,810 Bales For '45

Only 5,810 bales of cotton were ginned in Dawson county from the crop of 1945 prior to Dec. 1, as compared with 36,791 bales for the crop of 1944.

The low total—only one seventh of last year's ginned bales—was revealed in a report to The Courier by the bureau of census, Washington, D. C.

The census bureau has also reported that cotton consumed during November, 1945, totaled 743,450 bales of lint and 83,680 bales of linters. This compared with 759,805 bales of lint consumed during October of this year, and 836,438 bales of lint and 12,032 bales of linters consumed during November of last year.

For the four months ending Nov. 30, consumption totaled 2,944,067 of lint and 330,838 bales of linters, compared with 3,261,577 and 497,948 for the corresponding period a year ago.

Cotton on hand Nov. 30 included: In consuming establishments 2,202,498 bales of lint and 257,002 bales of linters, compared with 2,208,291 and 232,471 a year ago.

In public storage and at compresses 10,623,198 bales of lint and 43,587 bales of linters, compared with 13,174,894 and 24,415 a year ago.

Cotton spindlers active during November numbered 21,605,060 compared with 21,721,792 during October this year and 22,257,040 during November last year.

Yule Holidays Vary Decidedly With Employers

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48 New Tires Allowed From Panel Meeting

Certificates for 48 passenger car tires were issued in the Tuesday meeting of the Dawson County tire panel. The number, said Chief Clerk Clay Randolph, was small in comparison to previous weeks.

Announcement from Washington came late Friday to the effect that tire rationing will end January 1. For four years the rationing of tires has kept a slim supply on the markets, but those available now are few and far between.

Applications for tires continue to be turned in, OPA office personnel reported, at the rate of five applications to one certificate issued.

Scarcity of available passenger tires in this area is evident, just as in previous weeks, Randolph said.

Tire certificates were issued Tuesday to the following:

A. L. Richey, J. H. Freeman, John Pruitt, E. G. Carr, W. C. Towns, L. W. Evans, A. L. Frith, Mrs. A. F. Kreezer, Joe Monroe, D. L. Rasberry, W. M. Bolin, E. A. Gehring, William Degner, Roy Rushing.

Carlis White, J. E. Ray, J. R. Leuenberger, W. C. Miller, Olin York, T. A. Young, Daniel Makowsky, Louis B. Reed, D. O. Blackmond, H. L. Spewell, R. W. Herndon, C. A. Hollingsworth, O. E. Dunlap, Planters Gin Company, J. J. Hendley.

W. H. Anders, L. Y. Dodson, E. L. Barron, C. W. Hoskins, J. J. Mateus, M. C. Lindsey, Jr., R. C. Moore, Earnest Fyote, Edward Newman, Steve Wiseman, W. L. Redden, L. A. Lewis, Velma Speck Bartlett, O. B. Goodson, D. A. Davis, G. W. Demment, Shelby Howell, Jr., C. P. Guinn, Inzer Davis.

Lions Have Christmas Song Program At Final '45 Luncheon

A Christmas program of song was presented at the luncheon of the Lions club Thursday in the dining room of the Plaza Hotel.

It was the final meeting before the new year for the civic club.

Essie Moore was in charge of the program which included various Christmas songs by the Lions and special music by a quartet composed of Owen C. Taylor, Tom Barron, A. J. McDaniel and Mr. Moore. The quartet sang negro spirituals and "Silent Night."

At the brief business meeting at the luncheon Lion Henry Norris reported for the committee which is investigating possible location for future lion luncheons and meetings. The club was previously notified that the Plaza dining room would not be available for club gatherings after the first of the year.

Two ex-presidents of the Lamesa Lions were introduced as visitors—Connally Baldwin and Oliver Cates of Lubbock. Other visitors included Mr. Taylor, Charles Bussell, Mr. Barron and Rev. Ross A. Smith, former Lamesa Baptist pastor, now of Temple, Okla.

Lamesan Sends Greetings From Kobe, Japan

Pfc. Billy Joe Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Perry sends holiday greetings to Lamesa friends from Kobe, Japan, where he is a member of the U. S. occupation forces. Former student in Lamesa High School, Perry has been in service since March.

The Lamesan, who is with the 108th Engineers, 133rd Division, Sixth Army, sailed from Seattle, Washington, on the U. S. Stierges with 3,000 GIs. They docked for two days near one of the towns that was destroyed by the atomic bombs.

"We in our company are fine, and we eat three good meals a day," the armyman wrote. Kobe had a population of two million before the war, and now population has dropped to one million.

An estimated 10,000 of the present population will die of hunger this winter, Perry said. Little children and old women come to the army base each day to pick up the garbage. He said that the Allied servicemen feed the children at every opportunity. "It's pretty rough on those kids," he added.

Lamesa Airman Gets Up in Rank

James F. Smith Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith of Lamesa, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Smith has been in service 37 months. He is now with the Fifth Air Force, stationed at Irumagawa, Japan.

Corporal Smith was among the first occupational troops to land in Japan after the surrender. He is crew chief for a radio unit in headquarters.

SANTA KNOWS About The Special Christmas Gift At Dickenson's Tree

It won't be on the tree—not this present. But that guy Santa Claus will know about it.

So will the Dickenson's.

Maybe Santa knew about it when there was snow and frozen slush at the Normandy break-through. Or when a lone kid stood his ground in the steaming sands of Iwo Jima to guard a wounded buddy.

Maybe here in Dawson County Mrs. W. P. Dickenson knew all the while that Christmas was going to bring this present.

But anyway, Glenn P. Dickenson Sr., and his son, Glenn Jr., are back for Christmas together.

The father returned a couple of months ago from the army after heavy fighting with the infantry at Normandy and other major battle points in Europe. Glenn Jr., came in last week from the Marines, a veteran of the Third Marine Division which fought at Guam, Bougainville and Iwo Jima.

And just to add a little something extra to the holiday celebration—or thanksgiving—will be William Dickenson, a brother of Glenn Sr., who was a tail gunner on one of the first bombers to raid Germany from England.

All civilians again. All safe.

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Filipino Girl Writes Thanks To Lamesa For Clothes' Gift

From Baguio City in the heart of Luzon near Linayen Gulf, Philippines, has come an expression of gratitude from Andrea Gachalian, 20, clothes she and others of her nation received from Lamesa through the Red Cross.

The clothes were collected here last April as part of the National Clothing Drive. County Judge Kilmer B. Corbin was chairman of the Lamesa area collection and was assisted in the executive committee by Mrs. E. R. Tinsley, Mrs. Joe English, Clyde Branson and Don Emory. Mrs. Tom Wood, who is in charge of the Red Cross sewing room here, was production chairman in the same drive.

Distribution of the clothes in the Philippines was handled by the field directors of the Red Cross. And it was to the local chapter whom the young Filipino woman addressed her letter of thanks.

The text of the letter follows:

Gentlemen:

I hope that you will not be surprised to receive this letter from me. This is in view of those which we have already received from the American Red Cross. I am rather ashamed, but your esteemed favors demanded me to do so.

I regret the delay of thanking you. But as you know foreign mails have not been allowed for several months.

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OES Takes on Charity Work For Christmas

Soldiers, OES Home And Lamesans Benefit From \$76 Yule Funds

Three-way division of the \$76 holiday contributions of the Lamesa chapter of Eastern Star was reported Friday by its officers and finance committee. The local organization has 67 resident members.

Report for holiday activities of the Eastern Star was made by members of the financial group—Mrs. M. E. Boren, Mrs. Ross Boardman and Mrs. Gus White.

Money went into the Christmas fund through free will offerings since Thanksgiving, the committee-women said.

Ten cents per member went into the soldier rehabilitation fund, as requested by the worthy grand matron, and \$15 was sent to the OES home in Arlington.

The remainder was spent in Lamesa.

"Eastern Star members will enjoy Christmas more by knowing that they helped make possible re-entry in school for several local students," said Mrs. Charnell Jobe, worthy matron. "They provided shoes and socks for barefooted children."

Huge baskets of nourishing food were presented to one family, father in which has been too ill to provide food for his children. A cash donation was made to a widow and her orphan children, the committee reported.

Both resident and non-resident Eastern Star women who have not contributed to the holiday goodfellow funds have been asked to make their donations to the low flower fund.

Pillsbury Flour Men Leave Lamesa

T. H. Burk and O. W. Levring, representatives of Pillsbury Mills, Inc., left Lamesa Thursday after spending two weeks in the area. Higginbotham Feed and Elevator Company, Lamesa, has been made distributor in this territory for Pillsbury flour.

Both men were in Lamesa for the first time, Levring's initial visit to the South Plains. Levring is a native of Denmark, coming to the United States several years before the war.

Burk is scheduled to return to Lamesa in late December as Pillsbury representative for a wide West Texas territory. His wife will accompany him here from Dallas. He is a veteran of Pacific duty with the U. S. Navy.

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December Lists 115 Discharges In County Area

Record number of veterans' discharges have been recorded during December, with releases for 115 servicemen and women listed in the office of County Clerk Howard Humphrey.

Discharges since Wednesday have continued to favor the army with a three-to-one ratio. Listed were service records of one marine, two navymen and 16 army men.

Civilian status is marked up for Ira J. Jeter, Noel E. Martin, R. C. Jeter, Luther Gillam Pritchett, Andrew H. Baker, Ustious C. Cummings, Alfredo Gorrero, Will R. Anderson, William E. Haney, James E. Outlaw, Ervin B. Koonce Jr., Johnnie A. Brooks, Atlas K. Reed, Walter C. Baldwin, H. B. Costin, Loyd W. Emfinger, Alvin W. Slatton, Murray L. Towns, and Cecil Jerome Medlin.

Seven battle stars are on the Pacific campaign ribbon of S-Sgt. Ira J. Jeter, Motor Route B, who was discharged December 16 at Fort Bliss. Inducted September 19, 1942, Jeter served as an ammunition non-commissioned officer with the headquarters of the 557th Signal Aircraft Warning unit.

Overseas 13 and a half months, he marked up operations with the air force in China, New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Luzon, Western Pacific and air combat over Borneo.

Fort MacArthur, Calif., was the separation point on November 14 for T-5 Noel E. Martin, Route D, who served in the Pacific with the 807th Engineers. A carpenter, Martin's operations were in the Aleutians and Ryukyus. He had two tours of Pacific duty, totalling 35 months.

Thirty-five months of sea duty is tabulated for R. C. Jeter, seaman first class in the navy, who was aboard the USS Solace. Discharge for Jeter, whose home is on Motor Route B, was signed at Camp Wallace on December 11. He went into service October 15, 1942.

Marine Pfc. Luther Gillam Pritchett's discharge was issued out of the San Diego, Calif., marine base December 13. He was inducted at El Paso January 31, 1944. He served in the Pacific from January 8 until November 24 this year, taking part in marine action on Okinawa, Ryukyus and the occupation of Japan.

Pfc. Andrew H. Baker has been released from the army air force at Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park Calif. He spent seven months in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of war with an ordnance unit.

S-Sgt. Ustious C. Cummings' discharge was released at Camp Beale, Calif., on November 17. He served with the 322nd Infantry Regiment as a heavy mortar squad leader in the Western Pacific and Southern Philippines. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge during his 16 months in the Pacific theater.

Field Artilleryman Alfred Gorrero was discharged at Fort Bragg, N. C., on December 10. He had spent two and a half months in basic training following his induction September 16.

An engineman-operator, T-5 Will R. Anderson was with an engineering equipment company in the Pacific for over 22 months. He received his discharge at Fort Bliss on December 7. Southern Philippines, Luzon and Western Pacific were his operations.

The Rhineland and Central Europe were listed on the overseas record of T-4 J. H. Outlaw of Welch, who was discharged at Camp Pecos, Minn. Tyler, December 12. Outlaw was a crew with Company A, 644th Tank Destroyer Battalion in

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FACING A HARD SCHEDULE WITH A YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED TEAM PROMISES "PLENTY OF FIGHT!"

TORNADO CAGE STANDOUTS TAKE CARTOONIST'S EYE — Ray Neill, young Lamesa artist-cartoonist, gives an inside glance at the bigshots of the Lamesa high basketball team. Fans can take a tip from Neill's drawing pen—a lot of the success of the '46 Tornado club will depend on Coach Choc Sanders finding a sharpshooter to divide the scoring pace with his senior forward, Orvil Nieman.

The European area for almost a year.

Discharge for Demolition Specialist Ervin B. Koonce Jr., was marked up at Fort Sam Houston December 6. He served with Company G, 36th Engineers, in the European theater of war for over 21 months. Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhine land and Central Europe were his campaigns.

T-5 Johnnie A. Brooks, Route 3, Seminole, put in 38 months of foreign service, half in the Canal Zone and half in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, as a telephone and telegraph lineman. Brooks, who was a Continental service totaling 33 and a half months preceded discharge for Sgt. William E. Haney on December 10 at Randolph Field. An airplane and engine mechanic, Haney enlisted September 25, 1942.

with the 1036th Signal Company's service group, was discharged at Fort Sam Houston on December 14.

December 17 was the date for discharge of Sgt. Atlas K. Reed at Randolph field. The army air force cook served within the continental United States for 20 months.

T-3 Walter C. Baldwin's discharge has been recorded in the county office. It was signed at the Regional Hospital, Camp Polk, La. There Baldwin served in a three-

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way capacity—as a public relations man, psychologist assistant and personal consultant.

Two tours of duty in the Asiatic-Pacific area preceded discharge for T-5 H. B. Costin. He was a cryptographic technician in the 3343rd Signal Service Detachment Costin was discharged December 12 at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Cpl. Loyd W. Emfinger of the army air force was released from service at Lowry Field, Colo., on December 15. He tabulated 39 months of continental service as a construction machine operator. Emfinger lives on Route C, Lamesa.

Army air force discharge for Pfc. Alvin W. Slatton, Route A, was issued at Richmond, Va., on December 16. Enlisting October 31, 1942, Slatton served on the continent for 27 and a half months.

An air force tow target reel operator, Cpl. Murray L. Towns, Route 2, was discharged December 17 at Scott Field, Ill. He enlisted

May 27, 1942, serving 43 months in the air force.

Cecil Jerome Medlin, aviation machinist's mate first class, was released from the navy at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station on December 13. He enlisted October 19, 1942, and was not given foreign assignment.

Cattle are dehorned in late fall or early spring to avoid winter colds and summer flies.

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B. F. Vance Directs Council Replacing USDA War Board

A new 12-man body named the State USDA Council has been organized in Texas to replace the State USDA War Board which functioned during the period of the war and was terminated after November 30. At the same time a similar change was made in the names of war-time USDA County War Boards.

B. F. Vance, state director of the Production and Marketing Administration, announces the membership of the new body as follows: B. F. Vance, College Station; C. T. Watson, Farm Security Administration, Dallas; V. C. Childs, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Austin; Director Ide P. Trotter, Texas Extension Service, College Station; Jack Shelton, Farm Credit Administration, Houston; T. E. Limer, Farm Security Administration, Amarillo; Paul Walser, Soil Conservation Service, Temple; C. B. Hodges, Production and Marketing Administration, Austin; Allen P. Miller, U. S. Forest Service, Houston; R. A. Manire, Vocational Agriculture, Austin; J. E. McDonald, State Department of Agriculture, Austin; and W. E. White, Texas Forest Service, College Station. Mr. Vance

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Four National Groups Assist Veterans In Claim Problems

World War II Veterans returning home with service-incurred problems are finding four national organizations, each represented in 54 Veterans Administration regional offices, which are prepared to handle their queries regarding claims and benefits. The situation for the millions now being discharged is in contrast to the aftermath of the first World War when veterans could turn for counsel and advice to only one organization, the American Red Cross.

Since that time, during a period when Red Cross continued and amplified its obligations to veterans, three other major groups have entered the field—the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Each is staffed with specialists to handle the veterans' problems.

Supplementing the Red Cross and three major service organizations who have representatives in most of 54 Veterans Administration regional offices, are five other groups authorized to represent veterans—Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, National Jewish Welfare Board, Regular Veterans Association, and Military Order of the Purple Heart.

These five organizations have representation in some of the 54 Veterans Administration regional offices. To insure discharges being aware of the groups working in their behalf, men and women being released from active service are supplied with the names of the nine service organizations mentioned and also are advised by the military that "advice and assistance in connection with claims and benefits handled by the Veterans Administration" is available from all those authorized to perform the service to veterans.

The fact that no veteran need go without competent counsel in claims and benefits is further proved by the existence of approximately 50 other organizations recognized by the Veterans Administration as authorized to handle veterans' affairs.

In addition to the high standards of service offered by the organizations now operating in the veterans' field, the discharged servicemen has available in many states the assistance of state service officers.

The history of services to veterans closely parallels the social thinking of the American public in regard to the nation's obligation to uniformed men. The service began on a national basis when early in 1917, the American Red Cross provided a program of claims service in camps and hospitals, a work predicted upon the needs for help of hospitalized veterans and servicemen.

With the passage on October 6, 1917, of a law making provision for pensions to depend on deceased war veterans and to veterans having service-connected disabilities, Red Cross chapters began giving case work service to disabled vet-

erans and the dependents of deceased veterans. The work of chapters included help in processing claims through what was then known as the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

Meantime, the American Legion, an organization destined to offer not only fellowship, but claims counsel as well, began, in 1920, its work of employing regional service officers who worked in 14 regional offices of the then Veteran Bureau, forerunner of the Veterans Administration.

The biggest step forward, both for veterans' rights and in the responsibility of service organizations connected with those rights, came in June 1924, when the World War Veterans Act was created by Congress. Greatly broadening the scope of benefits available the act also gave to Congress the right to appropriate huge sums for the construction of badly needed Veterans Administration.

In due course of time the work originally begun on services to veterans by the Red Cross, closely followed by the American Legion's organization and subsequent service work, was augmented by other groups.

While the services they perform for veterans are similar in many respects, Dr. J. M. Harrington, chairman of the Dawson County Chapter, pointed out, the activities of the Red Cross and other agencies in the field of veterans service do not conflict.

"Any accredited organization can represent a veteran who wishes to file a claim before the Veterans Administration rating board," Harrington explained. "The veteran may select an organization of his own choice."

Poles Outnumbered By Danzig Germans

GDANSK (Danzig), Poland (AP)—Despite the fact that large numbers have departed for western Germany, Germans still outnumber Poles in this former "free city of Danzig."

Polish statistics show there are 239,000 Germans in Gdansk province compared to 207,000 Poles. Germans have evacuated 10,626 farms in the county which are to be settled by Poles.

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WAINWRIGHT WAVES TO CROWD—General Jonathan M. Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, leading a parade in Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 17 as a feature of that city's Victory Loan drive, waves to the crowd which turned out in the rain to cheer him. (AP Photo).

Exit Trusty Bronco, Cowboys Get Wings

WASHINGTON (AP)—Cowboys on the western ranges of the U. S. Grazing Service have taken to the air.

Flying cowboys now are employed to locate herds of wild horses and drive them toward round-up centers.

Approximately 100,000 mustangs have been rounded up from grazing districts in 10 western states since 1943. Fewer wild horses on the range means more room for cattle and sheep.

More than 600,000,000 gallons of fuel oil were required to get the amphibious forces to Okinawa for the invasion.

La Paz, Bolivia, produces 80 per cent of the value of all manufactured goods produced in the country.

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Parking for Love—Of a Duck Dinner

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Now it can be told—now that meat rationing's over.

Superintendent George Douglas of Audubon Park revealed the methods meat-hungry New Orleansians used to lure 250 ducks from the park's ornamental lagoon during the last two years.

A car would be parked in the shadows of the liveoaks, the door left open, a trail of bread strewn to the bank.

Before the park watchmen had completed a round a duck would have accepted the invitation, the car door would have slammed and another Muscovy or Pekin would be on his way to the skillet.

Selective as all New Orleansians are in matters of food, the duck-nappers picked these tastiest breeds, Douglas said.

Even though rationing has ended, he's banding the remaining 500 ducks.

But Just Sometimes

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia (AP)—A beggar who claimed to be blind, seized by the police as an imposter, excused himself by saying that he was blind from birth "but could see a little sometimes."

The U. S. Fifth Fleet burned 630,000,000 gallons of fuel oil in seven weeks during June and July, 1944—more than the amount used by the whole Pacific fleet in 1943.

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TB Seal Sale Remains Short Of Half-Mark

Dawson County Tuberculosis Association has a long way to go on the way toward reaching a \$2,000 goal in the annual TB Christmas seal sale. Seal Chairman C. E. Tarter said Friday. The half-way mark is in sight, but that amount had not become reality.

Total of \$986.72 had been sent in as payment for the 1945 Christmas seals mailed to Dawson County in late November. The report took in Friday's receipts.

Many of the seals have been given-holed for later consideration, Tarter said. That "later date" is almost here, he added, since the sale closes soon.

No replies had been received Friday from almost 600 citizens to whom seals were mailed. The ratio, taking in 1,441 letters containing stamps mailed out, shows all too many county people have not sent in their checks.

"Let's all get out the checkbooks and pens and mail those checks today," was the chairman's plea.

Dorman Sears, China-India Vet Here Discharged

Dorman Sears, son of Mrs. John T. Allen, Sr., arrived here Friday after receiving his discharge from the Army in El Paso December 23. Serving with the Signal Corps



and the Infantry for the past three years, he spent nine months in India and China. While in Kunning, China he was Cryptographic Technician with SOS Headquarters.

He is the holder of the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon and the Victory Medal.

Having graduated from Lamesa High School, he attended the University of Texas until entering the service.

Livestock Prices Are Uneven in Swing of Southwest Farm Markets

Livestock markets continue very uneven, but most other southwest farm products maintained a steady to strong trend during the second week of December, according to USDA's Production and Marketing Administration.

With this year's cotton crop expected to be the smallest since 1899 and one of the latest and lowest in grade on record, prices continue to push upward. At the highest level in twenty years, mid-December quotations at the ten principal markets averaged nearly \$11 a bale higher than the December purchase program price and about \$5 a bale above the government's December sales price.

Wheat and sorghum grains continue very strong with quotations at the ceiling plus allowable mark-ups. Most of the peanuts and rice produced in the Southwest have already moved from farms at top prices.

Cold weather and the resulting frost damage to tender vegetables as far south as the lower Rio Grande Valley caused a sharp reduction in produce movement followed by a stronger price trend on peppers, tomatoes and spinach. Hardier vegetables escaped and closed the week about steady under a slow to fair demand.

Shipments of Texas cabbage and carrots are well ahead of the volume a year ago. Louisiana sweet potatoes continue to bring the ceiling but complaints of car shortage developed. Movement of Colorado onions and potatoes also continues to be hampered by shortage of cars.

The supply of eggs is increasing slightly but is still not enough to fill trade needs and prices continue very firm except for slight reductions on some grades in line with adjusted OPA ceiling during the past week.

Poultry appeared to be a little firmer as some markets received lighter supplies, but demand schedule.

very variable. Some northern consuming centers reported difficulty in disposing of heavy turkeys, but young hens and light weight turkeys sold readily.

Hog marketings continued to increase throughout the southwest. Fort Worth reported the largest daily runs since last June and July, and lowest prices 25 to 50 cents on mixed grade butchers and \$1.75 to \$2.50 on pigs. Top butchers and sows were quoted at the ceiling in both the southwest and Midwest with most of the previous weeks declines regained.

Cattle markets were uneven. In San Antonio and Houston, reduced supplies sold readily at steady to strong prices with some sales 25 to 50 cents higher. Fort Worth had some steady sales, but others were weak to 50 cents lower on steers and yearlings and weak to 25 cents lower on other classes. Oklahoma City reported steers and yearlings unevenly to mostly 25 cents lower, while other grades were steady to strong with bulls 25 to 50 cents higher.

All classes at Wichita were steady to strong with some cows 25 cents higher. The top price on steers at Texas and Oklahoma market was around \$15.75, Wichita \$16.25, but not many were offered that would bring this much.

Sheep and lambs also continued irregular. San Antonio was steady, Oklahoma City steady to 25 cents higher, Wichita steady on ewes but mostly 15 cents lower on lambs. Fort Worth was steady on fat lambs and yearlings and on good feeders, but other feeders were 50 cents to a dollar lower, aged sheep steady to 25 cents lower, and common and medium fat lambs and yearlings down 25 to 50 cents. Top slaughter lambs brought \$14 in Fort Worth and \$14.10 in Denver, where trade was active.

Moderate quantities of Texas wool were sold; but as a whole, sales have been light under the reduced price schedule.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE QUADS — The Badgett quadruplets of Galveston, Texas, who will be seven years old February 1, take time out from decorating their Christmas tree to say "Merry Christmas." Peeking from bottom (left to right) are Jeraldine and Jeanette. Top (left to right) Jean and Joyce. (AP Photo).

Thursday Fires Result in \$600 Lamesa Damage

An estimated \$600 damage was caused by two fires in Lamesa Thursday afternoon and night.

Curtains, paper on the ceiling and walls were burned in two rooms of the Roy Foreman residence at 1308 North Third Street at 9:30 p. m. The blaze was discovered when member of the family went to the bath to investigate the smell of leaking gas. As they opened the door an explosion occurred.

Damage was approximately \$500, according to M. L. Standerfer, who was in charge of fire department on the call.

During mid-afternoon faulty wiring caused a blaze which destroyed the back door of Morris Drug building. Damage of approximately \$100 resulted.

those were only a portion of the number of persons stricken with the illness.

Mrs. H. Randle, county health nurse, reported on her visits to county schools that approximately one-fourth of the students were out of school. Teachers reported then that influenza was the main cause for the absence.

Lamesa city schools were the least affected by the epidemic.

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Influenza Cases Show Sharp Rise In County Area

Sharp increase in number of influenza cases for Dawson county at mid-December was reported by the city-county health unit.

With the week ending Dec. 15, 55 cases of influenza were treated by doctors as compared with 25 cases the previous week.

However, it is estimated that

New Silage Declared Satisfactory For Fattening West Texas Cattle

Irish potato silage, composed of 80 per cent Irish potatoes and 20 percent grain sorghum stover (dehorned butts), is proving a satisfactory feed for fattening cattle, according to W. L. Stangel, dean of agriculture at Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Comparison of the silage was made with sun-dried sorghum silage and cotton seed hulls.

Thirty steer calves were purchased in November, 1944, and carried as stockers until placed in feed lots September 27, 1945. They were divided into three lots of 10 head each. Lot 1 was wintered on sun-dried sorghum silage and Lot 2 on sun-dried sorghum silage and Lot 3 on alfalfa hay. Both lots received daily a supplement feed of one pound cotton seed meal and one pound alfalfa hay per head.

In Lot 3 calves were wintered on native grass pasture and received a daily supplement of one pound cotton seed cake and one pound alfalfa hay.

On May 1, 1945 the steer calves, then yearlings, were given access to native grass pasture without a supplement until September 1. They were then placed in dry lots and received daily rations of 50 pounds of raw Irish potatoes and six pounds alfalfa hay per head.

The steers were again divided into the three original lots of ten each September 27, 1945. All three lots received the same daily ration of milo chop, cottonseed meal and alfalfa hay. However, Lot 1 was fed sun-dried sorghum silage, Lot 2 Irish potato silage, and Lot 3 cotton seed hulls.

Average gains for the first 56 days were: Lot 1 gained 283 pounds, Lot 2 371 pounds, and Lot 3 284 pounds. The difference between gains in Lots 1 and 3 were very slight, but Lot 2 fed Irish potato silage, showed a remarkable gain for the period.

"No conclusions are to be drawn until the feeding test is completed," Dean Stangel reminded. "The three lots of steers will be carried to a marketable finish. It is assumed that this will be attained at the end of 100 days of feeding; at the conclusion of which a complete report will be published," he said.

Draft Board Shows Slight Decrease In Discharged

The Dawson County Selective Service Board classified and reclassified the following men in their December 18th meeting.

New Registrants: F. N. Cornett, Troy C. Gardenhire, Donald Lee Davis, James W. Moore, William H. Rhoades, William Morgan Cooper and Arvis Dewie Woodul.

In 4-F: Jimmie D. Henry.

In 1-A: Andy Hamilton Aslin.

In 1-C Discharged: Andrew H. Baker, James A. Bickle, Walter C. Baldwin, John W. Gist, Amon C. Lunsford, Leonard C. Houston, John R. Richardson, James R. Douthitt.

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Lamesa Nullifies Late Brownfield Rally For Second Victory, 42-37

Somewhat shaky in the last quarter with reserves in the game, Lamesa Tornadoes recovered quickly with the return of key regulars and spurred in the final five minutes for a 42 to 37 basketball victory against Brownfield High Wednesday night.

It was Lamesa's second consecutive win of the new season against no defeats.

Choc Sanders' cagers were in command throughout except in the final quarter when Brownfield pulled into a tie score while a couple of Tornado regulars were resting on the bench. However, Orvil Nieman and Co. quickly nullified their opponents' rally with scoring accuracy.

Nieman the talented senior forward for Lamesa, was high scorer for the contest with 13 points. He scored out Brownfield's Wheaty center, who scored 12 points. Nicholson, Brownfield forward, and Don Hoover, Lamesa center, tallied 11 and 9 points respectively.

In the "B" game Brownfield registered a 33 to 14 triumph over Lamesa. Sanders used 16 of his youngsters in the warm-up, trying to give game experience to as many of his B-team members as possible.

Lamesa will begin basketball drills on December 31, after the Christmas holidays and resume competition January 8 with a return game with Brownfield.

Poles' Hardships Worst in Europe, Spokesman Says

By LARRY ALLEN AP Newsfeatures

WARSAW, Poland — Dr. Emil Sommerstein, chief of the war reparations section of the Polish government, says Poland suffered "biologically, culturally and economically" during the war to far greater degree than any other European country.

"Germany," he said in a recent interview, "aimed to break the Polish nation biologically. That is why the losses directly due to war are only seven and one-half per cent, while those due to Nazi killings, persecution and torture are 92 1-2 per cent."

"Poland, with six million Poles and Jews murdered, is undoubtedly the first country in the tragic classification of war destruction."

Dr. Sommerstein said property losses amounting to \$6 billion already had been reported by Polish individuals to the reparations section. Along with losses sustained by state properties, this total is expected to reach \$20 billion—based on a pre-war value of five zlotys to each American dollar.

He asserted Poland's reparations question already is answered in that her share of what is to be collected from Germany constitutes part of that included in Soviet Russia's claims.

Sommerstein estimated the Germans seized and deported from Poland over 1,200,000 men and 650,000 women during the six-year Nazi occupation.

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Rotary Has Musical Program By High School Group

Music by a high school quartet and trumpet solos by Richard Young featured the program at the Lamesa Rotary club Friday in the Plaza Hotel.

The quartet—Lena Sue Chilton, Lavonia Benson, Angus Roberts and Tommy Allen—sang several songs including Christmas carols. They were accompanied by Nancy Hollingsworth.

Accompanying Mr. Young, Lamesa band director, who was in charge of the program, was Mrs. Young.

W. D. Arnett, chairman of the committee to locate another place for the club's meeting after the New Year, reported that no definite announcement was to be made at the time.

President Sam Jenkins announced that the Rotary would not meet next week due to the Christmas holidays.

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FOR SALE: 640 acre farm located one mile of blacktop highway 29 south of Portales on Lovington Highway. Two miles south and one east of Hwy. School. IRA ADAIR, Pep. New Mexico. 98-1 c

FOR SALE: 320 acres, 278 in cultivation, 30 acres of oats and barley ready for grazing. Modern 3 room house and bath, new outbuildings. On R.E.A. mail and school route. Priced \$45 acre. See WILLARD POLLOCK, 13 miles north and one mile east of Stanton. 98-100 pd

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FOR SALE: 1938 Model Ford one ton pick-up good condition, good rubber, at my place one mile east 1-2 north Wells Store, Lynn County. F. HEATHINGTON, O'Donnell, Texas. 101-102 pd

FOR SALE: Two unit Surge milking machine, five can electric milk with a cooler and pump combined. WELCH FRETWELL, four miles out on Lubbock Highway. 101-104 c

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COMINGS, GOINGS, DOINGS

Mrs. Homer Lentz and daughter Sue left Monday for Chicago, Illinois, where they will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with Mrs. J. M. Peer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Avriett will spend the Christmas holidays in Dallas visiting with their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Thomas spent the week end at Ballinger visiting with Mrs. Gracie Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stuart of Washington, D. C. arrived in Lamesa Saturday evening where they will make their home. Mr. Stuart has accepted a position with Higginbotham Feed and Elevator.

Mrs. Amerial Payne and son of Dallas spent Sunday here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Kennedy.

Jack Hastings who has recently returned from the Pacific Theatre of War is visiting here, this week with relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Foster left Saturday for San Angelo to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Georgia Bourland left Friday for her home in Matador where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson and her father will spend the Christmas holidays visiting in Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and son James will spend Christmas in Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Walker and family will spend the Christmas holidays in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd and son will spend Christmas in Hamlin visiting Mr. Boyd's parents.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Barkhurst include Navyman Gerald Barkhurst and Wayne Robinson.

WANTED

HAVE YOUR Christmas trees sprayed at DILLS BODY & FENDER WORKS East of Texaco Station on South Dallas.

WANTED: Veteran and wife to rent apartment or house, furnished or unfurnished. Must be nice, regardless of size. Permanently located. No children or pets. L. L. HARRIS, Phone 102 or Write Box 181, Lamesa, Texas. Phone 502-M. 4:00 p. m. 97 tlc

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FOR SALE: 533 1-2 acres land, mile south Union School, two sets improvements. For particulars see V. C. or EDWIN FINCHER, Rt. 4, Lamesa. 100-103 pd

FOR SALE: Practically new Butane gas range and heater. One Studio Couch, one Platform Rocker, one Ice Refrigerator, other household articles. J. B. MEEKS at W. T. Meeks residence 2 1-2 miles south west of Welch. 100-101 pd

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CARD OF THANKS We take this opportunity to thank our friends for their kindness during the long illness and at the death of our husband and father. Every expression of sympathy including the flowers, were sincerely appreciated. Mrs. G. T. Morris and family.

Miscellaneous

VALUABLE PROTECTION: For the whole family. Small change will pay premiums. Call HIGGINBOTHAM SECURITY BURIAL ASSOCIATION, Phone 223. Office, Higginbotham Funeral Home. 11-78 tlc

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Three sons of Mrs. Ed Noret, who was recently discharged from the army, Barkhurst, radio-man second class, is now based off the coast of Georgia. Roberts, son of Bill Roberts of Lubbock is a former Lamesan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gamball and Teenie will spend the holidays visiting relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lyons will spend the Christmas holidays in Memphis, Texas, with relatives.

Mrs. Max Gray and son of Seminole will spend the holidays here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lindsey.

Bryan Fulkerson of Gaines County spent several days here this week attending to business.

Mrs. Anna Beason will leave Thursday for Little Rock, Arkansas, where she will spend 10 days visiting with her daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Barton.

Mrs. Kenneth Esmond who has spent the past several months in New York City is spending the Christmas holidays here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Lindsey.

Miss Blanch Lyons of Seminole spent Friday in Lamesa attending to business and visiting with Mrs. Claudia Johnson.

Mrs. John Earles and Mrs. Hattie Haney of O'Donnell spent Thursday here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams.

Dick Gilbert left Sunday for Terre Haute, Indiana, where he will spend the holidays visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones and sons will spend Christmas visiting the George Grays in Lubbock.

Miss Snookie Weeks spent several days last week visiting Miss Mary Frances Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Leith Higginbotham, Jr. will spend Christmas week visiting his parents in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Temple will spend Christmas visiting her mother in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Blanche Reilly and Mrs. Jesse Carroll spent several days last week in Dallas.

Mrs. Robert Koger spent Tuesday in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Burton will spend Christmas in Tyler.

Miss Dot Burleson, TCU student, is spending the Christmas holidays here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Burleson.

Raymond B. Hatch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hatch, is here from S.M.U. Dallas to spend the holidays.

Miss Patsy Jo Rountree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rountree, who is attending the University of Texas, Austin is spending the holidays here.

Miss Jo Ann Bertchei a student of Tech, Lubbock spent Tuesday here visiting with Miss Doris Raesdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Wood and children of Sweetwater are spending the Christmas holidays here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Roberts of Grassland spent Friday in Lamesa visiting with friends.

Mrs. George Keathley and daughters Helen and Jean left Sunday for Lawton, Oklahoma where they will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keathley, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Edmonson of Abilene are spending the holidays here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Peterson and Mrs. W. D. Edmonson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Huddleston of Grassland spent Friday here attending to business and visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Huddleston of Ralls spent Friday in Lamesa visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Barron of Artesia, New Mexico are spending the holidays here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Barron.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton and son spent Sunday in Stanton visiting with Miss Genevieve Middleton.

Douglas Moore of S.M.U. spent several days here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hatch.

Miss Billie Jean Myers of S. M. U., Dallas is spending the Christmas holidays here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Myers.

Allen Barnard student of the University of Texas, Austin is spending the Christmas holidays here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harp and Malcolm left this week for Athens where they will spend several weeks visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Holt and son Donald will spend Christmas day in Idalou visiting with relatives.

Miss Doris Raesdale of Tech, Lubbock is spending the Christmas

Scout Troop 22 Has Its Annual Christmas Party

Boy Scout Troop 22, under the leadership of Joe Spikes, had its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening December 18 at the Scout Hall in the basement of the Court House.

A beautifully decorated Christmas tree was surrounded by gifts for each boy and after exchanging them each was presented with nuts, candy and large packages of fireworks.

From there the boys went to different houses in the city singing Christmas carols and on to the city park where they displayed the fireworks.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Noret they were served hot chocolate and fruit cake with candy and fruit favors.

Filipino Girl—

(Continued From Page One) thankful to your charity. We are indeed very happy to receive them. Surely, the goods are perfectly satisfactory.

I am very delighted to have the opportunity to receive some of the items. This was through the help of Mr. Lyod Mack, the Field Director of the American Red Cross, of the 33rd Div. Headquarters, U. S. Army. I have received, two dresses, two chimes, and a pair of shoes. For these I cannot tell how happy and thankful I am. My appreciation and gratitude, these two mental phases, awaits you and the American Red Cross in general.

I hope you will certainly have the nerve to receive my many thanks to all of you.

May our dear Lord bless you all. I best to remain,

Sincerely yours, Andrea Caschlan 83 Ferguson Rd.

P. S. I would be very glad if one of your girls of the same age (30) with me, is willing to be my pen-pal.

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Miss Wynelle Cotten and William L. Spencer Were United In Marriage In Early Ceremony December 23rd

Miss Wynelle Cotten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cotten of 1007 South First Street, and William Lawrence Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Spencer of 1001 North First Street, were united in marriage at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning December 23rd at 9:30 o'clock. Dr. Clarence A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated in the double ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father wore a blue woolen dressmaker suit with black accessories and a corsage of orchids.

Miss Joan Spencer, sister of the bridegroom, attended as maid of honor and wore a dusty rose woolen suit with brown accessories. Frank Spencer, cousin of the groom attended as best man. Ushers were Wright Grant, Boyd and Dale McTroy.

The Cathedral candles were lighted by Misses Jimmie Lee Cotten and Nancy Hollingsworth.

Miss Mary Frances Barnard, accompanied by Mrs. Weldon Lindsey, organist, sang "Because" and "Through The Years." Other than the traditional wedding marches, Mrs. Lindsey played "Claire de Lune," "Intermezzo" and "Ave Marie." "The Roseary" was played during the ceremony.

The altar of candelabra holding tall white Cathedral tapers was banked with greenery and baskets of gladioli.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Sue Son of Brownwood presided at the three tiered wedding cake, with Mrs. A. G. Barnard presiding at the silver coffee service. The guests book was attended by Miss Anita Oliver.

Immediately after the reception the couple left for a short wedding trip to Dallas.

The bride is a graduate of Lamesa High School and is now attending Texas Technological College in Lubbock. The bridegroom, a graduate of Lamesa High School, has recently received his discharge from the Army Air Corps and will enter Texas Technological College in January. The couple will be at home in Lubbock.

Out of town guests for the wedding were Mrs. M. C. Medley and Vicki of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, Sue Son of Brownwood, Jean Stanfield of Plainview and Frankie Jean Barnes of Brownwood.

Music Groups Are Feted at Clubhouse Following Concert

Members of the Lamesa High School Band and Chorus were complimented Tuesday night following their Christmas concert at a party held at the country club. More than 100 student guests attended.

Hosting the event was a committee of students from the two organizations. Included were Avalon Barkhurst, Betty Williams, Dot Nelson, Dorothy Ross Gibson and H. L. Crouch. Director Richard Young, Mrs. E. E. Yates and High School Principal H. S. Fitzgerald were the faculty members present.

Highlights of the evening's party program was a musical reading, "Cowboys Christmas Ball," by Mrs. Yates. Her accompanist was Mrs. Richard Young.

In a pie-eating contest between Guinn Gross of the band and Tommy Allen of the chorus, Gross emerged winner to receive a prize.

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Miss Wynelle Cotten Is Honored With Breakfast Shower

Mrs. A. E. Jacobs, Mrs. French Pruitt, Mrs. W. T. Webb and Mrs. George Weiss of Lubbock were hostesses at a coffee Wednesday morning December 19 from ten through eleven o'clock at the Jacobs home, 710 South First Street.

The large coffee table was covered with a hand crocheted cloth and centered with a silver bowl containing red carnations and holly, flanked on either side by tall red tapers in silver holders.

Mrs. Kirk McKinnon and Miss Billy Grace Webb presided at the silver coffee service. Guests were served star shaped cinnamon toast, nuts and candies.

The hostesses presented Miss Barron with a corsage of red carnations.

Members in the house-party other than the hostesses and honoree were Mrs. J. E. Barron, Mrs. Sam Jenkins and Mrs. E. V. Wilkes.

REHEARSAL DINNER

Mrs. Sam Jenkins and Mrs. Cox honored Miss Barron with a rehearsal dinner in the Jenkins home, 803 North Seventh Street, at eight o'clock Wednesday evening December 19.

The bridal party was seated at a table laid with an oyster white linen cloth and centered with a heart shaped arrangement of pink carnations outlined with blue maline, flanked on either side by tall blue tapers in silver candelabra.

Places for the guests were marked by white bridal place cards with blue inscriptions.

The honoree wore a black crepe frock with a rhinestone studded peplum and sleeves. The groom-to-

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WCSA Hears Yule Program Monday

Mrs. Arthur Hull was director for the impressive Christmas program for the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service, heard by church women Monday afternoon.

Assisting to present the program were Mrs. Albert Hayter Mrs. W. K. Crawley and Mrs. W. L. Marr.

Hosts for the meeting were Mrs. M. E. Smart and Mrs. M. E. Boren, who served refreshments to those present.

The church parlors, in which the meeting was held, were decorated with pine cones, berries and lighted tapers centering around the details of a nativity scene in miniature.

Wynelle Cotten Feted With Pre-Nuptial Dinner

Miss Joan Spencer entertained with a dinner party Friday evening December 21 at 7:30 o'clock honoring Miss Wynelle Cotten, bride-elect of Bill Spencer, in the dining room of the Green-Hut Cafe.

Guests were seated at tables for four and each was centered with a Christmas wreath holding a red taper. Place favors were miniature Christmas trees holding a card with the inscription "Bill-Wynelle, Dec. 23rd."

Guests were the honoree, Misses Anita Oliver, Billy Grace Webb, Mary Frances Barnard, Faye Littlefield, Annie Marie and Glenna Faye Bailey, Dot Burleson, Joy and Marjorie King, Leta Stringer and the hostesses.

Miss Elmerine Barron and Tom Wilkes, the honorees, Mrs. Webb Jenkins, Mrs. George Weiss, Mrs. R. C. Jones, Fred Flanniken, Heston McDonald, Richard Crawley, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wilkes, Mrs. Edgin and the hostesses.

She was presented her with a double strand of pearls as she was seated at the dining table.

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Bride-Elect Is Feted With A Breakfast Dec. 20.

Mrs. E. R. Tinsley, Mrs. E. A. Jacobs and Mrs. C. A. Hollingsworth honored Miss Trinka Norman, bride-elect of Robert Robinson, with a breakfast Thursday morning December 20 at nine o'clock at the Tinsley home.

The breakfast table was covered with a pale green damask cloth and centered with a wreath of hemlock and pinecone holding a tall white taper. Places for the guests were marked by white cards.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a cook book as a bridal gift.

Guests were the honoree, Mrs. George Norman, Mrs. Clyde Brannon, Miss Billie Grace Webb, Mrs. George Weiss, Mrs. French Pruitt, Mrs. Ed Tinsley, Misses Lois Jean Weeks and Miss Mary Frances Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. King and son, Larry, left Lamesa Thursday morning to spend the holidays in Roanoke, Fort Worth, Dallas and Kearns.

Fifth Birthday Is Celebrated

Mrs. Harold Grissom honored her daughter Mary, on her fifth birthday with a party at their home, 909 North Third Street, Monday, December 17.

Christmas daisies, cedar and mistletoe decorated the living and dining rooms of the home.

After playing games the gifts were opened and refreshments of hot chocolate and birthday cake were served to those attending.

Guests were Rex Cotten, Jimmy King, Jan and Marylynda Burns, Sue Cox, Gay Scoggin, Ronny Hamilton, L. W. West, Essy Peterson, Melvin Foster and Johnny Groom.

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Miss Elmerine Barron Becomes The Bride Of Tom Wilkes In Formal Ceremony At The First Baptist Church December 20th

Miss Elmerine Barron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barron of 1004 North First Street, became the bride of Tom Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wilkes of 707 South Third Street, Thursday evening December 20 at 7:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church. Rev. Ross A. Smith formerly of Lamesa and now pastor of the First Baptist Church in Temple, Oklahoma, read the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose an exquisite gown of white faille fashioned on long torso lines with a yolk of sheerest bridal illusion bordered with a bertha. The skirt attached to the low waist line and extended into a long graceful train. The long fitted sleeves fastened with tiny covered buttons. Her fingertip veil of imported bridal illusion was attached to a halo of seed pearls. She carried a white faille muf topped with white camellias and greenery. In the muf she carried a white lace handkerchief, which was presented to her by Miss Ruth Ann Hall, a classmate. For something old and borrowed she wore a cameo lavilier that her mother and sisters, Mrs. Sam Jenkins and Mrs. R. C. Jones were all married in. The sixpence worn in her shoe was brought from England by her brother-in-law, R. C. Jones.

Mrs. Sam Jenkins was her sister's matron-of-honor and wore a blue faille frock of colonial style with a high neck line and long fitted sleeves, and an aura of pale maline. Mrs. Webb Jenkins of Monahans and Mrs. George Weiss of Lubbock were bride's matrons and wore pink faille frocks identical to the matron of honor's with pink maline auras. All carried colonial nosegays of sweetpeas, roses and violets.

Mrs. Barron, mother of the bride, wore a black crepe street length dress with black accessories and white gloves. Her corsage was of gardenias.

Mrs. Wilkes, mother of the bridegroom, wore a black crepe trimmed with blue and black accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Richard Crawley was best man. Ushers were Fred Flanniken and Heston McDonald.

Fayne Wilkes Jr., Ray Lee Wilkes, nephews of the bridegroom, and Ann Collins of Plainview lighted the tapers.

The altar of candelabra and fern was centered with an archway which was composed of white and blue chrysanthemums. Festoons of chrysanthemums and white bridal ribbon flanked either side. Groups of three candles were placed in each window of the church and in the flower festoons.

Miss Doris Holland of Monahans, accompanied by Webb Jenkins of Monahans, sang "Till The End of Time" and "Through The Years" before the ceremony. Mr. Jenkins played a medley of wedding music.

A. N. Randalls Are Honored With 42 Party Dec. 18th

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Boardman entertained with a 42 party Tuesday evening December 18 at eight o'clock honoring Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Randle, at their home, 905 North Sixth Street.

Each guest presented the honorees with a gift as the hostess served fruit pie and coffee at the 42 tables.

The living room of the Boardman home was decorated with a lighted Christmas tree and holly.

Guest were Judge and Mrs. Lewis Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Kilmer Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. Gus White, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Boren, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Tinsley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McQueen and Mrs. Joe Spikes.

At a reception at the home of the bride's parents, guests were greeted by the receiving line which was composed of the bride and bridegroom, Mrs. J. E. Barron, Mrs. E. V. Wilkes, and the attendants, Mmes. J. M. Collins, Audrey Cox and Joe Barron presided at the three tiered wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom standing under a white satin archway, which was placed on a large reflector and surrounded with ripples of blue maline. Mrs. Stanley Wilkes presided at the silver coffee service.

The guests book was placed on a table which was centered with a heart shaped arrangement of pink carnations in the guests room. Miss Ann Collins presided.

Immediately following the reception the couple left for a short wedding trip into the New Mexico mountains. For traveling the bride wore a black and rose woolen suit with black accessories and a corsage of camellias.

The bride is a graduate of Lamesa High School, she attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and received her degree at Texas Technological College in Lubbock, where she was a member of the La Chaparritas social club. For the past two years she has been teaching in the Monahans public school system.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Lamesa High School and attended the University of Texas until entering the army air corps of which he was a member approximately four years. He spent 27 months with the 100th Bombardment Group in England, receiving his discharge October 26 of this year. He is presently employed with the Shell Oil Company in Monahans.

The couple will make their home in Monahans until March at which time they will go to Austin where the bridegroom will reenter the University.

Thursday 42 Club Has Xmas Luncheon

Mrs. R. J. Boardman was hostess to the Thursday 42 Club for its annual Christmas luncheon and Christmas tree at one o'clock Thursday December 20 at her home, 905 North Sixth Street.

The luncheon table was covered with a white linen cloth and centered with a miniature Christmas tree flanked on either side by tall white tapers.

Following luncheon gifts were exchanged and guests played 42 and 84 games.

Those attending were Mmes. Lee Billingsley, A. M. Bennett, Brad Barnett, Anna Ault Irwin Wright, A. H. Smith, J. R. Leuenberger, Ray Williams and the hostess.

Dinner Party At Joe English Home December 20th

Mr. and Mrs. Joe English entertained with a Christmas dinner Thursday evening, December 20, at seven o'clock at their home 805 North Fourth Street.

The traditional turkey dinner was served at a table laid with a white silk embossed cloth and centered with a miniature Santa Claus and sleigh on a reflector flanked on either side by red and green tapers in double holders.

Following dinner gifts were exchanged and games of 42 were played.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Barney McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Derwin Echols, Mr. and Mrs. Jap Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Echols, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cope, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Echols and Chief's Electrician W. O. Narlan of Philadelphia, Penn.

Collins Employees Are Feted With Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrold Collins honored the employees of Collins Dry Goods Store with a Christmas dinner in the dining room of Liddell's Cafe Thursday evening December 20 at 7:30 o'clock.

The turkey dinner was served at a long banquet table covered with a white cloth and centered with an arrangement of various colored chrysanthemums surrounded by holly. Places for the guests were marked by gifts placed in front of each plate.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Collins Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hull, Mr. and Mrs. John Tarter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Austin, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Bucklew, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Blakey, Miss Leva Cason, Miss Lu Ida Hatchett, Mrs. Ann Beason, Mrs. Wayne Griffith, Miss Joyce Fillpot and the host and hostesses.

Bachelor Luncheon Honors Tom Wilkes

Mrs. Bowen Cox and Mrs. W. K. Crawley entertained with a bachelor luncheon honoring Tom Wilkes December 20 at 12:30 o'clock in the Crawley home.

A Mexican luncheon was served at a table laid with a Mexican embroidered cloth and appointed with colorful pottery.

The honoree was presented with a cook apron with a top chef outlined on it.

Guests were Richard Crawley, Heston McDonald, Fred Flanniken, Webb Jenkins of Monahans, James Rankin and the honoree.

Bobby Reilly of Abilene will spend Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Blanche Reilly.

Miss Elmerine Barron Is Feted With Coffee and Rehearsal Dinner Wednesday

Miss Wynelle Cotten bride-elect of Bill Spencer, was honored with a kitchen shower and coffee Thursday morning, December 20 from 10:30 through 11:30 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Hugh Lott.

The service table was covered with a white linen cut work cloth and centered with an arrangement of poinsettias placed in a silver container and flanked on either side by tall red tapers in silver holders.

Guests were served small star shaped sandwiches, nuts, candies and coffee. Mrs. Lloyd Cotten presided at the silver coffee service.

Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. A. G. Barnard, Miss Mary Frances Barnard and Mrs. Hugh Lott. Guests were Misses Anita Oliver, Annie Marie and Glenna Faye Bailey, Billie Grace Webb, Faye Littlefield, Lotta Beth, Jimmie Jean and Patti Baldwin, Marjorie and Joy Green, Robbie Jean Hunt, Johnnie Merle Smith, Doris Ragsdale Ann Hurt, Betty Reiner, Ann McGuire, Jimmie Lee Cotten, Ann Johnson, Nancy Hollingsworth, Teenie Gambill, Barbara Negy, Joan Spencer, Mmes. Ernest Barrett, Weldon Lindsey, Lloyd Cotten, Wright Boyd, Jimmie Cotten, Lawrence Spencer, Searcy Orr, T. F. Vaughn and C. A. Hollingsworth.

Mrs. Edith Laflore of Los Angeles Calif., will be a guest during the holidays of her sister, Mrs. W. T. Webb. Mrs. Laflore, who arrived in Texas several days ago, is now visiting with other relatives in Hamlin.

A turtle may be termed correctly a tortoise, and vice versa.

Bride-Elect Is Feted At Luncheon December 20th

Miss Peggy Speck, bride-elect of Robert Millikan, was feted with a luncheon Thursday December 20 at one p. m. at the home of Mrs. Tom Burnside, 412 South Third Street.

The luncheon table was laid with a white damask cloth and centered with a long silver runner holding a spray of red hemlock, holly and pinecones, flanked on either side by red candles in silver holders. The table was appointed with Spode and rock crystal.

Guests were Mmes. R. E. Speck, O. C. Speck, F. J. Barkhurst, Gus White, Richard Young, Charnell Jobe, Clyde Privitt, M. C. Lindsey, Misses Regina Terrall, Edwyna Jackson, Laverne Smith, Bernice Gilmore, Verla Larrimore and the honoree.

Hostesses were Mrs. Joe Spikes, Mrs. S. P. White, Mrs. Caryl Baldwin, Mrs. Eugene Cox and Mrs. Carl Cox.



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The Season's Cheer to Everybody

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May the coming New Year bring you every happiness, and the fullness of success reward your efforts in all your undertakings.

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THE YULETIDE SEASON BRINGS A JOYOUS GREETING TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS

In this most cordial of holidays, when joy prevails everywhere, may we bring a message of Good Cheer to each of you, and express a sincere wish that the coming year holds the realization of your fondest hopes and ambitions.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Christmas holidays have failed to slow down the rapid turnover of Dawson County real estate property. Through Friday 19 warranty deeds had been recorded in a three-day period in the office of County Clerk Edward Humphrey.

The deed principals and dates of recording are as follows:

WARRANTY DEEDS
E. W. Harris, trustee, to A. B. Cochran, Tract 1, League 275, Glasscock County school lands, Higginbotham-Harris Subdivision, Dawson County, recorded December 18.

J. R. Westmoreland to J. P. Fowler, Lot 14 Block 15, Hill Crest Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

Bernie Holt to W. A. Eiland, Lot 6, Block 2, A. J. Thewatt Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

W. O. Robinson to M. E. Robinson, Lot 7, Block 4, Creighton Place Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

J. R. Westmoreland to W. P. Wilmoth, Lot 3, Block 2, I. M. Bolton Subdivision, Lamesa, December 19.

W. E. Wright to J. R. Westmoreland, north half of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12, Block 12, Lindsey Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

S. R. Simpson to Gertrude Alice Plonkies, Lot 9, Block 13, College Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

V. O. Key to Willie McCutchan, north half of Lot 1, and east half of north half of Lot 2, Block C, C. H. McCormick's Corrected Plat of Miller Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

H. L. Jeter to Elmo L. Jeter, Lot 8, Block 4, Creighton Place Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

J. N. Barron to J. R. Flanken, tract out of Block 15, W. H. Turner Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

O. H. Strange to W. O. Robinson, south fourth, Section 81, Block 35, Township 6 North, Dawson County, December 19.

G. M. Hurley to S. P. Amos, Lot 1, Block 2, Jost Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

Trinka Norman to George D. Norman, Lot 5, Block 1, McIlroy Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

A. P. Johnson to J. E. Burns, Lot 7, Block 3, Creighton Place Addition, Lamesa, December 19.

W. B. Gray to E. O. Johnson, northeast fourth, Section 68, Block 8, EL&RR Railway Company Surveys, Dawson County, December 20.

F. J. Mears Jr. to Harve Burkett, Lots 15 and 16, Block 1, Welch, December 20.

J. E. Garland to Essie M. Moore, Survey 6, Block 35, Township 5 North, T&P Railway Company Surveys, December 20.

J. E. Waller to M. A. Milam, south third, Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 16, Euwanda Heights Addition, December 20.

Alma Floyd Woods to Callie Speck, northeast fourth Section 21, Block 36, Township 5 North, T&P Railway Company Surveys, December 20.

HOSPITAL NEWS

The following person were either recently admitted or dismissed from a local hospital.

Mrs. O. P. Crutcher was dismissed December 18 after receiving medical treatment.

Charles Gerheart, Jr. was dismissed December 12 after receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. Joe Gonzales was dismissed December 20 after receiving medical treatment.

Baby Gonzales was dismissed December 20 after receiving medical treatment.

Gene Lee Moore was dismissed December 20 after receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. Howard N. Smith was admitted December 14 for major surgery.

Elena Baladez was admitted December 18 for medical treatment.

Mrs. W. M. Whitley was dismissed December 19 after receiving medical treatment.

Lupe Guzman was admitted December 15 for major surgery.

Hilly Nash was dismissed December 18 after receiving medical treatment necessitated from an accident.

Mrs. W. H. Strange was dismissed December 18 after receiving medical treatment.

T. B. Drennan was admitted December 16 to receive medical treatment.

Julie Rodriguez was admitted December 17 for major surgery.

Garland Beatty was dismissed December 18 for medical treatment.

Sue Towns was dismissed December 19 for medical treatment.

Juan Ogoda was dismissed December 18 after medical treatment necessitated from an accident.

Mrs. H. O. Hunter was dismissed December 17 after receiving medical treatment.

Tony Chadez was admitted December 18 for medical treatment.

Mrs. T. J. Holman was admitted December 18 for medical treatment.

Linda Norris was dismissed December 20 after receiving medical treatment.

Tommy Koger was admitted December 20 after receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. J. N. Schooler was admitted



TROOPSHIP'S SMALLEST PASSENGER — The smallest passenger aboard the Maryville victory which arrived in New York City Dec. 16 from Marseille, France, was Peter, a full-grown one and one-half pound Pinscher, owned by T-4 O. C. Thompson (left) of Clarendon, Tex. Here Peter Makes friends with Adelia, a 50-pound German Shepherd, after debarking. Adelia's owner, not shown in picture, is Sgt. Joseph Catalano or Berwyn, Ill. (AP Photo).

December 19 for medical treatment. Doc Gillespie was admitted December 19 for medical treatment. Baby Ray Martin was admitted for medical treatment. Manuel F. Vargas, was admitted December 20 for major surgery. Lewis Pennington (colored) was admitted December 20 for medical treatment. J. C. Turner was admitted December 20 for major surgery. Gaston Morris was admitted December 20 for medical treatment. Mrs. H. Pruitt was admitted December 20 for medical treatment. Mrs. Omar Bessire was admitted December 20 for major surgery. Mrs. C. C. Ball was admitted December 20 for major surgery.

NEW ARRIVALS
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Fuller of Route B December 15. He was named James Austin. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Ray Burns December 19. She was named Patsy Jean. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Walks of O'Donnell December 20. She was named Jessie Pearl.

About half the birds on the official North American check list are sub-species which bird students can never hope to identify in the field.

Pasture soils are generally poor because they are too acid for the best growth of pasture legumes or the better pasture grasses. Their improvement requires liming.

Swiss cheese was brought into America by Swiss immigrants in 1850.

Venezuela is the northernmost nation of South America.

Marriage Licenses

Licenses for marriage were issued to two Lamesa couples Tuesday and Wednesday. The couples and date of issuance of the licenses were as follows:
Thomas H. Wilkes and Miss Elmerine Barron, December 18.
William Lawrence Spencer and Miss Theresa Wynelle Cotten, December 19.

WAS HE OPEN-MOUTHED ABOUT HER HAT?

PONCA CITY, Okla. (AP) — Mrs. D. A. Shaffer is nursing some sore knuckles. She made a quick backhand grab for her hat and rammed her fist into the open mouth of a man behind her.

Polish Unions Say 'No More Strikes'

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The International Trade Unions Congress which recently met here decided that strikes were "a thing of the past."
"In the future," the workers' journal "Robotnik" said, "all disputes will be settled by trade union associations."

Crime Pays—And Twice

LONDON (AP) — Thieves broke into an outfitters' store and changed into new clothes, leaving behind them suits, overcoats, and underwear stolen six months earlier.

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Greetings

We are happy once again to have the opportunity to thank each of you good people who have favored us with your friendship and patronage for the past year.

We are looking forward to again numbering you as a customer and friend in the new year.

To each and every one of you, we sincerely wish a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

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MR. and MRS.
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CHRISTMAS



*In the Twilight
of Another Year*

Arising magnificently from the problems and difficulties that have been the experiences of each of us the past year, is the tolerance we have for the shortcomings of others. We see more clearly our own faults, consequently we are more sympathetic of the other fellow.

The old years fades into history. Many, many important events have taken place and we find ourselves with mixed emotions. We ponder the next twelve months, yet we face it with the same determination that has carried America thus far.

We do not fear the new year. We embrace it, with all its possibilities and the promise of happier days. Grant that we may continue to be tolerant one with another and as the dawn of the new year dawns, we say, "Season's Greetings to You, Our Friends."

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FOR those of us here in America let this be truly a real Christmas. Let it be a season to be remembered for many years to come.

Here, in America, is cause for rejoicing. We have had no invasion, our homes are still intact, we have food, warmth, good fellowship—and FREEDOM. What greater heritage could be ours.

Let us be appreciative. Let us carry on in the traditional spirit of the happy holiday occasion. We owe it to ourselves, and more important, we owe it to those lads who have gone forth to defend the American way of life. It is our obligation to keep the Christmas tradition alive as a part of the thing for which they have fought.

This should be a richer Christmas. Sharing the heartaches and disappointments with others has made each of us more thoughtful, more considerate and more appreciative and from this attitude comes the contentment and happiness so essential for a successful Christmas season.

May all that is worthwhile be yours this Christmas.

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is Here
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*"Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year"*

with all the meaning that the wish conveys to a happy people at this happiest season of all the year.

This glorious holiday season is filled with the added joy of welcoming home those of our loved ones who were so far away... those who have made it possible for us to again acclaim, "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men," which holds a newer and dearer meaning than ever before.

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Cooperative Buying of Strawberry Plans Proves Economical

Since 1942, 127,000 strawberry plants have been placed in Harrison County backyard patches as a result of a pooled buying program sponsored by the county's home demonstration council. These belong to 107 strawberry growers.

This fall 11,550 plants were set out by 35 families, according to Margaret Bracher, county home demonstration agent. The orders were pooled by a marketing committee of the council. This year growers paid \$1.25 per hundred plants in comparison with 25 cents per hundred in 1942. Prices vary according to variety. As a rule the plants have been ordered from Arkansas but this year three local growers were able to supply part of the orders.

One Harrison County demonstrator, Mrs. Curtis, started with 200 plants last year, and this year sold 2,300 for \$20. In addition she gave away 90 plants to her friends.

Summaries from four Texas counties indicate the trend toward cooperative buying of strawberry plants for convenience and savings purchases this fall from Jackson, Harrison, Caldwell, and Gregg counties totaled about 35,000 plants as of December 1.



R. Henderson Shuffler

TO A&M PUBLICITY — Henderson Shuffler, until recently owner and publisher of the Odessa American, has been named to the staff of the public relations department of Texas A&M College. He will give special attention to student scholarship and the enlarging of opportunities for prospective students to attend college. Shuffler retained the job printing department in selling the Odessa newspaper and continues to operate that department.

Tyler Woman Directs A&M 4-H Club Work

Miss Lorene Stevens of Tyler has been appointed 4-H Club specialist for the A. and M. College Extension Service, and will assume her duties here at headquarters December 17. Director Ide P. Trotter, has announced. Miss Stevens will be in charge of girls' 4-H Club work.

The new specialist has served as county home demonstration agent in three Texas counties, Hopkins, Upshur, and Smith. She taught school before she went to Hopkins county on May 1, 1931. Miss Stevens has been Smith County home demonstration agent since March 1, 1944.

A graduate of San Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Miss Stevens received her B. S. degree with a major in home economics. Livingston is her home town.

Spider Thrives While Confined to Quart Jar At Lubbock

LUBBOCK, (Sp.) — After 71 days sealed in a fruit jar without food or drink or fresh air, Myrtle, a black widow spider found in the backyard of Roy Davis here, is still alive.

Most of her brood of little spiders—apparently about four or five dozen of them—seem to be thriving on the jail existence too. However, they have been confined only 35 days since their birthday.

Davis, who sort of makes a hobby of piddling with insects, said he put Myrtle in the quart jar on October 7, and placed the container on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Quickly, Myrtle began making her home comfortable and just three days later laid a bag of eggs.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I want a set of dishes and a doll and a ball. Remember the other boys and girls. Well, Santa, that is all.
Your friend,
Shirley White,
208 South Second, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 11 years old. I want a tent and a wagon and a bow and arrow set.
Your friend,
Roy McAnnish,
Route C, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a big girl. I am 11 years old. I would like to have a game and a ball.
Your friend,
Doris Brooks,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I would like a dress and a sweater and shirt, too, and a doll, too, or a pair of skates.
Your friend,
Barbara Burleson,
406 North Third Street, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow. I would like to have one. Would you please do bring it?
Love,
Carol Carpenter,
Box 478, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy. I am nine years old. I want a bicycle. Do not forget the other ones.
Love,
Joel Harper,
Route B Lamesa.

Household Fats Still Necessary Despite End Of Rationing

Salvaged fats still are necessary for production of soaps and other industrial uses despite the end of rationing of edible fats and oils, E. A. McBryde, Amarillo, district officer for marketing, announced.

Used fats are needed to boost the supply of edible tallow and grease from which many civilian household items are made, he explained.

"So far cooperation between local housewives, meat dealers and renderers has been excellent and we hope it will continue so long as the job of collecting used fats is necessary," he said, adding the need will continue great until imports are sufficient to help meet our demand for industrial fats.

Considering all edible varieties of fish in the United States, it is possible to serve a different kind every day for five and one-third months without repeating a single dish.

By using modern electronic tubes to provide a high electric potential difference between the paint spray nozzle and the work, it is now possible to paint all around a pipe at one time.

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Christmastime

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Your Ford Tractor Dealer



Eiland-Burnett Lumber Company

WE WISH YOU ALL A

Merry Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year

One of the joys of the Yuletide is to put aside everyday business and wish that this Christmas will be a merry one and the coming year a happy one for all of you.

Sears, Roebuck and Co.
LAMESA, TEXAS

Lamesa, Texas Phone 560



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

PALACE THEATRE MAJESTIC THEATRE
TOWER THEATRE

TO ALL OF YOU

Christmas

FROM ALL OF US

Greetings

McPHAIL MOTOR COMPANY
Your FORD and MERCURY Dealer

So. 2nd & Austin Phone 81

Survey Reveals Mom, Pop Share Farm Boss Job

The Michigan Agricultural Experimental Station has been checking with 382 representatives farm families to find out who's boss on the farm.

It turns out to be a democracy as far as Pop and Mom are concerned on most matters, but it is a little like a two-headed monarchy when it comes to the relationship between parents and children.

Wives share authority with husbands in most families in making decisions except those regarding investments. Pop still insists on his right to lose the family's savings without help from anyone, although some women said they had a voice even there.

Children help make decisions regarding plans for family recreation and vacations, occasionally receive allowances, usually get money "when they need it," and often earn the money or part of it.

There is less democracy among the heads of the family in working-sharing than in sharing the money. A third of the mothers whose children help them with the housework also let them share in the work-planning.

While there are no figures on who is boss on Texas farms, Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson, specialist in family life education with the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service believes that there is certainly more sharing of responsibilities than there was 20 or 30 years ago.

And, she adds, "We still have a long way to go before the family is a truly democratic group."

Christmas Holiday Marred Only by Traffic Accidents

Texans have waited four long years for this Christmas.

GI Joe has dreamed of it on every battlefield of the world. Thousands of them are streaming out of separation centers, homeward bound. Others, already home, are shedding their khaki and blue for civilian clothes. Each passing day is making "Home for Christmas" a blessed reality.

Except for one thing — traffic accidents.

The Texas Safety Association predicts a traffic death toll of 223 persons and non-fatal injuries to some 2,000 others during the holiday wintry twelfth month of December.

Yes, if things run true to form, Christmas will be ruined in hundreds of Texas homes by an accident to someone in the family.

These accidents are especially tragic and ironic at the Christmas season in any year. This year they are doubly so. This year, of all years, Texans want no tragedy that can be avoided.

Journey's end for the returning veteran should be the safety of his fireside. Not futile death on the streets and highways of Texas.

Isn't it worth a little extra trouble this Christmas season to prevent accidents that bring sorrow and suffering and tragedy?

Then do your level best as a driver to make it "Safe at Home" for Christmas!

NAVYMEN ARE GUESTS

Mrs. Laura Horton has as her guests for the holidays her only son, Jimmy Murphy Horton, and Herman Babcock of Sagola, Mich., both of whom are seaman first class in the U. S. Navy. The two are stationed at Coronado Heights, San Diego, Calif., arriving in Lamesa Thursday morning on 10-day leaves. Horton, 18, has been in the navy since February.

NOW AT SHEPPARD

Lt. Willard L. Freeman, 106 Garfield, Lamesa, is now with the training command unit at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls. He entered service June 3, 1943, and was commissioned December 23, 1944, after attending B-17 and B-29 transition schools. He was transferred to Sheppard from Lincoln, Neb.

New York State Troopers have made more than 50,000 arrests on more than 80 different charges in a year, and have a record of convictions in 95 per cent of these cases.

The U. S. pipeline loss of gasoline during the Allied armed invasion of Europe was less than one per cent.



GIANT LEADS ARKANSAS

George Kok, one of the tallest men in basketball, leads The Arkansas Razorbacks, favorites in the Southwest Conference race, as they roll up an impressive record in the nonconference campaign. Kok is 6 feet 10 inches tall and uses his height to great advantage to ring up many points for Arkansas. Last year he was one of the nation's high scorers and landed on the All Southwest Conference team. (AP Photo).



ELIZABETH GREETES THE GENERAL — Elizabeth Reed of Dallas cried a little after greeting General Jonathan M. Wainwright, hero of Corregidor, when he visited Hockaday school in Dallas, Dec. 18. Her dad, Col. Emil Reed, now back and practicing, was a medical officer on Corregidor. Elizabeth cried after shaking hands and getting a kiss from the General. (AP Photo).

No Increase in Meat Supply for Civilians During First Of '6

Meat supplies for civilians during the first quarter of 1946 will be about the same as they have been for the past three months, according to E. A. McBryde, district officer for marketing at Amarillo.

Total allocation for all purposes is estimated at 5,970,300,000 pounds, of which civilians will receive about 84 per cent, allowing each an average of 150 pounds of meat per year. For the

first quarter of 1945, civilian allocation was 18 pounds per capita less.

Others sharing in the January-March allocation include U. S. military and war services, 483,400,000 pounds, and foreign shipments and U. S. territories, 48,500,000 pounds. A large part of the latter allocations is designated for countries served by UNRRA. The 483,400,000 for military purposes is slightly higher than 445,100,000 pounds allocated for this purpose for the current three-month period but is only 36 per cent of 1,337,100,000 pounds procured in the first quarter of 1945. McBryde said total meat pro-

duction in 1946 is currently estimated at 23.4 billion pounds, about 800 million pounds more than in 1945. While heavy marketing of beef cattle is expected to continue output of lamb and mutton likely will decline because of decrease in sheep numbers this year, he added. Pork production, however, should be moderately larger.

The lake of Geneva is the largest lake in central Europe.

To make one inch of rain over the state of Illinois would take four billion tons of water.

IT'S TIME FOR OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

LAMESA PLANING MILL
H. C. HORNBECK, Owner

GREETINGS!

With grateful acknowledgement of your courtesies and the evidences of your good will that have made the past year a pleasure to us, we wish you a Christmas of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Prosperity.

We pledge ourselves to an even greater and more efficient service than ever before and in keeping with this policy, we respectfully solicit your continued friendship and patronage.

TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITIES

A. A. HEATH, Manager

WE HAVE ABUNDANT REASON TO BE MERRY...

IT HAS BEEN OUR PRIVILEGE to serve the people of this area in many ways during the past year, to have enjoyed their friendships and patronage. And for this consideration we are truly grateful.

We extend our greetings together with the wish that the New Year will be one of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

RAY C. AYERS & SON

Tommy Kimes Brad Barnett

For an old fashioned AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

No know no better wish than this. May you enjoy Christmas to its fullest.

SPECK FURNITURE

LAMESA :: TAHOKA

Christmas Cheer

May the future be as joyous as our Christmas greetings to all our kind friends.

DR. J. C. LOVELESS

ANOTHER AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

No American Christmas is complete without the expressions of good fellowship and Christmas greetings from one friend to another. So, here's our message — and may you understand the true feeling of appreciation we have for your kindnesses in the past.

Perhaps the coming year will see a happier time for all and may the heartaches and tribulations of months past be overshadowed by the good fortune of all.

HUDGENS GROCERY & MARKET

J. C. and J. W. HUDGENS

Stanton Cagers Sweep Ackerly Cage Tourney

By annexing both girls and boys' championships, Stanton high school topped a shutout against nine other competing schools last week in the Ackerly invitation basketball tournament.

However, it was not an easy title path for either team. Stanton's boys were extended to defeat Ackerly high in the finals 17 to 14.

Stanton's other squad — the girls — turned in the top upset of the tournament when it out scored Union high girls, 15 to 13. Union, boasting one of the outstanding girl chubs of this section, was a favorite in the meet.

Consolation titles went to Loop high school boys who came back with a victory streak after losing to Stanton in the initial round and to Flower Grove high girls. Loop romped over Sparenberg, 18 to 7, in the consolation final while in the girls' bracket — Flower Grove beat Klondike, 23 to 5.

All-tournament player awards in the boys' class went to Avery and Howard of Stanton, Reed from Ackerly, Todd from Loop, and Davis from Sparenberg. Girls who received all-tournament honor were Davie of Courtney, Moore of Union, King of Flower Grove, Atchison of Leonard and Gibson from Stanton.

Competing in the Ackerly tournament were the high school teams from Courtney, Stanton, Ackerly, Loop, Union, Klondike, Sparenberg, Flower Grove and Knott. Dawson was the only school failing to accept the playing invitation because of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Littlefield and daughter, Faye, left Sunday for Dallas where they will spend Christmas with relatives.



FIRST CHRISTMAS TOGETHER — Although his daughter, Kay, is "going on four," this Christmas is Capt. John Hiatt's first experience at playing Santa Claus for her. Above, in a toy store in their home town of Corpus Christi, Tex., Kay tells Santa she'd like a doll. Hiatt was in Florence, Italy, last Christmas; in North Africa the year before, and at Key Field, Miss., three years ago. He is in the Army Air Forces intelligence service. He had only one visit with Kay, when she was two months old, before going overseas. (AP Photo).

Misses Ann Negy, Polly Carroll, Jo Ann Phinizy and Sally Brannon arrived here Friday from T.S.C.W. in Denton to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Mary Frances Barnard, Miss Faye Littlefield and Miss Billie Grace Webb, Texas Tech students, are here to spend the holidays with their parents.

State Farmers Set Goal For Increased Cotton Acreage

An increase of nine per cent over last year's cotton acreage has been accepted for 1946 by farmers who met last week with farm agency representatives at College Station.

That is a goal of 7,000,000 acres planted in cotton, and indicates with other figures agreed upon that 1946 production in Texas will continue in the high ratio followed during the last four years.

These farming goals were accepted: High for spring furrowing, increased from 175,000 to 190,000.

Acreage legumes and grass, increased from 73,000 to 94,000.

Turkeys from 4,500,000 to 4,465,000.

Hens and pullets on next March 1 from 21,442,000 to 27,518,000.

Sheep and lambs from 9,425,000 to 10,091,000.

Wheat (acreage planted), 5,200,000, 3 per cent up; corn 2,950,000 acres, 18 per cent up; oats, 1,830,000 acres, 8 per cent down; barley, 434,000 acres, 1 per cent down; grain sorghums, 4,500,000 acres, 1 per cent down; sorghums for all purposes except syrup, 7,800,000 acres, 2 per cent down.

Among major products milk was set at 4,467,000,000 pounds, three per cent down; milk cows, 1,369,000, two per cent down; eggs, 220,818,000 down, 21 per cent down; chickens raised, 36,539,000, 18 per cent down; cattle and calves at end of year, 7,600,000, one per cent up.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Dye of Abilene spent several days here visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Derstine and Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Middleton.

Miss Tommie Ruth Morris of the University of New Mexico will spend the Christmas holidays here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burley Franklin Morris.

Modern Menus For Igloos—Ouch!

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Store food" is raising havoc with the teeth of Eskimos in Alaska. Dr. Oscar Mikkelsen, dental supervisor of the Office of Indian Affairs says observations in Alaska prove that the diet of very primitive Eskimos, almost completely cut off from white communities, was infinitely more conducive to keeping good teeth than the diets of Eskimos who have adopted "store food."

A Foreigner, eh?

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — When President Truman appointed Maple T. Harl of Denver as chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Springfield Leader-Press headline shouted: "Truman gives job to non-Missourian."

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Anzacs Jump Ship, Drink Capetown Dry

CAPETOWN (AP) — Australian and New Zealand soldiers, indignant at not being allowed ashore at Capetown after the long voyage from England, invaded tugs lying alongside the ships and went ashore.

The men formed up into orderly parties and marched into the city where they were given a great welcome.

The soldiers spend thousands of pounds in Capetown shops and drank the city dry of beer by midnight.

The ship's departure was delayed a day.



Wishing You

WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS

and All Happiness in the New Year

LAMESA FURNITURE CO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

A SINCERE GREETING TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS.



SELLERS GROCERY and MARKET

So. 3rd and Bryan

Phone 212

CHRISTMAS AT ITS BEST

From the depths of our heart we wish to extend our sincerest Christmas greetings. We are mindful of the part you have each had in the trying days of the past year and it is because of such unselfish efforts that the American way of life will be maintained. It is our wish that you will enjoy Christmas at its best, with an abundance of good cheer, good fellowship and goodwill for all.

ERNEST BARRETT Grocery—Market and Station



A JOLLY HOLIDAY

"Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Lean Your Ear This Way"

We don't recall the source, but we remember the words of the old song Mother used to sing to us . . . A warm little song that made us tingle with the first thrill of the Holiday Season.

Although we still express our desires for remembrance, we know instinctively that greater joy comes to the giver . . .

So we are letting "Jolly Old Saint Nick" bring our greetings of good will and cheer for a Happy Holiday Season.

ROACH ELECTRIC SHOP



O Little Town Of Bethlehem!

The wise men found their greatest happiness at the end of their quest . . .

Their greatest burden was the gift of adoration which they carried joyously.

At this most happy and solemn season of the year, our greeting is expressed best in the hope that the priceless treasure of happiness and joy shall be yours always.

WHEAT'S SANITARY HATCHERY

WE JOIN

JOLLY OLD ST. NICK



IN WISHING YOU

MERRIE CHRISTMAS

HENNINGSEN-LAMESA INC.

Service Officer Replies to Queries Of County Vets

R. L. Price, Dawson County Veterans Service Officer, has compiled a series of questions and answers for discharging servicemen. Initial set of queries takes up claims, National Service Life Insurance and services of the Veterans Administration.

The county service officer, whose office is at 320 North Austin Street, answers questions as follows:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What constitutes new and material evidence necessary to reopen a claim that has been denied?

A. To be new evidence it must relate to a new fact respecting the point at issue. To constitute material evidence the fact offered must relate to and have effective influence or bearing on the decision in question. Evidence which is cumulative or merely repeats what has been submitted before will not serve as a basis for reconsideration of a claim that has been denied.

Q. Does a National Service Life Insurance policy have a loan value?

A. The 5 year level premium term policy initially issued does not have a loan value. A loan on any converted policy may be obtained after the first policy year. The loan may not exceed 94 per cent of the cash value of the policy. Such loans bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

Q. If a veteran has several teeth extracted during service, may dentures be furnished by the Veterans Administration?

A. Not as a rule. It is held that the removal of defective teeth is a benefit rather than a detriment. If, however dental work is necessary as an adjunct to treatment for a service connected disability, or as auxiliary to hospital treatment, dentures may be authorized.

Q. Is a veteran's child adopted by another person eligible for benefits provided for children on veterans?

A. A child of a veteran adopted out of the family of the veteran is nevertheless a child within the meaning of that term as defined in veterans regulations.

Q. Are the proceeds of a National Service Life Insurance policy subject to claims of creditors?

A. No, payments to the beneficiary of such policy are exempt from taxation and from claims of creditors either of the insured or of the beneficiary except as to claims by the United States Government under any of the laws relating to veterans.

Q. Is a medical examination necessary before a claim may be rated in the case of a World War II veteran who files a claim at the time of his discharge from the service?

A. A medical examination is unnecessary in the initial adjudication of the claim unless a considerable time has elapsed since the veteran's discharge or the records furnished present a problem that makes an accurate rating decision difficult or impossible.

Q. How does the veteran apply for hospitalization in a medical emergency when time does not permit the submission of Form P-10 the customary manner?

A. Application for hospitalization in a medical emergency may be made by telephone or telegram. If by telephone, it is advisable that the attending physician make the call, furnishing sufficient information from the veteran's discharge so that eligibility is apparent. Transportation under such circumstances will not be paid by the Veterans Administration unless prior authority has been granted by the person contacted.

Q. Are there disability benefits provided in National Service Life Insurance policies?

A. No disability benefits are provided in National Service Life Insurance policies except waiver of premiums for total disability continuing for a period of six months or longer.

Q. Can the designated beneficiary of a National Life Insurance policy be changed and if so how may this be effected?

A. Such change of beneficiary of a National Service Life Insurance policy may be accomplished by application signed by the insured in proper form. The Veterans Administration Form 136 is designed for the purpose. It is not necessary that the prior beneficiary be notified.

Chief Brightens Up — But For Whom?

PONCA CITY, Okla. (AP) — Attractive new cream colored drapes made their appearance in a place where you would least expect them — the police station here.

The idea came from Chief of Police Joe McPadden who wanted to "brighten the place up."

STUDIES IN ENGLAND

Pfc. Carter Flowers Jr., son of Mrs. Carter Flowers of Lamesa is taking an eight-week course in heavy equipment operation at the American Technical School in Weston, England. Private Flowers went there from Riems, France. A veteran of the Northern France and Rhineland campaigns, the Lamesa man is a member of the 516th Field Artillery.

One division on Oklawaha carried this week 1,000 fat turkeys, 200 ducks and 400 geese.

Students Marshaled to Join in Overseas Relief Drive

Dr. John W. Studebaker, Commissioner of the U. S. Office of Education, has called upon the nation's school children, college youth and educational leaders for utmost support in the Victory Clothing Collection for Overseas Relief. His statement was made public today by Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman of the collection.

Simultaneously Kaiser announced that 16-year-old Lorraine Ross, member of the junior class in the Whitewater, Kas. High School is the youngest chairman yet named in any community to conduct a local Victory Clothing Collection. Miss Ross has already organized her campaign committee to solicit clothing gifts in Whitewater, which has a population of 600, and in four neighboring communities in Butler County.

Six high school students have key

positions on her committee. Miss Ross was suggested for the chairmanship by John B. Carter, publisher of the Whitewater Independent.

In a letter to superintendents of city and county schools, and to presidents of colleges and universities, Dr. Studebaker said: "Now I am asking you to marshal all your forces again for the second nation-wide clothing drive."

The Victory Clothing Collection is scheduled for January 7-31. The national goal is 100,000,000 garments in addition to shoes and bedding. Each contributor, Kaiser said, is invited to attach a message of good-will to clothing gifts, "a message to warm the heart."

In Europe not a single bird has become extinct in historic times; in America several have and several more are on the way.

Back for his first civilian Christmas since 1941, is James W. Moore, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Moore of Lamesa.

Just discharged from the army, he is a former radio communications man with the air forces. He was a sergeant at discharge time, Nov. 28, and with a record of 26 months of service in Brazil where he worked with a special unit installing radio stations for the army air corps.

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James Moore Into Civilian Clothes

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Happiness, gaiety, and mirth fill the air. Christmas carols, childrens happy voices, bells ringing overshadow the heavy spot in our hearts. We put our trust in God for a better world tomorrow, and we realize that we have much for which to be thankful today.

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| G. C. Aten | J. A. Hogg |
| A. M. Bennett | Bob Huff |
| D. M. Campbell | P. K. Humes |
| Kilmer B. Corbin | Howard Humphrey |
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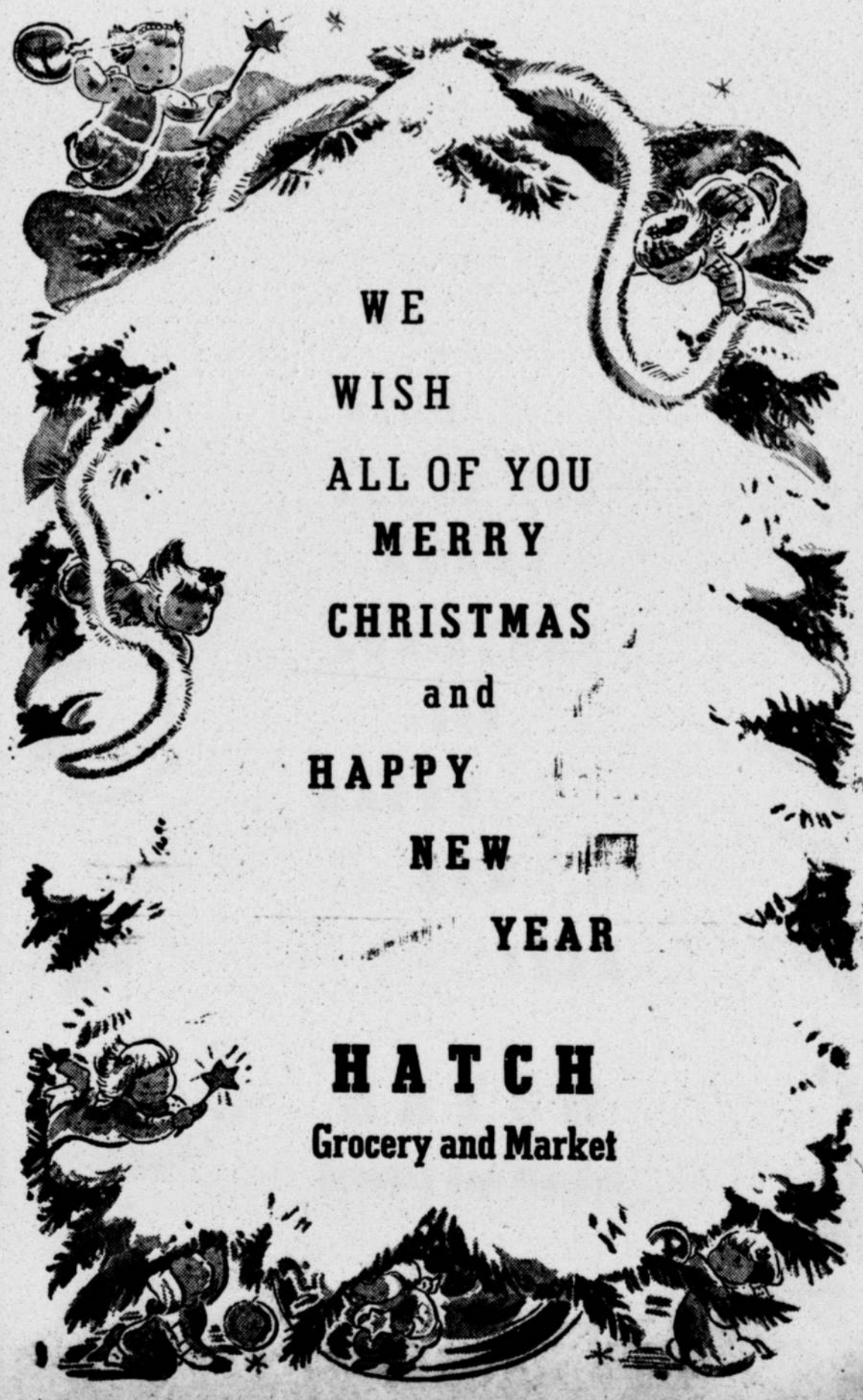
Valiantly and courageously, let's make this a good Christmas, one that will shine out for all the world to see. Let's make this our pledge because it is in times like the present that we need the encouragement and strength so necessary to meet the trials of the future.

To our customers, our former customers and our future customers, and to those whom we have never had the privilege of serving, we wish to express our warmest Christmas greetings and a word of encouragement.

We are proud of the things you have done toward making this a better world and we are sure that you will have the faith and determination to carry on in the best possible manner in the future.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

LAMESA COMPRESS



WE WISH ALL OF YOU MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

HATCH Grocery and Market

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UT Coach Speaker for District Football Banquet in Sweetwater

Coach Dana X. Bible of the University of Texas pointed to District 3-AA football as a "honor's nest" that other areas are not too keen to the "into" at a Monday night banquet in Sweetwater.

The veteran coach was guest speaker at the first of planned annual events to honor All-District football teams, for which the Sweetwater Rotary Club was host in the Sky Room of the Bluebonnet Hotel. Besides the all-district footballers, team captains, coaches, school heads and others made up the crowd of 275.

Lamesa's second team selection for all-district back, Orvil Nieman was unable to attend the banquet because of illness. However, his souvenir certificate, autographed by Coach Bible, was brought to him.

Present from Lamesa were Bill Matlock and W. L. Patterson, co-captains of the 1945 Golden Tornado football squad; Coach Choe Sanders, Supt. V. Z. Rogers, High School Principal H. S. Fitzgerald, Pres. Sam Jenkins of the Lamesa Rotary Club and Miss Allene Curry, Courier editor.

Coach Bible, a college football coach for 32 years, has resigned as coach of the University of Texas Longhorns effective January 1, 1947. He will retain the UT athletic directorship.

He praised athletic backers of the district for their keen interest in high school boys. "Athletics," he said, "furnish the greatest training for future success. Effort put forth by these boys shows they are thoroughbreds — champions. They make good risks with their never-quitting attitudes which serve greatly in education."

Football boys, he said, help one

another score, and teamwork is the greatest thing on earth. "On every team there are unsung heroes, but there is always a part for every one of us. It's up to us to play that part."

Dr. R. L. Williams, Sweetwater school superintendent, was master of ceremonies for the banquet program. He was introduced by James E. Ferguson, president of the host club. Introduction of guests was in the hands of Charles E. Paxton.

Hal Sayles, sports editor of the Abilene Reporter-News, presented certificates to the all-district football players.

Members of the Sweetwater Mustang football team were also among guests.

Representatives from the seven 3-AA schools — Abilene, Big Spring, Lamesa, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and Sweetwater — were present. Neighborhood Reserve was also invited to send coaches and players from its 9-A District football team and Abilene college coaches attended.

William C. Ham Enlists in AAF

Enlistment in the regular army, for William Cassy Ham, 18, has been announced by Sgt. Elmo D. Baird of the Lamesa recruiting office. Ham enlisted for a three-year tour of duty with the army air forces for service in the Pacific theater.

The army volunteer, whose home address is 324 North First Street, is married. His wife lives in Dallas. Ham was a truck driver before enlisting in the air forces.

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PERKINS CHRISTMAS PARTY — Shows at his annual Christmas party given by J. J. Perkins of Wichita Falls, Texas, to some 400 children at the Methodist Orphan's home in Waco are (left to right) Mary Helen Martin, Caroline Hawkins, Mazelle Hawkins, Virginia Price, Mr. Perkins, Johnnie M. Gness, Marian Barnes, Johnnie Jones. The party has been held at the home each year for the last 12 years. Mrs. Perkins was prevented from attending this year because of illness. (AP Photo).

Santa Fe Carloadings At 24,418 For Dec.

Santa Fe System carloadings for week ending December 15, 1945, were 24,418 compared with 24,391

for same week in 1944.

Cars received from connections totaled 10,079 compared with 13,369 for same week in 1944. Total cars moved were 34,497 compared with 37,760 for same week in 1944.

Santa Fe handled a total of 35,041

cars in preceding week of this year.

More than half of all tele and long distance telephone calls in the United States begin or end in private branch exchange switchboards.



Our Yuletide wishes for our men still overseas are bright as the blessed light of the Christmas Star which shines on all.

Seasons Greetings

— TO ALL —

PRATT & YUDIZKY
LESLIE :: MARTIN

The Warmest GREETINGS of the Season

Our greeting this year is something very special because we want you to know how deeply we feel toward our customers. Your thoughtfulness is deserving of special attention and we want to express to you our heartiest wishes for the Holidays.

MARIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

May you and yours share in the fullest measure the brightness of the light of liberty and that good old American freedom



TO ENJOY MANY MERRY CHRISTMASSES AND HAPPY NEW YEARS

OCIE YEAGER

MERRIE CHRISTMAS



With sincere Christmas Greetings, accept too our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment. In connection with these greetings, may we say, "Thanks to all the good friends of this organization for enabling us to continue to be of service to you."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OF YOU

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LAMESA CO-OP GIN

R. L. JONES, Manager

E. T. MATTHEWS, Business Office

TO YOU, AND YOU, AND YOU!

Christmas Greetings



On this most glorious occasion we want to express our heartiest wishes to one and all for a Christmas brimming over with—joy and happiness.

AND MAY 1946 BE THE

HAPPIEST YEAR

OF ALL

WALKER BATTERY & ELECTRIC

CHRISTMAS



AMERICAN STYLE

The aroma of Yule logs burning... gay holly wreaths... tinsel Christmas tree by the fire place... beribboned gifts and whispered confidences... Christmas stockings... the eager anticipation of children awaiting Santa the Christmas dinner in all its traditional glory... the associations of loved ones... the greetings of friends and the goodwill of all... the feeling of deep contentment and satisfaction brought about by the combination of these pleasing thoughts... that's Christmas, American style.

May it forever be so and may this Christmas be the type of Christmas you treasure so precious. This is our Yuletide wish.

LAMESA AUTO SUPPLY

CLYDE PRIVITT

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Tuberculosis Seal Idea Originated In Copenhagen

It was a busy afternoon just before Christmas in 1903 and piles upon piles of holiday letters and packages were pouring through the post office in Copenhagen. A postal clerk, Einar Holboell, expertly handled the letters and packages, and as he did so, he pondered an idea which was to have great effect upon the destiny of millions of people in the world.

This idea of Holboell's was to mark the beginning of one of the strangest wars ever fought—a war in which human lives were to be saved, not sacrificed; in which homes have been saved, not bombed; one in which there can be no armistice, no peace treaty. For the world-wide war against tuberculosis is a total war and final victory will come only with the complete eradication of the ancient enemy which for centuries has been the cause of more deaths than any conflict or pestilence in history.

By 1907 the Danish Christmas Seals were appearing on letters to people in America. Jacob Ris, whom Theodore Roosevelt once called "America's most useful citizen," published an article "The Christmas Stamp," which set people in this country to thinking about what they could do with the idea. They thought the story good, but they pondered that the problem was too great for a penny stamp.

Late in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a young public health worker in Wilmington, Del., became concerned about the fate of a little sanatorium on the Brandywine river. She asked for assistance, but those that could give always replied in the negative with the postscript that she should not waste the money.

In her blackest moment, Emily Bissell recalled the article written by Jacob Ris, and sat down to design the first Christmas Seal for America. With new design in hand, Miss Bissell set out to get help in putting her plan across. She encountered trouble from those that could afford to help. Finally she took her design to a small printer who agreed to wait for his pay. She talked with the postal clerks and they said that they would assist if the people would be advised that the penny stamp would not carry

Artzybasheff Sees Saturn and Look What Happens To Art

By ARLENE WOLF
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK — The people of Saturn are born with ice skates instead of feet. All right, so you don't believe it. When you find some evidence to the contrary, let artist Boris Artzybasheff know about it. Meanwhile that's how he visualizes them, and that's how he's painted them. With ice skates.

The Saturnites, if you please, are really named Gwolphs. They're all on the short side, and look vaguely like a gremlin's forty-second cousin on his mother's side. All the Gwolphs have rings around their heads, exactly like the zodiac sign for Saturn. Even the little baby Gwolphs have little baby rings.

And the reason for the ice skates, of course, is that Saturn is supposed to be a very cold place.

That's how Russian-born Artzybasheff has mixed fact and fancy in three canvases on planetary peoples commissioned by the Casco Products Corp., of Bridgeport. He sees Mars, for example, as "a rather red planet." Since civilization is supposed to be far advanced there, he has his Martians riding around in rocket-shaped automobiles powered by antennae, and smoking cigars directly and efficiently through their noses. Artzybasheff thinks there's something very funny about noses, anyway.

By this time, it probably sounds as though there's something funny about Artzybasheff, too. Well, there isn't. He doesn't paint while hanging upside down from the chandelier, and he doesn't get his ideas while drunk, doped or dizzy. He's a quiet, soft-spoken, school-teacherish looking guy, who works a sane nine to six routine in a studio on the top floor of a rather plush New York triplex.

Son of novelist Michael Artzybasheff, the artist says he'd always done grotesques for his own amusement, even before he got a reputation for imaginative things. Now most of his work — paintings, anything—that it was purely ornamental.

The printer turned out 50,000 of the stamps—the people of Delaware had begun to hear about tuberculosis—and a Christmas Seal table was set up in the Wilmington post office, and the first Christmas Seal sale in America was under way.

magazine covers, book illustrations—have the same out of this world quality.

But there's nothing wacky about it, he insists, and to prove it tells the story of a magazine illustration he did on radar. It was a typical Artzybasheff conception, with noses and things. But it had so much real radar in it that the magazine had a hard job getting it passed by the censor.

"People are always asking me if I have nightmares or something for inspiration," Artzybasheff chuckles. "But I don't. I just burlesque things. Burlesque is a good medium for expressing ideas. But I have a sound technical knowledge and reason for everything I do. Now Venus is supposed to be a warm, tropical planet. So I've done it with tropical vegetation. Venus is also the goddess of love. So I've made the people on Venus very jolly, and there are hearts and things."

"I think it might be nice to move to Venus right now."

"It probably would, at that."

ATTEND FUNERAL

Several out-of-town people were in Lamesa last Sunday to attend final rites for George Thomas Morris, 69, who had lived in Lamesa for 21 years. Among them were his son, Charles Morris, Houston; his daughter, Mrs. Pierce Moffett, and Mr. Moffett of Hobbs, N. M.; his brothers, E. A. Morris of Houston and Bruce Morris of Palestine; and his wife's brother, J. R. Parks, and Mrs. Parks of Big Spring.

The United States fed the entire French army of 300,000 men from January, 1943 to July, 1945.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a doll, a ball, bat, and a chair and a set of dishes. Thank you for all those things.

Your friend,
Della Ann Wilson,
Route D, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good this year. I wish you could bring me a bubble set and a gun. Remember the other boys and girls.

Your friend,
Kenneth,
Box 436, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy. I am nine years old. I want a bicycle and a chemistry set.

Your friend,
Kenneth Lee Edmonson,
1015 South Fourth, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old and in the third grade. I would like to have a bow and arrows and a clay set. Best most of all I want a toy train, also a ball bat and glove.

Yours truly,
Raymon Shelton,
101 South Lynn Street, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy nine years old. I want a football and a coat and a suit of clothes, and remember the other children.

Your friend,
Robert Jamison,
Big Spring Highway, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a doll bed. I am in the third grade. I want a dress and a pair of skates. My house is at 313 North Austin Street.

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LAMESA MOTOR MART

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PURINA CHOWS

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FIRESTONE FEED and POULTRY

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What more can a man ask than true friends? Each year at Christmastime we realize more keenly than ever that our success in this community is deeply rooted in the firm soil of friendship. We cannot tell you in so many words how much these friendly associations mean to us, and how we cherish them. But we know you will understand. In this spirit of appreciation we send our sincere good Christmas wishes to you and to all those dear to you.

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

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Please remember all the boys in service.

Thank you very much.
Your little friend,
Francis Gillit
Star Route 2, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
Dear Santa,

This is my first year in school, and I am trying to get in the star group. I am six now but will be seven before Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a football and helmet, a deluxe dart board and a Lone Ranger set with double holster. I am trying to be a good boy—haven't got a whipping yet. I have two sisters and a big brother. Please bring them something nice.

Love,
Don Renner
906 South Second, Lamesa.

I am a little boy five years old. Please bring me a motor transport truck, a rifle, small airplane and a bugle if you can find one. Please remember all of the other little boys and girls.

Yours truly,
Darrell Goodrich
Star Route 2, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a monopoly set and some nuts and candy.
Yours truly,
Jerry Mack Gray
Patricia.

Dear Santa,

Do you have a doll 14 inches tall and on page 67? Or a doll that is 17 inches tall and on page 38? Do you have a doll 18 inches tall and on page 66, or a doll 21 inches tall and on page 66? I live in a new white house. Do you have a phone on page 71? Do you have a desk on page 68.

Your friend,
Shirley Kay and Beverly.

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please bring me a little cedar chest, ironing board and iron, tinker toys and a bride doll, or am I asking for too much?

I would also like one of those metal cash registers and a paint set if you have them to spare. Please, I go to school now. Santa, Mitta Karolyn Green
Route C, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

Most of all, I want a gold and brown teddy bear for Christmas. I would also like some fruit, candy and nuts if there is enough to go around to all the kids.

And Santa Claus, don't forget to bring little Jerry a choo-choo train. Love,
Myrna Joyce Moreland,
Route 2, O'Donnell.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl seven years old. I have tried to be a good girl. Will you please bring me a big doll or a small bicycle?
Your friend,
Jettie Murff
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be a good boy, so will you please bring me a doctor's set, express truck, a football, football suit and also some candy, fruit and nuts.

With love,
Norman Phil Wallace
Motor Route B, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a black and gold football suit and football shoes, a football bladder and a football sweater.

Bobby Brown
Star Route 2, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a toy \$1.95 telephone, first, and a set of plastic tea dishes, \$1.49; and I want blue house-shoes size 6 1-2, \$1.39; and a red hat, \$1.98; three-quarter length-socks, red, blue, brown, white or navy blue, size 8 1-2 and candy nuts, oranges and apples.

Love,
Betty Joan Turner,
Route D, Lamesa.
P. S. And a song book for 25 cents.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy seven years old. I live in Carlsbad, N. M., and I've been a good little boy this year. I would like to have a football, a gun and holster, a bow and arrow and lots of nuts and candy, apples and oranges.

Thanks, Santa,
Patsy Carrol Riley,
Route 1, Box 147A, Carlsbad,
N. M.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy almost six. I would like to tell you that I have saved quite a few toys from last Christmas, so I won't need too many toys.

Please bring me a bowling alley with legs, a large truck, a xylophone, a cowboy suit, a set of binoculars, a baseball and bat. I'll hang my stockings for candy and fruit.

Thanks to Santa,
Ronald O. Kutch,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy seven years old. I started to school this year and have tried to be a very sweet little boy, and I hope you will bring me lots of toys. I want a bow and arrow, boots, airplane, wagon and lots of nuts, fruit and candy.

Please Santa, try to bring Uncle Ike and all the boys home from overseas.
Sincerely yours,
Joey Hamilton,
1065 North Fifth Street, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I am a good little girl. My name is Rozella. Please bring me a little brown 1937 Chevrolet and a Panda Bear.

And Santa, my name is Marie. I want a big baby doll that can walk and talk and a machine gun.

My name is Audrey. I want a typewriter and a blackboard with some chalk. I have been good and am going to learn to write.

My name is Gene, and I want a red tricycle with a straight exhaust and a little International truck. I am a good boy and I love you.

Please bring us all some candy, and fruit, and nuts, and anything else you have on hand.

Santa, we hope you don't get stuck in the snow.
Love,
Rozella Tucker, Marie Carrell,
Audrey Rogers, Gene Goolsby
Route D, Box 232, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

Would you bring me an electric train, a model airplane, a bicycle and a horseshoe game?
Your friend,
Norman Brown
Route C, Box 15, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

If you have any toys left after you have given all the little boys and girls some, will you please bring my little sister and I some? Rena is four, I am six years old. I go to school at Liberty. If you have any trucks and tractors, in

fact anything that a six-year-old boys would like, will you please leave me some. And my sister would like a doll, dishes, story books and just anything that you have left. My sister and I live with our grandparents, four and a half miles south and west of Lamesa, and if you

happen to pass this way, please don't forget us.

Happy Xmas, dear Santa,
Bonnie Harrison,
Star Route 4, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please send me all the toys you can bring, just any you can see.

Now, don't bring all of um... Just little ones and steel ones. Bring a cannon if you want to. I don't know, just bring toys and toys. Bring them to the other children.

Thanks for my toys last Christmas.
Ross Allen Woodsen.

GRATEFULLY acknowledging your thoughtfulness and patronage during the past twelve months, we extend Best Wishes of the Season to each of you. May it be our privilege to continue to be of service to you in the months to come. It is our purpose to serve you to the best of our ability.

Our heartiest good wishes are with you.



for a
Merry
Christmas

O. A. ROBERTS
GROCERY AND MARKET

312 SOUTH DALLAS ST. PHONE 63

It's Our
GOOD FORTUNE

to Have Friends Like You

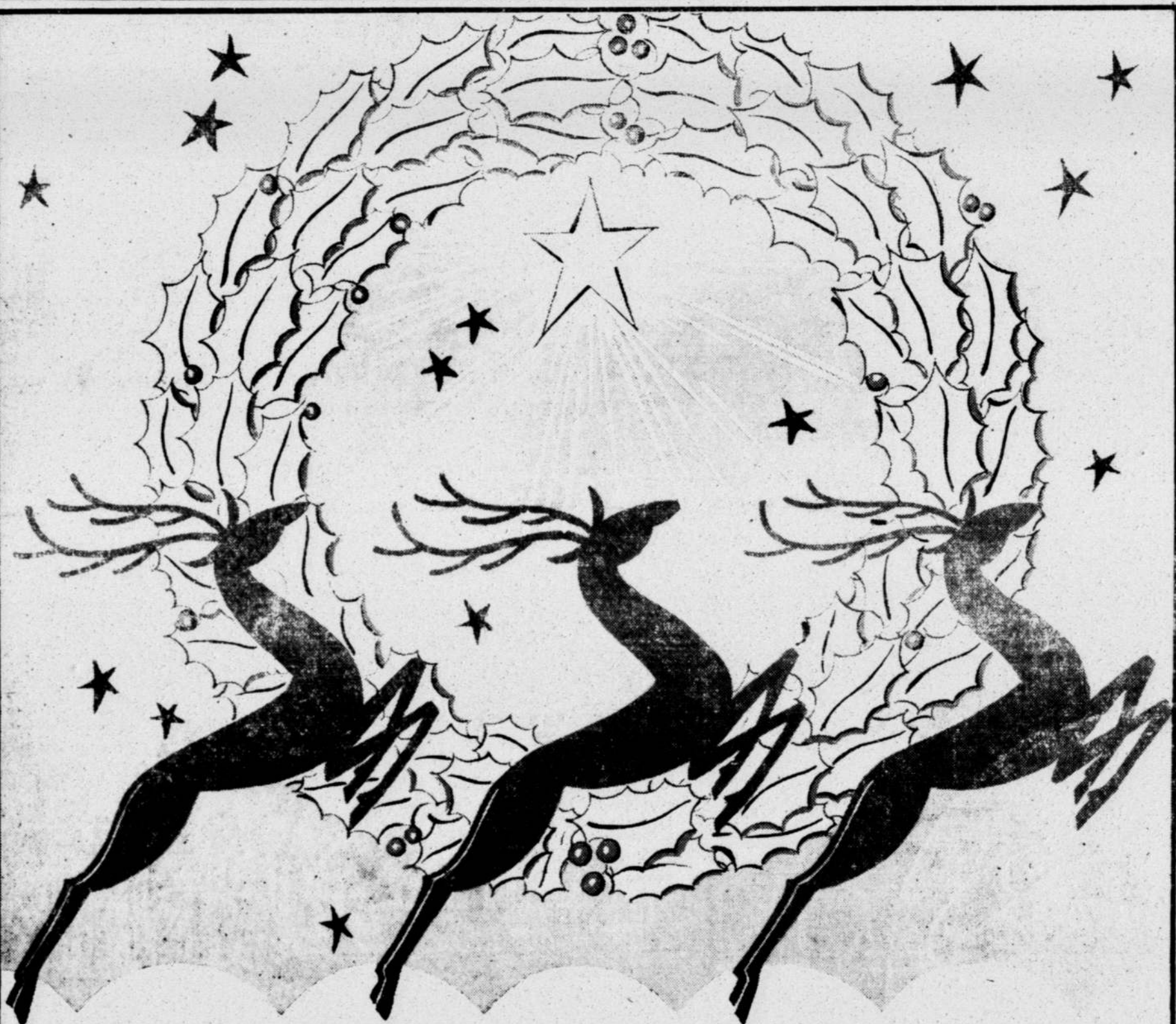
We consider ourselves fortunate indeed to have the fine friendships that have been ours to enjoy in this community. Because we value these associations we look forward to the Christmas season. It gives us a splendid opportunity to express our appreciation for all past favors and to wish you all the good things we can think of and which are deservedly yours.

... and We Are
Truly Grateful!

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1016 North Fourth Street

G. C. BROXSON, Manager

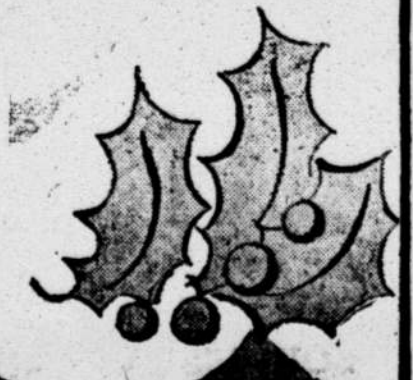


Merry Christmas

This Christmas sees the return of so much we have done without... the New Year promises even better things to come... And so, when we wish a sincere Merry Christmas to all our patient and understanding friends, whom we have been privileged to serve during the difficult times we have witnessed, we do so with the knowledge that in the future we will be able to serve you better than ever before.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

Dan Davis ... Ernest Rhodes



SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,

It is nearly Christmas, so I thought I would write and tell you what Patsy and I would like to have.

I would like to have a bride doll and some clothes. My little sister, Patsy, wants a bride doll, some clothes for it, a teddy bear and a tractor.

We would also like some nuts and fruit.

Love,
Carolyn and Patsy.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy four years old. Please bring me a gun and a horse and anything else you have, and don't forget Mother and Daddy. Bring all kinds of fruit and nuts and candy.

From your little boy,
Charles Ray Pryor.

Dear Santa Claus,

I go to school and like my teacher. Please bring me a big doll that goes to sleep and says mamma and a swing and anything else that you have. Bring all kinds of fruit and nuts and candy.

Your little girl,
Zellie Meri Pryor.

Dear Santa Claus,

We are little sisters, and we think we have been pretty good girls this year. Will you please bring us each a doll with hair, a little doll carriage, also some dishes, tinker toys and story books. We would like any kind of toys to play with that you have and some fruit, candy and chewing gum.

Lots of love,
Karen and Kay Campbell,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I am a good boy. I am seven years old. Please bring me a football, truck, tractor, train, gun and nuts, oranges, apples and candy. I am in the second grade.

Love,
James Ray Ham,
Star Route 4, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a toy cash register for Christmas and a telephone, a doctor set, a bride doll, a set of dishes, a cowgirl suit and a pair of boots. Well, I guess that's all I want for Christmas, so I will close.

Anita Tunnell,
Liberty School.

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you have not forgot me. I want you to bring me a ring. I guess you know where I live. I hope that it snows when you come. I still live on the Stanton road. I want you to bring me a dart board.

Your friend,
Robert Barron,
Liberty School.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl three years old. I think I have been a good girl this year. If you think I have been a good girl, would you please bring me a baby doll and a tricycle.

I won't ask you for anything else. If you'll let my Daddy ride home with you on your sleigh. He won't take up much room.

I hope you have a happy Christmas, too.

Your friend,
Sandy (Sandra Kay Orr),
1001 North Fourth Street,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gun and truck. I want a boat. I want a drum. I want a train. I want a wagon and lots of candy, nuts, fruit and fireworks.

Kenneth Ray Hubbard.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me some games, puzzles and a walkie-talkie, candy, apples, oranges and all kinds of fruit. Oh yes I want some nuts, too.

Your friend,
Donald Ray Thomas,
Star Route 2, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy two and a half years old. Please bring me a teddy bear and a gun and anything that you have for me. Bring all kind of candy, nuts and apples. Don't forget Grandma. He is in bed sick.

Your little boy,
Don Calvin Pryor.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a big doll that goes to sleep and says mamma and a little dresser set. Thank you to bring me all kinds of candies, nuts and fruits. Don't forget my Daddy.

Your little girl,
Mary Evelyn Pryor.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a sweet little girl this year, and I have a little sister and brother named Shari Gay and Lor Mac. They have also been sweet. We hope you won't forget us this Christmas.

Please bring us on Xmas Eve night a little table and chairs, cooking dishes, doll clothes and a suitcase to put them in, a doll bed, Teddy bear, little dog, a ball for Sonny Boy and lots of fruit and candy.

We thank you a lot and wish you a merry Xmas.
We love you,
Romelle, Shari Gay and Lor Mac Addison Welsh.

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please bring me, what I talk and all around me, puzzles, and lots of candy, nuts, oranges, and fruit.

Your friend,
Orville Moore,
Star Route 2, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a baby doll and a doll buggy. Also, I want a rocking chair and a set of dishes. Please bring my brother in Japan a long furlough. I am a good little girl.

Love,
Martha Ann Watson.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy six years old. I want a big red wagon so my little brother and I can play in it. I also want a waddling duck with moving eyes and a walking dog.

Your friend,
Sherrill E. Brown,
Route A, Box 263, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want an iron wagon if you have it. If not, I would like a drum, a pair of gloves, a tie, a plaid shirt, some suspenders and football.

Bobbie Osborn,
1307 South First, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bicycle and that's all I want for Christmas. Please let me have it.

Doyle Fancher,
Star Route 2, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please give me a kewpie doll, a doll wardrobe, a deluxe 11-piece laundry set and a Pollyanna game. And that is all I want for Christmas.

Love,
Carole Ann Loop,
Box 273, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a set of dishes, some paper dolls, a dress, a doll, telephone and doctor set. Well, I guess that's all I want for Christmas, so I'll close.

Corine Espaza,
1307 South First, Lamesa.



Our deep appreciation for your patronage and patience... our sincerest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever.

THE FRIENDLY BEAUTY SHOP

MRS. ODESS COWGER, Owner
Helen Bracey Elizabeth Bracey
Mrs. J. C. Perryman



Greetings

On this happy day when hearts beat fast with all the joys that come only in this Yuletide season we want to extend our sincere wishes for all good things and express to one and all our sincere thanks for your patronage and kind co-operation in the past — our hope to serve you better than ever in the future.

MINIMAX MILLS
HIGGINBOTHAM FEED & ELEVATOR COMPANY



A Joyous CHRISTMAS

Hear the bells peal out their ringing greetings to town and country! The Christmas season is with us; a time to bring joys and receive them. To all our friends we extend the sincerest of good wishes.

MARSHALL FURNITURE COMPANY

I. V. MIDDLETON, Manager

Christmas

As the Yuletide bells ring out the message of joy to the world at this glad season of the year, we wish to add our expression of goodwill and Christmas cheer to all those whom we know and those whom we would like to know.

May the Season bring forth all the joy and happiness that is rightfully yours and may you enter into a New Year with an abundance of happiness and health, enough to continue throughout the coming twelve months.

Our very best wishes to you, and you, and you!

Greetings

WRIGHT BROS. TIRE & SUPPLY WRIGHT'S CONOCO SERVICE

H. H. and IRVIN WRIGHT, Owners

H. H. WRIGHT, Owner

IRVIN WRIGHT, Conoco Agent

NEW YEAR'S AT THE CORNERS

By E. F. O'BRYAN

"Pop," Maw Levis called from the kitchen, "you get your lazy bones out of that chair and wash up! Dinner'll be ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail."

Pop managed to lift his six feet of bone and sinew to his feet and headed for the kitchen sink.

"Don't you go usin' that clean towel, neither," Maw admonished. "That's for company. Use the roller towel. Sakes alive, I do believe you'd wipe your dirty feet on the front door mat if I'd leave it out."

"What's the door mat fer," Pop flared, "if it ain't to wipe feet on?"

Pop gave the roller towel a vicious jerk. "Y'know tought bein' New Year's Eve, Maw, you 'nd me ought to step out somewhere. They're having a big shindig over at the Corners store. Jed Hafe's openin' a keg."

"If it's anything like that keg he opened Thanksgiving, you ain't gettin' any nearer to it than you are right now. Prety howdy-do, you comin' home six o'clock in the mornin' and shootin' off the shotgun through the roof so it leaks like a sieve. No, sree, you ain't even gettin' near enough to have a smell

of any keg Jed Hafey opens," Maw said.

Suddenly Pop looked up from his plate. "Well, consarn! What you cryin' about, Maw?"

"I ain't cryin'," Maw denied. "I'm just thinkin'—thinkin' back fifty-two years. You was payin' attention to me and kind o' jealous like. I couldn't turn 'round but what you was kissin' me. You was jealous o' Jed Hafey—jealouser than anything."

Pop snorted disdainfully. "What'd I have to be jealous o' Jed Hafey fer? Tell me that."

"Plenty," Maw said. "I was going to marry him."

Pop dropped his fork. "You was a-goin' to marry Jed?"

"Sure. Only his folks wanted him to marry Edda Stout. She owned all the bottom land nearly in Clarke county. He couldn't marry me until he was of age, on account o' his folks wantin' him to marry Edda. In a year he figures he can get all her money and then divorce her and marry me. Meanwhile he said I might as well marry you, then when he got all Edda's money I could divorce you and marry him. Said you was about the most harmless male bein' in all Clarke county and no harm would come to me marryin' you. He said if I married anybody else I might fall in love with him and then he'd lose out."

"So that was the way o' things I remember. Jed did divorce Edda a year or so later. How come you never told me this before, Lil? And

how come you not to divorce me and marry Jed after he got his divorce?"

"How come?" Maw said. "Well, Pop, I guess maybe you was kind o' responsible for that. Ain't no tellin' how a woman looks at things until she's hogtied to a man. I just kind o' forgot about Jed. Money didn't matter so much, after all. I found out it was the man that mattered. You kind o' had good ways about you, Pop. Different kind o' ways, only they was the right kind. Made a girl think twice afore jumpin' in from the fryin' pan into the fire. You was good enough for me, I found. If there was any better men'n you, I wouldn't have no way o' knowin', o' course. Everything was so nice I didn't think it could be any nicer, so I just decided to hang onto you and let Jed rot for himself."

"By gum!" Pop exclaimed after a moment's reflection. "Now I am a-goin' to that keg openin' tonight if it kills me. And you're a-goin' with me, Lil. I won't have Jed thinkin' he didn't get cheated in the deal, consarn his danged hide! If I go without you he'll think I don't care none about you, and I want to make him feel right good and jealous."

"Jed jealous after fifty-two years?" Maw said incredulously.

"Well, if he ain't he ought to be! Happy New Year, Maw!"

"I'll go," Maw said, "but remember, Pop Levis, if you get drunk tonight I'll break the mop handle

over your head when we get home—that is, if I'm still able to tell a mop handle from a crowbar."

Change Made In Celebrating Day

New Year's became a holiday long after the American custom of New Year's calls, which justify its observance, had gone the way of the hoop skirt and the polka. There is nothing American about the carnival-like merrymaking which nowadays welcomes the New Year. Or can it be that even this is a metamorphosis of the watch-night meeting of 40 years or more ago? To deacons and elders, to all anxious heads of families, it used to seem fitting to spend the last three hours of the year in singing lugubrious hymns and giving thanks that they had been singled out for preservation when so many had been removed by an equally discerning providence.

But to the young the watchnight meeting was always a dreary service only to be endured in view of the joys of the morrow. And when the life and color were taken out of the observance of New Year's itself, there seemed little cause in ushering in a day of gloom with a still gloomier New Year's Eve. So they left the watchmeeting to those who found no more pleasure in their days, and for themselves introduced the practice now generally pre-

ferred over your head when we get home—that is, if I'm still able to tell a mop handle from a crowbar."

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING ANCIENT SWISS LEGEND

According to Swiss legend, the Holy Family is abroad during the hour of midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

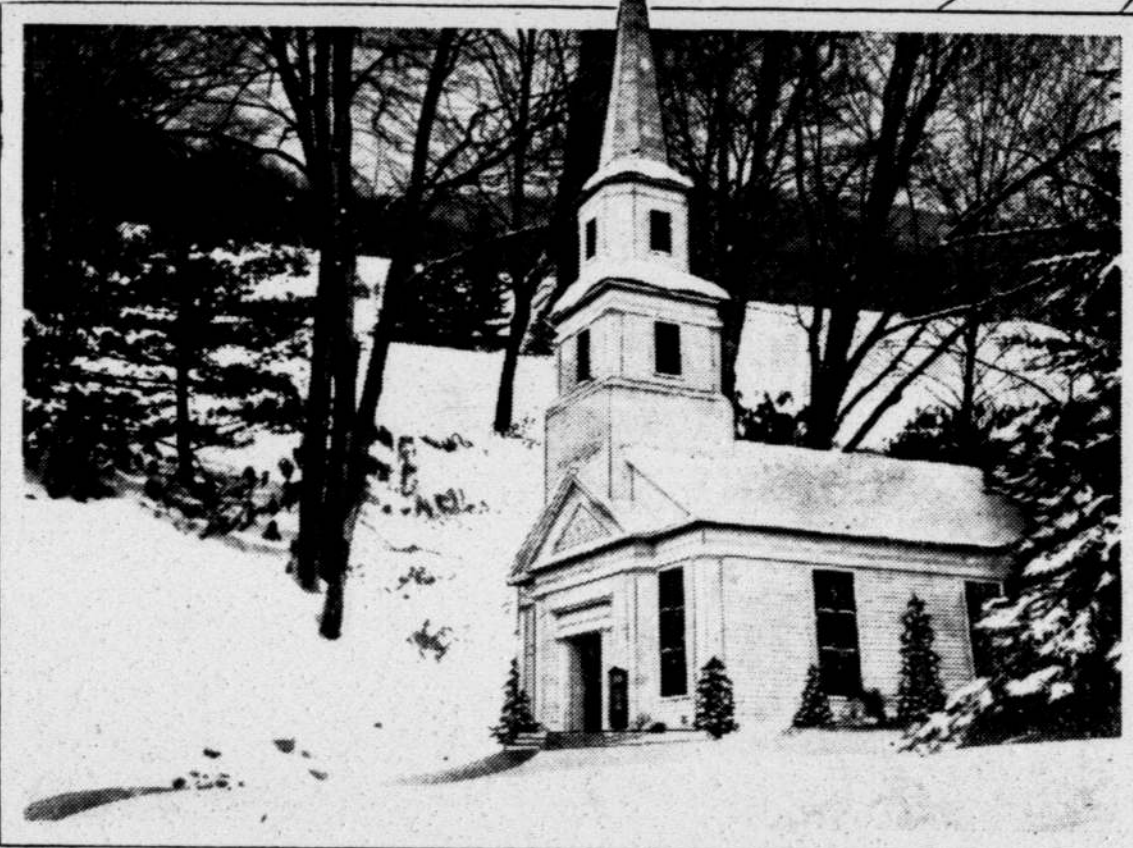
Therefore, a bowl of fresh milk is placed upon the dining table and each member of the household carefully lays his spoon upon the table cloth.

The person who, returning from church, finds his spoon has been moved may anticipate special blessings during the coming year; for surely Mary and Joseph have rested within the bode during their flight into Egypt and the Virgin used that spoon to feed the infant Jesus.

valent of indulging in a last fling in preparation for the morrow's disagreeable business of turning over a new leaf.

They have revived the old pagan ceremony, except that no miniature skeletons are passed around at the feast to remind them that they are mortal. Nothing in this modern New Year's Eve abandon, however, commends it as a substitute for the old gracious custom of paying and receiving calls, a custom for which desuetude was hastened by the prodigious growth of the large cities in the 25 years following the Civil War.

The wood-duck nests in a hollow tree from 20 to 40 feet from the ground.



Merry CHRISTMAS

On the day which is the anniversary of the birth of the son of God, how fitting it is that we should enter the friendly doors of the Church of our faith with gratitude in our hearts for the blessings He has granted us. United we have walked the difficult road together, and now with the end of that road in sight, united let us lift our voices in praise of the Almighty. For it is with His guidance that we shall be able to celebrate future Christmases in a world of freedom and everlasting Peace.

LAMESA TIRE & BATTERY

JACK McLAUGHLIN

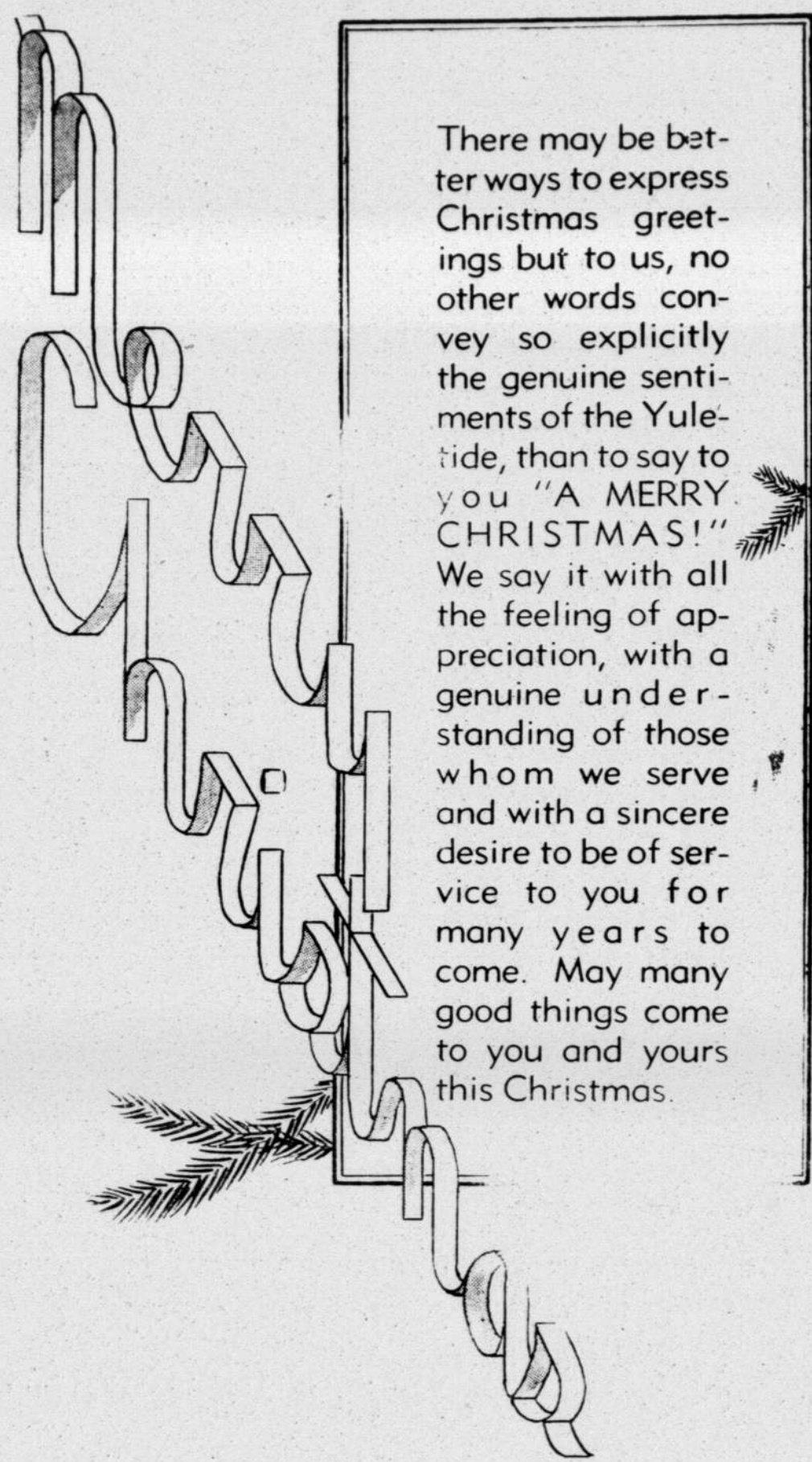
HENRY NORRIS

MRS. RUTH McLAUGHLIN

MRS. CHRISTINE COVINGTON

WILLIE THOMAS

JARME SERBANTES



There may be better ways to express Christmas greetings but to us, no other words convey so explicitly the genuine sentiments of the Yuletide, than to say to you "A MERRY CHRISTMAS!" We say it with all the feeling of appreciation, with a genuine understanding of those whom we serve and with a sincere desire to be of service to you for many years to come. May many good things come to you and yours this Christmas.

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404 SOUTH DALLAS ST.

THE YULE

SEASON

with all its Blessings

May it hold for you a treasure of happiness, with a multitude of blessings to go with you through the days of the coming year. Our best wishes for you and yours.

QUALITY TIRE SHOP

C. L. ABSHER

502 South Dallas Street

Save Greeting Cards for Making Different Unique Gift Decorations

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

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

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

There are any number of objects about the house that cutouts from greeting cards might brighten: closet doors, furniture, waste paper

boxes. Pasted on and coated with a preservative of clear shellac, greeting cards can serve a variety of decorative purposes.

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

The lovely etchings and reproductions of famous masters and the flower prints that appear on so many greeting cards are well worth the price of a small frame. These pint-sized pictures are "just the

Christmas Stars Tell a Story

The stars at Christmas have a story of their own to tell of creation—the story that gradually is becoming better understood by astronomers.

It is the story of the birth and growth of our galaxy which we recognize as the Milky Way and which includes our sun with the earth and other planets.

Recent calculations show that the galaxy, measured in the time scale of its own years, is very youthful and is approaching its 12th year.

But that does not mean 12 years in our time. Rather it is made up of years in which each is the period in which a rotating body completes one circuit around a central mass.

Our galaxy is rotating around its central mass. Our sun, out near the edge of the galaxy, is moving along with the rest of the stars in the disc-shaped system and is doing so at a rate which enables it to make a circuit of its orbit in about 250,000,000 earth years.

Clear, moonless, winter nights furnish a good opportunity for viewing the Milky Way and visualizing

our position in it and its relation to the rest of the universe.

On Christmas night the moon will be half way between first quarter and full moon, reaching the latter state on December 29. The dark new moon comes on January 14, so after the first week in January there will be a period in which the moon will not interfere with star gazing during the first half of the night.

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy eight years old. I will try to be a good boy if you will bring me a bugle, an airplane book, an army pistol, a build-a-set

and some fruit, nuts and candy. Be sure to remember all the little boys and girls.

I love you,

Maurice Crumpler

Dear Santa,

I want these things: bicycle, rag doll, skates and snow suit. Noble Blakey.

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A Very Merry Christmas!

The fragrance of the evergreen; the holly wreaths bidding welcome in the windows; the mirth and gladness in our hearts; the gay laughter and happy words that fill the air . . . these are the ingredients of a merry American Christmas. And this is the kind of a Christmas that we want everyone to enjoy. A very merry Christmas to one and all.

McCALL-PARSONS DRUG

Christmas Greetings

Although our message may be brief, we want you to know it is with genuine appreciation of your thoughtfulness in the past that prompts us to present compliments of the season. Our every good wish is for you at this happiest of all holidays.

SCOTT'S CLEANERS AND LAUNDRY

AS ANOTHER Yuletide season arrives, with all its friendliness and goodwill, we pause to add our Greetings to each of you with whom we have come in contact since last Christmas. And to those of you whom we hope to serve next year, the same genuine Merry Christmas.

It has been a genuine pleasure to serve you and we trust we may continue in the same capacity in the months to come.

Good luck and Merry Christmas!

PATTERSON SERVICE STATION

501 NORTH DALLAS STREET

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a cowboy suit and an army tank, too.
Your friend,
Kenneth Don Beck.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. I wish you would bring me a spyglass, airplane and a truck.
Your friend,
Dean Mann.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am eight years old. I like to go school. I am in the third grade. I would like to have a bicycle. Remember my mother. I would also like to have a doll for my little sister.
Your friend,
Jesus Salazar.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am in the third grade. I am nine years old. I want a big doll, a swing and a pair of skates. And don't forget my mother.
Your friend,
Ellen Pryor.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am eight years old. I would like to have a doll. I would also like to have a pair of skates. Don't forget my little sister. I hope you don't forget my mother.
Your friend,
Jo Dell.

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a doll and a bicycle and a bracelet and remember my little sister.
Your friend,
Bobbie Jean.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am eight years old and in the third grade. I would like a tent, a bow and arrow. Please remember my mother and father.
Your friend,
Laurance Blackstock.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am eight years old. I like to go to school. I am in the third grade. I would like a doll for Christmas and also some paper dolls. Don't forget Dad and Mom.
Your friend,
Juanell Patterson.

Dear Santa Claus.

I want you to bring me a baseball mit and bat, a game to play, a holster set, some nuts, apples and oranges for Christmas. I am in the third grade, and I am eight years old.
Leon James Cohorn,
Star Route 4, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am eight years old and in the third grade. I would like a BB gun and a banjo. Don't forget my mother and daddy.
Your friend,
Jerry Holliday.
Dear Santa Claus,
I'm eight years old, and I would like a BB gun and a bicycle. Don't forget Mother and Daddy.
Your friend,
Lee Cox.

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a wrist watch, a coat and a cap. I also want a scout knife and a good gun. My Mother wants a string of pearls and a set of silverware. My Daddy wants a new suit. My brother also wants a scout knife. I guess that's all.
A little friends,
Royce Gene Hunt,
512 South Katherine Street,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am eight years old and I like to go to school. I am in the third grade. I would like to have a bicycle. Remember our teacher and remember all the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Carole Jean.

Dear Santa.

Will you please bring me a BB gun and some oranges, some apples and a football.
Alvie Cohorn.
P. S. Will you please bring my little sister, Gwendolyn, a doll and some dishes?

Dear Santa.

I am eight years old and in the third grade. Would you bring me a compass, a chemistry set and some field glasses. Don't forget the poor children.
Your friend,
Bobby.

Dear Santa Claus.

Will you please bring me a bicycle for Christmas and some walnuts, candy, apples and oranges, too? I am five years old, and I will go to school next year.
Jack Cohorn.

Dear Santa.

I am a little boy five years old, and I have been a good little boy. Please, Santa, bring me a big truck, wheelbarrow, a telephone and some nuts, fruits and candy. And don't forget my Mother and Daddy.
Thanks, Santa.
Your little friend,
Maxie Ray Gillet,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa.

Please bring me a doll, a necklace, a ring and a little car. Bring me some candy, fruit and nuts, too.
I am four years old.
Joyce White.

Dear Santa Claus.

I would like a doll with pigtail, a take-it-or-leave-it, a telescope and monopoly game. I have tried to be a good little girl this year.
Love,
Martha Sue.

Dear Santa.

Please bring me a scientist set, an archery set, two guns and scabbard, a blackboard and a lot of candy. Please remember the poor little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Dwain Brown.

Dear Santa.

I have been very good this year and hope you bring me these things: a bicycle, a bride doll and a musical powder box.
Please come.
Lola Gay Pope.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am a little boy four years old. I have tried to be a good boy. Santa, please bring me a dump truck, a dart set, a tool chest, two guns and scabbard and some candy.
Freddie Brown.

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I should like for you to bring me a football. And don't forget my little sister. Your friend,
Preston.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and in the third grade. I want a doll for Christmas. Remember my sister, Joyce.
Your friend,
Janette Bostick.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy nine years old. I would like a bicycle, two plastic guns and a pair of field glasses. I have a little sister two years old. She would like a baby doll, rocking chair and a mop, also some fruit, nuts and candy. And, Santa, don't forget Mother and Daddy.
Lots of love,
Wayne and Janice Wiggin.

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I had a BB gun, and a wagon, but do not forget my little brother.
Your friend,
Gene Richter.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I like to go to school. I would like to have a wood burning set, a bow and arrow. That is all.
Yours truly,
Edwin Dean.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I would like to have a doll and a pair of socks. I am eight years old. I like to go to school, too. Don't forget my mother and little brother and daddy.
Your friend,
Darlene.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I want a ball, blackboard and telephone. And don't forget Mother and bring my little brother a pair of skates.
Your friend,
Patsy Jo Aten.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I like to go to school. I would like a bicycle for Christmas and a pair of skates.
Yours truly,
Alma Jean Winford.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I like to go to school. I'm in the third grade. I would like a bicycle and a bow and arrow. Don't forget my big brother in the army overseas. His name is Stephen J. Hastings.
Your friend,
Jimmie Hastings.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and I am in the third grade, and I would like to have a bicycle and a gown. Don't forget my sister.
Your friend,
Betty Lee Kee.

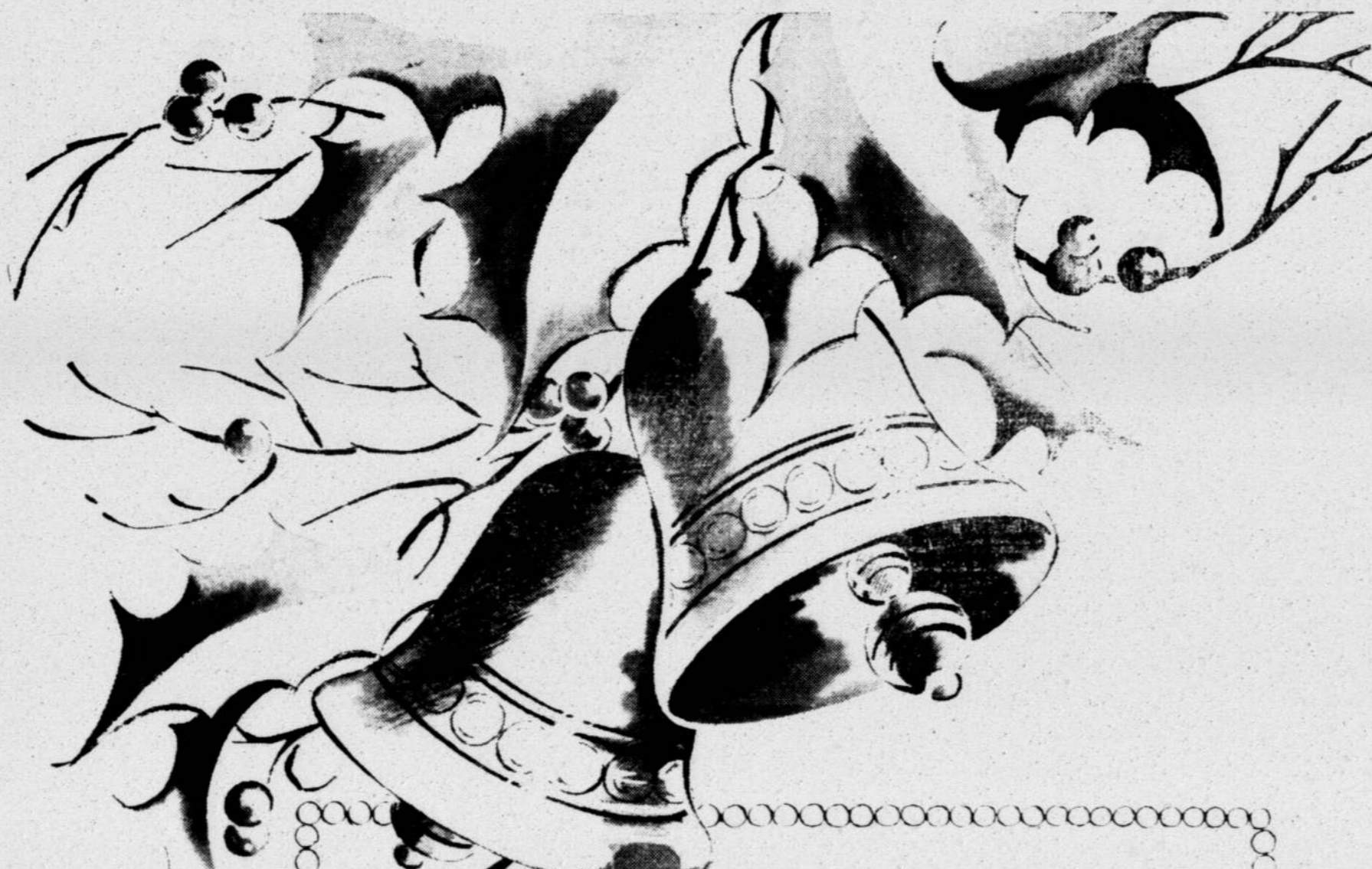
Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. Will you please bring me a basketball, a football and a BB gun.
Your friend,
Jerry Pope.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old. I have a good teacher and I like to go to school. I want a piano and a bicycle. Don't forget my mother, father and little brother. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Yours truly,
Shirley Kirkland.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am eight years old and in the third grade. I would like to have a football and a spyglass and a truck. Don't forget mother and father.
Your friend,
Lawrence Durham.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I am also eight years old. I would very much like to have a pair of skates and a cupid doll very much. Don't forget my mother, daddy and brother.
Your friend,
Wanda Jean.

Dear Santa,
I wish very much that I could have a doll and my birthstone ring. That's all for this year.
Yours truly,
Ganell Dreman.



Christmas Greetings

This Christmas sees the return of so much we have done without . . . the New Year promises even better things to come . . . And so, when we wish a sincere Merry Christmas to all our patient and understanding friends, whom we have been privileged to serve during the difficult times we have witnessed, we do so with the knowledge that in the future we will be able to serve you better than ever before.



BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

We Greet You OUR FRIENDS at Christmas

This is a picture eagerly anticipated each Christmas Season. We enjoy sending our best wishes to the fine people of this area and we trust we may have this privilege for many years to come.

Our dealings with you are always pleasant for us and we hope you have found them equally satisfactory. Our goal has been to please our customers in every transaction and it is our purpose to maintain this policy.

The management and personnel join in wishing you a host of good things and a very Merry Christmas.

PARK-INN FOOD MARKET

1 BLOCK WEST OF POSTOFFICE

MATCHLESS BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS

In a world of confusion with strife and unhappiness the one outstanding event of the year which remains unchanged is Christmas. On this notable occasion most of us can gain refuge from the burdens of the day.

of being remembered and the host of other beautiful things that are enthroned in the true spirit of Christmas. On no other occasion is there such a feeling of contentment and happiness. It is priceless!

The beauty of Christmas is matchless! Home, loved ones, gay festivities, loyal friendships, the thrill of remembering our friends, the anticipa-

Let us enjoy it to the fullest extent. May the spirit of the event remain with you throughout the 365 days of the coming year.



LAMESA OIL & APPLIANCE CO.
Barney McKinney—Your Servel Dealer
Distributor for Panhandle Petroleum Products

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

By AGNES MYERS

The little village of Bethlehem, hardly more than a half mile wide, and only a single street in length, had houses of white stone with small domes, and were snuggled in the dark foliage of olive trees. Fig groves and vineyards adorned the rocky terraces close by. It was a land which held many sacred memories. There was the spot where Jacob had his first great grief, when his beloved wife Rachel was buried; and yonder were the fields where Ruth, in the early days of Israel, had come to reap barley and walk with Naomi, in the evenings, beside a gentle brook. It was to this land that Joseph and Mary were coming, the early home of their own great grandfather David, who had kept his father's sheep on these very hills and had learned to sing the songs of praise to God.

The ascent to the town, over the dusty glare of grey limestone hills, was the last of their journey and was so steep that Mary had to alight from her donkey and go up on foot. Presently passing through a low gate, she and Joseph were at last in the mountain town of Bethlehem.

In those days, the simplicity of life made the passing wayfarer welcome in the homes. To bring water at once to wash the traveler's feet, dusty with the Eastern sands, was an act of courtesy. Food and lodging for himself and his beasts were provided, and the traveler was made to feel that he was under the careful protection of his host. However, when Joseph and Mary reached Bethlehem every house was filled, for travelers had been jour-

neying there in great numbers because of the census. Even the Inn, which was a crude building, consisting of a single empty room, on the floor of which a traveler could spread his carpet for sleep, was filled to overflowing.

The only place they could find shelter was in an old stable, which had been built in a natural hollow, or cave, on the hillside. The stable was in darkness. The deep breathing of sleeping cattle, cows and donkeys warmed the chill air. Hay was strewn about and with the aid of his lantern, Joseph soon made a comfortable place for them to sleep.

However, the dim light of his lantern was soon overpowered by a great illumination from heaven. The old stable was presently filled with light, and beams as radiant as the sun shone all about. A wonderful thing had happened, a little child had been born and Mary His mother had wrapped Him in soft swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. The gentle rustle of wings was heard in the air and snowy white angels, hovered over the manger. With joyful song they greeted the little messenger of mercy and love—the Christ Child—whom God had sent to the world; the little King who had been born in a lowly stable and laid in a cradle of hay.

The sleeping hills were now flooded with celestial splendor. An angel of the Lord, in an intense sheath of light, came from heaven and surprised a group of shepherds near the ancient watchtower of Eder, announcing to them the birth of the

Holy Child. Multitudes of angels sped the sky, spreading tidings of joy afar. Music rang throughout the land, music of the angel host. The great gospel anthem fell upon the earth in all its divine beauty and thrilling force, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The shepherds ran up the steep road to Bethlehem and seeing the star that God had placed over the stable, found the King of Glory and worshipped Him with adoration pouring from their hearts.

The same star that burned over the sacred manger that night had brought other men from a far off country; Wise Men from the East. They, too, had seen the sign in the sky, heralding the birth of a King. The star had guided them over mountain, valley and parched deserts, till at last they reached Bethlehem. Their camels walked one by one through the narrow streets, bearing their rich burden, for these men were kings of great wealth. The star pointed to the stable; the camels knelt before the open door and the Wise Men unloaded the treasures they had brought: boxes of gold, sweet perfumes and rare spices. They laid their gifts at the feet of the smiling infant in the manger, and fell upon their knees in fervent worship of Jesus, the Saviour.

Don't stop serving crisp vegetable salad because you can't get mayonnaise. Keep those salads going to the table with sour cream dressing.

Fishing is the principal occupation of the people of Newfoundland.

EACH SWISS CANTO HAS OWN TRADITIONS

Winter beauty and winter sports reach the acme of perfection in Switzerland by Christmas time. For many of the natives, however, this glad season signifies in addition a period full of sacred mystery and the anniversary of days particularly specified in ancient legends.

However, the ruddy-cheeked St. Nicholas has in some parts of the country been supplanted by the Christkindli, or Christ child. This lovely angel is said to have come from the Far North and it always brings to each home it visits a Christmas tree decorated with all the glittering things associated with fairyland and heavily laden with gifts.

Forecasting with Onions

If you want, for instance, to find out how the weather will be during the next year, cut, on Christmas Eve, an onion into half; peel off 12 layers, one for each month, and fill the same with salt. Those peels which contain damp salt the

next morning predict rainy weather for the respective month.

Young people who are anxious to learn something about their matrimonial prospects are advised to drink three times from nine different fountains, when the church bells are ringing on Christmas Eve and they will then behold their future mate standing at the church door. "Zucher Tirrgel," a kind of Christmas cookie that have been made in Switzerland many centuries, are an essential feature of the holidays, particularly in the neighborhood of Zurich. Wooden molds dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries are still used. The so-called "Tirrgel sentences" are very popular, which depict an entire series of some story.

If you are courageous enough to consult the oracle as to the length of time which is still allotted to you on earth, take your Bible on Christmas Eve and the first psalm which strikes your eye contains in stanzas the number of years which you are yet given to live.

Vaiparaiso, Chile, is the largest seaport on the Pacific coast of the American continent south of Los Angeles.

SANTA CLAUSE LETTERS

Dear Santa,

Please bring me two guns and a gun holder. Also bring a lariat rope. Yours truly,
Glen Jamison.
Patricia.

Dear Santa,

I am nearly three years old and have been a good little girl. Please bring me a doll, a doll carriage, ironing board and iron, and a new set of dishes.

Don't forget all the other little girls and boys.

Oh yes, don't forget the candy, fruit and nuts.
Thank you, Santa.
Elena Kay Coon.



Each Christmas season we realize more fully the value of friendships. Every year we look back over a period of happiness achieved only through the consideration and courtesies extended by our neighbors and friends.

Since you have been so good to us, we believe old Santa will be

good to you. We hope he drives right up to your front door with a sack full of everything your heart desires to make your Christmas complete.

Here's our Best Wishes, not only for this Christmas, but for the twelve months between now and next Yuletide.

W. L. HOLT GROCERY & STATION

Humble Oil and Gas

W. L. HOLT and FAMILY

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
MAY THE NEW YEAR HOLD FOR YOU
THE BEST OF EVERYTHING
THAT PEACE AND FREEDOM BRING



PRUITT BOOT & SHOE SHOP

R. A. PRUITT, Owner

Christmas Greetings

To each and every one of you go our sincerest wishes for the merriest Christmas ever

THE SPECIALTY SHOP

A Happy Christmas to all

Health, happiness, prosperity—may they all be yours to enjoy this Christmas and in the days to follow. And while we are extending these greetings to you and your family, we also wish to express our appreciation for the treatment afforded us in the year just closing. These courtesies are gratefully acknowledged with a pledge to strive for even greater service than has been our custom in the past. MERRY CHRISTMAS, ALL!

SUN BEAM GROCERY

911 NORTH FIRST STREET

GREETINGS!
TO YOU,
ONE AND ALL!

It's time for each of us to enjoy the finest time of the year—Christmas. It's also time for each of us to take stock of the year just closing and to make our plans for the coming year.

Looking back over the past twelve months we find that we have fallen far short of what may have been expected of us and now, at this Christmastime we pledge to you that we will make every effort to do a better job in the future.

OR

When we express our Christmas Greetings to you, we want you to know that we are fully aware of your problems and it is our hope that you may derive some amount of happiness in this expression, knowing that it comes from one who is your friend.

KELLEY IMPLEMENT CO.
R. W. KELLEY, Owner

WISHING YOU

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JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

It has been our pleasure to enjoy many happy experiences in this community each year. The one we enjoy most of all, perhaps, is the opportunity of sending Christmas Greetings to all those fine friends of ours. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and we are mindful of your friendships when we extend to you our sincerest wishes for a bright and cheerful Christmas.

BOB'S SERVICE STATION
BOB HAGGARD, Owner

Traditions and Customs Are Bequeathed by Ancient World

Early Christians did not celebrate the birthday of Christ. It was not until the fourth century that December 25 came to be accepted as the presumed anniversary of the great event. In that year Pope Gregory V set this day officially. His intention was partly to absorb the old pagan festival of the returning sun (the winter solstice on December 22) in a Christian feast. A number of pagan celebrations were overlapped in this manner during the first centuries of Christianity.

In Great Britain, for instance, the "Lord of Misrule" led the frolicking, parading, and carol-singing. This period of pranks and general foolishness is supposed to have descended from the Saturnalia of pagan Rome. Only a few Britons now follow this jolly old custom.

Nativity Plays
The Santa Claus tradition represents the combining of a number of widely differing relics of old superstitions and beliefs. The northern Europeans in pre-Christian times believed in a spirit of woods and fields who had to be placated now and then, or he would ruin the harvests. This being known in Norway as the "Nisse," and by various names in other Scandinavian countries. It is still a custom in rural regions for children to set out porridge and beer on Christmas Eve to please the Nisse. He is merging, however, with the popular figure of Santa Claus.

In Britain the character known as "Father Christmas" is supposed to be a Christian version of this ancient spirit of the fields. The Dutch Sinter Klass, or St. Nicholas, is still recognizable as the god bishop

of Myra in Dutch plays, but he too is being absorbed in the more popular version of Santa Claus, the fat, red-coated little man with the big bag of presents. This idea of Santa Claus is a south German interpretation. In other parts of Germany the dispenser of gifts is "Dame Bertha." The custom of hanging up stockings comes from Italy.

Switzerland has developed the custom of parading from house to house and singing carols in a picturesque way. Customs are remarkable. Young men and women wear headresses representing houses, ships, mountains, and so forth. Huge sleigh bells tinkle from their waists and shoulders. These Swiss carolers also have a peculiar dance used only on Christmas Eve. In Switzerland, as in other southern European countries, the gifts are brought to good children, not by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child, who comes from the North Pole in a fairy sleigh.

In many German villages an old man with a small drum marches about the house after the Christmas dinner, leading a procession. His drum is to frighten away any witches who might have come into the house during the year. He finally reaches the last room where the Christmas tree stands, laden with presents.

Mexican Christmas
Mexican Christmas Eve is a pretty combination of the religious and the festive observance. There is a dance in every village until midnight. At the stroke of twelve the musicians play a mystical sacred melody, and everyone converges in front of the "nacimientos," or crib

Famous Artist Sketched First Santa for U. S.

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

Nast first sketched his notion of representation. Then the oldest woman present picks up the image of the Christ Child and marches slowly to the church for the midnight mass. When this is over, the dancing and revelry, complete with fireworks, recommences and lasts until dawn.

Members of the Orthodox Greek church, who cling to the old style calendar, celebrate Christ's birthday on January 6. Many people in Greece, Serbia, Romania and other Balkan states, as well as many Russians, belong to the Orthodox church. Their Christmas feast traditionally begins with a bowl of "kutya," which is a combination of wheat, honey, ground poppy seed and pecans. Mushroom soup, fruit, fish and nuts are also served. A small layer of hay is spread under the table cloth to show humility for Christ's birth in a stable. Polish people also follow this last custom.

So every country and every district often has its own special ways of keeping Christmas. The United States, being composed of people from everywhere, has received customs from every people, and has adopted those it liked, and altered them to fit the American style. So it has been with Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe, the Christmas plays and carols, the luscious menus — everything has been gladly taken over, with thanks to the many nations and peoples that have bequeathed them to us.

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

The story of how our American version of Santa Claus evolved is interesting. According to legend, children of Lapland and Siberia, raised on tales of the good and generous St. Nicholas thought of their benefactor as dressed in furs and traveling in a reindeer-drawn sleigh, just as they did themselves.

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

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

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

Germans coming to America brought their Christmas customs, Christmas trees, and Christmas candles burned in honor of the

Christ Child, whom the German children called "Kris Kringle." At about the time that these festivities were making Christmas Day important, families beginning to spread across the country chose this celebration as a day of reunion. Thus the Dutch figure of Santa Claus, the German traditions of Christmas and the English season of celebration became combined in one single holiday.

Christmas Medley

Christmas was once abolished by an act of parliament in England. That was in 1644 when the Puritans under Oliver Cromwell governed the realm. The Puritans' disbelief in holiday enjoyments was so intense that parliament ordered Christmas to be observed as a strict fast day. No roast beef, no plum pudding, no wassail were permitted.

Although turkey is the essential feature of Christmas dinner today, the bird was unknown in England in the 16th century. Introduced from America, it came into its present popularity in the early 1700s.

In several states of the Union there is a definite law forbidding anyone from interfering with a child's belief in Santa Claus.

Some European peoples have a superstition — dating from ancient times that animals take on the power of speech at Christmas time.

Lewis Carroll wrote his famous book, "Alice's Adventure in Wonderland," as a Christmas gift for a little girl who was the daughter of one of his friends.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

from all of us to all of you

Jolly old Santa is helping us once again to convey to one and all our many, many wishes for the best Christmas ever.

ALLEN-HARRINGTON HARDWARE

Bill Marjorie Arthur Elgin

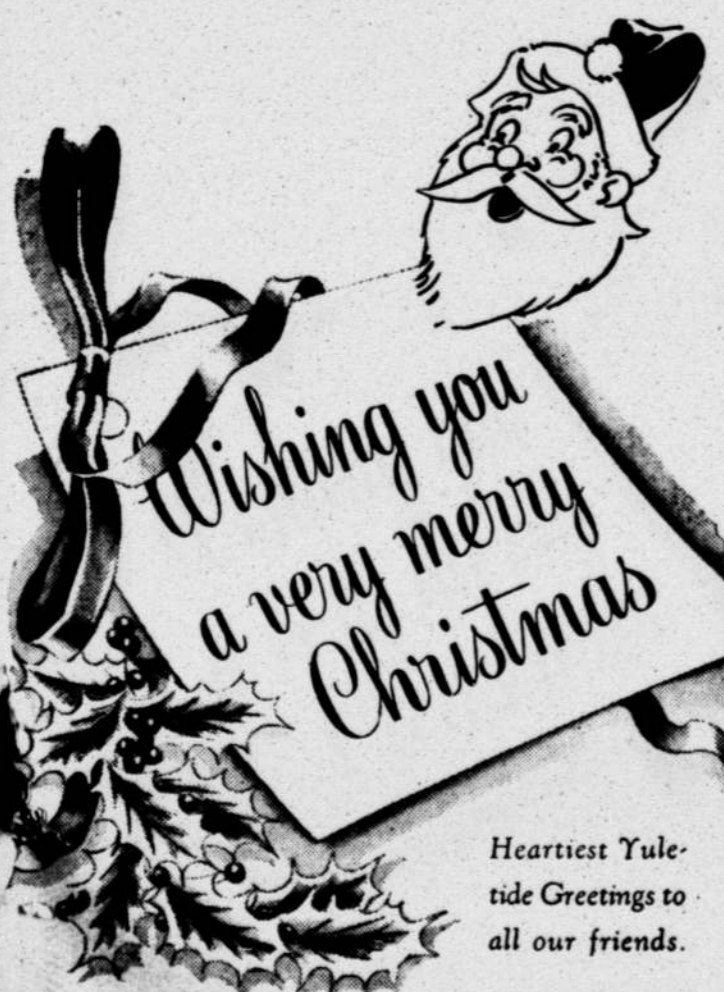


Heartfelt Wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS

There's a song in our hearts, as we shepherd our happiest thoughts — and extend them to you!

HURT'S

Fashions for Men, Women and Children



Heartiest Yuletide Greetings to all our friends.

HARRIS' CAFE

T. L. and VEDA

MERRY CHRISTMAS



TONE AND ALL

the Prince of Peace

CHRIST'S agony was suffered that love and brotherhood might emerge as the great lesson by which man might profit for all time. Surely each of his wounds must bleed again when war is visited upon nations by each other. His is the word of Peace. Now that it has again been achieved let us never forsake it. We need only keep elevated the principles of kindness, tolerance and generosity — snuffing out the menaces of greed, aggression and power lust before they reach dangerous proportion. We must not wait for omnipotence to make our world as we wish it, but we must recognize ourselves as crusaders in his spirit . . . loved Prince of Peace.



PRICE HOSPITAL

Christmas Plant Was Named for U. S. Diplomat

Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for home Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Nearly a century and a quarter ago, Poinsett, then U. S. ambassador to Mexico, first brought cuttings of the "fire plant" to his South Carolina home. Carefully he tended the transplanted tropical beauty. Under his skillful hands the flower thrived and improved.

Soon the fame of this colorful new plant spread to other states and Robert Buist, a Philadelphia botanist, brought some cuttings from Poinsett. He named them *Euphorbia poinsettia*.

Since that day enthusiasts not only in the United States but throughout the world have continued to improve the poinsettia until today there are a score of varieties from giant six-foot stalks to diminutive dwarfs, double and single varieties, green poinsettias with red veins, white varieties and a gradation of reds from the traditional flaming scarlets to pale pinks.

Besides serving as ambassador to Mexico, Poinsett was a member of congress from South Carolina and served as secretary of war in President Van Buren's cabinet. He was a personal friend of Presidents Madison, Monroe, Jackson and Van Buren.

Mistletoe May Mean Messenger of God

Some say that the word mistletoe comes from the missel thrush, a messenger of the gods who brought the plant to the earth. Actually, the bird is very fond of the berries and is responsible for the wide distribution. Growing as it does, on trees as a parasite, it is showy because of its huge mass of dense light green foliage.

Its Latin name, *Phoradendron*, means tree-thief.

In Virgil, mistletoe was the golden bough, by the plucking of which Aeneas was enabled to descend into the underworld and return safely.

In ancient Britain it was the sacred plant of the Druids. The chief nature festival of these forest worshippers was around the oak tree with the most mistletoe on it. The Arch-Druid ascended the tree to the lowest bough on which the sacred mistletoe was growing. With a golden sickle he cropped the branch and allowed it to fall in a fold of his ample robes. The plant was so sacred that it must never touch the earth. The priest then broke the bough into many pieces and gave a twig to each of his followers with a prayer.

In the language of the flowers, mistletoe means "give me a kiss." This has its basis from a Scandinavian myth.

Observe Holiday In Many Ways

The name January is derived from the two-faced god, Janus. He was originally the god of light and day, however, he gradually became the god of the beginning of things.

The beginning of the year was sacred to Janus and a festival in his honor called Agonia was celebrated. At the beginning of any important undertaking his aid and advice was sought.

He was worshipped as the guardian of trade and shipping and he was the inventor of agriculture.

In addition to secular celebrations, many religious denominations hold special services on New Year's Eve from 9 or 10 to 12 o'clock.

The Methodist Episcopal church was the earliest to adopt this custom and they are called "watch-night services."

In 1944, St. George Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia held its 175th watch night service. The church was founded in 1769 and in 1770 held what has been called the first such services in America. Many other churches are holding such services today.

January 1 is a legal holiday in all of the states and the District of Columbia. It was not until after 1918, however, that the date became a legal holiday in Massachusetts.

With the exception of war time, the date is a legal reason for liberty for the sailor and soldier. Yes, army and navy regulations specifically state this fact.

To quote from the navy regulations: "The first of January—and such other days as may be designated by the President, including the day of national Thanksgiving, shall be designated as holidays on board ships of the navy and at all naval stations."

Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a doll, ironing board, rolling pin and some candy.
Love,
Frances Barron,
Route D, Box 157, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven years old. I want a pop-gun, ball and bat and candy.
Love,
James Barron,
Route D, Box 157, Lamesa.

MIRACLE PLAYS STILL HELD

Among more tradition - observing communities of the world, old-time miracle plays are still performed, often in the form of elaborate dances, in solemn, but lavish settings against the colorful background of tropical folklore.

Geometry, algebra, and analysis are the three principal branches of mathematics.

Mistletoe Ancient Mythology Symbol Of Divine Favor

The custom of kissing under the Mistletoe descends from Scandinavian mythology.

Frigga, goddess of love and beauty — counterpart of Venus — so grieved when her son Balder was struck down by an arrow fashioned out of Mistletoe that her tears became the white berries of the plant; Balder was restored to life by the concerted efforts of the gods and Frigga, grateful for her son's restoration, legendarily bestows a kiss upon those who pass under the mistletoe.

The Mistletoe was sacred to the Druids of ancient Britain and, in Virgil, it is the Golden Bough which enables Aeneas to descend to the underworld and return safely.

Considering its heathen associations, the Church has never sanctioned the use of the mistletoe as a decoration appropriate to a religious edifice. However, no restrictions have been strong enough to banish the parasitic plant from the home where it continues to be emblematic of peace, friendship and true love—sealed by a kiss.

SYRIA CAMEL OF JESUS BLESSED BY CHILD CHRIST

In Syria, water and wheat await the Gentle Camel of Jesus who travels over the desert on Epiphany Eve bringing presents to good children.

Legend says the youngest of the camels which bore the Wise Men to Bethlehem was exhausted by the pressing journey and, as it lay moaning before the Stable the Christ Child blessed it with immortality.

Christmas Card Is Century Old

The centennial of the Christmas card is being observed this year.

It was in 1845—just 100 years ago—that the first Christmas card was designed and distributed.

This pioneer greeting was the creation of W. C. Dobson, a noted British artist, who was said to be a favorite of Queen Victoria. Dobson, according to tradition, made copies of his card and sent them to friends in London and elsewhere in the British Isles.

The custom established by Dobson found numerous devotees. In 1846, an English nobleman, Sir Henry Cole commissioned an artist, John Calcott Horsley, to design a Christmas card for him.

According to one story, Sir Henry Cole had received such a large number of holiday letters that he could not find time to answer them all. As a means of solving this problem, he called in Horsley and asked him to design an appropriate card.

Horsley's first Christmas card depicted a Victorian English family enjoying the holiday. Except for the profusion of detail, the card is like many of the modern greetings. The traditional "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" was inscribed on the card, with blank space for filling in the name of the sender and the recipient.

From this beginning a century ago, the custom of sending Christmas cards has spread across the ocean to the United States where it has become a traditional part of the holiday observance.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

We bring you our good wishes for a happy holiday.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Our fondest wish is that we could see each of you at this time of the year to personally wish you a Merry Christmas. We'd also like to tell you how greatly we appreciate all the fine things you have done for us, the nice patronage that has been ours, the friendly associations and the goodwill of the people of this community.

During the Christmas season no doubt we'll get to see many of you, to express these sentiments to you personally. But to those of you with whom we do not have this opportunity, we send the best greetings for Christmas. We hope you will accept this as a personal message and that you will know we are thinking of you at Christmastime.

And Especially...

To all our service personnel, both returned and overseas do we extend this greeting!

BEN FRANKLIN STORES
NOEL E. BOOTHE, Owner

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

You'll get loads of greetings, we're sure, and we hope you do! A word of good cheer, the thoughts of being remembered by our friends, add greatly to the joy of Christmas and we're hoping you will receive many happy remembrances and expressions of friendships that will bring you an abundance of joyousness this Yuletide. That's why we want to include our greetings to those we have served and those whom we hope to serve in the future. Best wishes to all!

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"Just the man we're looking for"

With his twinkling eyes, cherry red nose and snow white beard, a Ruddy Old Saint Nick arrives again, bringing with him a sack full of laughter, merriment and Christmas joys.

We, too, bring to you our sincerest wishes for a very happy holiday.

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Modern Industry Serves The Spirit Of Our Christmas

In a busy world, the Christmas card has assumed a definite place among Christmas customs and tradition—serving the spirit of friendship, echoing the promise of peace and good will.

Reputedly, the first Christmas card, properly so-called, was dispatched in 1845 when W. C. Dobson, one of Queen Victoria's favorite painters, sent lithographed scenes inscribed with greetings to his many friends during the Christmas season.

In 1846 John Calcott Horsley, Royal Academician, designed a card for Sir Henry Cole. Thus the custom of sending Christmas cards seems to have been inaugurated—although, even as far back as Queen Anne's reign, it was customary for children to write Christmas pieces. Such "Christmas pieces" were specimens of handwriting with elaborately engraved borders designed to represent some current event or subject studied by the children during the year, and were sold in shops and at bazaars until about 1840.

Christmas cards were introduced into the United States during the 1870s by Marcus Ward and Company of London and for a short while the English firm enjoyed a monopoly of the market.

The name of Louis Prang is outstanding in the history and development of the modern Christmas card industry. Mr. Prang, an exile from Germany following the revolution of 1848, introduced the art idea into American public schools via the Prang method of education. In 1874, Prang invaded the Christmas card field. Prizes were offered for the best designs and perfected lithographic processes.

Bean Winner Rules On Twelfth Night

Epiphany, or the Feast of the Kings, is the great homecoming day in France; servant girls would rather lose their positions than miss the family reunion and expect to receive an extra month's pay to wit.

The elaborate dinner features a cake in which a China bean has been hidden; the cake is cut into as many pieces as there are persons in the party. Whoever finds the bean in his or her piece of cake automatically becomes King or Queen of Twelfth Night and proceeds to choose his or her partner. The King and Queen reign over the ensuing festivities—each member of the party being obliged to obey their ridiculous commands.

Clerical employees expect a bonus and tradespeople anticipate Christmas boxes on Epiphany and Christmas trees are set up in stores and public places around which patrons pile heaps of gifts to be distributed in hospitals and among the poor.

Cuba has more species of cave-dwelling creatures than in all of the Old World.

'Good Tidings To All People'

Christmas literally means "Mass of Christ" and is celebrated to honor the Nativity of Jesus. Nevertheless, many Christmas customs have originated in the folklore and traditions of pre-Christian peoples.

The season of the winter solstice—experts have figured that Christ was born during that time of year—has been celebrated as a time of rejoicing since, and even prior to, the recordance of history.

Peoples of northern Europe celebrated the Festival of Hweol, or the sun wheel, when the sun—having been at its lowest point in the heavens—swung its course toward the earth once more. Great fires were kindled in defiance of the Frost King; fires to consume the enmities of the old year, whose ashes imparted fertility to the soil, and brands, kept from year to year were considered charms against the spirits of evil.

The Roman festival of Saturnalia honored the deity of Saturnus, patron of the agricultural arts. Saturnalia was a season—from December 17 through 25, and merged with the Calends of January—and was characterized by revelry, gift-giving, decorations within the home, entertainments, etc.

The followers of Mithras celebrated the Feast of Sol Invictus, the Druids solemnized the cutting of the Mistletoe, the Orthodox Jews commemorate the Festival of Lights, and the Egyptians dedicated their mid-winter festival to Isis and her symbol the palm tree.

As ancient peoples were converted to Christianity, ancient customs assumed place among traditions honoring the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed to mankind one of the foremost philosophies of human conduct.

BALSAM FIR CHOSEN BY HEAVENLY MESSENGERS

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

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

The wild turkey has survived from earliest pioneer days.



The true meaning of Christmas is best manifest by the cheerful atmosphere and the friendly associations of those about us. It is the time of good fellowship and the thoughtful consideration of others.

May this happiness be yours to enjoy, not only at Christmas but during every day.

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Here's OUR GREETINGS

Pause a few minutes, please, to accept our heartiest GREETINGS for the Christmas season. Our every wish is for your happiness and contentment at Christmastime and during the New Year.

Whatever your disappointments may have been the past year, whatever sacrifices may have been yours, may you find strength to face the future with a cheerful heart.



We, as Americans, look forward to each Christmas because it is a season that is definitely a part of the American life. From the friendliness of the Yuletide, may we obtain the determination to meet the problems of the future, secure in the knowledge of tried and proven friendships to help us in our every effort.



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Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl and will quit sucking my finger if you will please bring me a doll, doll clothes and laundry set and dishes. Thanks a lot.
Your friend,
Janie Sue Reid,
Star Route 2, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I'm four years old. I want Santa Claus to bring me a big bear, and a nurse set, and a wagon with blocks, in it, an airplane, candy and nuts of all kinds and fruits.
And I hope he brings my Daddy home from Germany also.
Good luck,
Doris Carolyn Rhyne,
Box 596, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I want a doctor set and something else I want and would like to have is a phone. I am nine years old and I have two brothers. I am in the fourth grade.
L. A. wants a bow and arrow and a scooter. L. A. is five years old. Dean is almost two years old.
Your friends,
L. A. and Gayle Buckalew,
Star Route 4, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a little wagon and a steam shovel. I also need a pair of house shoes and a robe. And I would also like for you to bring me Noah's Ark and some other games. If you have made any airplanes this year that fold up their wheels, I would like one of those.
Love,
Jacky McPhaul,
712 North Fifth Street, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I am a boy four and my sister is three, and we have been pretty good. We will have a tree, so put lots of toys on it for us. We are looking for you.
Tommy Joe and Sammie Kay Hester.

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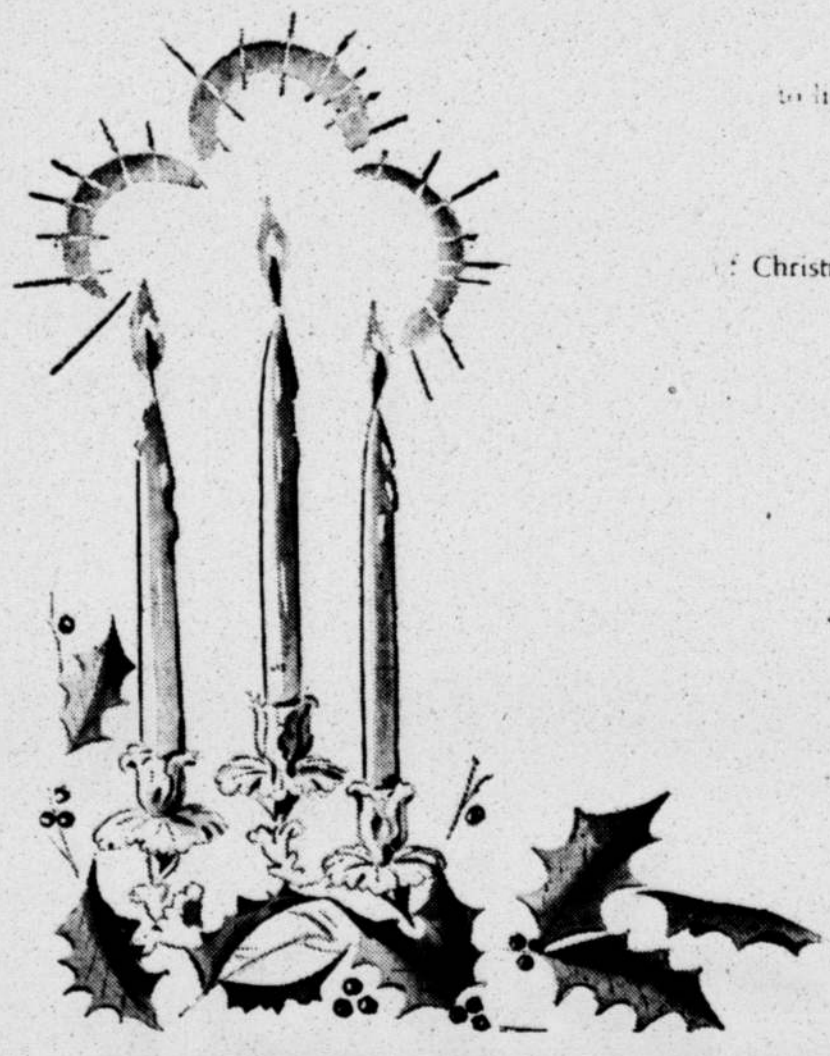
Dear Santa,
I am five years old and I want a little doll for Xmas, and some candy, nuts and apples.
But remember my brothers overseas and all the boys too. And be sure to give the little children something.
Your friend,
Loretta Zimmerman,
Star Route 1, Seagraves.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy so please bring me a farm set, a truck, a hammer and a gun.
Please remember Mother and Daddy, my little sister and brother. And bring all of us lots of candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Doyle Reid,
Star Route 2, Lamesa.



O, come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant...

Hear the voices of the choir sweet in songs praising His name.
Singing out your own devotion and joy, in the day on which He was born. For
Christmas sheds its brightness over all the land and warms
the hearts of all God's children. The spirit of brotherhood dwells
with us now, and will be our inspiration.
To live in peaceful happiness in future years. Candle light and
holly bright; eyes moist in contemplation
of Christmas past and yet to come—fill our hearts with sentiment!



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How Our Allies Observed Yule Around Globe

Here at home, the vacant place at the fireside or Christmas dinner table need not mean that the absent one is without friendly participation in the joys of the season. Our millions of American servicemen overseas in occupied countries or other places will find Christmas observed in almost any land in which they find themselves and with a variety of customs that should be refreshing to a visitor.

Our soldiers in the Pacific and Far East will find the climate the strangest part of their Christmas day. For it will be midsummer in most places. On Pacific islands the G.I.s will find a surprising amount of Christmas spirit expressed by the warm-hearted people.

In the Philippines, for example, Christmas is one of the loveliest times of the year and is one of the oldest traditions of the Filipinos, to whom Christianity was brought in the 16th century. The celebration starts with morning masses several days before December 25. These are called *misa de gallo* (when the roosters are beginning to crow). Music by violins, tambourines and the organ adds to the impressiveness.

On Christmas Eve the Filipinos fast before the midnight service—a very solemn ceremony in palm-filled and lantern-lit churches. The fast is broken with a Christmas dinner of ham, stuffed chicken, fruits and nuts and hot chocolate. Carol singers go from house to house with a *Belen*—a reproduction of the Nativity scene and children kiss the hands of their parents for blessings—followed, of course, by gifts. Often the holiday branches are taken from bamboo trees and every home takes pride in its colored lanterns of original patterns.

Firecrackers In China

Yanks in China will find more red firecrackers than are usually found on the Fourth of July in America. They are usually hung in festoons over store counters. No Chinese celebrates anything without firecrackers. The Christian Chinese have learned to love the carols of their new faith, and sing them with Chinese words, as they exchange gifts around the tree. With so many G.I.s in China this year, Christmas will be a major festival.

In India, particularly in the large cities, American boys will find Christmas customs like their own, observed by European residents.

In Australia and New Zealand, a white Christmas is unknown, but the customs are the same as in snowy American and English areas. While roast beef, turkey, plum pudding and mince pie are the substantial Christmas dinner much in the English tradition, the meal will be eaten on a warm sunny day.

Instead of poinsettias and green Christmas wreaths the holiday blooms "down under" are pure white Christmas lilies, gladioli and delphiniums.

Allied troops still in the Middle East may find themselves near Bethlehem. Last Christmas many American boys from the Mediterranean made pilgrimages to the holy places and many left in that area may plan similar trips this year.

If so, they may attend impressive services held by the Eastern Orthodox church on the Latin Christmas, beginning at 10 o'clock on Christmas Eve. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry and ecclesiastic guards in gorgeous array. At the reading of the gospel the people leave the

church and follow the clergy along a rock-hewn passage to the grotto of the Nativity. There a waxen image of the Infant is laid on the site said to be that of the manger.

In Europe many of our soldiers will worship in some of the oldest cathedrals on the continent. At St. Peter's in Rome, at Notre Dame in Paris and at other historic shrines of Christianity solemn and impressive services will usher in the day.

In Belgium, the Santa Claus part of Christmas will have passed by December 25, for their St. Nicholas Day is 19 days before that date. The old saint rides a white horse in Belgium, instead of driving a reindeer and the children leave hay in their stockings for the horse to eat in return for what the good saint leaves for them.

'Xmas' Has Authentic Basis of Use Throughout History

While many people frown on the use of "Xmas" for Christmas, this abbreviation has an authentic basis in history.

The "X" is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ. Christian scholars of the middle ages are said in their writings to have abbreviated the spelling of the Nativity celebration into "Y-mass" or simply "Xmas." In the same way "Xn" was used for Christian and "Xty" for Christianity.

In the catacombs of ancient Rome, X is frequently found to stand for Christ. The earliest Christian artists, when marking a representation of the Trinity, would place either a cross or X beside the Father and the Holy Ghost.

Christmas Greetings

to one and all



Straight from our hearts come the season's greetings: sincere, joyous and full of hope. Here's Christmas happiness for all.

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Our hearts are full of gratefulness to all our friendly customers who have been so understanding during wartime limitations in service and merchandise. Thanks to you! A Merry Christmas to you! And we will try to do our best for you always!

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Once again we welcome the opportunity of sending along our GREETINGS to the many friends throughout the area we serve. If we have been of service to you during the past year, we have

achieved, in a small measure, the goal planned a year ago.

Please accept our sincere best SEASON'S GREETINGS. May your Christmas be a happy one.

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Christmas Customs Of World Accumulation

By ELIZABETH BOYKIN

With internationalism the hope and prayer of all of us whatever our political faith, it is particularly stirring to think of the internationalism of our Christmas. It is not only an international celebration but the midwinter holiday is one that man has commemorated since long before the Christmas era, almost as far back as we can trace his story.

At first the midwinter holiday was a celebration of joy that the gathering darkness of the days had stopped and that the days were growing lighter and longer again. Early man had a terrible fear that there might come a time when there was no light left on earth.

The Christian era likewise was ushered in with a symbolism of light in a dark world and so the celebration of Christ's birthday was set at this midwinter time in the fourth century A. D.

But the church regarded as heathen the use of lights and evergreens to decorate for Christmas festivities. A vigorous effort was made to suppress their use and Tertullian writes: "Let the heathen kindle lamps—they who have no light. Let them fix to the door posts laurel branches, to be burned, but thou, oh, Christian, art a light in the world, a tree that is evergreen. Make not a pagan temple of thy own house door."

But the love of man for light and for evergreens, even to symbolize his new faith, persisted and during early American times, efforts to suppress the idea were still being made. Massachusetts in the 17th century enacted a bill reading: "Anybody who is found observing by abstinence from labor, feasting or in any other way, any such day as Christmas Day shall pay for every such offense five shillings."

But eventually the evergreens and the lights were accepted as a part of the Christian celebration of Christmas and they even acquired a Christian symbolism. The holly berries came to represent the drops of Christ's blood, the leaves his crown of thorns, while the mistletoe berries became symbols of Mary's tears.

The gay home customs of Christmas are likewise an accumulation of many lands and many cultures. The American Santa Claus developed from Holland's St. Nicholas while our Christmas tree came from Germany. England gave us the tradition of the flaming plum pudding and many of our most beloved carols. Mexico is the homeland of the poinsettia, and the Latin countries of Europe gave us the creche and many of the loveliest of the religious pictures that we like best on Christmas cards. From Sweden we have the gracious picture of the sheaf of wheat on the gate posts so the birds can share the holiday and the custom of gingerbread cakes in animal shapes.

Many Relics of St. Nicholas Still Are Enshrined in Southern Italy

To the residents of the town of Bari, Italy, the possession of a saint's body meant much in the early 11th century. That is why all that is mortal of Santa Claus—otherwise St. Nicholas, the bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor—now rests in Bari.

The body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra by Italian sailors, who thought as most Europeans thought back in 1087, that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to a town. Even an arm or a toe was rated highly among civic possessions.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage a poverty-stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

And St. Nicholas is credited with

and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of vice by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting restoring life to three boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra that is why we occasionally see stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.

So the legends multiplied, and especially did they become popular in Holland and Belgium. There, too, the children put their wooden shoes before the fireplace on Christmas Eve, and confidently expected that good behavior of recent weeks would be rewarded. Bad children, of course, found only ashes and whips in their shoes.

CHRISTMAS CRIB TRADITION WAS FOUNDED BY MEDIEVAL TABLEAU IN OLD NAPLES

In 1787, Goethe described Naples as the city of Christmas. Crib: every church had its "Praesepe" and families erected evergreen shrines within their homes, and upon the flat roof-tops of their dwellings where Vesuvius and the starlit Neapolitan sky created a Hollywood-like background.

St. Francis of Assisi received special permission from the Vatican to present a Christmas tableau in 1223. This first "Praesepe" set up in the chance of the church in Greccio, Italy, was complete with real live animals.

Potted Yule Trees Can Be Used For Several Years

The record of using the same Christmas tree for the last five holiday seasons is held by Mrs. H. R. Yount of Brunswick county in North Carolina.

Mrs. Yount planted a small cedar by her farm house and the first Christmas it was about 15 inches high. She placed it in a pot and used it as a table tree with appropriate decorations.

After the first Christmas, she replanted the small tree by the house, then dug it up again and placed it in a bucket on a table for its second holidays.

Again it was replanted and the third year it took its place on the floor with the children adding the necessary decorations. It was very carefully treated and again reset by the house. For the last two years it has been used as an outside Christmas tree to carry all the lights and decorations.

Mrs. Yount and the other members of the family have made special preparations for decorating the traditional Christmas tree again this year.

Switzerland Kept Xmas for Refugees

Switzerland "kept" Christmas last year for the 20,000 refugee children who were being cared for within her borders as Europe celebrated its sixth wartime Christmas.

From France and Belgium from Holland, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and far distant Greece they had come—many of them orphans, many children without a country—traversing Europe by circuitous routes. Guided by peasants, Red Cross workers, Wehrmacht guards, and older children they arrived on foot, herded in cattle cars, traveling in groups.

A fraction of the millions of innocent victims of World War II, these refugee children were supposed to remain only two or three months so as to give other youngsters a chance to recuperate in neutral Switzerland. But in many cases, repatriation was delayed—parents were scattered or dead, battles still raged in areas whence the children had come, so they were allowed to remain and Switzerland, crowding them to her bosom, welcomed many, many others.

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To Our Friends!

We greet you at Christmastime with all the sincerity in the world. May the season hold abundant joy for each of you, our friends. And may the coming years see the fulfillment of your every ambition, hope and desire.

A HAPPY HOLIDAY

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Superstitions Told About New Year's In Many Lands

New Year's Day affords everyone the opportunity to bring himself good luck throughout the year. At least that is supposed to be true according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

The "First Foot" — the first person to enter the house on New Year's morning — plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes. He must be a dark man to bring good luck, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out," then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year. The most auspicious gifts as luck-bringers are a lump of coal and a red herring.

Unmarried persons are advised to look out of the window on New Year's morning. If you see a man, it is a sign that you will be wed before the year is out. Should you see a horse, you can have a wish, and it will be realized within the year. To see a dog is lucky, but a cat foretells worry.

A little care will make it possible to bring oneself good luck for the entire year. Wear something new, if possible, on New Year's Day, but the garment must be put on when you first dress in the morning. Receipt of a gift is certain to carry luck. Wish everyone you meet "A Happy New Year," but remember when the greeting is given to cross your fingers for luck. Be sure to say "rabbits" as the first word when you wake before anyone has had a chance to speak to you.

Love's progress will be aided on New Year's Day if you are careful to put on the left stocking before the right. The potency of this charm is supposed to be increased if you do all things as far as possible left-handedly during the day.

To open a bank account on New Year's Day was considered lucky in Old England, the custom growing probably from the belief of many centuries that whatever you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen during the months that will follow.

In some parts of England and Scotland it is supposed to be unlucky to leave a house until some outsider has first entered it.

Sheffield has become the center of the alloy and special steel industry in England.

New Year's A 'Short-Short' New Year's Story

"Gee, it's funny how that habit which the folks instill in us during childhood helps when stranded in a big city of strangers where I know no one in particular," Netta Carson reflected as she mused over the evening newspaper.

That habit which had become so much to the Carson family was to do—or resolve to do—a good deed for someone during New Year's Day.

In recalling her life at home, she came on an idea and then jumped to the practical application. Netta Carson sat down at her desk and took a fountain pen in hand. She

wrote to the owner of the office building in which she worked. Her purpose was to tell him about the wonderful service Jed, the diminutive elevator boy, was giving though none of the other building tenants took the time to appreciate it. It was almost a month later when Jed stopped and thanked her and informed her that he had received a two dollar raise on the strength of her praise and appreciation of him.

Another letter written to the chief of police, which praised the officer on the beat near where her rooming house was located she discover-

ed, was responsible for the officer receiving a promotion.

A note to the head of the department store where she bought her stockings and other fineries of life, praising the timid little sales girl at the glove-counter, resulted in the girl being moved to a better counter—not to mention a raise in pay.

During the course of that New Year's Day she wrote and mailed about two dozen such thank-you letters to firms, officers and other employers. Thanking them for folks that other folks appreciate, too, but never seem to find time to thank.



Let's Make it an Old Fashioned CHRISTMAS

Bring out all the tinsel and tree trimmings! Sing out the gayest of Carols! Have Christmas in your heart and share it with everyone you know!

CRAWFORD'S HOME & AUTO SUPPLY

M. H. Crawford Rube Kelley Van Turner

MERRY WEBB CHRISTMAS

Lengthening shadows of a year just closing bring to mind the many helpful things you have done for us this past twelve months. Mindful of your many courtesies, we take this means to send each of you our very best Greetings and to wish for you a multitude of good things and many happy days for all.

MIDDLETON'S GROCERY & MARKET

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The Symbol of peace...
... A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The untroubled hush of snow-laden, starlit streets; the free abandon of song and laughter in warm, guest filled households; the love in our hearts for one and all — these make for the very spirit of peace and good will.

BALDWIN'S

Lamesa's Leading Store

Greetings
for the
Yuletide
Season

The time of the year when bells ring out the gladsome tidings in our hearts -- the time of the year when the Star a-top the Christmas tree shines brightly, reflecting in its brilliance the memory of good things in the past — better things to come. Our sincerest wish for the best to all of you on Christmas Day.

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Santa Claus Is Bearer of Gifts In Many Lands

Mothers of America are overwhelmingly agreed that parents should teach their children to believe in Santa Claus.

At least that is the conclusion drawn from a recent opinion poll by a leading woman's magazine.

One of the women polled made an answer typical of many: "Belief in Santa Claus is one of the beautiful wonders of childhood. It gives us a period in which dreams come true and anything is possible."

Christmas is like heaven on earth for the very young, the magazine points out. But as America moves from war to peace, there is an inevitable emphasis on reality and truth. No one wants to fool or be fooled. Therefore, should even happy myths be promoted?

Should children still be taught to believe in Santa Claus? Should they enjoy all the magic of childhood while they can, including the traditional myths, or should they be told the truth in preparation for the adult world they must some day face?

Considering these questions, the opinion poll asked a group of women representing a cross-section of millions of American homes, "Do you think parents should teach their

Amsterdam Dutch Brought Santa Claus Across With Them

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

It all began about 300 years ago. When the Dutch boys and girls first came to America in the early 17th century, and settled in New Amsterdam, they brought Sinter Klaas with them, and Sinter Klaas Eve was still their most important day. After a time, the English took Amsterdam from the Dutch and named it New York.

Many years before this, the English had had a Saint Nicholas celebration. In the English celebration, the choir boys elected a boy bishop and for a week boys went around the town begging gifts, but these

children to believe in Santa Claus?"

The response was decisively affirmative. More than 87 per cent of the women voted "yes."

"If a child thinks of Santa as a man there will be eventual disillusionment," commented one woman.

"But Santa portrayed as the spirit of giving remains a beautiful idea." Another woman pointed out: "Santa is as real as Uncle Sam."

festivities had been stopped by royal decree. When the English took over New York, the Dutch boys and girls kept right on celebrating Sinter Klaas day in spite of the English laws. Later Norwegian and Belgian children who settled in and near New York, also celebrated the day in a similar manner. It wasn't long before English boys and girls wanted to receive gifts. Since they already were celebrating Christ's birthday on December 25, they chose that day as the one on which to exchange gifts. The English children called Sinter Klaas Santa Claus.

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

Nell Gwyn, English actress of the seventeenth century was illiterate and with difficulty scrawled an awkward E. Eleanor G. at the bottom of her letters, written for her by others.

The great albatross has a wing spread of 11 1-2 feet.

Evolution Given Of Santa Claus

St. Nicholas and Santa Claus met at the Sunday School Christmas party and, being sort of busy right then agreed to rendezvous at midnight under the Christmas tree.

St. Nicholas, a lean Asiatic wearing his miter and canonical robes, spoke first:

"I lived in Asia Minor some 1600 years ago. I was Archbishop of Myra and, while living on earth I did drop a few purses of gold down a poor man's chimney so his daughters could be supplied with dowries. European countries celebrate my liturgical Feast Day—December 6—as a day of gift-giving and for centuries I rode across Europe on my old gray mare: my pockets bulged with apples and nuts and trinkets, which I gave to good children while switching the naughty ones with my bundle of birch rods. But what is all this Christmas business—and where did that red suit come from?"

"When the Dutch settlers came to America," replied Santa Claus, "they brought many legends about St. Nicholas with them. These legends, with writers and cartoonists cooperating, gradually slipped into American traditions: Santa Claus started coming around at Christmas time; Washington Irving suggested the sleigh and reindeer in 1809;

Origin of Stockings And Shoes for Gifts

Why have stockings come to be the traditional receptacles for family Christmas gifts?

Although historians can give no completely authentic answer, they point out that children's stockings are usually hung by the chimney to keep warm or dry out, so it was natural that Santa Claus should pick them as the place in which to deposit gifts.

In certain regions of France it is the shoe that it put out on Christmas Eve. Some authorities say that shoes and stockings were put near the fireplace for the same reason that an old boot was associated with a wedding—in order to bring good luck and drive away evil spirits.

One Christmas story stresses the good luck feature. St. Nicholas, it is related, once dropped a purse down a chimney. Instead of falling into the hearth, the purse dropped into a stocking, and ever since then the happy custom of filling the Christmas stocking has been universally popular.

Thomas Nast supplied the red suit, and Dr. Clement Moore sort of tied the whole idea together when he wrote "The Visit of St. Nicholas" in 1822.

Someone forgot to turn out the lights after the Sunday School party—and St. Nicholas was so interested in Santa's zippered boots that he forgot his bundle of birch rods.

Boar's Head Rich In Lore and Food

The wild boar has been revered from earliest times as having taught mankind the art of plowing by routing into the ground with his tusks.

Pre-Christian Druids, celebrating the winter solstice, offered a boar's head to the goddess Freya and be-

cause of its food value, boar has always been an important part of festive menus.

Once upon a Christmas Day—so the story goes—a student of Oxford was studying Aristotle while walking in Shotover forest. Suddenly a wild boar rushed at the lad who, in desperation, crammed his book into the gaping jaws of the beast. The student was poor and could

not afford to lose his Aristotle so he cut off the boar's head and recovered the text book; neither was a good boar's head to be wasted, so it was taken to Queen's college, roasted and eaten. Whenforth, elaborate ceremonies attend the bringing in of the boar's head on Christmas Day.

—BUY MORE WAR BONDS—

peace on earth,
good will toward men.

Just as our steadfast faith and eternal hope brought us through the days of trial and tribulation, so will that same faith and hope ever burning brightly in our hearts see us through to a world of freedom and everlasting peace. This Christmas heralds much for which to be grateful—much for which to offer up our thanks. Let us pray fervently that soon Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men shall encompass every corner of the globe.



Mr. and Mrs. John Childers

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AT THIS GLAD TIME OF THE YEAR . . .



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Follow These Simple Precautions To Avoid Accidents at Christmas

The traditionally joyous Christmas holidays are marred for many families by tragic accidents resulting directly from holiday festivities. By following these simple logical precautions, you can make sure that none of these mishaps occur in your home.

Many of the Christmas accidents center around the Christmas tree. Most of the strings of lights decorating this season's trees have been in use for three or four years because of wartime conservation measures. Broken insulation and loose wires at the socket are dangerous. If you have done some amateur wiring such as joining two strings of lights together, be sure that the joinings are wrapped sufficiently in electric wiring tape to prevent accident.

Although Christmas candles are appearing more and more rarely on trees, they are still taking a yearly toll of lives and accidents. Open flame lighting is dangerous at its best and must be accompanied by numerous and constant precautions if disaster is to be avoided. It is better to have no lights at all than to risk costly fires from candles.

Toys, intended to enchant the youngsters at Christmas, can be another potential source of accidents. It is therefore wise to look

over your children's toys and see that they are safe to play with. The best-meaning uncle or aunt could have picked out a toy with a rough edge, a sharp corner or a splintery handle.

It is also wise to look over your youngster's toys and pick out the ones that are not suitable for his age. A two-year-old with a tool chest, for instance, can do damage to both himself and his baby brother, if given a free hand with a hammer and saw.

While the litter from Christmas packages is still about, be particularly careful of your smoking. Some hot ashes dropped on thin tissue paper or a carelessly tossed match could result in serious damage. Unless your Christmas tree decorations are guaranteed fireproof, they too can be a source of danger.

The Greatest GIFT

Christmas means more than mailing presents and opening packages. Today as never before in history, it means giving something of ourselves to others. For that is the spirit of the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate.

This year more families in this community have given the supreme gift—the offering of sons for their country. Stars on some service flags have turned to gold. Each week this newspaper has proudly recorded the deeds of those who serve, fight and die, if need be, that we may be free.

The families of these heroes know the true meaning of Christmas. For they, also, have given a Son.

Many of us cannot match such records of high sacrifice. But we can give and we can serve in other ways. We can make good will and

ANIMALS WARMED HOLY INFANT IN BETHLEHEM

Many legends attribute the power of speech to birds and animals during the midnight hour of Christmas Eve in recognition of the beasts who, sharing the stable of Bethlehem, warmed the Holy Infant with their breath.

To honor these traditions Polish children masquerade in animal costumes on Christmas Eve.

kindness, charity and understanding not empty words but heart-warming realities in our dealings with others. We can help the boys returning to this community from the war build a brave new future. We can cheer the lonely homes of servicemen still far away. We can speed the day of peace on earth, justice and brotherhood.

In this giving of ourselves we will all be far richer. And we will add inner meaning and strength to the age-old but ever-new greeting which this newspaper extends to you and yours—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

My Daily Prayer

Author Unknown

"This coming year I'd like to be a friend to everyone:
I'd like to feel each day well spent at setting of the sun;
I'd like to know that I have done at least one kindly deed.
Before I lay me down to sleep that I have given heed—
To some one's cry for sympathy or friendship or that I have made the day seem brighter to some chance passer-by.
And that the world is better still in just some little way.
Because I've tried to live the very best I could each day.

"I'd like to be a ray of light when skies are overcast.
I'd like to help some one who failed to blot out all the past.
To start again despite the storms, and find the skies are blue.
To know that in this good-old world there's lots that's fine and true.
I'd like to be the kind of person everyone will love.
And make the world seem just a little more like heaven above.
I'd like in all my dealings to be true and just and fair.
That God will help me do these things shall be my daily prayer."

Patronize The Advertiser



Greetings for a Happy Holiday

Ring out Christmas bells—ring out the merriest Christmas ever to one and all.

LAMESA BUILDERS SUPPLY



On this joyous occasion we want to wish one and all the very merriest of holidays and extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our kind friends who have been so patient during the difficult period of the past with the promise of better things to come in the near future.

CLARK-McDONALD DRUG CO.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO ONE AND ALL

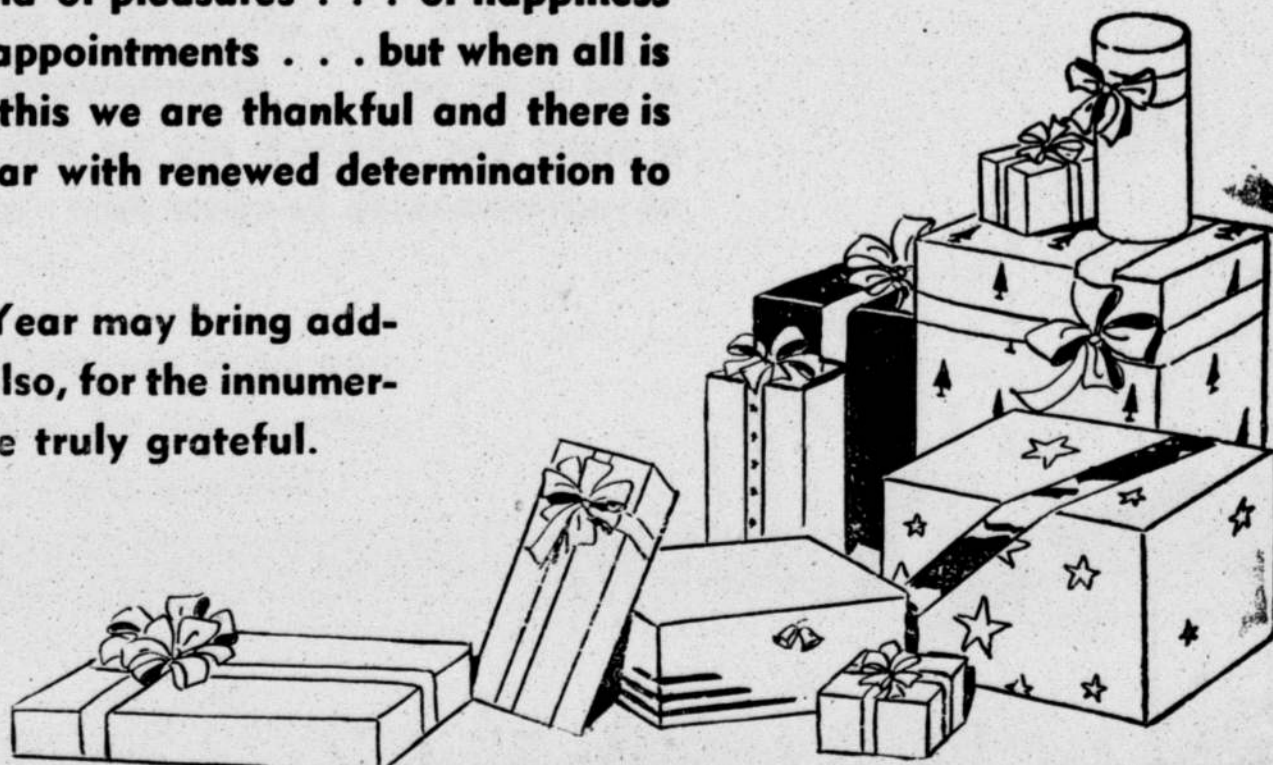
The year just ending has been another year of hard work and of pleasures . . . of happiness and of sorrows . . . a year of achievements and a year of disappointments . . . but when all is said and done, the past year has been a mighty fine one. For this we are thankful and there is reason for rejoicing, but we must and shall go into the New Year with renewed determination to make the coming twelve months happier than ever before.

That you may have cause for rejoicing and that the New Year may bring added blessings to each of you, is our Christmas wish. Thanks, also, for the innumerable courtesies extended us in the year just closing. We are truly grateful.



DR. S. Z. FRAZIER
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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

I don't need so much, but of you do then that is what I want.

Your little friend,
Neta Collett,
Route B, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy seven years old. Wynell is my sister, and she is five years old. I want a target, truck and some watercolors. Wynell wants a pretty ring and a color book. We both want some candy and nuts. Goodbye.
Kenneth and Wynell Walker.

Dear Santa Claus,
We have been pretty good little girls. Will you please bring us some dolls, brooms, candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget our little cousin, Weldon Wayne. He has been a real nice little boy.
Yours truly,
Dell and Linda Davis,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
My name is Alyce Ruth Gaines. I am nine years old. I want a doll house for Christmas and all the furniture to go with it. Thank you so much.
Alyce Ruth.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a picture puzzle and nurse set. I would also like to have a housecoat and a pair of house slippers.
Sincerely yours,
Laverne Olds,
Motor Route A, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl. I am not quite two years old, but I will have a birthday before Christmas.

I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, a blanket, a book and anything else you can bring me. Please bring me some fruit, nuts and candy, too.
Love,
Brenda Medford,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl almost eight years old. I go to school at Flower Grove, and I am in the second grade.
Will you please bring me a doll with red hair and blue eyes and a blanket for it? I would also like to have some fruit, nuts and candy. Remember all the little boys and girls everywhere.
Your friend,
Rose Ann Medford,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old, and I have been very good. I want you to bring me a big baby doll, a tricycle, set of dishes, a nurse's set and a set of water colors. I also want some candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget my little year-old sister, Wanda Jean. Bring her a negro doll, a white doll, a little wagon and some other toys. Don't forget other little boys and girls.
Love,
Louise Taylor,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little boy this year and for Christmas I want a teddy bear, a new Buick, a rubber ball and don't forget my best girl friend. Bring us both lots of candy and nuts. Don't forget my other friends out at Union.
Love till next year,
Billy Jo Cohorn,
Star Route 4, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl eight years old and my name is Sandra Lou. Will you please bring me a doll, bedroom slippers and a robe? And anything else you think I would like.
I have a little sister five years old and her name is Glenda Kaye. She wants a doll robe, slippers and a set of dishes. And Santa, please don't forget the other boys and girls.
Love,
Sandra Lou and Glenda Kaye,
Medford,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a moving van, toy telephone, cowboy suit, four motored bomber, toy cash register, a ring, identification bracelet, dart set, puzzle, Pollyanna game and anything else you want to bring me.
Your friend,
Ben Alexander,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good, and I have been studying hard, so will you please bring me a wrist watch and a tre-vue. I want a blackboard with some chalk and an eraser to go with it. Too, I want some boots.
Santa Claus, will you bring my Mother a half-gallon ice cream freezer, please.
Your little friend,
Darlene,
Box 148, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the third grade. I want a BB gun. Don't forget my brother.
Your friend,
Luther Jeter.

Dear Santa Claus,
We have still got our dolls and doll beds that you gave us last year and are still good. But we will have to admit that our house shoes wore out and we have lost one of our head scarfs. But we have been very good.

Please bring us a set of dishes, a red letter Bible and a doll house. If there is anything else you want to bring us it will be alright.
We love you,
Geraldine, Geneva and Louise Swafford,
General Delivery, Elida, N. M.
P. S. Granny Pounds said bring her a ragdoll and please do bring Granddaddy (J. W.) Pounds a little red wheelbarrow, and maybe if he doesn't use it, he will give it to us.

Dear Santa,
We are a little girl four years old and a little boy two and a half years old. We have been good, and on the night we have our Christmas tree we want you to, please, bring us a set of dishes, a doll, doll clothes, blackboard that stands on legs, a train set, a tool set, bathrobes and house shoes for both, lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget our little sister, Donna Kay, who is six months old. Thanks a million for it all.
Love,
Sharron and Clinton Smith,
Route C, Box 96, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl and, of course, I am looking for you to come to see me.
I would like for you to bring me a doll, dishes, cabinet, trunk and expansion bracelet, fruits and nuts. Please I have a baby brother now, and don't forget him.
Lots of love,
Loy O'Brien.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am three years old and have been a good girl. I want a doll, table and chairs, dishes, red wagon, doll bed and anything else you thing I would like.
Bring my things to PaPa's at Colorado City, because I'll be there for Christmas.
Love,
Sylvia Ann Smith.

Dear Santa,
We are three little girls. We have been good little girls, Santa. We all want a set of dishes and a telephone a piece. And bring us nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget Mother and Daddy. Thanks, Santa.
Your little friends,
Earnesteen, Carrol Jean and Edna Jean Gillit,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
We have been pretty good this year, and we want a doll a piece, table and chairs and some dishes. Also bring us lots of fruit, nuts, candy and gum.
We wish you would wake us up this year, because we would like to see you and talk to you.
Linda Rae and Donna Cheryl O'Neil.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll buggy, a band majorette doll and a locket that I can put Jimmie's picture in. I would like to have doll house for my paper dolls. I hope you will bring Jimmie a rubber doll and a big ball to play with.
Geraldine Henderson,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl seven years old. I want a baby doll, a nurse set, a book, a telephone, candy and that's all.
Love,
Loretta Brown.

Dear Santa,
I want some tinker toys, a painting set, twin scabbards and guns and a little car with a trailer. If this is not too much, bring me a tractor and a box of candy, too. Please bring Jimmie a little rabbit that will say "squeak-squeak" when you squeeze it.
Darl Henderson,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a real nice Bible, some "Bobbsey Twins" story books and an airgun if you have one. If it isn't asking too much, I would like to have a pair of field glasses and a compass and an archery set.
Ray Neal Henderson,
Lamesa.

P. S. Fill our stockings with candy, fruit and nuts.
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tricycle, some skates, a teddy bear, a doll, doll bed and necklace. Also bring me fruit, candy and nuts.
Your little friends,
Wanda Jean White.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old. I live 17 miles southeast of Lamesa. Santa, I have been a good little girl, and I want you to come to see me this Christmas. I want

a little doll, a tricycle, a wagon and a doll carriage. If you don't have enough for all the little kids,

This Completes Our Christmas



WE DO NOT CONSIDER OUR CHRISTMAS COMPLETE UNTIL WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR SEASON'S GREETINGS TO THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED IN THE PAST YEARS. IT GIVES US A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO EXTEND THESE GOOD WISHES BECAUSE WE KNOW THE VALUE OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

THE HOTEL BEAUTY SHOP

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ANOTHER CHRISTMAS



Once again we welcome the Christmas season. This year, however, the occasion takes on added importance because of the trying times each of us have experienced since last Christmastime.

Gratefully we acknowledge the courtesies you have extended us these past twelve months, and we know of no better time to express our appreciation than on this, the happiest occasion of them all. May Christmas hold for you and yours all the good things possible.

STEVE'S TOP AND BODY SHOP

Season's GREETINGS

Christmas is more than just a day! It is the hopes and prayers of people everywhere who have tasted fear and pain and want, as well as security and comfort and plenty. Christmas is the memory of all memories within the hearts of all, the recollection of little things and great things that make up the lives of each of us.

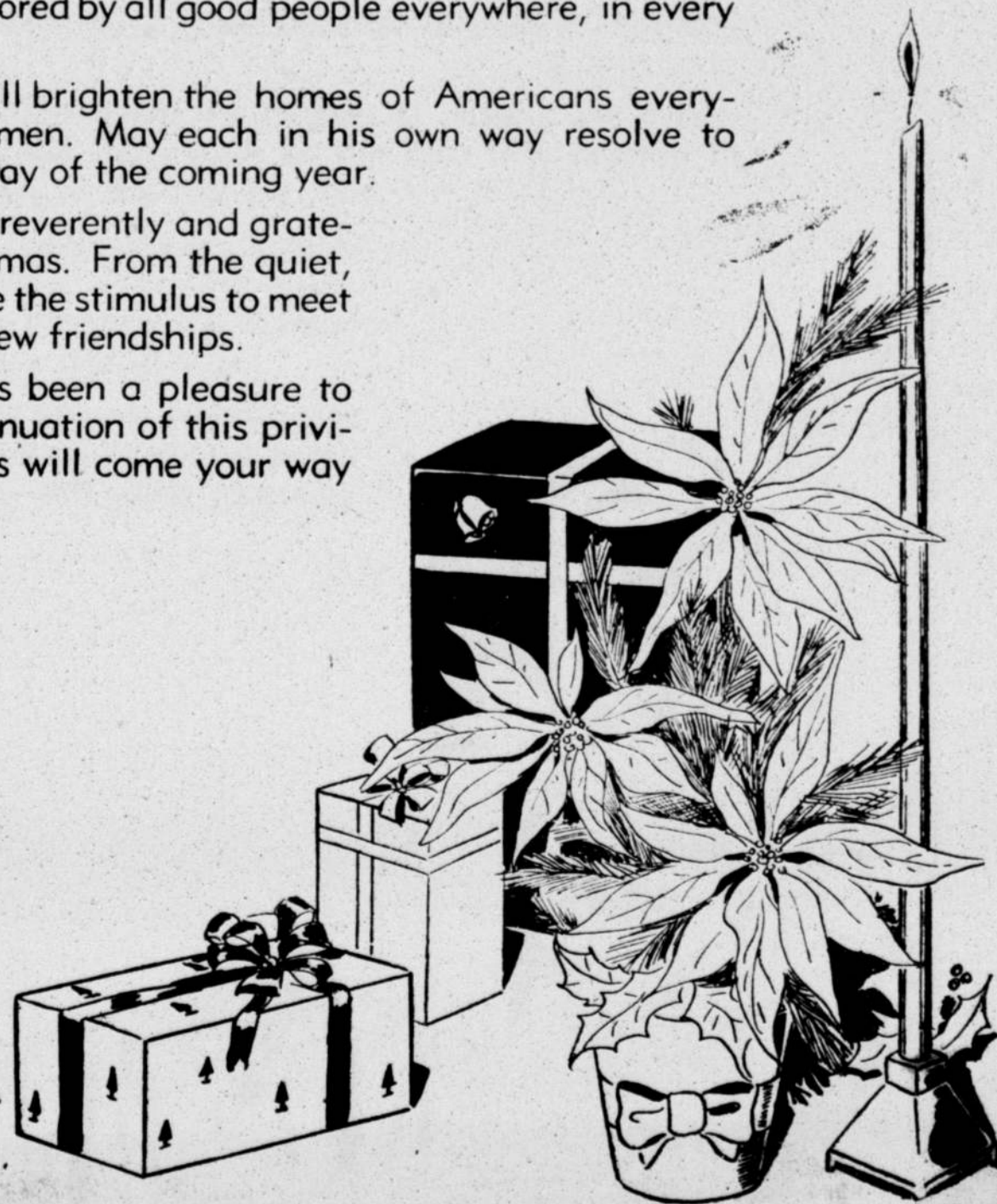
Christmas can be, and should be, the rebirth of great thoughts and firm resolves to make ideals and ambitions come true. It is a day to be honored by all good people everywhere, in every city, in every village, in every home.

Twinkling lights and gleaming Christmas trees will brighten the homes of Americans everywhere. The spirit of good will lives in the hearts of men. May each in his own way resolve to keep the spirit of Christmas alive throughout every day of the coming year.

Let us celebrate this great occasion thoughtfully, reverently and gratefully in keeping with the true significance of Christmas. From the quiet, comforting happiness of the Yuletide may we receive the stimulus to meet the New Year with new ambitions, new hopes and new friendships.

Please accept our Greetings of the Season. It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we look forward to a continuation of this privilege in the future. It is our wish that all good things will come your way this season and for many seasons to come.

FORREST LUMBER COMPANY



SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus.

I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a tricycle and a rubber ball. I also want some candy and nuts, but don't forget the other children everywhere. I have tried to be a good girl and do all I could to help.

I love you,
Esther Riethmayer.
Lamesa.

Dear Santa.

I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade at Klondike School.

Mother and Daddy say that I have been a nice girl, and would you please bring me a doll, a stretchy bracelet, a table and chairs with chromium legs, a nurse's kit, some books and games, and something good to eat, as I'm always hungry. I would like to have a scooter if you have an extra one.

Your little friend,
Kay O'Brien.
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a white Bible and a sock set and fruits, nuts and candy. Your little eight-year-old friend,
Mona Rose West.
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus:

As Christmas is just around the corner, I find I must write you a letter. You already know me, Santa, but I want to introduce my little brother, Kenneth, to you. He is only five months old and I want you to bring him a lot of pretties. He is really a good little boy.

I want you to please bring me a doll, boy telephone and anything else you think I might like. I've been a pretty good little girl myself.

Love,
Meiba and Kenneth Huddleston.
Lamesa.

Dear Santa.

I am a little girl five years old. I have been a good little girl and want you to bring me a doll like the one I saw in Lamesa. I would like a lot of nuts and candy and also remember all the other little boys and girls everywhere.

Joyce Frank.
Dear Santa Claus.

Please bring me a doll with hair and a big set of little dishes and a pair of ear muffs and also a story book and lots of nuts, candies and fruit.
Patsy Patterson.
Welch.

Dear Santa.

Please bring me a doll, an ironing board and iron and some little dishes. I've been a pretty good little girl. Please bring all the little girls and boys lots of nice things. I'm hoping you will.

Your little friend,
Joyce Ann Williams.
Route B, Lamesa.
P. S. Please don't forget to bring me lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Merry Christmas to you!

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a telescope and a truck with a trailer and jeep with a trailer and fruits, nuts and candy. Your little six-year-old friend,
Lynn West.
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus.

I want a bow and arrow and telescope and fruits, nuts and candy. Your little seven-year-old friend,
Louis West.
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am a little two and half-year-old girl have been pretty good. I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy, set of dishes, ironing board, set of ABC blocks, toy lawn mower, reading books and lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

Remember my little cousin, Janet. Your little friends,
Linda Kay Harris.
Ackerly.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am in the third grade and am nine years old. I would like for you to bring me a cedar chest, a rubber ball and story book and a sweater. I have been good, and I try to study real hard. Don't forget me.

Your friend,
Margaret Riethmayer.
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am a little girl seven years old, and I have been nice all of the year. I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll's wardrobe, some doll dishes, a doll bed, lots of doll clothes, a bank and I also want lots of candy, fruits and nuts.

Dear Santa.

Please bring me a steam shovel, a play gun, a dart board and a play cash register. And of course, if you have candy and nuts, they would taste fine.

Your friend,
Jimmy Norris.
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus.

I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be good this year and am about ready for a visit from you.

Please bring me an ABC set, a gun, a tractor and a shovel. I hope to see you Christmas. Your friend,
Dickie Norris.
Lamesa.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

We see no reason to change our Christmas sentiment this year, although we realize the difficult times that all have been through. We are equally conscious of the importance of Christmas and the opportunity it gives us to renew old acquaintances and to encourage new ones. Let us set this one day aside to forget the unpleasant realities of life and to remember the pleasant associations of friends and loved ones. Let us look forward to a season of complete enjoyment; making the best of the facilities that are ours. We wish each of you a joyous Yuletide and a Season of contentment.



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THE PEACE AND CONTENTMENT OF Christmas



Would that the spirit of Christmas remain with each of us throughout the days of the coming year. What joy and happiness would be in store for all. It would lead to a better world, a more complete understanding of the problems of our loved ones and friends, a happier life.

May each of us, in our own way, resolve to carry the spirit of the Nativity in our hearts, maintaining the cheer of Christmas all through the year.

Dyer Hardware and Auto Supply

J. D. DYER J. H. ANDREWS
Toby Reed . . . Gerald Hanes . . . Gerald Prather
Clarence Mosley . . . Myrtle Prather

The Season's GREETINGS



MAY YOU ACHIEVE THE ULTIMATE IN HAPPINESS ON THIS GLORIOUS OCCASION.

LAMESA TIN and RADIATOR SHOP
411 North Second Phone 64



One of the real joys of Yuletide is the opportunity to put aside the routine and customs of every day business and in real sincerity wish our friends

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

LAMESA STEAM LAUNDRY

At least one time in the year we can be happy. The contentment and enjoyment of abundant life is greatly in evidence at this one season of the year—Christmas. On this great significant occasion we need to lean toward those things for which Christmas stands.

We need the spiritual help that comes from associations and thoughtfulness of loved ones and friends. It tends to offer encouragement to us after the experiences of the year filled with unsettled conditions, with sacrifices, and in many cases—unhappiness.

Let us remember those things for which Christmas stands, obtaining from these remembrances the confidence that will enable us to meet the problems of the future with heads unbowed.

May we wish you a happy season for this and many more years to come.



Merry Christmas

ENGLISH and McQUIEN MOTOR COMPANY

THE Joy of CHRISTMAS

There is no joy to surpass that of Christmas and we are hoping that you will receive an abundance of it this Christmas and for many years to come. May you have a shower of nice things and may the joy that comes so naturally at Christmastime go with you through every day of the coming year.

THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL and EMPLOYEES OF CITY OF LAMESA

NEW MEXICO ORGANIZES TO BACK SUPER HIGHWAY 180

Additional emphasis to the Highway 180 organization—a permanent group which proposes extension of the present road into a super highway from coast to coast—was made with the election of three vice presidents at a meeting recently in Artesia, N. M., of associated chambers of commerce from the southern half of New Mexico.

Paul Brown of Hobbs, Gerald D. Champion of Alamogordo and Elmer Moss of Carlsbad were the New Mexico men elected to work in conjunction with C. N. von Roeder of Snyder, Judge Floyd Jones of Breckenridge and A. H. Guinn of Mineral Wells. Von Roeder, Jones and Guinn were elected Texas vice presidents at the original New Mexico-Texas Highway 180 session held in Lamesa last October 8.

At that same meeting A. H. Hoover and Ralph Petty, both of Artesia, were named president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the setup.

Attending the New Mexico meeting recently were representatives from eight New Mexico towns—Hobbs, Lovington, Carlsbad, Hope, Artesia, Roswell, Alamogordo and Cloudercroft. All representatives enthusiastically endorsed the proposal for constructing a super highway west of Fort Worth across Texas, into eastern New Mexico, across the Pecos Valley and across the mountains near Cloudercroft to link with Highway 90 at Alamogordo. Highway 180 presently extends only from Weatherford to the New Mexico border.

The entire Highway 180 organization was patterned here in Lamesa at the October joint meeting on detail plan of Highway 87, which comes out of Canada and extends south through Denver and Lamesa into Mexico. Mrs. Matt McCall, who has been active for the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce in the Highway 87 organization, gave necessary details and information of its permanent working plan.

President's Holiday Dinner Routine To Be "Whopper" Task

WASHINGTON, (Sp.) — That first of three Christmas dinners which is planned for President Truman Christmas Day should be enough for the day if Mrs. Truman has what she would like to have.

Her favorite Christmas menu for the President is something like this:

Mushroom soup, roast turkey and scalloped oysters, jellied cranberries, celery, olives, jelly, pickles, mashed potatoes and giblet gravy, cauliflower, hot rolls, pear and cheese balls salad, plum pudding and hard sauce, coffee, candy and nuts.

It has not been revealed what the President expects on the table for his own Christmas dinner at Independence, Mo., or for his third meal at his aunt's house.

However, the Trumans are expecting the same kind of Christmas as in the years before they moved to the White House.

Patronize The Advertisers

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy six years old and am in the first grade at school. I have been a good boy, so please bring me a big blackboard, linkertoys, blocks, nuts, candy and fruit, and anything else you have for me. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.

Bye Bye, Love
James Darrell Barnes,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring my little brother a car and gun, and bring me a table and a little doll. Don't forget other little boys and girls.

Thank you, Santa.
Kay and Donny Scott,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy, and I have tried to be nice all the year, and I will tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a gun and holster set, a billfold, a belt, a bow and arrow set, and a dart game. Also I want lots of candy, nuts and fruit.

Billy Jones,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

My Daddy is home this Christmas. I am so happy. Please bring me a baby doll, a nurse set, a baby walker and a birthstone ring. I'd also like a pair of scuffies and lots of fruit and candy. You are so nice to all children.

With love,
Darlene Spraws.

Dear Publisher:

I read in the paper the offer to write Santa Claus through the paper.

Well I am 13 years old, attending the school, and I think I need composition books, pencil and I dream a fountain pen.

Well, poor children read everything, but this is more necessary for the school.

Thanks for your favors to delivery Santa the children's letters.

Gratefully,
Ensenio Gonzalez, Jr.
North Alpine and North Sixth Streets.

The food shipped to Russia by the U. S. in lend-lease from 1941 to 1945 is valued at \$1,473,603,000.



Silent night, holy night

Holiday Greetings

On distant shores, our boys, in their own small groups... in their own inimitable way will celebrate Christmas. To each and everyone go our blessings and our profound wishes for a safe and speedy return.

At Home or Overseas, to One and All

MERRIE CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

McSPADDEN GROCERY and MARKET

A JOYOUS NOEL

With this Greeting we wish to include our sincere thanks for the splendid cooperation we have had from our customers the past months. It has been difficult, at times, for us to maintain our usual standard of service, yet you have been most understanding and liberal with your patronage.

It has been a privilege to have these associations and we will strive with our every effort to merit a continuation of your patronage.

WOOD SERVICE STATION

MR. and MRS. J. M. WOOD, Sr.



At this time when Christmas trees are beginning to glow in the windows everywhere, and the holly wreaths are going up, we want to send you our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas. You have made 1945 a very pleasant year for us, for which we are duly grateful.

PLAINS FEED & PRODUCE

A. F. MONTHEY

A FRIENDLY WORD

The value of a friendly word at Christmas or at any other time carries a significance unsurpassed. It adds to the feeling of satisfaction that comes from the knowledge of having friends during times such as those we have experienced during the past months. A friendly word is something that is indelibly impressed in the minds of people who have endured sacrifices and difficult times.

It is with full knowledge of the real meaning of a friendly word that we express our Christmas Greetings to you. When we say, "Merry Christmas," we want you to accept it as a word of cheer and goodwill. May all the blessings of a glorious Christmas be the good fortune of our many friends.

WILKES GROCERY and MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wilkes
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wilkes



SEASON'S GREETINGS

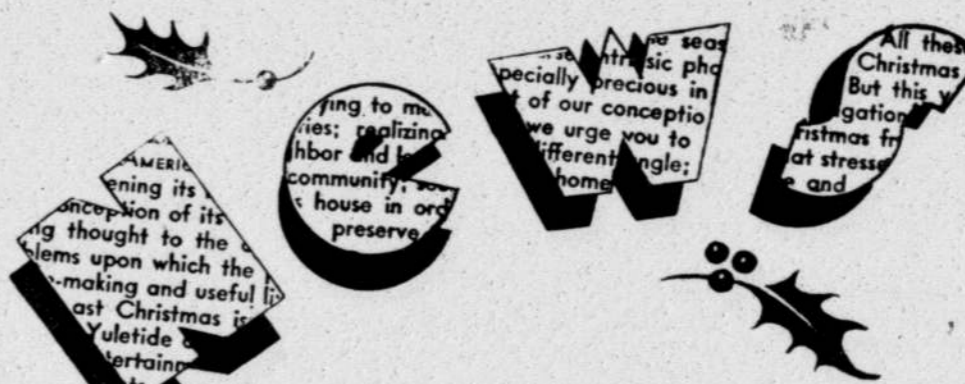
★ The message of good will that emanated from Bethlehem 2,000 years ago not only transforms the world at Christmas but is the foundation of every honest transaction. We depend upon your good will; you depend upon ours.

Your good will has been a priceless asset to us during 1945 and other years. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us and wish you the manifold blessings of a happy Yuletide.

RED CHAIN FEED STORE

LEE P. BURGER, Owner

The Best



of the Season

The Big Headlines of Today Are Not Wars, Accidents, Politics, Marriages or Strikes, They're

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

VAUGHN CHEVROLET CO.

Courier Classified Ads Get Sure and Quick Results

ROCKEFELLER CHOIRSTERS BRING SMALL TOWN TOUCH OF XMAS TO NEW YORK

By CARLE HODGE
AP Newsfeatures Writer

NEW YORK — At Christmas, as at no other time of the year, bustling Rockefeller Center strives to fulfill the boast that it is an overgrown but neighborly village surrounded by Manhattan.

Just as they ring through countless small American town squares, carols echo up from the cement valley between the Center's towering grey office buildings.

The 150 red and blue-robed Rockefeller Center Choirsters sing, and thousands — late shoppers, tourists, servicemen and weary workers fleeing homeward from their desks — stop quietly to listen.

This year, as in the past six they will give two after-work candlelight Christmas concerts at the foot of a giant spruce in the Plaza familiar to sightseers and moviegoers as the sunken ice skating rink. Millions will hear them on a nation-wide broadcast.

Even in a city of oddities, the Choirsters are unique. They are stenographers and office boys and physicians and executives, all hand-picked between the 39,000 who work in the Center's 14 buildings.

They rehearse scrupulously each week of the year, although their performances except for special occasions such as V-E Day or the visits

of dignitaries, come only on Easter, Flag Day and Christmas. When a member ceases to work in the Center, he must resign from the chorus. Energetic John R. Jones, former collaborator in Cornell University's state music program and USO musical advisor, is the director.

Nightly Posadas Drama of 9-Day Christmas

In Mexico, "Posadas" commemorate the journey of Mary and Joseph and their attempt to find lodging in Bethlehem.

Families and friends are divided into two groups — the Holy Pilgrims and the Cruel Hearted Innkeepers. The Pilgrims, led by an angel guiding Mary and Joseph, march through the house carrying lighted candles and singing the Litany of Loretto.

The Innkeepers slip into a room and close the door; soon Joseph begs entrance, which is refused until much coaxing and explanation reveal how desperately Mary needs shelter and the Pilgrims are finally admitted whereupon the whole assembly kneels in prayer before an improvised altar.

After the "Posada" is over, refreshments are served and the evening is spent in jollification.

A PACK O' YULE FUN

By VIVIAN BROWN
Ap Newsfeatures Writer

Christmas wouldn't be any fun at all, to the kids, if dad didn't get down under the tree and join them in a good old-fashioned game.

Sure they have fun ripping open their other presents. But you can just play alone with a doll or a toy for so long without being bored. Of course it was different when Junior had his electric trains — dad was always on hand to put him on the right track. But now it's the games that we must depend on as something the whole family can enjoy.

Of course most of the games are really time-worn now. Santa still hasn't recuperated from all the war shortages of chip board, plastic, metal and die cut materials. So, we will have to wait awhile for the bulk of new game inventions.

But dad with a little ingenuity may find some new ways to play those old games. If he happens to be an ex-GI the chances are that he already has some up his sleeve.

It won't be too difficult to locate the card game revivals like Rook, Pit and Finch or Crossword Lexicon, the word-building game, because most of these use a minimum of materials. It's the best sellers in the board game class like Camelot and Monopoly for which the demand does not equal the supply.

If you get a variety of games,

there will always be one that will become a favorite with each member of the family.

Dig is fun even for the small fry who enjoy scrambling for the letters with the sticky-tipped "gold-mining picks."

Teen-agers should be amused by a sophisticated game like bonanza a combination of Michigan and

rummy, which has the playing field staked out on a cloth.

There are limited supplies of dart games with steel tips available and toylands have some miniature croquet and bowling games and variations of the ring toss game but on the whole it is difficult to find a game which is very different.

GLAD TIDINGS



MAY THE SKIES BE FILLED WITH CHEERFUL GREETINGS TO YOU, YOUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR LIBERAL PATRONAGE AND TRUST WE MAY CONTINUE TO MERIT YOUR CONSIDERATION.

HUDDLESTON DRUG

MR. and MRS. L. E. HUDDLESTON

SANTA CLAUSE LETTERS

Dear Santa,

I live one mile east of Ackerly, Tex. I sure want you to come to my home at Christmastime. I would like to have a toy telephone, a toy

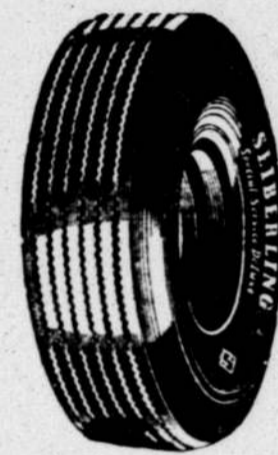
monkey, a small wheelbarrow, some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Robert Darrell Billingsley, Star Route, Ackerly, P. S. My sister Madeline would like

to have a doll and buggy, some dishes, some color books, fruit, nuts and candy.

U. S. public libraries have more than 100,000,000 volumes.

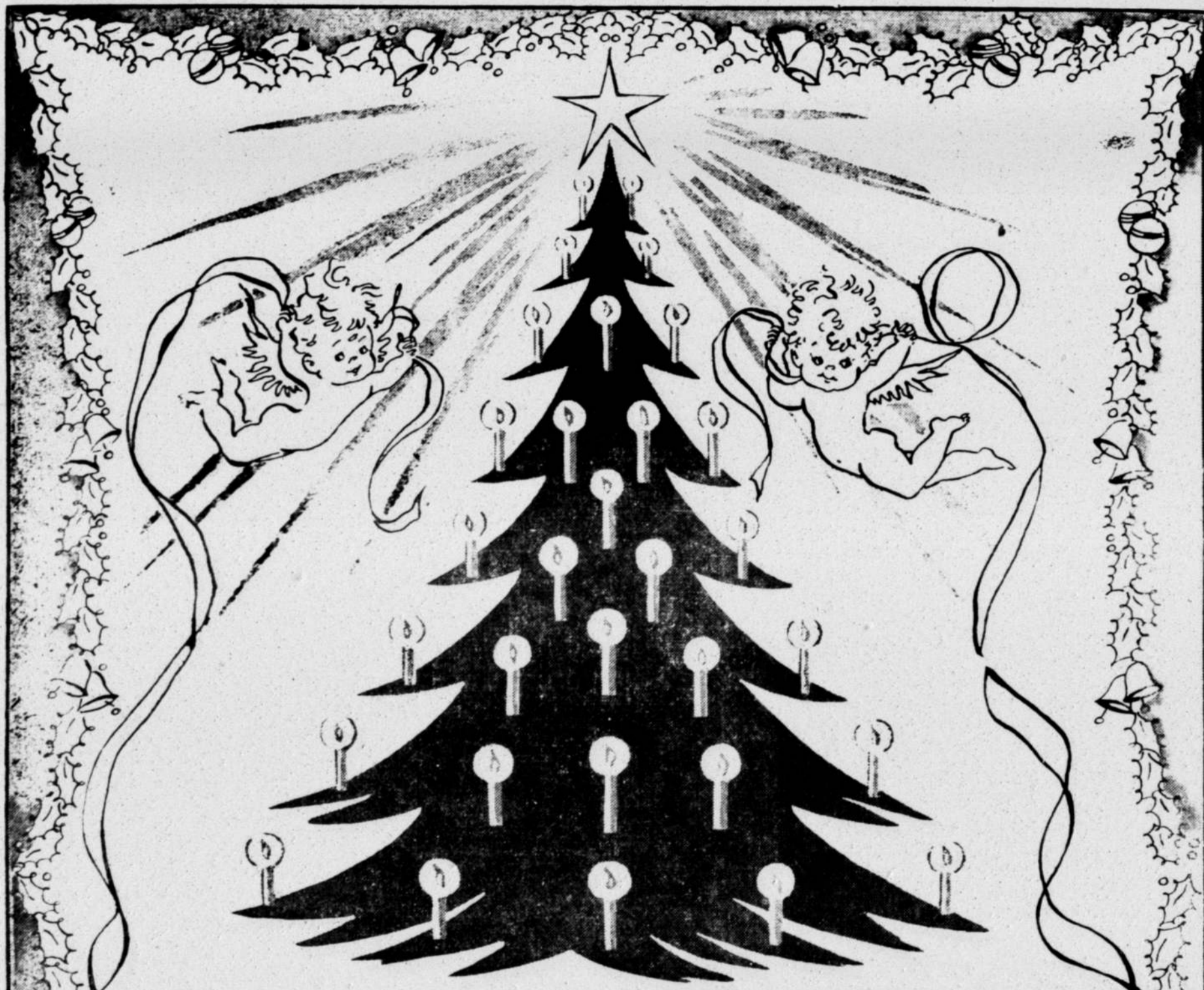
YULETIDE GREETINGS

and All Good Wishes for the New Year



HOLT TIRE CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Holt



May All Your Christmases be Bright

The multi-colored lights which adorn your Christmas tree will be reflected, we hope, in the radiance of your joy through all the years to follow. And may the happy surprises which await you mark the beginning of a future which will be filled with the good things of life. MERRY CHRISTMAS... and we repeat, "may all your Christmases be bright."

LAMESA FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.
LAMESA ABSTRACT CO., INC.
O. H. MORRIS & SON

Merry Christmas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND MANY OF 'EM!

We've been searching for a little different way of expressing our Season's Greeting to our friends, for words that would convey the true feeling we have in our hearts.

There are lots of fancy phrases and we tried some of them out. But somehow they just didn't get the job done. Every time we came back to the tried and proven formula—"Merry Christmas."

It's a time-worn phrase, and many times expressed without feeling. But to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

So, we'll look no more for fancy phrases—Merry Christmas.

GRESHAM BATTERY & ELECTRIC

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Fireworks For Christmas Is an Old Latin Custom

By GERARD TETLEY

To those who have sometimes asked why fireworks should be associated with the birth of Christ, the answer is that this was an imported custom which settlers brought from France to New Orleans.

Before it was introduced in this country, the Italians were using colored fire on December 25 and there is abundant evidence that the Spaniards also indulged in early pyrotechnics.

In the southern states, fireworks remain a Christmas "must" notwithstanding the fact that many cities and towns have enacted prohibitive ordinances because in so many instances Christmas joy was turned to Christmas grief in killings and maimings.

The paganistic motif bobs up again in the burning of the Yule Log which is certainly tied in intricately with Christmas but which can be traced back to the word Jul and the Goths' festival commemorating the winter solstice.

Mistletoe is another Christmas custom which goes back to the white robed Druids who revered it. They always cut it with a golden blade because they considered it a symbol of peace. In the early ages if two foemen met underneath mistletoe, they dropped their arms and embraced — hence the modern practice of kissing under the mistletoe.

The Christmas tree is entirely Germanic in origin and first made its appearance at Strasburg in 1605. It was not until 1840 that the Princess of Mecklenberg introduced it in England to become immediately a Christmas fixture.

But one little known fact is that the Christmas tree was a current Christmas fixture in America before it was in England because immigrants to this country from the Black Forest brought the idea with them. Immigrants also introduced the story of Kris Kringle — a vulgarization of the German words Christ Kindelein (the little Christ child).

Where did Christmas presents originate? The Germans are totally responsible for the origination of Santa Claus though some profess to see again same analogy between gift-giving and the rich bestowal of gifts peculiar to the Roman Saturnalia.

Wise Men Came From the East

Church tradition, presumably considering the Biblical mention of three specific gifts as presented to the Infant Jesus by the Wise Men, has identified the Magi as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

There could have been more than three; legend reports that there were 12 Wise Men and that their journey to Bethlehem had been anticipated for generations.

Twelve learned men who lived in a Far Eastern land appointed themselves to watch for the star of beauty which they believed would announce the birth of the Saviour. Each year, after the crops were harvested, the patriarchs ascended to a cavernous retreat upon the plateau of a high mountain to pray and praise God in silence for three days while they watched for the star.

This went on for generations, when one of the patriarchs died, his son or kinsman would take his place.

Finally the star appeared, descending upon the mountain and having within itself the form of a child beneath the similitude of a cross.

The Sign spoke to them and commanded them to go to Judea. The journey to Bethlehem is said to have necessitated two years of pressing travel and, though in their haste they provided no food for themselves, neither food nor drink failed in their vessels.

Wax Candle Spots Are Easy to Remove

Dripping candle wax is especially prevalent during the holiday season but a few simple household remedies can be used to clean it up.

Wax spot on rugs can usually be removed successfully by first scraping off as much wax as possible with a dull knife and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

When you scrape, be careful not to injure the yarns. If the candle was colored and a stain remains, try sponging lightly with a liquid made of two parts of water and one part of denatured (rubbing) alcohol.

As a precaution against fading, test the mixture first on an inconspicuous part of the rug.

Wax that has run down from candleholders onto the linen can be removed by the same method of first scraping and then sponging with carbon tetrachloride.

Wax spots on the mantel will come off if rubbed vigorously with cloth.

The inhabitants of lower Egypt generally have a clear complexion and a soft skin of light yellowish color; those of middle Egypt have a tawny skin and the dwellers in upper Egypt a deep bronze or brown complexion.

Between D-Day and VE-Day approximately 1,600,000 gallons of gasoline and lubricants were delivered to the armies in Europe — an average of about 5,000,000 gallons per day to depots and air bases on the Continent.

World's Oldest Christmas Card

By MARY E. PRIM
AP Newsfeatures

BOSTON—Ernest Dudley Chase, greeting card designer, publisher and collector for 40 years, has found the world's earliest Christmas card — maybe.

Published in Albany, N. Y., it will take the honor away from England, if he can verify the date, believed to be 1839.

"An 1842 design by W. M. Eley, Jr., of London, now holds the record," said the 67-year-old dean of American card designers. "It was discovered in the British Museum just before World War II. Up to then J. C. Horsley's card, published in 1846, was supposed to be the first."

An executive of Rust-Craft Publishers, where his office walls bulge with enlarged replicas of old Christmas cards, Chase displayed the treasured find for which he paid \$150.

Sketched by R. H. Pease, Albany, the little rose-tinted card has five panels of festive scenes. Between Christmas and New Year's greetings are lines for the names of sender and recipient. Across the top is a head of Santa Claus and the word:

"Pease's great variety store in the Temple of Fancy."

A good detective like all collectors, Chase tracked down Pease to 1839, at which time the Albany directory listed him as an engraver, but is still not sure when the "Temple of Fancy" was founded.

"If only he'd put the date on," the card connoisseur sighed, adding, "But I'm quite sure it's the earliest American Christmas card."

Chase considers the late Louis Prang, also a Bostonian, "the world's greatest greeting card publisher."

Prang, in business in nearby Roxbury from 1874 until 1890, was, Chase said, "a genius in his own way. He printed Christmas cards in 24 colors. We do well nowadays to use five or six."

England, oddly enough, was Prang's first market and he was as successful there as in this country. His custom of offering annual prizes of \$2,000 and \$1,000 for designs attracted famous artists.

The Prang cards of 60 and 70 years ago were fringed and frosted and sometimes scented, so that lucky recipients could use them as sachets.

Christmas cards suffered an artistic decline when he died, Chase recalled, and were brought back in the early 1900's by two other Bostonians, Alfred Bartlett and A. M. Davis.

Alfred Bartlett, designer, was

such great artists in type design as Fred Goudy, Bruce Rogers and W. A. Dwiggins. Poets Edwin Markham and Henry Van Dyke wrote Christmas greetings for Davis.

A publisher who lived to see the tremendous growth of the Boston-born greeting card industry is Chase's colleague, Fred Rust of Rust-Craft, who came to Boston from Kansas in 1908.

In the intervals of tracking down old Christmas card designs, Chase found time to write an authoritative book on the subject, "The Romance of Greeting Cards."

He is frankly critical of many of his own innovations. The large poster Christmas greetings which he published 30 years ago, he dubbed "a flat failure."

His first phonograph record, put on the Christmas market in 1915, "practically bankrupted me," he said, "but record collectors still poster me for copies."

DANES SMASH CHINA

A Danish custom is the breaking of china and crockery on New Year's Day against the doors of friends' houses. The family who has the largest pile of smashed crockery before its door is the best-loved. For this custom, Danes hoard all their broken crockery throughout the year, points out Walter J. Letts, of World Travels, a travel agency.

NEW YEAR'S COMPLIMENTS

Danish families save their broken crockery — to toss against their friend's doors on New Year's Eve.

The crockery tossed, the tossers run; but not too far; they expect to be invited in for doughnuts.

The most popular household in the community is so designated on New Year's morning by the debris around the doorstep.

Farmers make up about 23 per cent of the U. S. population.



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

Here, at least, is something steadfast, something secure, something which binds us together more than any one thing. Christmas, with its spirit of hope, of peace, and happiness will continue indefinitely.

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

GLOBE DRY CLEANERS

Southside of Square

for a Glorious CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL AS THE HOLLY WREATH

Each year, as Christmas rolls around, we find ourselves looking forward with keen anticipation toward the opportunity of sending Season's Greetings to our friends.

This custom has become as traditional with us as the holly wreath is with Christmas. To each of you we say, with a warm feeling of appreciation, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

WILLIAMS HOTEL



The Finest GIFT OF THEM ALL

Greater liberty than we could enjoy elsewhere in the world, is the gift every American enjoys this Christmas. It is yours . . . it is ours . . . given to ourselves because we chose to work and live in freedom.

We should appreciate this gift of liberty more this year than ever in our history. Do you ask why?

It is because the gift of liberty this Christmas has been given us by thousands upon thousands of the youth of our land who have gone to the distant points of the globe to fight for freedom loving Americans.

In the midst of our Christmas celebration, our every thought should be, and must be, centered around the men who have made it possible for us to continue to enjoy the occasion.

The gift of liberty is priceless. It has not been made without cost. So, as we extend our greetings to you, we want it understood that we are also thinking of those brave lads who have unselfishly presented the gift of liberty to America.

ALL THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

JOIN IN EXTENDING THE SEASON'S GREETINGS



AND now comes another Christmas to be added to your store of memories. We hope this Christmas of 1945 will be a very enjoyable one—a truly happy one—fulfilling all the fine traditions of Christmas.

ACCEPT our hearty thanks for the pleasant business associations of the past year. Once again we say

Merry Christmas

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.

SANTA CLAUSE LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a good little boy, and I want you to bring me a little red wagon, a doll bed, a story book and a rigger doll. I have been real good, and I help my mother all I can. I love you,
Curkey Grissom,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a rubber doll (if you can get one), a ball, little ironing board and a little green truck. I also want some candy and nuts, and I have been as good as anyone could be. Don't forget my friend, Juanita.
A little friend,
Joy Culp,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a set of cominoes and a football for Christmas, and an electric train and a snow sled. But I want you to remember the other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Alvin Tyler,
1511 North Second, Lamesa.

Dear St. Nick,

I have been a real good little girl, and I want you to bring me a stick horse, some doll clothes, a baby rattle and a baby doll. I have helped my mother wash dishes and helped my daddy milk the cows.
I love you,
A friend,
Virginia Trice,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a little red scooter, a doll cradle, a set of ABC blocks, crayons and paint book. I have studied real hard, and I want you to also bring me some fruit, candy and nuts. I have been real good.
I love you,
Mary Jo Davis,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a housecoat and some house shoes and a game. Thanks you ever so much.
Love,
Jo Ann,
Route C, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good little boy, and I have really tried to do all I can to help my mother and daddy. Please bring me a little doll, some doll clothes, stopper gun, little iron and a doll buggy. I want some candy fruit and nuts, and don't forget my other friends.
I love you,
Chioice Shofner,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl nine years old. I would like to have a doll with real pretty clothes and a little suitcase, also a buggy, and I want a bicycle. And I would like to have a locket, and that is all.
Thank you,
Your friend,
Jean Carr,
General Delivery, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I am nine years old. I want a doll with some pretty clothes and hats. And I want an Easy Money game and a blackboard and a bubble set. I would like for you to especially remember all the little boys and girls.
With love,
Sue Barron,
205 North Bryan Street, Lamesa.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl. I am eight years old. My name is Joyce Long. I want a doll bed, a doll and bracelet. Remember all the other boys and girls. Remember the soldier boys, too.
Your your little friend,
Joyce Long,
General Delivery, Lamesa.

CHRISTMAS

in
★ AMERICA

Elsewhere in this world millions of peoples will not enjoy the blessings of Christmas but here in America, at least, the occasion will be observed with reverence and happiness and good cheer. Christmas in America is traditional and it will remain traditional because it is a part of the American way of life.

And so, as you gather with your loved ones at this glad season of the year, please have a thought for us. We will be thinking about you and wishing for you and yours all the good things we can think of, happy in the knowledge that in the not too far distant future brighter days are ahead.

May the Yuletide be filled with happiness and the New Year be one of health and good cheer.

BEARDEN'S BEAUTY SHOP
Gladys Bearden
Billie Corley Lily Mae Hambrick

File This, Please

FOR REFERENCE EVERY DAY NEXT YEAR

CITY BARBER SHOP
Marvin Morris J. Frank Pritchett

AMERICANS ARE THANKFUL

THE eventful happenings of the past twelve months make Christmas this year something more than just a holiday. Americans have been drawn closer together and the ties of mutual understanding are greater now than ever before.

Americans everywhere are grateful to those who have given so unselfishly toward protecting and defending the homes of our nation. Whether they be on home soil or in distant points, their part has been magnificent and worthy of commendation.

Let us not forget what they have done. Our greeting this year is especially with the thought in mind that without the fine youth of this land America could not celebrate Christmas in the traditional spirit.

H. & W. STUDIO
MR. and MRS. WAYNE SCOTT

THE MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL of

LAMESA NATIONAL BANK

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Best Wishes FOR A

REAL AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

We Wish You, One and All

CORDIAL GREETINGS

Christmas 25

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IT'S THE **BIG DAY** OF THE YEAR

It's here! The BIG DAY! That one day of the year to which each of us look with eager anticipation. It is the day when all of us, at least for the moment, can relax and enjoy the fellowship of loved ones and friends.

We enjoy our friends all through the year, it's true, but there's something about Christmas that makes it stand out as the one day of the year when the cares of the morrow are forgotten in the spirit of cheerfulness that is evidenced at Christmastime.

And so, as we gather with our loved ones, our neighbors and friends, let's receive comfort and happiness from the thoughts of courtesies and friendly acts of kindness which we have enjoyed during the past year. And on this BIG DAY of the year, please accept our sincere good wishes for the days of next year.

PARKER-BECKHAM MOTOR CO.
401 SOUTH FIRST PHONE 136

HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

IT IS WITH PLEASURE WE WISH YOU

MERRIE CHRISTMAS

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JONES-COTTEN MOTOR CO.
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AAA Chairman Outlines County Soil Projects

Continuation of serving the national interest by the protection of our land and water resources is the objective of the 1946 farm program, according to William L. Gilliam, newly elected chairman of the Dawson AAA committee.

"Farming practices that control soil erosion, maintain and improve soil productivity, conserve water and restore minerals to cropland and pastures will accomplish this purpose," said Mr. Gilliam.

"We are interested in conserving the soil, not only for profit but for our own well-being. We will take a new interest in the land and become more and more interested in conserving the soil when we realize that our health is related to the soil."

Seven soil and water conservation practices have been adopted for Dawson county for 1946 and they were selected with due consideration to the limited amount of money for assistance to farmers of this county, Chairman Gilliam said.

Those practices which have been selected for this county and for which assistance will be offered are listed as follows with their respective catalogue numbers and units of payment.

- 1—Construction of standard and spreader terraces for which proper outlets are provided, at \$1.50 per 100 feet.
- 9—Drilling of wells, at \$2 per foot.
- 12—Strip cropping on the contour, at \$1 per acre.
- 13—Field strip cropping not on the contour, at 50 cents per acre.
- 16—Contour listings on furrowing of cropland on lands planted to crops in 1946, at 30 cents per acre.
- 21—Leaving on the land as protection against wind erosion the

stacks of stubble of sorghums or millet, at 35 cents per acre.

32—Growing of green manure or cover crops, at \$1.50 per acre.

Farmers are reminded by Mr. Gilliam that it will be necessary for them to secure prior approval for any of these practices if assistance is expected. This will be the first year that such a policy has been adopted.

Legion Auxiliary Has Christmas Supper

Members of the local American Legion Auxiliary met Monday night at the City Recreation Hall for a Christmas program and a "pot luck" supper.

Approximately 20 were in attendance to hear the story—"The Other Wise Man"—told by Mrs. R. B. Kerbow and the reading—"Is There a Santa Claus"—by Janice Barron, pupil of Mrs. L. M. Pratt. Songs sung by the group were "Joy To the World" and "Silent Night."

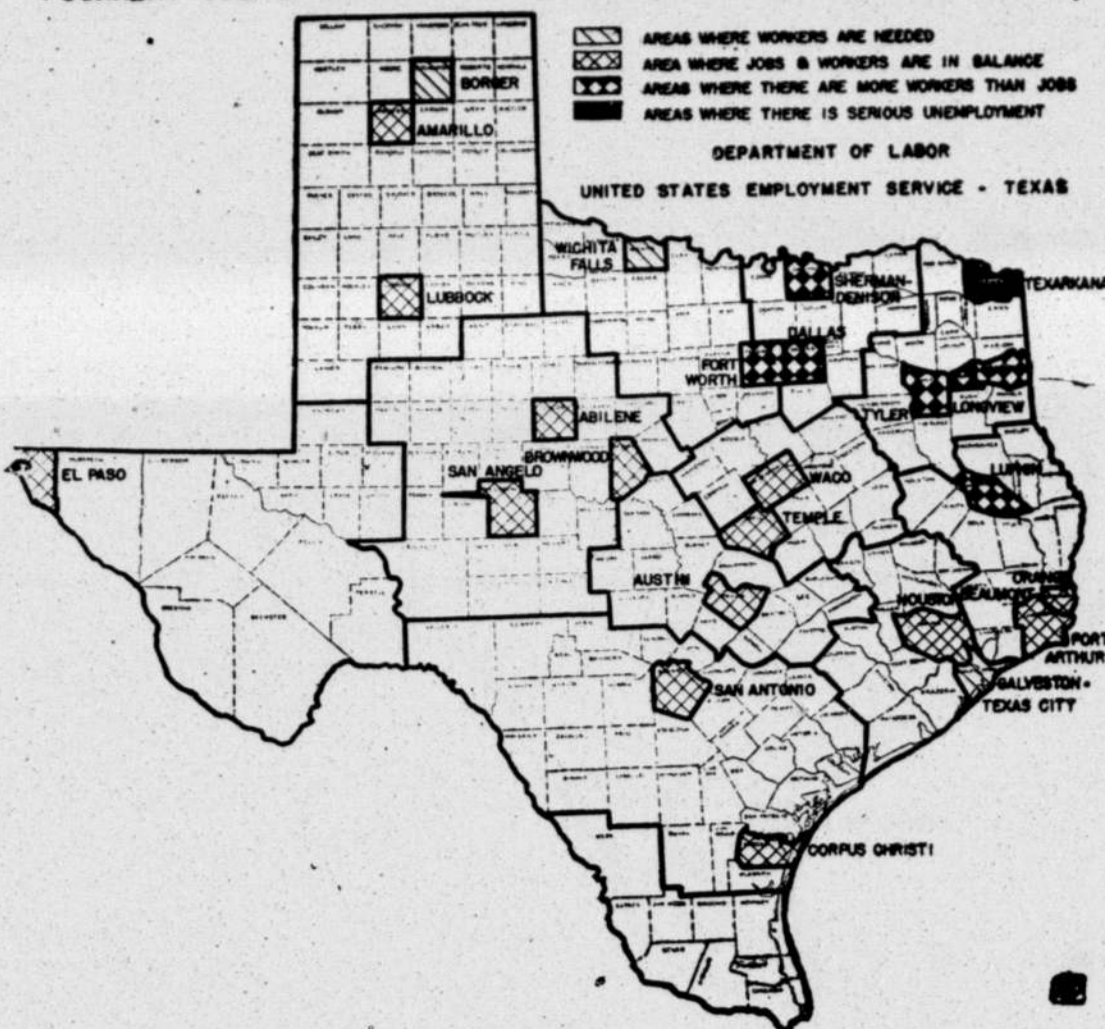
Immediately following the program a brief business session was held under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. F. Smith.

Composing the program committee for the supper were Mrs. Sam Richardson, chairman, and Mrs. Elmer Ireton. Other committees were Mrs. C. A. Baldwin and Mrs. Joe Spikes, drinks; Mrs. E. W. Renner and Mrs. Smith, table.

Contrary to general belief, not all Indian tribes in North America scalped their enemy. This practice was chiefly confined to a limited area in eastern United States and the lower St. Lawrence region held by the Iroquois and Muckhogan tribes.

—BUY MORE WAR BONDS

CURRENT JOB SITUATION IN PRINCIPAL TEXAS INDUSTRIAL AREAS



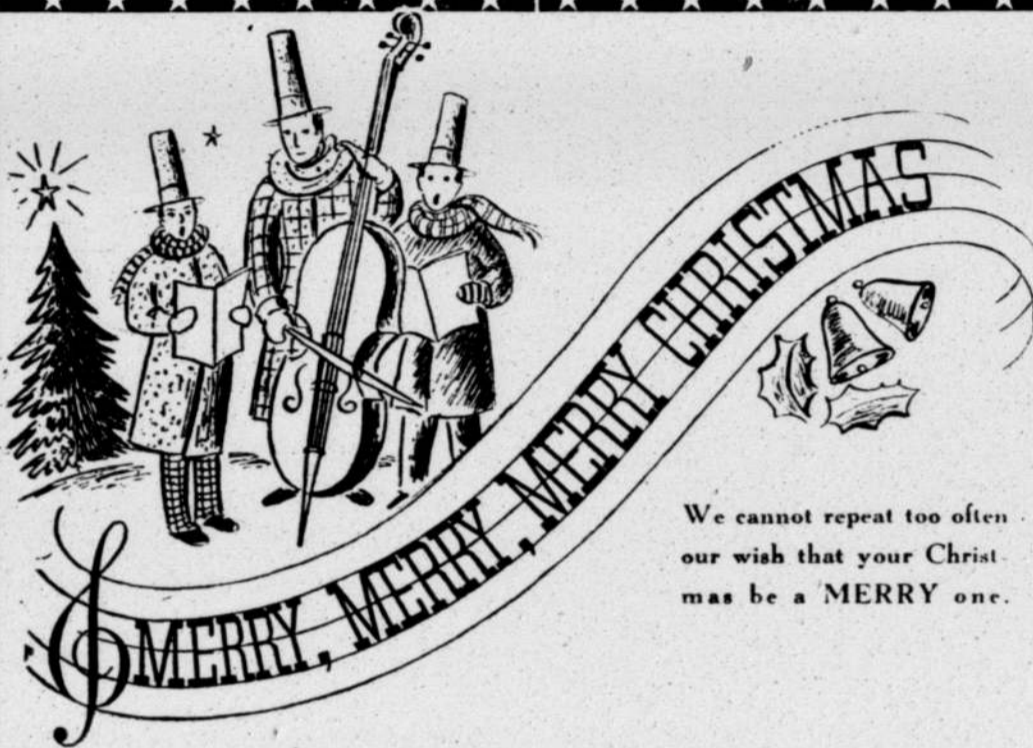
LATEST JOB SITUATION IN TEXAS—This map showing the current job situation in principal Texas industrial areas is based on reports to the United States Employment Service of the Department of Labor. AP Photo.

Christmas
Cheer



Laugh and make merry. We wish all good things to one and all.

JESSE CARROLL INSURANCE



We cannot repeat too often our wish that your Christmas be a MERRY one.

HENRY & TODD

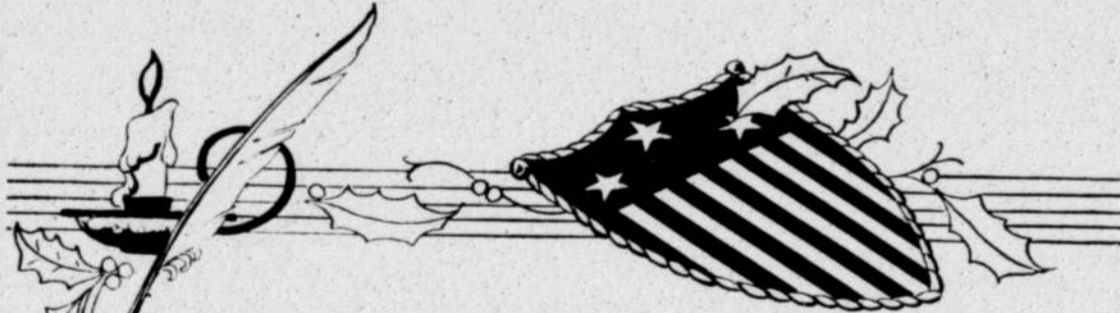


AS THE highest joys of Christmas come to us from the blessing of giving, we gather our humble share by giving our service to this community and our cordial and heartfelt wishes for your happiness. May the Spirit of the Nativity go with you throughout the coming year, and may your share of joy be brightened by the acknowledgment of our appreciation of your past favors.

GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR
THE PLAZA HOTEL

"THE MARRS"



The Foundation of
The American Way
Of Life

In times such as these Christmas brings home to us the realization that "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" is more than an empty phrase. It is the foundation of the American way of life, the goal which each of us look forward to so that the greatest happiness may be achieved.

The Yuletide brings with it pleasant thoughts of tried, proven and cherished associations, bound together more firmly by the experiences of past months.

To you, our friends, may we extend the Season's Greetings and a sincere wish for genuine happiness at this Christmastime.

McILROY CLINIC

Dr. and Mrs. O. L. McIlroy and Dale

Maulee Bedwell and Sam

WE'RE THANKFUL AT CHRISTMAS

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful.

First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege.

Thankful are we that have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends.

It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development.

We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy.

We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



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TO OUR

FRIENDS EVERYWHERE

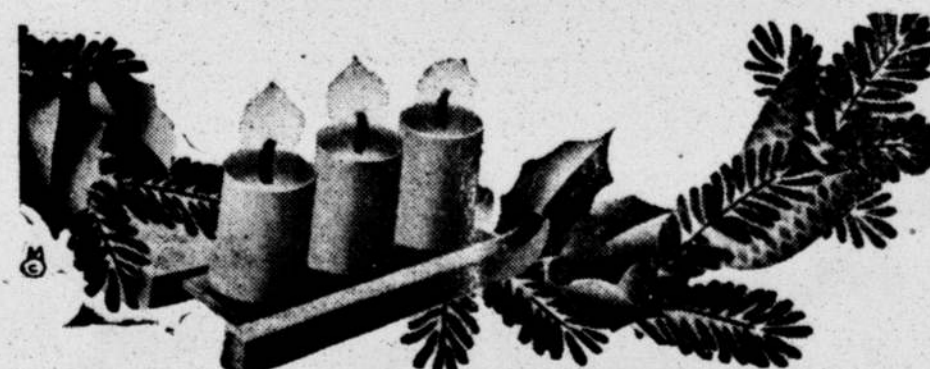
To you and yours at this Christmas season we would extend our sincerest wish for happiness—happiness that will last not merely through the holiday season but that continues throughout the entire year of 1946.

We would like at this time also to express our thanks for every courtesy you have shown during the year just past.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR**
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G. B. MAYFIELD

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dearest Santa,

We are two little girls age seven and four. We want you to bring us chairs and tables and dishes. Charlotte Ann wants a baby doll and I want a bride doll. Be sure to remember all the little girls and boys.

Love,
Margaret and Charlotte Ann Simmons.

P. S. Don't forget to leave our toys at Granny's this year.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy seven years old. I just moved to Lamesa from Austin, Tex. Please don't forget me. I want a bow and arrows, a German Lager gun and a little car.

Love,
Tommy White,
911 North Fourth Street, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl. I have been a good girl, and I want you to bring me a wagon, tricycle, car, gun and stick horse. I would like to have them, but if you don't have them, well, I would take a doll, gun, wagon and stick horse.

Santa, I have some sisters and brothers. Please bring them what they want.

My name is
Marita Ann Truitt,
Route R, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I want an elephant clock, tinkertoys, blackboard, chalk, and a doll dressed like a bride.

Linda Esmond.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little boy who wants you to bring a rocky horse, a doll and some pulling toys. I have been good this year.

Love,
Wayne Derstine,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl not very old, so please bring me a doll that says "Mamma" and a boy doll named C. B.

Love,
Sue White,
Star Route 2, Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

I want a doctor and a nurse set, tinkertoys, blackboard, chalk, elephant clock and a doll dressed like a bride.

Sandra Esmond.

Dear Santa,

I want a doll, some dishes and a rec set.

Ellena.

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a large doll, which has blond hair with pigtails, a baton, a desk and chair, a blackboard, also a sack of fruit, candy and nuts.

My stock will be hanging on the fireplace in our new home.

Lots of love,
Janice Rhoades,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a baby doll, a baton, some doll furniture, a little stove and some dishes.

Also bring me a large sack of nuts, fruit and love.

Mary Helen Rhoades,
Lamesa.

Dear Santa, we are two good little boys, and we want a gun and a truck a piece, some candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget Mother and Daddy.

Your little friends,
Eddie Joe and Willie Gullit,
Lamesa.

REASON FOR EIGHT REINDEERS

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

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

SANTA FILLS MEXICAN SHOES

Mexican children put shoes in the window instead of hanging up stockings and find them filled with gifts in the morning. The main Christmas meal in Mexico may feature hot tamales.

Mummer's Parade Big Event

The Mummer's Parade on New Year's Eve is to Philadelphia what the Tournament of Roses is to Pasadena—only the Mummer's have a priority on tradition.

The earlier settlers in the vicinity of present-day Philadelphia were English and Swedes. The English cherished the traditional Mummer play "St. George and the Dragon," while the Swedes were fond of masquerading informally on New Year's Eve. The two customs had merged

long before the Revolution and it was customary—even among the Quakers—to extend hospitality to the masqueraders or give them a dole for refreshments.

After the Revolution, George Washington replaced St. George as the central figure of the festivities which continued along the path of spontaneity until 1886 when the pa-

rade was sponsored by the Silver Crown New Year's association. The Municipal administration officially recognized the parade in 1901, and representative citizenry began turning out to watch and participate in the festivities.

The number of organizations sponsoring the parade, the divisions and elaborateness thereof increas-

ed through the years. On New Year's Eve in 1930, 12,000 participated in the line of march down Bond street and 300,000 spectators watched the parade which lasted from early evening through the wee hours of the New Year.

Franz Schubert was one of 14 children.

What a wonderful feeling! To share the Christmas spirit with those you love, and to share Christmas prayers with dear ones far from home. What a wonderful feeling—to once again experience the jolliness and merriment of Christmas! Have a wonderful time—with our best wishes; and may you truly have an old fashioned Merry Christmas!

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WITH THE COMING OF THE

Christmas Season

The season to which we have been looking forward has arrived and with it the happy experiences of renewing old acquaintances and the opportunity of expressing our feeling of friendship to those whom we serve.

It's not a normal season, to be sure. But it remains for those of us at home to maintain the true spirit of Christmas that those who are in distant points may eventually return to the normal American way of life.

We are proud of the heritage of Christmas and as the season approaches, we extend to you, and to those dear to you, wherever they may be, a Merry, Merry American Christmas.

BOYD INSURANCE AGENCY

Merry Christmas to All

CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.