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Boots Williams' Father To Be Buried in San Angelo This Morning

Joe Williams, 74, father of C. T. (Boots) Williams, died in a Stanton hospital at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. He had been ill for some time, and was a resident of Midland at the time of his death.

Funeral services will be held at the Johnson Funeral Home in San Angelo this morning (Friday) at 10 a. m. with the Rev. O'Bryan Richardson officiating. Burial will follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Park near San Angelo.

Mr. Williams was born October 30, 1880 in Tupelo, Miss. He had been a resident of Sterling City for about two years in the late forties.

Survivors include the widow of Midland, and three sons, C. T. (Boots) Williams of Sterling City, E. V. (Buddy) Williams and Johnny Williams of Midland; a sister in Dallas and seven grandchildren.

Kindergarten Christmas Program Held

Mrs. Dayton Barrett's kindergarten pupils presented a Christmas program for their parents and friends on Tuesday morning of this week.

The children gave Christmas readings and sang Christmas carols and other Christmas songs. Those on the program were Beverly Brooks, Don Stuckwish, Allan Smith, Collin Douthit, Corwin Collins, Elaine Price, Kathy Haralson, and Wayland Lee Foster.

Other children present were Frank Price, Kenneth and Stephen Stuckwish, Bobby Westbrook Jimmy and Phil Cole.

Parents present were Mr. and Mrs. John Stuckwish, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Collins, Mrs. Finis Westbrook, Mrs. William Foster, Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mrs. Delbert Haralson, Mrs. Jack Douthit, Mrs. Foster Sims, Price and Mrs. H. W. Smith.

Gifts were exchanged by the Kindergarten pupils and all the children were presented gifts by Mrs. Barrett. The children also presented to their parents gifts that they had made.

Cookies and punch were served to the children and fruit cake and coffee to the parents.

Methodist Christmas Program Held

The Methodist Church had a Christmas tree and program on Sunday evening, December 19.

The tree, complete with a visit from Santa Claus, was held in the basement of the church. Gifts and bags of fruit and candy were distributed.

After the tree, the group went to the sanctuary where the program was given by the children's classes. The kindergarten class sang several songs, then the primary and junior classes told the Christmas story in readings, prayer and song. The youth class had charge of the very impressive candle lighting service, in which the entire congregation took part.

Rev. Bruce Medford gave the closing prayer.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in the Sterling County Hospital on Thursday morning of this week included—

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Glass Dismissals since Thursday morning of last week include— Wayne Drennan Luther Hallmark Wayland Lee Foster Johnny Copeland William M. Virdell, deceased.

POLO TEAM DEFEATS LOMA ALTA SUNDAY

The Sterling City Polo team is continuing the winning streak. Sunday afternoon in San Angelo the locals defeated the Loma Alta polo team 11-5. The Sterling poloists have defeated every team in this vicinity but two, and hope to add their scalps to the victory belt before long.

The I.W. Terrys moved into their new ranch home south of town on the Big Lake road this week. The John Hamiltons plan to move into the house vacated by the Terrys.



A Day full of Happiness
is our
Christmas message to you

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

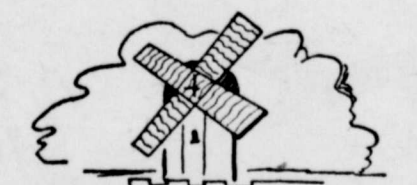
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil. Christmas trees, gift exchanges and other typical U.S. holiday customs are being adopted in South America.



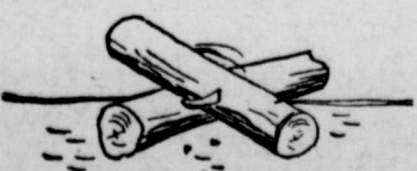
HOLLAND (Hartelijke Kerstgrooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus. In former years, the Dutch celebrated for a month. St. Nick scattered his gifts about the floors of Dutch homes as early as December 6.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolks sing sweet Nativity songs. Thousands flock to St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Day.



GREECE (Kala Kristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights. New Year's Eve is really the top holiday, with big dances, parties and other celebrations for young and old.



NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

According to our usual custom, whenever a Friday occurs between Christmas and New Year, we do not publish a paper that week. We will not print the News-Record on next Friday, December 31.

We plan to work up our subscription expiration notices, wind up the job printing orders and set the shop in order—somewhat.

Many weekly newspapers over the area skip the final issue of the year—as means of taking a holiday for the staff.



Behind The 8 Ball

8-BALL

There's a new product going out of Sterling City these days. It's Texas Unsweetened Jackrabbit Milk, prepared by Ted Brown and Virgil Hass. They rope, milk and process the stuff, according to the labels.

According to the label it's powerful stuff. Ted says a number of people are sending cans of the milk off as presents to friends and relatives in other places.

8-BALL

John Brock's loud speaker playing Christmas carols have probably familiarized a lot of us with the music of such songs this season.

Of them all I'll take the Bing Crosby recordings, John.

8-BALL

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!

Tonight's the night when old Santa makes his rounds. I wonder sometimes just who gets the biggest bang out of it—old Santa or the kids he calls on?

Ahe there times when you say with the poet—

"Backward, oh backward, turn time in they flight,
And make me a boy again just for tonight."

8-BALL

You can do more with five minutes now than a thousand years after you are dead.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Malligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



Lions Club Luncheon; No Meeting Next Week

The Sterling City Lions Club members met Wednesday noon in the community center for the regular weekly luncheon. There will not be a meeting next Wednesday, December 29, it was announced by president R. T. Caperton.

There were five guests present, including Bob Harris, Roy Glass, Harry Vinson and Tom Watson, all of San Angelo and Jimmy Pippin of Dallas.

Lion Judge Murrell said the county was working on the road to the oil field over the divide, grading and fixing the road down the canyon. He said the Humble Oil Co. was helping on the project with \$1,000.00. Murrell said the State Highway Commission had approved the paving of the highway south of town all the way to the county line and that some contracts were to be let before long.

President Caperton asked if the club members wanted to have a fund-raising project early next year such as a minstrel, a talent show or some such affair. It was voted to have a project and he appointed a committee to work up the time and event. He named H. A. Chapple, Billy Roland Conger, Jack Douthit, Bill Loven and Harry Bradstreet.

Secretary Bruce Medford reminded the members that January was new membership drive month. It was presumed that Lion Conger could pull in the seven new members requested by the district governor.

The club was asked by Bill Loven to cooperate with the independent basketball team to put on a benefit ball game for the March of Dimes. He said all players and officials would dress like women. The club voted to go into the program with the independents.

Glenn Weimer, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Weimer of Palacios, has been licensed to preach by the Corpus Christi District Methodist Conference. At present he is a student in Wharton Junior College and is serving as a Director of Religious Education in a nearby church.

Dick Bailey, graduate student in Texas University, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Larry Glass, son of the David Glasses, and TCU student has arrived home for the holidays.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Sterling school turned out for the Christmas holidays Tuesday afternoon. Christmas trees and exchange of gifts marked the closing afternoon.

Classes will resume on January 3, giving the students and teachers an eight-day (from classes) holiday.

FIRE AT DRUG STORE

An electric wire under the fountain at the drug store shorted and burned about 1 p.m. last Friday. No damage was done, but the fire trucks made a run to the store.

Bill Swann, Texas U. student, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mary Davis, TCU student, and daughter of the Jeff Davises, is home for the holidays.

Roy Morgan has been hospitalized with bronchial pneumonia in a San Angelo hospital for a week. He is expected to be home for Christmas.

Dan Glass and John Hamilton, Jr. SAC students, are home for the Christmas holidays to be with their parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ritchie and Doug left Thursday morning for Dallas to spend Christmas with the R. L. Augenthalers, Jr. Mrs. Augenthaler is the Ritchie's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Harris of Amarillo arrived here Thursday night to spend Christmas with Mrs. Harris's mother, Mrs. D. C. Durham and the Roy Morgans.

Sue Lowe, daughter of the Roland Lowes and student in Southern Methodist University, arrived home last Friday for the holidays.

The Harry C. Lawsons are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in San Antonio.

LaVerne King, ACC student is home to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley King.

STANTON MAN DIES IN CAR CRASH HERE

William Madison Virdell, 81, of Stanton, was fatally injured near here Monday afternoon when his car was forced off the road and overturned.

George Boyd DeForest, 32, of Houston, has been charged with negligent homicide. He is a truck driver for Ball Bros. of Houston.

The accident occurred one-half mile south of Broome on Highway 87 at 3:30 p. m. Monday. Virdell died in the hospital here at 7 p. m.

Highway Patrolman Howard Smith said the truck driven by DeForest was passing Virdell's car when another car, driven by J. B. Bradford of San Angelo, approached the two vehicles from the front.

Both cars were forced off the highway, the Virdell car overturning. The truck did not stop.

Bradford, after giving momentary first aid to the injured man, halted another car which was passing and with the other driver gave chase to the truck.

They halted the truck about nine miles down the highway and told DeForest of the accident. He expressed surprise and said he was unaware of what had happened.

Charges of negligent homicide were filed against DeForest and he was placed in custody of Sheriff Bill Green, under bond of \$500.

Foster Family Christmas Dinner Last Sunday

The R. W. Foster family Sunday dinner before Christmas was held the Rufus W. Foster home. A Christmas tree and dinner, along with the family gathering, served to make the day an enjoyable one for all those present.

Thirty-nine persons were present. They were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Templeton Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Foster, Marvin, Melvin and Temple Ann; Mrs. Allie Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Winn McClure and Curtis; Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Foster, Rosanne, Charlotte and Skeete; Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Foster, Reynolds Lee and David; Mrs. Fred Allen, Freddie and Ronnie; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulson; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lee Watkins, Deana Marie and Karla Jean; Mr. and Mrs. Foster Conger; Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Austin of Robert Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dayvault of Dallas.

McGuire's Station Is Broken Into

Burglars broke into Monty McGuire's Chevron Service Station Sunday night. Cigarettes and money were taken from the cigarette machine, as well as money from the cash register, said Monty.

Ranger Ralph Rohatsh and a finger print man from San Angelo came up Monday to help local officers on the burglary.

BAPTIST CHURCH HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT

Following the preaching service at the Baptist Church Sunday night, everyone went down into the basement for a Christmas program. A tree and old Santa featured the affair. The members of the junior and primary departments sang the Christmas songs.

Cake and coffee and cocoa was served to all present following the program.

On Tuesday evening of last week the members of the T.E.L. class of the church had their Christmas dinner party at the church basement. A turkey dinner was served to 42 persons. Husbands were the guests of members. Mrs. Lee Hunt is teacher of the class.

HONORED WITH LUNCHEON ON 83rd BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Roy Morgan and Mrs. Worth Durham jointly were hostesses at a luncheon last Friday honoring Mrs. D. C. Durham on her 83rd birthday anniversary. A luncheon for eight of her friends was given at the Durham home. Present were the honoree, Mrs. Lee Hunt, Mrs. J.A. Revell, Mrs. Mud Allen, Mrs. W. L. Emery, Mrs. A. A. Rutherford, Mrs. Robert Ritchie, Mrs. W. B. Everitt and Mrs. Leon Wallace.

Egyptians Made Elaborate Dolls For Children

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred—gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair; some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or corncobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were jointed at the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For

dolls always will be part of childhood and part of Christmases as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kinfolk to buy.

Burial Place of Santa Said to Be in Italy

SANTA CLAUS, otherwise St. Nicholas, otherwise the one-time bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, is buried in Bari, Italy. His body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra and swiftly borne to Bari by Italian sailors, who thought back in 1087 that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to your town.

St. Nicholas, who was tortured and imprisoned for his faith during the reign of Emperor Diocletian, found no rest in his first tomb at Myra. Always some expedition was attempting to remove his remains.

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, 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 prostitution by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

In addition, St. Nicholas was credited with restoring life to some boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—hence the occasional stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.

First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in "Cleveland, the city of good will" (unlimited), incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth of good cheer.

Holders of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children, the contented faces of friendly fellow citizens and the advancement of the city of good will."

Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities. The sale brought \$12,000, which purchased Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.

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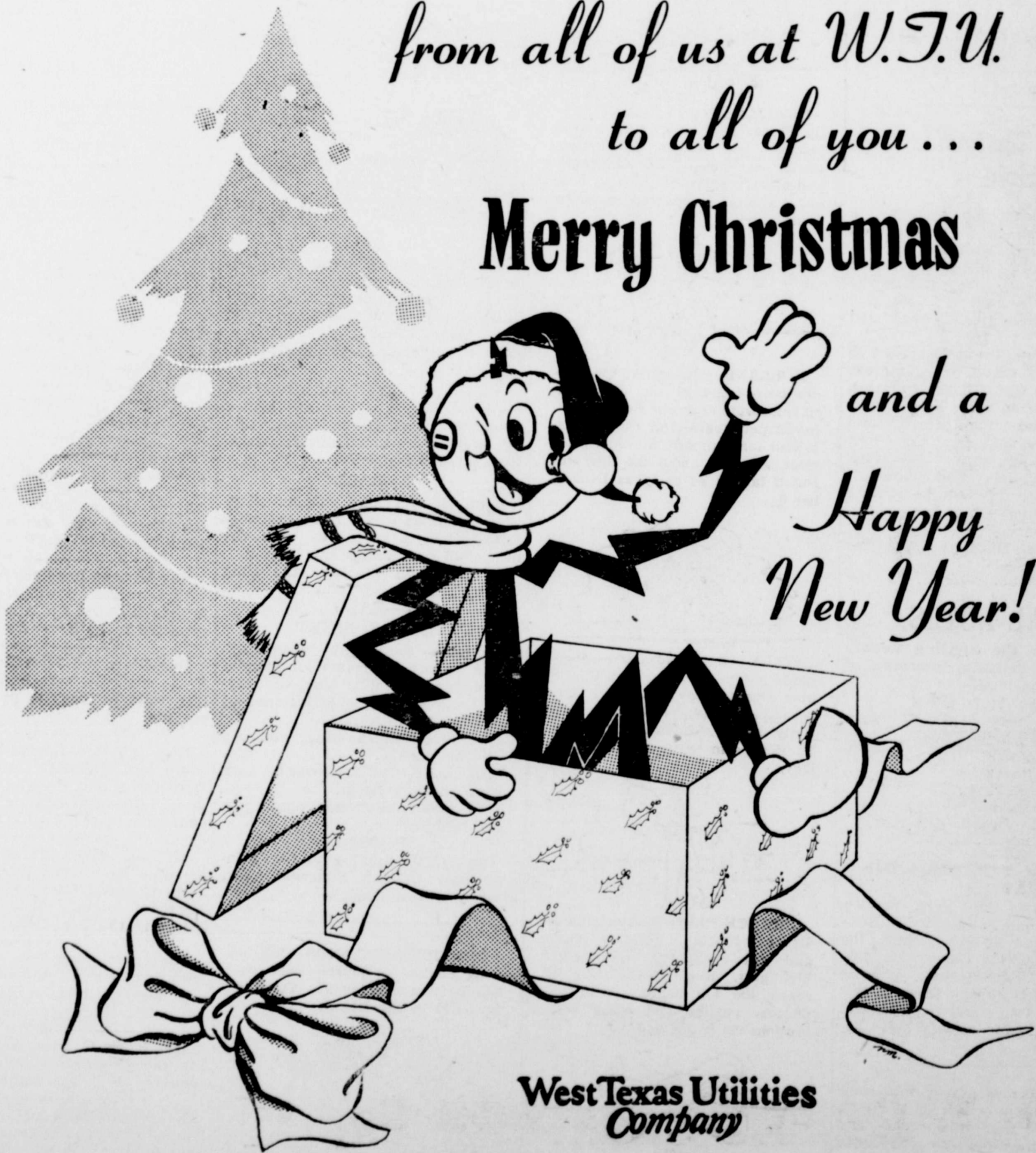
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What's Doing in the Churches

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Bruce Medford, Pastor

Church School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Wayne Zuck, Minister

Bible School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Young Peoples Class 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p. m.
Tues. Ladies Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday, Mid-Week
Bible Study 7:30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Ritchie, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
B. T. U. 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Choir Practice 8:15 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Baxter D. D. Greer, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

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Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 18 by the Armenians.

All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born. Dramatically the procession approaches: heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robed acolytes—swinging golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable;" in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

On Christmas Eve, members of all denominations assemble to sing carols above the birthplace of the Holy Child before midnight mass is solemnized in the Church of the Nativity.

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"What Christmas Has Meant to Me" will be the sermon subject of Dr. Baxter Greer at the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday at 11 a.m. There will be no evening service as Dr. and Mrs. Greer will go to Hillsboro to visit Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Helsley and children for a few days. They will return to Sterling City Friday, December 31.

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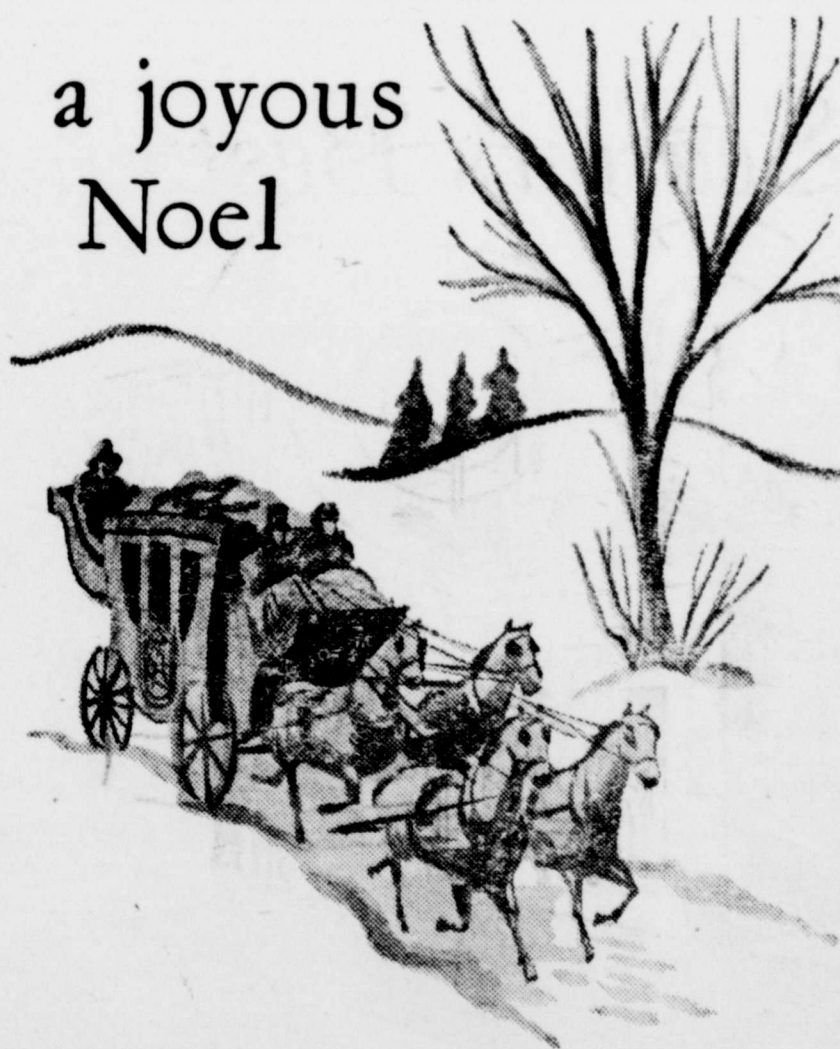
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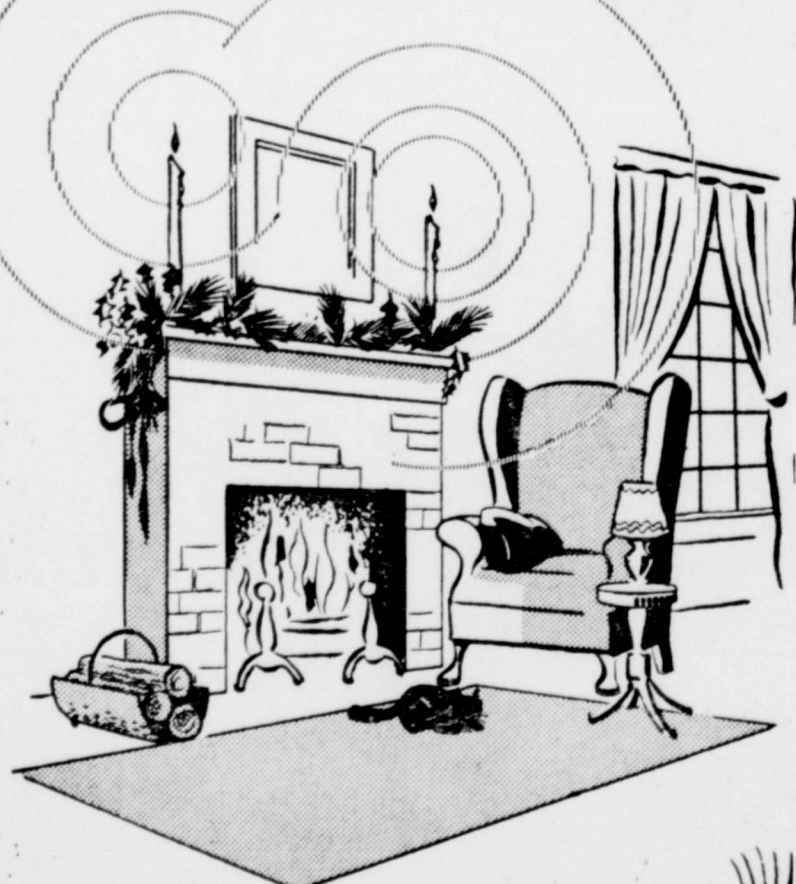


Merry Christmas

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WILLIAMS FEED AND RANCH SUPPLY
Boots and Dub

Elizabeth Hildebrand, the daughter of the H. L. Hildebrands, and graduate student at SMU, arrived here with her parents Monday to spend the Christmas holidays in Sterling.

'Silent Night' Hymn Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence.

On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



alight with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. To him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

"Silent night, holy night—
All is calm, all is bright,
Round you Virgin, Mother and
Child;

Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace—
Sleep in heavenly peace."

Mrs. Fred Allen and sons, Freddie and Ronnie, of Las Vegas, N. M. are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Foster, and other relatives.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a nurse set and a tricycle and that is all.

Love,
Linda Zuck

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas. I want a buggy with a doll, a telephone, and a cash register.

Good-by and love,
Carolyn Tindall

Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy suit, two guns and a garage. Bring me an airplane carrier.

Good luck,
Wesley Ditmore

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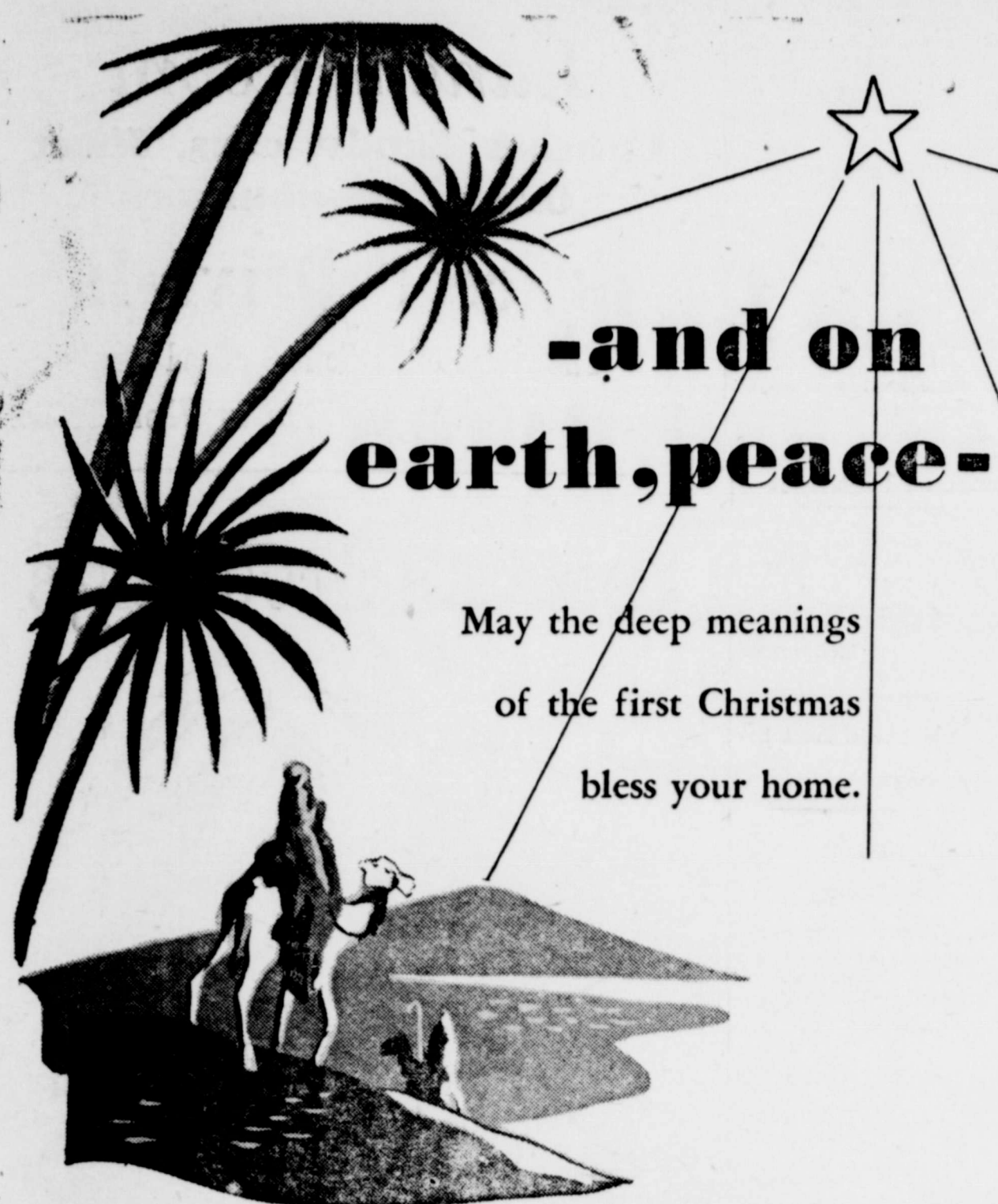


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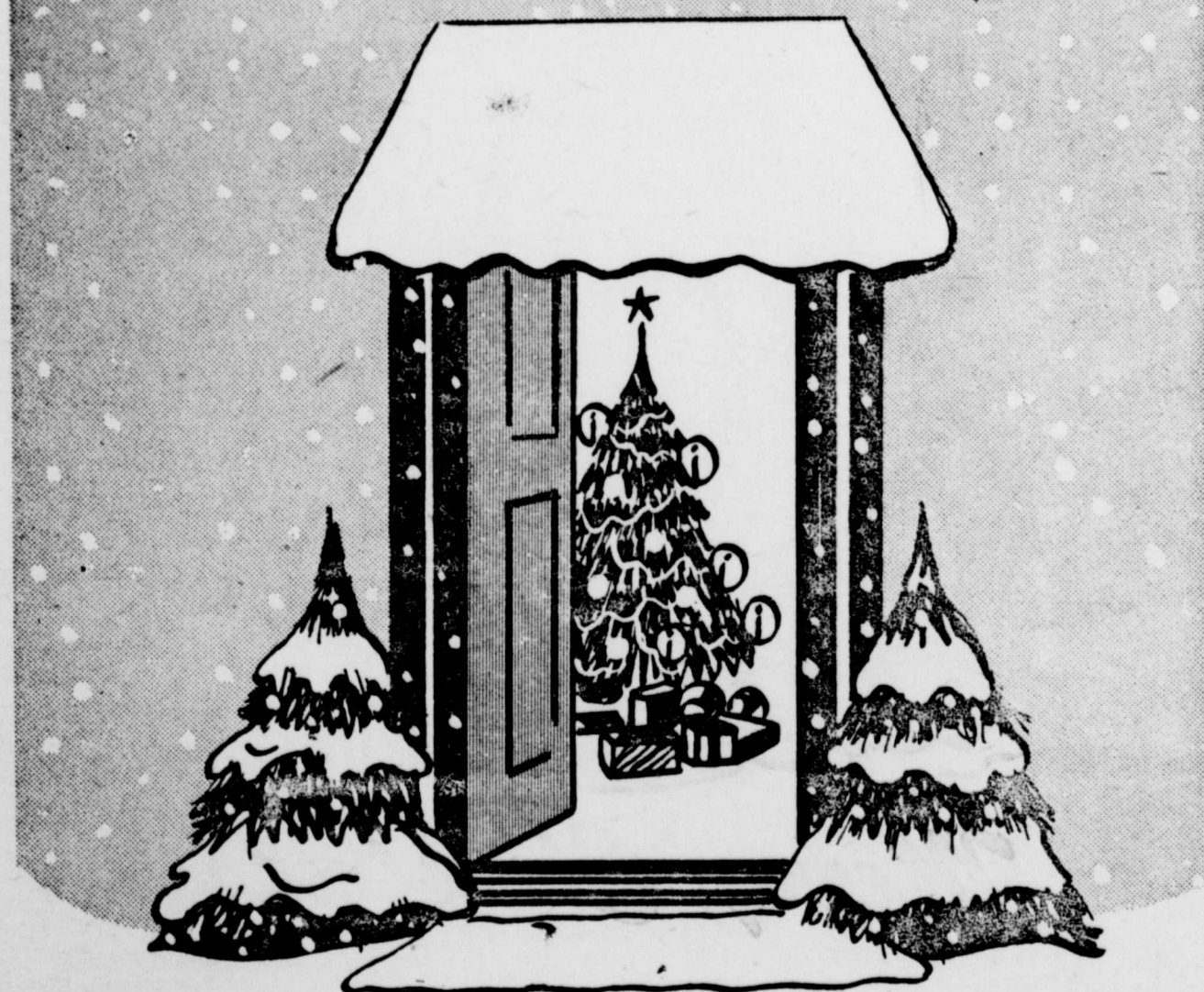
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When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two lads, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers.

For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1½ pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of partly burned candles around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C.

A person born in 3 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D. but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.



ALLERGIC TO WHISKERS . . .
Not all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime trust in the old gent. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.

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TAGGING TIME ABOUT HERE

I hope do do more tagging this year than the last two years. I am sorry that I missed some of the work last year that I usually do.

JOHN BALDERAZ

I Will Take Off From Lowe's on Jan. 1st To Do Nothing but Tagging
Call me at Lowe Hardware, Phone 64. I need the work this year.



CHRISTMAS FEAST The toys have been opened and church services are over. Now, it's time for that Christmas feast and a turkey drumstick.

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Holiday Joy
be Yours
through the
whole season!
C. C. AINSWORTH

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had visitors
sold anything
bought anything
had a party
been to one
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thrown out of one
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or even one
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Phillips or Mrs. J. A. Revell for T.
E. L. Class of First Baptist Church.

J. T. Davis returned home Tues-
day from a business trip to Waco.

Webb Hudson is building a home
on the northeast corner of the hotel
block. His new home is on the site
of the old Williams house of Webb's
that was burned somewhat in a fire
last month.

Hal Knight, Jr., son of the H. M.
Knights and Texas Tech student,
is home for the Christmas holidays.

June Boatler, daughter of the
Pat Boatlers and McMurry College
freshman, is home for the holidays.

Betty Dunn, daughter of the C.
J. Dunns, is home from Sul Ross
College, Alpine, for the holidays.

Mims C. Reed, son of the Martin
Reeds, is home from New Mexico
Military Institute for the holidays.

Hector Long, Texas University
student, arrived home Monday for
the Christmas holidays.

A man's intellect is judged by
his ability to disagree without be-
ing disagreeable.
8—BALL

No Trouble To Double

By Betty Barclay

**HERE'S Apple Ginger Mold—A
DESSERT**—so pretty, so
light, so wholesome that it's per-
fect to serve
during the fes-
tive season,
especially to
children whose
tolerance (sys-
tem-wise) of
heavy, rich,
holiday goods
is on the shaky
side!

**AND HERE'S Apple Ginger
Mold—A SALAD**—so gay, so
asty, yet so simple to prepare that
it slides in beautifully with a big
turkey dinner or a cold ham and
baked bean supper! Truly, a re-
pe double.

Apple Ginger Mold
(Salad or Dessert)

1 package lemon or strawberry
gelatin; 1 cup hot water; 1 cup
ginger ale; 1½ cups red apples, cut
in match-stick pieces.

Dissolve gelatin in hot water.
Add ginger ale. Chill until slightly
thickened. Then fold in apples.
Turn into individual molds. Chill
until firm. Unmold. Makes 8
servings.

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