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Christmas Magic

The miracle and magic of Christmas as seen by two-year-old Wanda Sue Wells of Gardiner, Maine. Father Roy C. Wells snapped the picture as his wife turned on the lights of the family Christmas tree.

AT LEAST 167 RELATIVES TO GREET THEM

Freed Crew Winging Home

PITTED TERRAIN

Man In Moon Has Bleak Home

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The moon—enchanter of lovers, controller of earth's tides and the object of awe since man was primitive—looks "like plaster of paris or sort of grayish beach sand," according to the first man to go there. If the word picture was bleak—the televised picture early today was even bleaker.

As Apollo 8 came from behind the moon to begin its second orbit, its television cameras showed an inhospitable terrain with the look of mottled marble.

CRATERS NAMED

"We're passing over crater Borman right now," joked astronaut Bill Anders, the lunar tour guide at one point. "Lovell's right next to it and there's Anders right next to it."

The craters, old and new that punctuate the moon's crust like teenager's acne, showed clearly as the terrain spun to the right in the viewer's gaze.

The telecast lasted 12 minutes. Another is scheduled for 8:31 p.m. Big Spring time Christmas Eve, when the ship is on its eighth lunar orbit. Ground controllers commented several times that the level of illumination was too high to really make out fine definition. The larger craters, however, could be seen plainly.

CURVING ARC

At times, when the camera panned upward, the curving arc of the horizon could be seen.

Lovell said impact craters could be seen easily. "These small impact craters have dark spots in the center where it appears that they buried in and hit some new material below that's got a lot of fine, white dust," he said.

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Santa's Escort

The Air Force is making sure Santa Claus arrives safely. See Page 2-A.

He's On The Way

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WARMER

Fair and warmer in the afternoons with cool nighttime temperatures through Christmas Day. High today low 70's; low tonight low 30's; high Wednesday low 70's.

Astronauts Expected To Beam Peace Plea

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The daring explorers of Apollo 8 swept into an incredible Christmas Eve orbit around the moon today, reported it looked like dirty sand and televised to earth startling pictures of a wild and wondrous terrain.

Air Force Col. Frank Borman, Navy Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. and Air Force Maj. William A. Anders joined the ranks of history's premier explorers at 3:59 a.m. Big Spring time today when they fired Apollo 8 into a perfect lunar orbit.

SEE BACKSIDE

They gazed in astonishment at a sight never before seen by man—the backside of the moon that constantly hides itself from earth.

It was akin to Columbus sighting the New World, Balboa starting down at the Pacific or De Gama rounding the Cape of Good Hope. It was Jules Verne, Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon

all wrapped up in a neat Christmas package for the adventure-lovers of the world.

The astronauts then zipped around to the front side to beam to earth dramatic pictures, accompanied by a vivid word description.

As the three astronauts look back across 231,000 miles to their home planet this Christmas Eve, they are expected to beam a message to earthlings, calling for peace and unity in a troubled world.

PLEA

The plea could come in a television show planned to start from the streaking Apollo 8 cabin at 8:31 p.m.

That would be about 3½ hours before the astronauts are to fire their spaceship engine to shoot out of lunar orbit and head for home, aiming for a Friday morning landing in the Pacific Ocean.

The engine fired them into an initial orbit ranging from 60 to 193 miles high. A second firing during the third lunar orbit circularized the path at about 70 miles above the surface.

About the same time, Apollo 8 swept past the halfway point of the planned mission of six days and three hours.

"It looks like plaster of paris,

or sort of grayish beach sand," was Lovell's first impression of this alien celestial body that has awed man since his beginning.

FLASHED SCENE

Two and one-half hours later, the astronauts flashed the scene to home television sets with the same camera that Monday had relayed pictures of the earth from 200,000 miles away.

The bright reflection of the sun dulled some of the features, but viewers could not help but be caught up in the excitement of seeing pictures beamed live by three adventurers 230,000 miles from their home planet.

Earthlings were treated to a bleak, barren landscape of crater-pocked plains, boulder-strewn plateaus and rugged mountains.

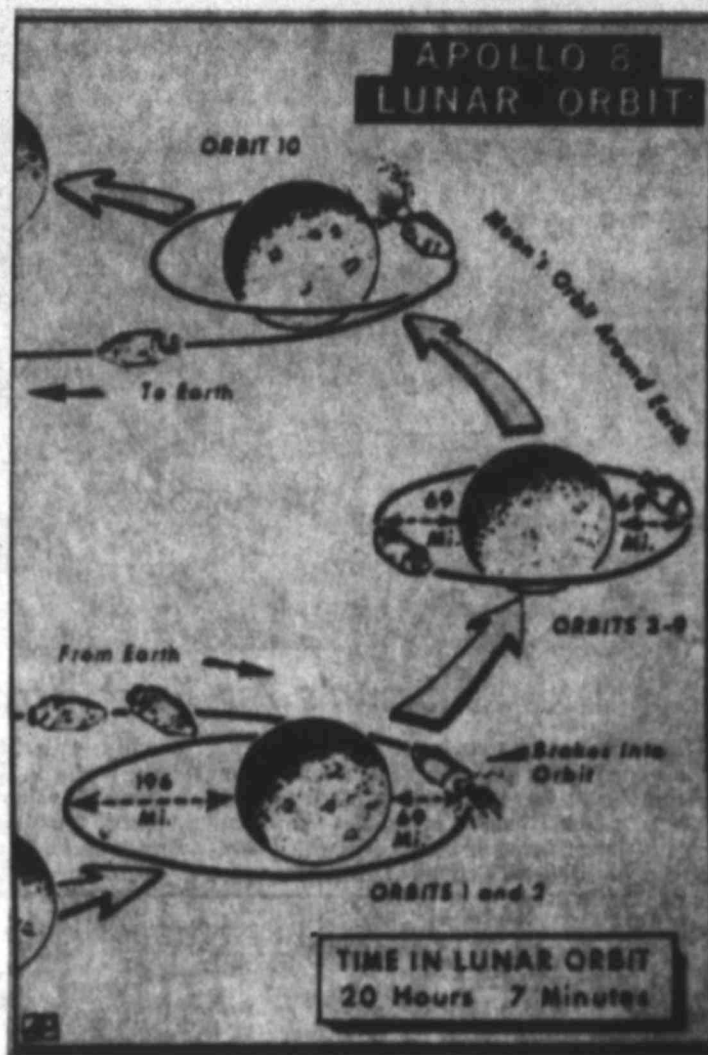
It looked like a most inhospitable place, a scene of desolation more complete than any Sahara. As Anders handled the camera for the 12-minute telecast from an altitude of about 150 miles, he described the surface as "whitish-gray, like dirty beach sand with lots of footprints in it."

NAMING CRATERS

Naming unnamed craters after astronauts, including themselves, Anders turned lunar tour guide with such description as: "The television was beamed after Apollo 8 a tiny speck in limitless space, whirled through its second of 10 planned orbits of the moon."

Each pass takes about two hours.

The spacecraft was injected initially into an orbit ranging from 60 to 193 miles high. (See MOON, P. 6-A, C. 1)



Moon Orbit

This artist's conception diagrams the lunar orbital phase of the Apollo 8 mission. Drawings show the capsule entering orbit, bottom, circling the moon, and breaking from lunar orbit and heading back to earth, top.

Most Stores To Be Closed

Big Spring is expected to be rather deserted on Christmas Day as most businesses, banks, state and federal offices will be closed.

Businesses which may remain open Wednesday include some restaurants, service stations and small grocery stores.

All offices at the Howard County Courthouse and Big Spring City Hall will be closed, as well as state and federal offices.

The post office will close its windows all day, and no deliveries will be made except for special delivery mail. However, patrons with boxes in the post office will receive mail.

Law enforcement offices will remain staffed on Christmas Day, the Howard County Sheriff's Department will have a skeleton crew on duty, with office personnel not reporting. The Big Spring Police Department will run its regular shift of uniformed officers, but office personnel will take the day off.

The fire department will operate on a normal schedule.

Evacuation Hospital outside Seoul following their release Monday.

VISITED

Before their departure today the Pueblo men were visited by several top U.S. and South Korean officials, including Premier Chung Il-Kwon.

"We certainly felt the American support," said Lt. Edward R. Murphy Jr., 41, of Berkeley, Calif., the Pueblo's executive officer. "And we tried to do our best where we were."

South Korean newspapers today welcomed the release of the crew but criticized the United States for bowing to North Korea's terms. They said it would encourage North Korea to become more militant and probably result in increased guerrilla activity against South Korea.

CAROLERS AID FUND

A group of young people in Webb Village went a-carrying Monday evening, gathering money for the CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND as they went. And they collected \$20 to add to this program which brings Christmas cheer to needy children, and helps families in emergencies throughout the year.

Special thanks to Diana Pascale, Laurie Pascale, Judy Tereletsky, Wanda Chism and Mary Jane Wardlaw for this expression of the Christmas spirit.

Others were heard from on this last day of the Fund appeal. To these and all others who have had a part in this holiday program warm thanks are expressed, with the hope that your Christmas will be a most joyful one. The Fund appeal hereby is closed for 1968.

Webb carolers	\$20.00
Mrs. N. W. McCleskey	15.00
Joe Cowen	6.00
Lucille Pickle	2.00
E. W. Lomas	25.00
Previously acknowledged	1,251.75
TOTAL TODAY	\$1,291.75

NO PAPER WEDNESDAY

In order that all employees may have Christmas Day with their families, The Herald will not publish on Christmas Day, and a full holiday—the only one of the year—will be observed.

The next regular edition of The Herald will be delivered Thursday, Dec. 26.

All the people in The Herald organization wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Vietnam Truce Violated In Opening Hour By Enemy

SAIGON (AP) — The allies began a Christmas cease-fire today and in the first hour the enemy violated the truce with nine shooting incidents, two significant, the U.S. Command said tonight.

The 24-hour allied shutdown began at 6 p.m. and fell within a three-day cease-fire period proclaimed by the Viet Cong that began 17 hours earlier.

In the first six hours of their own cease-fire, enemy soldiers made seven mortar and ground attacks on South Vietnamese military posts, killing six soldiers and one civilian and wounding 16 soldiers and five civilians, the government reported. It said six enemy soldiers were killed.

Then 53 minutes after the beginning of the allied cease-fire, U.S. 25th Infantry Division troops 40 miles northwest of Saigon were hit by about 10 rounds of mortar fire, wounding seven, the American command reported.

U.S. artillery fired on the suspected enemy positions but results were not known.

An hour after the beginning of

the allied cease-fire, a reconnaissance patrol of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division came under rocket grenade fire about 28 miles north of Saigon. One American was wounded in the eight-minute exchange.

Headquarters said the other incidents reported so far consist of small-arms fire at troops or planes and were considered minor.

Before the Viet Cong cease-fire began, South Vietnamese troops fought an all-day battle in which Saigon claimed 150 enemy soldiers were killed.

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Whopping Sales Reported By Most Merchants Here

When Big Spring stores lock their doors this afternoon, they will have closed what is described as the "best, most active and consistently steady Christmas shopping period this town has ever enjoyed."

Every store manager contacted had the same report to make. Business this December is better than last year, and probably the best in the history of the city.

"Our customers," said the merchants, "were not price conscious this year. They knew what they wanted and, if your store had the item, they bought it. They paid little attention to the price tag—what they demanded was quality merchandise of the particular type to fit their desires."

All outlets told the same story. The merchants said that buying began earlier than normal.

"We noted Christmas shop-

ping even before Thanksgiving—almost unheard of in this community," said one manager. "The shoppers continued with steady persistence. Although the volume was tremendous and gratifying, there were no grand rushes to jam aisles and slow down sales."

"The buyers were on hand all of the time. They knew what they were looking for and sales moved with exceptional smoothness."

Most establishments were well stocked for the Christmas trade—a factor which contributed materially to the generally happy merchandizing report.

"We have enjoyed the best Christmas season ever," a major department store reported. "The buying has been steady and the demand for quality merchandise consistently high."

"We have sold more furs and other higher priced mer-

chandise this Christmas than we have ever sold in the history of our store," was the way a ladies wear shop summarized its holiday business.

"Terrific" was the summation made by another department store. "Our Christmas business is far ahead of last year's figures."

"We have sold a vast amount of heavy merchandise for Christmas," said a general merchandise complex. "Television receivers, for example, have been in big demand. Easy chairs and other heavy furniture has been popular with shoppers. We have had a bigger Christmas this year than last."

"Ticked to death!" was the way that another shopping center store summarized their Christmas business.

"This is the best Christmas business we have had since we opened up here," said a leading

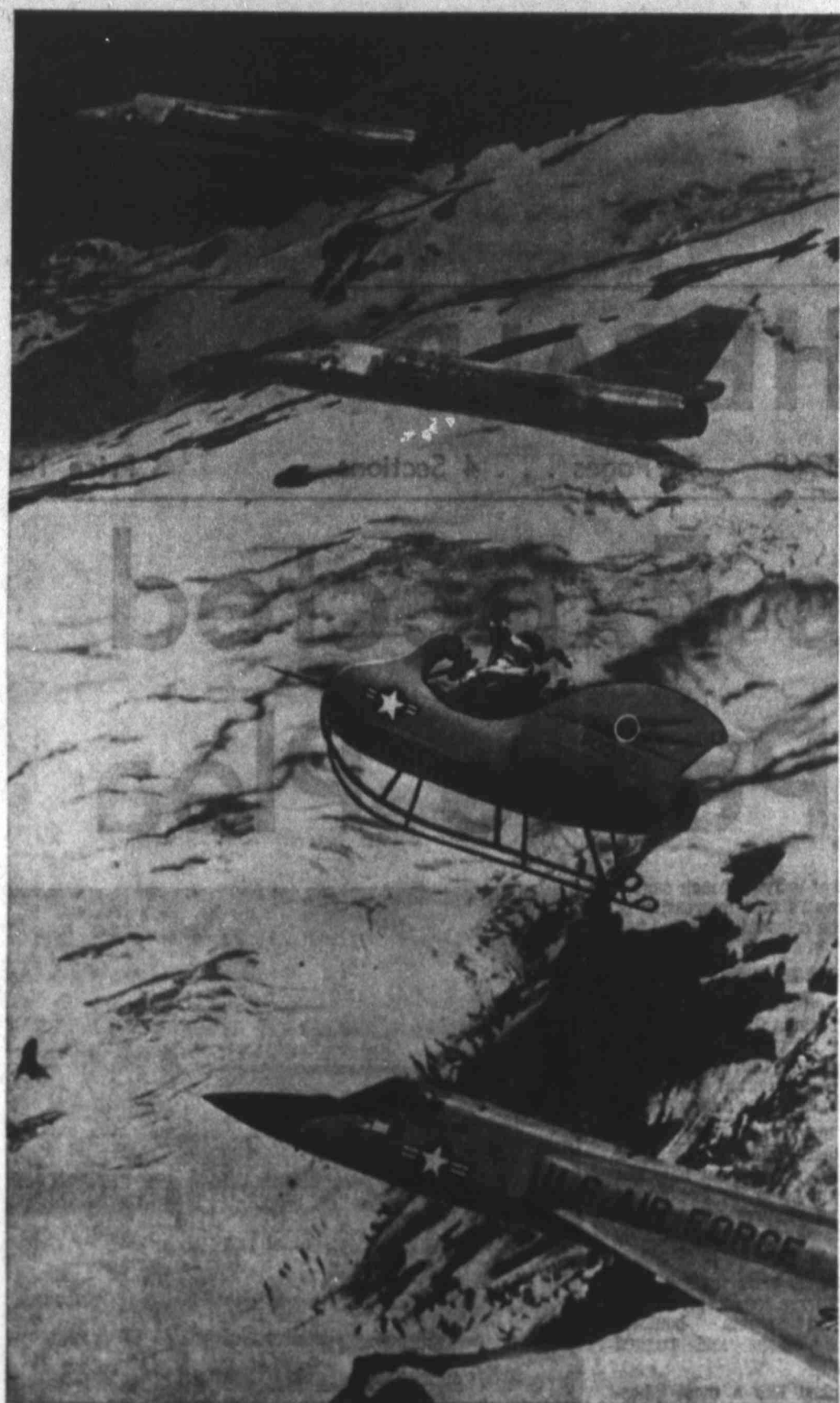
general outlet. "We have sold a tremendous amount of merchandise, and the customers are still coming."

"We are well ahead of last year and we have never had a Christmas season where the buying began as early as it did this year."

"This will be our second best Christmas," was the report at a larger variety store. "We had a bigger holiday season in 1959. This year, though, has been about as good as 1959 and it also had a number of features which have made it most pleasant."

In accordance with established custom, most of the stores will close their doors at their usual hour Tuesday, Dec. 26. If any, will be open on Christmas day.

"One thing," happily commented one store manager, "the volume of Christmas buying has reduced the magnitude of our annual inventories."



Santa's Air Force Escort

If the children at your house are concerned, allay their fears with this picture of an Air Force escort for Santa Claus as he leaves his snow-bound home in a jet powered sleigh. He is flying in formation with pilots of the Air Defense Command, who are con-

stantly on alert to defend this country against enemy attack. The pilots report they heard a familiar voice over their earphones saying "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year — Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

County's Cotton Harvest Has Soared Over 50,000

By SAM BLACKBURN
Howard County's 1968 cotton crop has now topped 50,000 bales and the end is still not at hand. However, to all practical purposes, the final ginnings should soon be made and the last of the current cotton processed by Jan. 15.

At the present time, ginner estimates there may be enough cotton still in the fields to add an extra 1,000 bales to the overall total. If this is attained, the county will have scored the enviable achievement of a crop which will average a bale to the acre across the county.

Total acreage allotted this season to cotton (most of which was planted) was 51,634 acres. Total ginnings through Monday at the county's 12 gins was 50,025 bales. If an added 1,000 bales can be added to the total, the one-bale-per-acre average can be scored.

The gross value of the crop to growers is now better than \$5,000,000. Prices are low and the dollar value of the crop is disappointing. The outstanding production, however, is most exciting. It is especially interesting in view of the fear that

the fairly heavy invasion of boll weevils posed a definite threat to the crop.

Since only a small part of the county's cotton acreage is irrigated, the 50,038 bales is almost 100 per cent dryland production.

The yield is so much greater than had been anticipated and makes this one of the most amazing cotton production years in the history of the crop in this county.

With one of the smallest acreages planted to the crop, there is a good possibility that the per-acre lint yield will establish an all time record.

The gins of the county are closing down for the Christmas holiday. Some will remain closed for two or three days or even longer. Some plan to resume operations Thursday.

All report some cotton still to be ginned but most ginner anticipate that the crop fragments which remain will be slow and irregular in reaching their plants.

It is now felt that a final close down of the gins in general cannot be expected until mid-January. It had been hoped for

a time that the crop could be handled and out of the way by the end of the year.

The 14 gins have handled about 6,000 bales of cotton since Dec. 11, the date The Herald made its last survey.

On Monday noon, the reports by the gins were:

COAHOMA — Acuff 3,314; Guitler, 925.

VINCENT — Hill Gin, 3,400; LUTHER — Planters Gin, 4,400.

FAIRVIEW — Paymaster Gin, 8,051.

KNOTT — Planters gin, 3,886; Guitler gin 1,900; Farmers Coop, 4,481.

LOMAX — Lomax Gin Co., 6,589.

BIG SPRING — Planters Gin, 4,132; Guitler Gin, 2,200; Farmers Co-op Gin, 5,864.

Total as of Dec. 23, 50,038 bales.

Dear Abby

—ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Be Able To Prove It—

DEAR ABBY: I am an employee in a store. I have been here a long time and have a lot of seniority. I am reasonably certain that my boss is having an affair with one of my co-workers. My boss' wife is a good woman who I am sure knows nothing about this, but it is fast becoming obvious to everybody in the store and I'm sure it is only a matter of time before his wife hears the talk.

I like this woman very much and hate to see her being made a fool of. Should I tell her about her husband before somebody else does? She likes me, and I could break it to her gently.

TRUSTED EMPLOYEE
DEAR ABBY: Tell the wife only if you're prepared to document your story with proof, and to testify in her behalf if she asks you to. And, of course, to find another job.

DEAR ABBY: I wish you would ask your readers to write to their congressmen and ask them to introduce a bill to force mothers who have children 18 years old and younger to stay home and take care of their children unless they absolutely have to go to work.

These working mothers who are out earning "money for extras" while their kids run the streets are a disgrace to the whole nation. Most of them have husbands to support them, but they're never satisfied. Thank you.

STAY-AT-HOME-MOTHER
DEAR ABBY: Some working mothers have better behaved children than the stay-at-home kind who are always gabbling with the neighbors, golfing, bridging, or amusing themselves in other ways. It's not the quantity — but the quality of the time a mother spends with her children that makes the difference.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old boy with a big problem. My father. I made the football team again this year and I have a feeling my father won't see me play in one game. I made the team last year, too, and my father never saw me play once. I'm the only kid whose father has never seen him play.

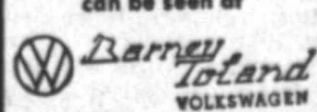
My dad travels and he is out of town better than half the time, and he says he is doing it so he can afford to give his family lots of advantages, but Abby, honestly I wouldn't mind wearing clothes and shoes bought at the Salvation Army if my father would be home more. How can I let him know how I feel?

FATHERLESS FOOTBALL PLAYER

DEAR FATHERLESS: Fathers are not mind-readers. Tell yours exactly how you feel. Men who travel for a living are frequently able to arrange their schedules to be home for special events. Maybe if you talked this over with your mother she could convince your dad that his "presence" at home now is more important than his "presents" later. Good luck.



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TIME	PROGRAM	SPONSOR
4:00- 5:00 P.M.	YEAR END REVIEW PROGRAM	ZACK'S COORS
5:00- 5:05 P.M.	LOCAL NEWS	BIG SPRING HARDWARE
5:05- 5:30 P.M.	GREAT SONGS OF CHRISTMAS	HIGHLAND CENTER, COLLEGE PARK BARBER SHOPS
5:30- 5:35 P.M.	TSN NEWS	SPANISH INN
5:35- 5:55 P.M.	THE CHRISTMAS SONG (Nat Cole)	RIVER-WELCH FUNERAL HOME
6:00- 6:05 P.M.	LOCAL NEWS	MALONE & HOGAN
6:05- 6:30 P.M.	CHRISTMAS TIME (Roger Williams)	MALONE & HOGAN
6:30- 6:55 P.M.	THE FAVORITE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS	STATE NATIONAL BANK
7:00- 7:30 P.M.	12 SONGS OF CHRISTMAS (Jim Reeves)	TEXAS DISCOUNT FURNITURE
7:35- 7:55 P.M.	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Jackie Gleason)	NALLEY-PICKLE FUNERAL HOME
8:00- 8:30 P.M.	WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS (Ray Coniff)	FREELAND AUSTIN, HUMBLE COMMISSION AGENT
8:35- 8:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHRISTIES (New Christy Minstrels)	
9:00- 9:30 P.M.	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Eddie Fisher)	
9:30-10:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS IN MY HEART (Connie Francis)	
10:05-10:30 P.M.	THE DORIS DAY CHRISTMAS ALBUM	
10:35-11:00 P.M.	HOLIDAY CHEER (Dean Martin)	
11:00-11:30 P.M.	THE HAPPY HITS OF CHRISTMAS (Dick Leiber)	
11:30-12:00 P.M.	LITTLE DRUMMER BOY	

CHRISTMAS DAY 1968

6:00- 6:05 A.M.	LOCAL NEWS	
6:05- 6:30 A.M.	CHRISTMAS TIME	
6:30- 6:40 A.M.	NEWS	HARRIS LUMBER and FIRST NATIONAL BANK
6:45- 7:00 A.M.	BRUCE FRAZIER	CUNNINGHAM-PHILIPS DRUG
7:00- 7:03 A.M.	NEWS CAPSULE	BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD
7:03- 7:15 A.M.	CHRISTMAS MUSIC	SECURITY STATE and STRIPLING-MANCILL INSURANCE AGENCY
7:15- 7:20 A.M.	WEATHER	
7:20- 7:25 A.M.	LOOK UP AND LIVE	
7:25- 7:30 A.M.	CHRISTMAS MUSIC	LEONARD'S PHARMACY and FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.
7:30- 7:45 A.M.	PORTER RANDALL NEWS	CACTUS PAINT MFG. CO.
7:45- 7:48 A.M.	LIBRARY OF LAUGHS	STATE NATIONAL BANK
7:55- 8:00 A.M.	PAUL HARVEY NEWS	BELL MAYFLOWER and CUNNINGHAM-PHILIPS DRUG
8:00- 8:05 A.M.	LOCAL NEWS	CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY
8:05- 8:15 A.M.	CHRISTMAS MUSIC	GOUND'S PHARMACY
8:15- 8:20 A.M.	WEATHER	
8:30- 8:35 A.M.	NEWS ROUND UP	MOREHEAD TRANSFER & STORAGE
8:35- 8:40 A.M.	TSN NEWS	COAHOMA STATE BANK
8:40- 8:45 A.M.	SONGS OF CHRISTMAS	JESS BAILEY STEEL COMPANY
8:45- 8:55 A.M.	CHRISTMAS MUSIC	FREELAND AUSTIN, HUMBLE AGENT
8:55- 9:00 A.M.	ABC NEWS	SECURITY STATE BANK and MOREHEAD TRANSFER & STORAGE
9:00- 9:30 A.M.	MERRY CHRISTMAS (New Christy Minstrels)	PIGGLY WIGGLY
9:30- 9:55 A.M.	HERE WE COME A-CAROLING (Ray Coniff Singers)	POLLARD CHEVROLET CO.
9:55-10:00 A.M.	ABC NEWS	TOMMY GAGE OIL COMPANY
10:00-10:30 A.M.	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Brenda Lee)	STATE NATIONAL BANK
10:30-11:30 A.M.	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICE	
11:30-11:55 A.M.	CHRISTMAS DAY (Patti Page)	BIG SPRING HERALD
11:55-12:00 A.M.	WEATHER	
12:00-12:15 P.M.	PAUL HARVEY NEWS	GIBSON'S CENTER
12:15-12:25 P.M.	LOCAL NEWS	MONTGOMERY WARD
12:25-12:30 P.M.	GAGE OIL SPORTS REPORT	BIG SPRING SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.
12:30-12:45 P.M.	PORTER RANDALL NEWS	SECURITY STATE BANK
12:45-12:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS MUSIC	COAHOMA STATE BANK
1:00- 1:25 P.M.	CHRISTMAS DAY WITH SAMMY KAYE	SPANISH INN
1:30- 1:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS ALBUM (Andy Williams)	NEUHOF BROS.
1:55- 2:00 P.M.	ABC NEWS	FARMERS INSURANCE AGENCY
2:00- 2:30 P.M.	CHRISTMAS TIME (Roger Williams)	HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT LBR. CO.
2:30- 2:55 P.M.	THE JOYFUL SEASON (Jo Stafford)	FIRST NATIONAL BANK
2:55- 3:00 P.M.	ABC NEWS	PHILLIPS 66—K. H. McGIBBON OIL CO.
3:00- 3:30 P.M.	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Eddie Fisher)	BIG SPRING HERALD
3:30- 3:55 P.M.	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Jackie Gleason)	
3:55- 4:00 P.M.	ABC NEWS	
4:00- 5:00 P.M.	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Dean Martin)	
5:00- 5:05 P.M.	LOCAL NEWS	
5:05- 5:30 P.M.	CHRISTMAS CAROLING (Mario Lanza)	
5:30- 5:35 P.M.	TSN NEWS	
5:40- 5:45 P.M.	TSN SPORTS	
5:45- 6:00 P.M.	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Sammy Kaye)	
6:00- 7:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS MUSIC	
7:00- 7:25 P.M.	SEASON'S GREETINGS (Perry Como)	
7:30- 7:35 P.M.	TSN NEWS	
7:35- 7:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHRISTIES	
7:55- 8:00 P.M.	ABC NEWS	
8:00- 8:30 P.M.	PONDEROSA (Bonanza Gang)	
8:30- 8:55 P.M.	SILENT NIGHT (Lawrence Welk)	
8:55- 9:00 P.M.	ABC NEWS	
9:00- 9:25 P.M.	THE MAGICAL CHRISTMAS (Nat King Cole)	
9:30- 9:35 P.M.	TSN NEWS	
9:35- 9:55 P.M.	CHRISTMAS WITH SAMMY KAYE	
9:55-10:00 P.M.	ABC NEWS	
10:00-10:05 P.M.	LOCAL NEWS & WEATHER	
10:05-10:30 P.M.	WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS	
10:30-10:45 P.M.	THAT HOLIDAY FEELING (Steve Eydie)	
10:45-11:00 P.M.	SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS SHOW	
11:00-11:30 P.M.	CHRISTMAS DREAMING (Sinatra)	
11:30-12:30 A.M.	CHRISTMAS MUSIC	

"We, at KBST, want to take this opportunity to thank our listening audience, and our many fine sponsors, for making 1968 another outstanding year for our station... May your holiday be a happy and safe one and may peace, happiness and success be yours in the coming year."

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Christmas Dinner

Food baskets for Christmas dinners are distributed by Salvation Army Captain Bart Deggs. Money for the food was raised by volunteer Bell Ringers, who manned Salvation Army kettles, and went to help more than 260 families.

Brighter Holiday Provided For Many

Christmas activities are over for Big Spring firemen, the Bell Ringers, and the Salvation Army. Their work and efforts have assured a Merry Christmas for the less fortunate in the community.

The last of the toys collected by the firemen has been repaired, fixed and painted. Their efforts produced 103 bicycles, 98 tricycles, 50 wagons and 275 assorted toys during the month the fire department toy repair shop was in operation. Money to operate the repair shop came from the Christmas



Under The Tree

Mrs. Bart Deggs helps distribute the dolls and toys collected and repaired by the Big Spring Fire Department. All the toys were distributed among needy children of the area. Money for the repairs was raised through the Christmas Cheer Fund.



We echo the joyous voices of the carolers in bringing you Season's Greetings for this time of peace and harmony.

**SID RICHARDSON
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Santa Is On His Way

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A scrubbook reverts in many homes is the following column that boys write to their parents to read aloud to their children on Christmas Eve. This year, as every year, number of newspapers and readers asked that it be presented again.)

By HAL BOYLE
NORTH POLE, (AP) — He's off!

Santa Claus is on his way at last!

The jolly old Saint and his famous reindeer are zooming through the Arctic skies right now, heading for the American border. He'll reach it tonight. The Northern Lights switched on to a clear steady green—the "go ahead" signal. And the Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

"WE ARE clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good luck!"

And Santa Claus needed that wide, clear road in the sky. For his big red sled was packed so full of gifts it overflowed. It looked like a hayrick zooming through the frosty air.

"Oh dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff.

"I do hope none of these presents falls out and beans some poor innocent rabbit down below. This must be the heaviest load I've had in twenty years."

"WHAT IS he fretting about?" whispered Donner to Vixen. "He's only riding that sled. We have to pull it."

Vixen laughed so hard the bells on her harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.

As Santa Claus climbed up into the seat of the sled, puffing a little because he had gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waded across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus importantly. Then he said, surprised: "Why, what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"WE'RE ON a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I must say this is the first time I ever picked up three hitchhikers wearing tuxedos."

Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.

"Never mind," said Santa. "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. It'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

"That isn't according to Hoyle," said Mrs. Claus, who likes to play bridge. "But it does make sense, you old sofie."

Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be off. But then he heard a small voice crying:

"WAIT, please wait."

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves gossiped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure. "What's this? What's this?" grumbled Santa. "You're too

late. My pack is already loaded."

"It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room—all by myself."

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"IT IS THE angel of peace," explained Cluny.

"Why, Cluny!" said Santa. "This is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land."

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-tickly kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho! here we go!"

THE EIGHT reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster—and then they were off the ground and into the air.

Santa was on his way. And tonight, if you go to bed, he will come to your house, wherever you are.



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Flames Engulf Famed Market In Matamoros

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — Flames engulfed the famed Juarez Market in downtown Matamoros early today.

The market, well known to U.S.-Mexico border visitors, covers a city block and is composed largely of flimsy, stall-like structures.

A spokesman for the Brownsville Fire Department said the department was asked for help at about 6:30 a.m. The spokesman said that the Brownsville Fire Department sent two trucks at once.

Brownsville Fire Chief Benjamin Huron asked that fire units from Harlingen and San Benito be sent to Matamoros and a Harlingen unit left at once.

Flames and smoke could be seen in Brownsville.

The spokesman said Huron made the request for more help after he and the two Brownsville units reached the scene.

The market, one of the most popular attractions in this border city, covers an entire city block and is composed of about 100 flimsy concession-type stands.

It is well known to tourists from the United States. The stalls contain purses, old coins,

toys, food, jewelry, rugs and anything that appears salable. The market is in the center of downtown Matamoros, a city of about 123,000.

Cause of the fire was not at once known.

Big Tax Take

ORANGE Tex. (AP) — School taxes in Orange County alone for Firestone Petrochemical Center amounted to \$304,858.

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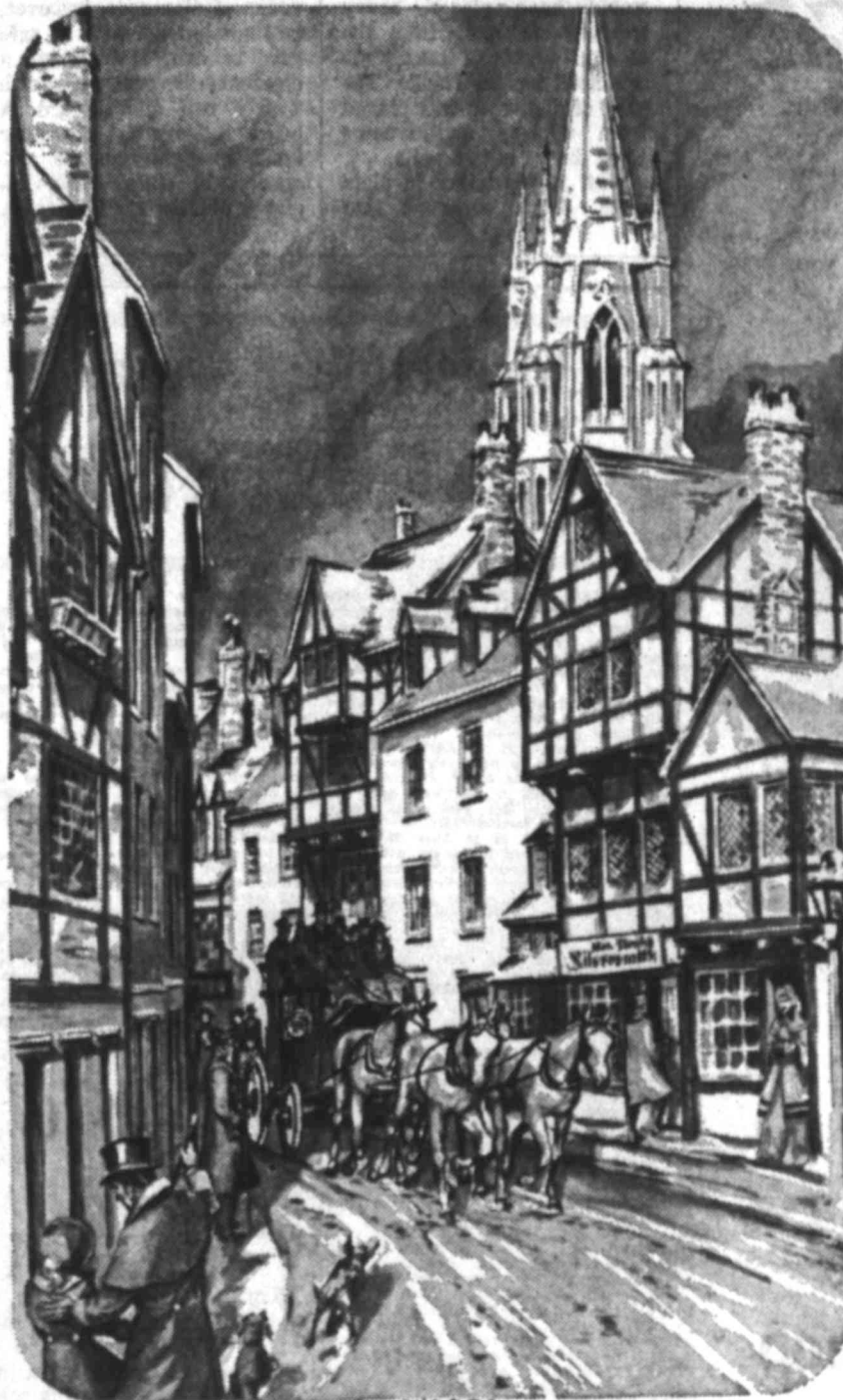
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War Rages In Holy Land

BETHLEHEM (AP) — Israeli warplanes pummeled Arab guerrillas inside Jordan again today while 80 miles to the south in the birthplace of Christ yuletide preparations approached their climax.

The planes smashed at Al Fatah saboteurs the Israelis said were based in the abandoned village of Manshiya, facing the Beisan Valley just south of the Sea of Galilee.

The Israeli army charged the Arabs fired rockets and light arms at an Israeli patrol on the Jordan River ceasefire line at 7:30 a.m.

Heavy smoke could be seen as

the Israeli jets swept through a driving rain. Israeli tanks also fired at the village.

No Israeli casualties were reported.

It was the third time in a week the Israeli Air Force has sent one or two planes over Jordan to attack positions from which the Israelis claim the Arab guerrillas have been attacking Israel.

Meanwhile, thousands of Christian pilgrims ignored Arab threats of trouble during the holy season and converged on the sites and shrines revered by the faithful.

More than 2,000 Arabs—Muslims as well as Christians—have also arrived from Jordan, Lebanon and Kuwait via the Allenby Bridge across the Jordan River. Most of them are visiting relatives in the areas of Jordan occupied by Israel in the 1967 war. The rest came for Christmas or to visit Moslem shrines in Jerusalem at the end of Ramadan, the Moslem holy month.

The Al Fatah organization of Arab guerrillas has warned pilgrims it would not be responsible for their safety during the Christmas season, a veiled threat which Al Fatah has made every year without following through. But thousands of Israeli border police and army troops are on the alert.

The weatherman predicted a bleak, cold but snowless Christmas in Bethlehem, spending its second Christmas under Israeli occupation.

Work-Study Funds Are Received Here

Good news to nearly 200 young people under the work-study program came Tuesday from Congressional Representative Omar Burleson.

He reported that approval had been given a \$42,837 grant to Howard County Junior College for 179 student awards under the program for the second semester.

HCJC is the administrative agency for the program which finances jobs for students requiring financial help. These places are provided by the college, the Big Spring and area schools, YMCA, etc.



Ho, Ho, And Ho!

When it comes to playing Santa Claus—everyone wants to play Santa Claus, including 4-month-old Joey Rechtiene of Mankato, Minn., who sits on lap of 83-year-old Hugo Mullia, a member of Mankato's Senior Citizens' Center. The canine Santa is Jacques, a French poodle. The three Santas were gathered at a Christmas party at the Mankato House nursing home in Mankato, Minn.

IN SAN DIEGO

Families Of Crewmen Arrive For Reunion

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — Wives and children, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters are here for a Christmas Eve reunion with the 82 surviving crewmen of the USS Pueblo.

The families have been flown at Navy expense to meet the men released Sunday after 11 months as captives of North Korea.

The first of two giant jets carrying the crew was to set down at Miramar Naval Air Station at 4 p.m. EST.

First on the agenda were brief, public reunions between crewmen and their loved ones. Next were a Navy-arranged news conference, and intelligence debriefing and medical checkups at the San Diego Naval Hospital.

The debriefing and medical checks will last an indefinite period of time. Before they start, however, families will have an hour in private at the hospital.

The Navy readied a comfortable temporary home at the "Pink Palace," a plain four-story hospital corpsmen's school building in a quiet corner of the grounds. Out of the school dormitory went double-bunked beds. In went single beds, carpets, writing desk and overhead lighting.

That was one part of Operation Breeches Buoy, the Navy's code name for plans developed months ago. The plan was named for the device that carried people from one ship to another at sea.

While Marine security guards assembled outside, the Navy went to work in the adjacent building, a gathering place for the hospital staff called the RX Club. In the spacious, carpeted, wood-paneled building, gaily decorated for the holidays, the crew will eat, relax and watch television with their families.

"A man will be able to visit his family whenever he's not tied up with debriefings or physicals," a Navy spokesman explained.

The Navy said the crew could be at the hospital from two weeks to two months and whether any could leave the hospital for Christmas along with their families would depend on their physical condition.

Families began arriving Monday morning at the municipal airport. The Navy said it paid \$25,475 for tickets for the first 43 families and said it knew of 167 dependents who plan to come. But, a spokesman noted, that dozens of others might come on their own, and would be taken care of also.

Most arriving relatives had little time to buy Christmas presents. One wife said she had bought what her husband once asked for, a special-type bar of soap.

Mrs. Policarpo Garcia arrived from Point Mugu, Calif., with her sons, Cesar, 8, and Ronnie, 6. She said she hadn't seen her husband, a storekeeper on the Pueblo, since Jan. 5, three weeks before the boat was seized.

"You know," she told newsmen, "I think Ronnie said it for all of us. When I told him Daddy was coming home for Christmas, he said, 'Mommy, Daddy is the best gift I could want.'"

White Christmas Expected In North

By The Associated Press

A white Christmas seemed a certainty for most of the northern half of the nation today as fresh snows piled into the West and East and zero cold locked the midlands in the remnants of a highway-clogging storm.

A new Pacific storm lashed the northwest with gales and soaking rains along the coast and flung heavy snows inland from the Cascades and Sierras to the northern Rockies. Lakeview, in south-central Oregon, shoveled through 16 inches of snow.

Biting gales sweeping the eastern Great Lakes scattered flurries into the Appalachians and dumped heavy snow into western New York and adjacent lake areas. Travelers warnings were issued for eight New York counties pelted by snow and winds up to 50 miles an hour.

Six inches of snow fell atop a coating of ice in sections east of Buffalo to add an extra hazard for motorists winding up Christmas shopping and those getting an early start on holiday travel.

A new blast of Arctic air rolled across the plains and Midwest, driving temperatures below zero in a region plastered by up to two feet of snow Sunday and Monday. Highway crews plowed through 10- and 12-foot drifts in portions of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, the eastern Dakotas and Minnesota.

Blowing and drifting snow continued to frustrate clearing operations in parts of south-western Minnesota, and some highways were open only to one-way traffic. The snow ranged up to 26 inches in depth at Mor-

ris, Minn., and 25 inches at Duluth.

Before churning into the northeast, the weekend storm heaped 12 to 16 inches of snow across northern Michigan. All roads except US 41 were closed in the state's Upper Peninsula for a time Monday.

As the latest in a series of early-season cold snaps settled across the country, the South once again was stung by a hard freeze. The mercury dropped into the middle 20s in parts of Georgia and Alabama before dawn.

The Weather Bureau's Christmas Day outlook indicated more light snow would develop in parts of the Northern Plains and spread eastward into the lower Midwest. The northwestern storm was expected to scatter snow into the entire Rocky Mountain chain.

Propaganda On Road Conditions

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police dispatcher Cpl. Charlie Brown received a teletype message recently from the Texarkana, Tex., police department giving weather and road conditions in their area and South-west Arkansas.

The message ended with the sentence: "Motorists should expect some light rain in certain areas and should drive with due caution, especially in Arkansas where the roads ain't as good as our fine Texas highways."



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Remember the lights so glittery bright, and the tinsel so shiny and gay? How long it was before the time would come until it was finally Christmas Day?

But the time has passed and the hour is near, the fulfillment is worth the delay. Little children shout greetings to and fro, and remembering enchants the day.

by J. Hukill

Christmas Greetings

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MOON

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from 69 to 193 miles above the surface.

The astronauts are to shoot themselves out of orbit at 1:06 a. m. Wednesday and start the 58-hour return to earth.

The momentous orbit insertion climaxed a 69 hour journey that started Saturday at Cape Kennedy in which the astronauts, like three wise men of the past, guided themselves toward a bright object in the heavens.

After a suspenseful 36 minutes in which the astronauts were out of contact behind the moon, where they executed the orbit maneuver, Mission Control Center excitedly announced:

WE'VE GOT IT

"We've got it! We've got it! Apollo 8 is in lunar orbit." After a check to make certain all systems were working, the control center asked: "What does the old moon look like?"

Navigator Lovell replied: "The moon is essentially gray. No color... The Sea of Fertility doesn't stand out as well here as it does on earth... We're getting quite a bit of contrast as we approach the terminator."

The terminator is the line between darkness and light on the moon.

He added that the view was very good and that it was easy to pick out landmarks.

Charting landmarks on the surface to guide future moon-landing astronauts is a major goal of the flight.

As Apollo 8 passed north of the craters Colombo and Gutenberg, Anders reported "very good detail... they're very visible."

Gazing down on a landscape of craters, pockmarked plains, boulder-strewn plateaus and rugged mountains, Lovell reported on the great number of craters.

ROUNDED OFF

"The craters are all rounded off," he said. "There's quite a few of them. Many of them look like they've been hit by meteorites or projectiles of some sort. The walls of the craters are terraced, about six or seven terraces on the way down."

The historic engine ignition that propelled the astronauts into lunar orbit occurred at 3:59 a. m. Big Spring time.

They had been behind the moon for 19 minutes before firing the engine for a four-minute burst that consumed 16,000 pounds of fuel and dropped Apollo 8 into an orbit ranging from 69 to 193 miles, almost precisely the path sought.

"Keep a good eye on us," Borman advised the ground after Apollo 8, a tiny speck in limitless space emerged around the edge of the moon.

Later, they planned to circularize the path at the 69-mile altitude.

They are to circle 10 times in 20 hours above the rugged lunar terrain, photographing it and paving the way for future astronauts to land.

Although future astronauts will land, from this day forward, the history books will be rewritten to record the names of Borman, Lovell and Anders. Schoolboys and girls will read of the exploits of these pioneers who braved a hazardous trek a quarter million miles across a trackless void to reach the moon, a goal man long has dreamed of.

Like three wise men of the past, they followed a bright object in the sky in search of their prize.

It's Venus, Not Apollo

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — That bright light you've seen hovering around the moon isn't Apollo 8. It's probably Venus.

Inundated with queries the past two days on possible visual sightings of the spacecraft, space agency officials said the moon ship simply cannot be seen with the naked eye.

And there have been no reports of visual sightings via telescope, a spokesman said Monday night. He added that it would be only a "remote chance of picking it up."

An astronomer said Venus has been appearing in the vicinity of the moon and that probably led to the confusion, the spokesman said. A Fort Worth, Tex., astronomer gave a like report.

Millions of sky gazers throughout the world had been hoping to spot the spacecraft as it flashed moonward.

At Johannesburg, South Africa, a spokesman for Smithsonian Institution's tracking station said attempts to take telescopic photographs of the Apollo 8 Monday night were unsuccessful.

Closed Store After Killing

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — James D. Roach padlocked his suburban grocery Monday because a trio of leather-jacketed men shot and killed the manager, Lorenzo Ford, 39, during a robbery attempt Sunday.

"I can't see putting another man in here to be a guinea pig so someone can shoot him," Roach said. "The store is closed for good."

VA Patients Get Christmas Party

There are 160 patients at the Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary of Big Spring Veterans Administration Hospital who can't go home for Christmas, so Monday night some 17 organizations from here and Lubbock brought Christmas to the patients.

About 70 volunteers from the service groups went into the various hospital wards and took Christmas gifts to the patients at their beds, said Mrs. Ara Cunningham, hospital volunteer service director.

Accompanying the volunteers were Santa Claus and a sextet of carolers. Santa Claus was brought from Webb AFB by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Organizations participating in the Christmas giving were the Big Spring American Legion and Auxiliary, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary, Lubbock Disabled American Veterans and

Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary of Big Spring and Lubbock, Non-Commissioned Officers Wives Club of Webb AFB, National Association of Letter Carriers, Gold Star Mothers Club, American Red Cross and Big Spring World War I Barracks and Auxiliary.

The Lubbock DAV and Auxiliary last week sent down enough gifts for each patient, and more were given by the other volunteer organizations which participated in the Monday night program.

Mrs. Cunningham said the annual gift shop at the VA hospital was a success, and every patient was able to select the Christmas giving were the Big Spring American Legion and Auxiliary, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary, Lubbock Disabled American Veterans and

Bed-ridden patients were able to make their selections when volunteers took carts of gifts into the wards for patients who were unable to leave their beds, she said.



Heading Home

Pueblo crewmen, freed Tuesday after 11 months captivity by the North Koreans, hold their thumbs up before boarding plane for San Diego at Kimpo Airbase in Seoul, today. In right foreground, from left, are Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher,

Pueblo captain; Col. Lyle S. Thomas, commander of the 65th Military Airlift Group; Gen. Charles Bonesteel, commander of U.S. Army forces in Korea and Rear Adm. George P. Steele III, commander of U.S. Navy forces in Korea.

Residents Draw Aside For Christmas Worship

Many Big Spring families will draw aside this evening and Wednesday to observe in song and adoration the birth of the Saviour.

There will be beautiful candlelight services, special programs for the youngsters, mid-

night masses and traditional services, and on Christmas Day three worship services in addition to a number of masses.

For the 22nd consecutive year, the First Presbyterian Church today pauses for its candlelight service in the sanctuary beginning at 7 o'clock. Dr. R. Gage Lloyd, minister, urged all the community, particularly servicemen, to join in this unique worship which features carol singing, Scripture reading and choir numbers.

The Christmas tree will be a highlight, and at the conclusion of the one-hour service, each of the worshippers will light his candle from the center candle in a moment of rededication to "let our light so shine..."

Credo Field Is Extended

Roden Oil Co. of Midland No. 2-H Reed has been finished as a 3/4-mile south extension for the Credo (Wolfcamp) reservoir in Sterling County.

It is 660 feet from south and 1,300 feet from west lines of section 11, block 30, W&NW survey, 14 miles northwest of Sterling City.

On the 24-hour potential it produced 150 barrels of 40.3 degree crude flowing on a 20-44 inch opening with gas-oil ratio of 1.588-1 and surface pressure ranging from 75 and 180 pounds.

The production came from perforations between 7,485 and 7,512 feet after a 1,500-gallon acid treatment.

Earlier Wolfcamp B shot holes at 7,604-7,631 feet were injected with 1,000 gallons of acid. A packer leak prevented a conclusive swabbing test being made on that horizon. Those perforations are above the plugged back depth of 7,655 feet and an attempt may be made at a later time to produce them.

COMPLETIONS

HOWARD Bend Operating Co. No. 7 Texas Land & Mortgage Co. has completed a well in the Snyder field, 1,658 feet from the south and 965 feet from the east lines, 17-30-T15-T&P. Total depth is 2,502 feet with 210-inch casing running to 2,462 feet. Perforations are from 2,418-2,475 feet and initial production is three barrels of 30.3 gravity oil and 49 barrels of water per day. It was fractured with 1,250 barrels of water and 75,000 pounds of sand.

STERLING Roden Oil Co. No. 2-H Reed has completed a well in the Credo (Wolfcamp) field, 460 feet from the south and 1,200 feet from the west lines, 11-30-W&NW survey, 11 miles northwest of Sterling City. Total depth is 7,691 feet with well casing running to total depth. Perforations were from 7,485-7,512 feet and initial production was 120 barrels of 40.3 gravity oil and no water through a 24-44 choke with gas-oil ratio of 1.58-1 and tubing pressure of 75-180. It was acidized with 1,500 gallons.

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Two Convicted Of Killing Officer

ELIZABETH, N.J. (AP) — Two Negro defendants, including a woman, have been convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison in the beating death of a white policeman during 1967 racial disorders.

The jury of 10 men and two women, including one Negro man, Monday night convicted Miss Gail Madden, 22, and George Merritt Jr., 24, and acquitted two other Negroes, Donald Jones, 23, and Howard Brandon, 24.

The verdicts came after more than 53 hours of deliberation. When it was announced several spectators had to be taken weeping, from the courtroom.

Except for Miss Madden, however, the defendants showed no sign of emotion. Miss Madden sat silently.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict and resumes deliberations today in the case of James Toland, 33.

The five defendants were among 11 Negroes, all of Plainfield, who were charged with murder in the July 16, 1967 slaying of Patrolman John V. Gleason Jr. Gleason died of a beating inflicted by a mob at the height of the racial disorders which swept Plainfield.

During the trial, state witnesses testified that they saw Merritt attack the Plainfield patrolman with a meat cleaver or butcher knife and identified Miss Madden, a large, stocky woman, who weighs more than 250 pounds, as the woman in a bright orange colored dress who was jumping up and down on the officer.

The life sentence normally carries the possibility of parole after about 14 years. Miss Madden's attorney said he would appeal the verdict.

There is no cloud cover and the telescope can focus on the Apollo 8, home viewers may see the spacecraft for six minutes at a time. Lunetta gave the following times, all Eastern Standard: 6:44 p.m., 8:42 p.m. and 10:40 p.m.

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Garrett Posts Bond, Released

George Garrett, 54, SLITTERED to Howard County Sheriff A. N. Standard Monday night on a charge of assault with intent to murder. Justice of the Peace Jess Slaughter set bond at \$2,000, which Garrett posted and he was released.

The charges resulted from a gun wound Garrett's ex-wife suffered Sunday afternoon at her home, 404 NW 5th, she was released from Cowper Clinic and Hospital Monday afternoon.

WEATHER

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS: Fair and warmer tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Wednesday. Low 29 to 34. High Wednesday 60 to 70.

WESTERN TEXAS: Fair and warmer tonight. Partly cloudy and a little warmer Wednesday. Low 30 in north to 34 in south. High Wednesday 64 to 70.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Low 32 to 45. High Wednesday 58 to 64.

WEST OF THE PECOS: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Low 30 to 42. High Wednesday 55 to 64.

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Chicago 24 12

Denver 22 16

Fort Worth 47 25

New York 49 29

St. Louis 31 15

Sun sets today at 5:42 p.m. Sun rises Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. Highest temperature this date 88 in 1953. Lowest temperature this date 8 in 1953. Maximum rainfall this date 1.00 in 1914.

Season's Greetings



Be glad of heart and spirit, too... It's

Christmas! In the fine tradition of the season, we

extend greetings, simple and sincere, to our

friends and customers. Happy holidays, best wishes,

and many, many thanks.

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Weather Forecast

There will be snow flurries Tuesday night for the northern half of the Rockies and the eastern Great Lakes region. Showers are forecast for northern California. It will turn colder along the east coast and will be warmer from the central and southern Rockies through the southern and central Plains states.

Graveside Rites For Infant Son

STANTON (SC) — Graveside rites were to be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday for Terry Dale Williams, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby B. Williams. The baby died soon after birth at Physicians Hospital here Monday. Arrangements are in charge of the Glibreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

DEATHS

Saul Marcus Jr., Infant Services

Saul Marcus Jr., two-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Marcus, 1008 NW 3rd, died at 10 p.m. Monday in a local hospital after becoming ill earlier in the day.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in Northside Methodist Church with the Rev. Apolonio Vega, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in City Cemetery under direction of Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

The infant was born Oct. 22, 1968, in Big Spring.

Survivors other than the parents include the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marcus, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mancha, all of Big Spring.

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Season's Greetings

The merchants listed below wish to extend a warm and personal greeting to their many friends and customers

Greetings Only the best to our patrons Lawrence Robinson Insurance Agency 709 E. 3rd	A Pack full of good luck and lots of Happiness on this Christmas Day Smith & Coleman Oil Co. 201 N. Benton	May Christmas with all its Joy and Goodness Shine upon you Tea Room Cafeterias 13th and Scurry 6th and Main	We wish you all A Merry Christmas Big Spring Health Food Center 1305 Scurry 267-6534	Hope you have a ball this Christmas Curley's Studio 206 11th Pl. 263-1071	NOEL LET US HERALD OUR SAVIOUR'S BIRTH Hester's Supply Co. 263-2091 209 Rannels	Merry Christmas May your holiday abound with joy and gladness Big Spring Locker Co. 100 Coliad 267-9011	CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Hope you Have A glorious day Colorado Oil Company
To our patrons the very best for the Holidays Silver Star Restaurant 803 E. 3rd (Closed Christmas Day)	May peace abide for you and yours Herman's Steak House 1810 Gregg 267-9128	To our customers a very cheery Christmas Day and Happy New Year Poncho's News Stand 306 Rannels	Glowing good wishes go out to you from all of our staff. Thompson Furn. Co. 401 E. 2nd 267-5831	Joy to the World We are happy to wish you the best at this holiday time! Drinkard Electric 310 Benton 263-3477	SEASONS GREETINGS May you have a fun- packed holiday season Barber Glass & Mirror 211 E. 3rd	we wish you the greatest blessings on christmas day Hubbard Packing Company NE 2nd 267-7781	Merry Christmas May this Holy Season Bring Blessings of Peace and Joy Grantham Jeweler 305 Main
Glad Tidings from all the friendly folks at Graham's Office Machines 417 E. 3rd 263-6901	MERRY CHRISTMAS A note of good cheer to all our many valued loyal friends & patrons. Tate, Bristow & Parks Ins. Agency 508 Main	Blessings to you at Christmas and may your Christ- mas be truly merry and bright. E. P. Driver Insurance Agency 213 Rannels	Season's Greetings From your friends Thomas Office Supply & Staff 101 Main Phone 267-6621	May the joys of this Holiday Season be yours B & H Cleaners Free Pick-up and Delivery 2001 Wason Rd.—Ph. 263-4492	Let us pray for peace And for good will toward men HIGHLAND BARBER SHOP COLLEGE PARK BARBER SHOP and CENTER BARBER SHOP	May you receive the best of everything at this happiest of holidays. Le Boutique Gift Shop Highland Center Phone 263-2753	NOEL May the spirit of this season bless you and all of your family! City Pawn Shop 204 Main Phone 267-6061
Have a Happy Yule! We hope Santa brings you the very best! Hall Auto Parts Sherrill Carroll 508 Gregg Phone 267-8261	"WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST" First National Bank	GREETINGS May all your dreams come true at Christmas. Al's Barbecue 411 W. 4th	Glad Tidings Santa sends his very best to all of you, our favorite patrons. PRAGER'S 102 E. 3rd	To all our loyal friends and patrons Merry Christmas Elmer's Liquor Store 1700 Marcy 267-7037	Time to wish all our loyal customers the best of the holidays. Have a Merry Christmas! Southwestern A-1 Pest Control 2008 Birdwell 267-5190	Greetings May the Yule bells ring forth happiness. Village Shoe Store 1901 1/2 Gregg	May the magic of Christmas last all year! Jim Owens Greyhound Bus Terminal



The Winners

Don Womack, manager of Texas Electric Service Company, presents (from left) Mrs. Todd Roberts, Mrs. Fran Bordofsky and Mrs. Fred Knecht the prizes in the Christmas decoration contest.

Winners Receive Awards Monday

Prizes in the Texas Electric Service Company's Christmas decoration contest were awarded Monday.

Mrs. Todd Roberts was presented a Reddy outdoor light for the first place decorations which is in the front yard of her home, 607 Bucknell.

Mrs. Fran Bordofsky, 3307

Auburn, was given a dual control electric blanket for the second place entry. Mrs. Fred Knecht, 210-B Hunter, was awarded the third place prize of an electric carving knife.

The prizes, provided by Texas Electric Service Company, were presented by local manager Don Womack.

For those who may wish to drive about the city, this is a list of entries arranged in somewhat sequence of travel.

A suggested starting point is the home of S.M. Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Meigs, 802 Birdwell, thence to C. E. Milam, 1719 Purdue; Mr. and Mrs. Todd Roberts, 607 Bucknell; Paul Swett, 3307 Drexel; Tommy Franklin, 3308 Cornell; Fran Bordofsky, 3307 Auburn; Wayne Beene, 3305 Auburn; Paul E. Maguire 2212 Lynn; James K. Tibbs, 2316 Brent; Bill Alexander, 2714 Carol.

David Wrinkle, 2919 McAuslin, Jim Hopper, 606 Highland; Mrs. J. L. Rankin, 1802 Johnson; Mrs. Jack Horn, 505 Dallas; Mrs. Florence Walker, 4100 Bilger; Raymond Torres, 1804 Hearne; M. Sgt. and Mrs. Fred Knecht, 20-B Hunter; Maj. Marilyn Gieseking, 39 Chanute; Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas Robison, 1611 Harding; Big Spring State Hospital, Lamesa Highway.

'Knit Pickers'

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — An advertisement for sweaters here invites customers to look over the stock and be "knit pickers."

Texas Due Warmer Air

By The Associated Press

A blanket of cold air covered Texas early today but a warming trend was to begin in the afternoon.

Freezing temperatures extended from the Panhandle to the upper coastal plains. The cold weather was the result of a ridge of high pressure stretching from the Texas Northern Plains to the upper Texas coast.

Sides were clear over all of the state but portions of the Lower Rio Grande Valley which reported partly cloudy conditions.

Sunny, cold weather prevailed over Texas Monday after temperatures plunged to three degrees above zero at Dalhart.

Monday's cold air came in the wake of a gusty front that swept through the state Sunday. Lows this morning included a 15 at Dalhart, 17 at Amarillo and 20 at El Paso.

Heavy Load Of Travelers Reported For Holidays

Various modes of transportation are being put to the test in Big Spring with bus lines and air lines reporting a heavy load of travelers for the Christmas holidays.

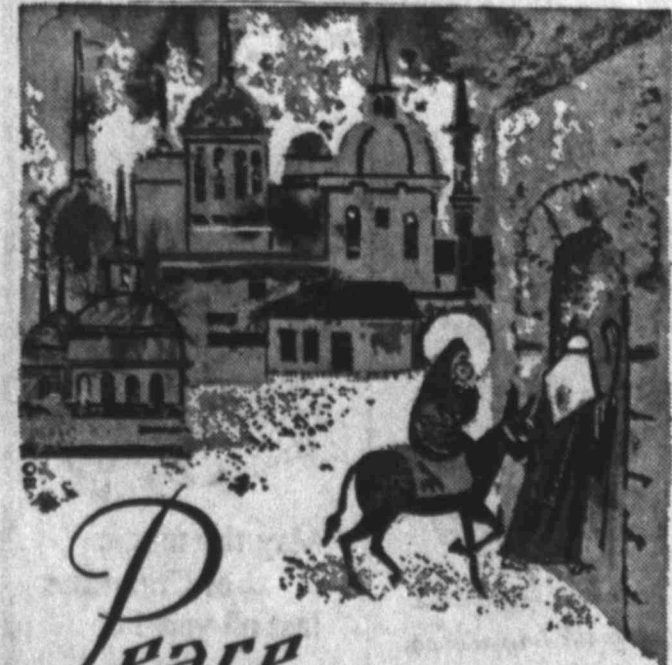
Trans-Texas Airways here will have five flights leaving Big Spring today, and each appears to be full. Flights east to Dallas departed at 6:11 a.m. and 1:22 p.m. today and another is slated at 5:35 p.m. A flight west to Lubbock and Albuquerque left at 10:25 a.m. and another will depart for El Paso at 9:07 p.m. today.

Bus lines are running busy schedules in an effort to keep passengers moving, along with freight and passengers.

Greyhound Bus Lines reported

that the travel load has been very heavy this Christmas here. The station here is a transfer terminal for all directions, but there has been no problem. Buses are running on schedule and extra vehicles are being used to accommodate the travelers.

Continental Bus Lines reports that there has been a heavy Christmas rush and that extra buses are being run and every schedule has been doubled. Most buses are running on time. Some families have decided to take the Santa Claus route and fly home for Christmas by renting planes at Big Spring Aircraft.



Peace... on earth, good will toward men... may this Christmas bring you and your family a time of lasting peace, joy and multiple blessings. Merry Christmas.

Morehead Transfer & Storage

100 JOHNSON

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C-C Members Urged To Place Orders For Ducats

Big Spring Chamber of Commerce members who plan to attend the annual banquet Jan. 11 are urged to order their tickets before the ducats go on sale to the general public.

Tickets to the affair, which will be at 7:30 p.m. at Big Spring High School, are \$3.50 each.

Dr. George Kozmetsky, dean of the College of Business Administration and dean of the graduate school of Business at the University of Texas, Austin, will be featured speaker.

Chamber of Commerce members wanting tickets may write or call the Chamber office at 263-7641.

Hughes' Birthday

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Howard R. Hughes celebrates his 63rd birthday today. The elusive billionaire industrialist's personal secretary and chief aides were unavailable for comment on his birthday plans.

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Mrs. Pascale's Brother Designed Apollo Camera

When Apollo 8 astronauts beamed into American homes Sunday with a special television program from 140,000 miles in space the Paul Pascale family, 218A N. Langley, had more than a casual interest in the historic program.

Premiums Go Up For Co. Employees

Howard County Commissioners Court voted Monday to continue employee insurance with American Hospital and Life of San Antonio.

While renewing the contract with the company, the court also accepted an increase in monthly premiums. Beginning in 1969 premiums for a single employee will increase \$1.22 to \$8.22 per month, and insurance for an employee and his wife will jump \$1.77 to \$19.91 per month. Premiums for a family will increase \$2.95 to \$27.64, and insurance for children will move up \$1.18 to \$7.73 per month.

Two other company's — Republic National Life and Business Men's Assurance Co. of America — also submitted bids for the policy.

Mrs. Pascale's brother, Bertran Lynn Compton, a mechanical engineer with RCA in Highstown, N.J., designed and built the small, 4½-pound hand camera which is capable of sending signals from the moon to earth.

Sgt. Paul Pascale, Mrs. Pascale's husband, said that his brother-in-law had been working on such projects for the space program with RCA for the past two years. Compton also developed television receivers for the Ranger satellite series and Tyros weather satellites.

Sgt. Pascale said.

Compton, 32, received his bachelor's degree at Drexel Institute of Technology, Philadelphia, and later received a master's degree.

Mrs. Pascale said that her brother has always been interested in science and engineering.



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MRS. JAMES DEE YOUNG

Judith Wood Wed Sunday

Miss Judith Dale Wood became the bride of Lt. James Dee Young, Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood, 2221 Lynn; and Mr. and Mrs. James C. Young, 1633 Burger, Abilene.

The Rev. Glenn Roenfeldt performed the double ring ceremony as the couple stood before an altar flanked by twin candle trees. Candles and greenery enhanced the choir.

Mrs. Curtis Baker, organist, played "Ave Maria," "Evening Star," "The Lord's Prayer," "Dedication," and "Christmas in the Province."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a white peau de sole gown with a high drape neckline extending to a vee back accented with a bow. The dress and train were enhanced with Alencon lace motifs embroidered with pearls, and the train was edged with scalloped lace and rope pearls. She wore a tiered veil attached to a petal cap and carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations with ivy leaves and velvet ribbons.

Miss Virginia Beisel of Wichita Falls was maid of honor, and Miss Cathy Hill of Colorado City was bridesmaid. They chose emerald green peau de sole gowns designed with short sleeves and wore matching fabric Dior bows as headpieces. Each carried a deep rose nosegay.

Ushers were Jimmie Wood, brother of the bride, and Trevelyn Kelley, of Colorado City. Altar tapers were lighted by Charles Stevens and Tommy Stevens.

WEDDING TRIP

The couple left on a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., and traveling, the bride chose a wool knit suit styled with A-line dress, accented with a mini green yoke, and full-length coat of olive green. She wore black accessories and the corsage from her bridal bouquet.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall. Mrs. Jimmie Wood presided at the guest register, and others in the house party were Mrs. George Walker and Mrs. Trevelyn Kelley.

The refreshment table was centered with a seven-branched silver candelabrum and highlighted by a four-tiered wedding cake.

Mrs. Gary Mosher of Bay City, Mich., sister of the bridegroom, was an out-of-town guest.

SCHOOLS

The bride, a graduate of Colorado City High School, is a senior medical technology student at Texas Tech. The bridegroom graduated from Abilene High School and holds a BBA degree from Texas Tech and is now serving in the Army.

The couple will be at home temporarily at 1913-A 13th, Lubbock, prior to his transfer to Germany.

Christmas Recital Held By Students

Mrs. Maurine Terrell presented piano pupils in a Christmas recital Sunday in her home at 1400 Scurry. Featured on the program were Christmas carols, classical and popular piano selections. Those performing were Wendy Hamby, Reina Hamby, Cynthia Hinton, Ethel Hinton, Russell Eggen and James Morgan.

'ROUND TOWN

By LUCILLE PICKLE

The day is almost here for the celebration of Christmas, and families are gathering for the big day tomorrow. Many will divide their time between homes so that the grandparents get to share the joys of having their grandchildren at home. Other families are happy to be together again and see old friends that they haven't visited in some time. It's a good time of the year that is almost over.

So be happy and have a Merry Christmas!

In Sand Springs, MR. and MRS. PETE THOMAS are having a big gathering on Christmas Day. Visiting will be her parents, MR. and MRS. W. A. FARRAR, Clyde; her brother, F. W. FARRAR and Mrs. Farrar and Ronnie Pasadena; MR. and MRS. ELMO BIRKHEAD, SENIOR AND JUNIOR, and James Midland; Susie Brown, Coahoma; two daughters and their families, the REV. and MRS. G. A. CULPEPPER and Tammy, Dallas; and the REV. and MRS. L. A. PETMECKY JR. Thomas and Leah, Clinton, La.; the REV. and MRS. L. G. PETMECKY, San Saba; and MR. and MRS. LAWRENCE WALLACE, Grover and Cristi, San Antonio.

The LARSON LLOYDS will have her parents, MR. and MRS. G. D. McADAMS of Dallas here for the Christmas holidays.

D.R.S. TOM and LYN BREWER are visiting her parents, MR. and MRS. SAM ANDERSON. The Brewers live in Little Rock, Ark.

The FRANK HUNT family is here from Levelland to visit his parents, DR. and MRS. W. A. HUNT. The family plans to be in Odessa Christmas Day for dinner with a brother of Dr. Hunt.

SGT. GARY BRADBURY got back home Monday morning after spending 10 months at Utao AB in Thailand. Sgt. Bradbury was met at Midland by his wife and baby and his parents, MR. and MRS. BOB BRADBURY. His parents-in-law are MR. and MRS. R. B. DAVIDSON.

MR. and MRS. L. W. PRUITT, Lovington, N.M., are here with their son and his family, MR. and MRS. C. W. PRUITT.

MRS. ARTHUR PICKLE is spending the week with her son and daughter-in-law, MR. and MRS. RANDALL PICKLE.

MR. and MRS. MIKE McCLAIN, both students at Texas A&M, are spending the holidays with their parents, the REV. and MRS. R. E. HONEA, and MR. and MRS. H. C. McCLAIN of Ackerly. Also visiting in the McClain home are their daughter and her family, MR.

and MRS. JACK A. SWIFT and their children of Hobbs, N.M.

CAPT. BROWN ROGERS and his family will be here for the holidays with his parents, MR. and MRS. BROWN ROGERS. Capt. Rogers is stationed at Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque, N.M. The family will also visit her father, CAPT. FRANK PROBST in Midland.

The O. E. WOLFES will be the guests of their son, SPENCER, and his family in Houston and they are all looking forward to a special musical service at the Bathabara Church.

Friends have been in telephone conversation with former resident, MRS. JOE FISHER in Wichita, Kan., and she has told them of the serious illness of her daughter, MRS. JEROME (Betty Jean) Fisher. She has been hospitalized for some months but is able to be home at intervals.

MR. and MRS. CECIL REID and son, ROB, were here during the weekend to visit with their parents, MRS. MAYMIE REID and MRS. W. J. CRAWFORD. They returned to their home in Austin Monday. Reid, one of the greatest half-milers in the history of Big Spring High School and a star basketball player, has been for many years the executive secretary of SCOTS, a state-wide outdoor sportsman's organization.

Holiday visitors in the home of MR. and MRS. ECK McCLURE are their grandchildren, MARY LYNN McCLURE, who is a student in NTSC in Denton, and her brother, JOHN STEPHEN, who lives in Albuquerque, N.M. They will also visit their aunt and uncle, MR. and MRS. ED WISE and Nancy.

This will be the first Christmas in a good many that the ALBERT HOERTZES have spent the holiday away from their home, but this year they will be in Moran with their daughter and her family.

It will be a real family gathering at the home of MRS. S. R. NOBLES come Wednesday. Joining the in-town family members will be MR. and MRS. JIM WILLIAMS, Kristi and Kim, of Canyon; MR. and MRS. JACKIE SHOULTS, Lubbock, and MR. and MRS. VIRGIL HUBB of Odessa.

Here for the holidays are EDDIE CRITTENDEN and MRS. LEON BUSH of Stockton, Calif., who are visiting in the homes of MRS. MARY HOWELL and MR. and MRS. MORRIS CRITTENDEN and Lana. Eddie is a student in Delta College, Stockton.

MORE WOMEN'S NEWS ON PAGE 5-B

DeMolays Announce Sweetheart

Miss Ruth Ann Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moss, was named DeMolay "Sweetheart" for 1969 during ceremonies at a Christmas dance held Saturday at Big Spring Country Club. Coleman Nalls was escort for Miss Moss at the formal affair which was attended by DeMolays and their dates with members of the advisory board as sponsors and honored guests.

Hours for dancing were from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight with music by "The Time Machine." The presentations began at 9 p.m. with Lee White, junior counselor, leading the DeMolay prayer. The chapter dad, Ted Abbott, extended the welcome. He introduced the master counselor, Easy Ezzell, who served as master of ceremonies, introducing each sweetheart nominee as she walked through an arch covered with greenery and entwined with ribbons and pine cones.

Named as duchesses were Glynn Jones, escorted by Terry Hale; Ruth Green, escorted by Robbie Lee Nalls; and Jane Thompson, escorted by Smitty Swords. Larry Abbott, senior counselor, crowned the sweetheart, and presented her with a gold and onyx pendant from the DeMolay Mother's Club. Lee White, junior counselor, gave Miss Moss the bouquet of red roses.

Traditional colors of red and green were used in decorations for the ballroom, and the refreshment table was highlighted with a punch fountain.

Kansans To Visit In Hoard Home

FORSAN (SC) — Guests of the Joe B. Hoards will be their son, William, and his family of Jennings, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. David Redwine will visit their parents in Colorado City during the holidays.

The Derrell Baggetts will go to Beckville to visit her parents, the Forrest Waits.

D. W. Day and a Boy Scout group have gone to the Davis Mountains for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Boeker and children are in San Antonio with her father, Chaplain (Ret.) W. L. Cooper.

In Gail recently were Mrs. E. C. Lewis and Mrs. Sylvia Wilkins visiting in the Joe Gilmore home.



RUTH ANN MOSS AND COLEMAN NALLS

Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Zan Dawson and children, Dant and Zandra, of Austin are due here today to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. George Dawson. Others to have Christmas dinner in the home are Mr. and Mrs. Rendal Hamby and children, Dedra and Jodi, Mrs.

C. F. Huling, and Catherine Dawson.

LIN-ETTE

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DRESS SHOPPE Highland Center On The Mall

As Christmas comes to you this year, we warmly wish that it may bring an ever deeper, ever richer meaning to you and your loved ones.

A Devotional For The Day

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. . . . For unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10, 11)

PRAYER: Our Father, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, our Savior. Help us to receive the fullness of Thy salvation. Grant us grace to live joyful, obedient, and triumphant lives as Thy children in this Thy world. May this day be marked with the birth of Christ in the hearts of many persons. May the spirit of peace reign within our hearts and invade the nations of the world. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(From the "Upper Room")

... On Earth Peace, Good Will

In accordance with a Christmas Eve custom of many years' standing, The Herald carries the glorious story of peace on earth and good will toward men as contained in the first 14 verses of the Gospel, according to Saint Luke:

And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went from Galilee, out of the city of David which is Bethlehem.

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger;

because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



AGAIN, THREE MEN FOLLOW A LIGHT

Art Buchwald

Some Special Holiday Wishes

WASHINGTON — At this holiday season, my thoughts turn to all Americans, particularly those who spent so many hours of their days and nights watching television and, of course, the commercials.

These are my holiday wishes to all of you:

May you never have iron-poor blood or an Excedrin headache. May your breath always be fresh, so your kid sister won't hand you her mouthwash. May you never perspire in case someone in the family has stolen the underarm deodorant. Grant that your stomach may always be free of demons and that your eight sinus passages will be open and clear.

I PRAY that your children will never be in the group that has cavities, and if they can't brush after every meal, God grant that you have the wisdom to choose the right toothpaste. I ask if you have dentures that they never slip out of your mouth, and may you come back to the side that chose the correct hair dressing.

May you never be lacking in breakfast cereal vitamins and may your tresses be so silky and shiny that your husband will have to take you along with him.

May your bra be firm and your girdle comfortable and may your support stockings make your legs feel elegant and strong.

I PRAY that your cough will never keep you awake and that your soap will give you 24-hour protection. I also wish your facial cream will make you feel young again, and a dove

will land on your dishpan hands.

May your shaving cream soften your beard, and may you get more shaves with your blade than with any other comparable brand. May a girl wrestle you to the floor after you use a certain after-shave lotion.

Moreover, may your cigarettes always be mild and contain less tar, and may your beer always be cold and refreshing.

I WISH all men clean white shirts, free of ring around the collar, and as for wives, may your pie crusts be flaky and your catsup run slow.

Grant that your refrigerators will always have enough ice, and that your oven cleaners will do their job in a jiffy. Pray that moths fear your closets and your mosquitoes drop like flies.

May your sandwiches always be freshly wrapped, and may peanut butter never stick to the roof of your mouth.

I TRUST the wax will stay on your floor and the stains on your furniture will disappear in seconds.

Furthermore, I wish you a friend at your bank and a loan to tide you over your troubles. And, prithie, if your bank turns you down, may your fingers find a local finance company in the Yellow Pages.

May you have a specially trained insurance agent to help you plan for the future, and if lightning should strike your house, may he be waiting for you with a check at the door.

Grant that your dog gets the right proportion of meat and cereal in his food, and that your cat has enough nourishment in the can to keep his coat healthy and clean.

WOULD that the new car you buy provide speed, comfort and safety for the whole family, and never be recalled to the factory because of a warranty.

I pray that you never get a flat tire on a dark highway and that you never get stuck in the snow because you used the wrong gasoline.

May your spark plugs spark and your battery never run down. May you win thousands of dollars at gas station sweepstakes, and may you always be able to rent a car with clean ash trays.

Finally, I wish each and every one of you instant tuning, a clear, ghost-free picture, and on this holiday may all your television tubes be bright.

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What Others Say

One of the great strengths of the American economic system is its essentially democratic nature. This isn't to say all citizens as yet share equally in the nation's economic life. Some because of sex or race or age or education clearly have an advantage. But it has been a mark of the system that the chance to share and compete on an equal basis has steadily been granted to more and more of the people.

Recent moves by the New York Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission to get businesses to publish vital information more promptly and widely are in this democratic direction. There are now more than 24 million stockholders in America. These individuals — average folk as well as businessmen and professionals — of course have the right to the same information on which big institutional investors base their buying and selling decisions. Greater and more widespread trust in management will net companies more in the long run than they might save in short-range maneuvers.

— CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

NEW YORK (AP) — Economic advances sometimes cannot be appreciated by those involved, the producers and consumers, as President Johnson seems whistfully to have hinted at one time or another.

During the past year this has been very true. Conflict, confusion and controversy seem to have thoroughly obscured any immediate sense of appreciation. But there is much to be thankful for.

AMERICAN FARMS, factories and mines turned out more goods than ever before. In November, an index kept by the Federal Reserve Board showed that mine-factory output was 66 per cent more than 10 years ago.

There were more jobs too, and the 1968 percentage of unemployed reached a rate lower than at any time in 17 years. The jobless rate dropped to 3.3 per cent. More than 76.6 million had jobs; 2.6 didn't.

Late in the year the unemployment rate among nonwhites took a sharp drop. It was impossible to say if this was anything but temporary, but it was an improvement even if, shockingly, it remained double the white rate.

The housing industry, which had fallen into a depression all its own a couple of years ago, was able to recover in 1968 to the extent that more homes were begun than at any time in four years.

AMERICANS can be thankful also that the boom-bust cycle, in which a soaring economy plunges into the pit of recession, remained tamed for the eighth straight year, a record. Although badly inflated, the economy continues to expand.

The dollar, under speculative attacks that might have forced devaluation and confusion in world trade, was able to retain its strength throughout the year, for which the whole world can be thankful.

Investors even ignored the chaotic condition of record keeping in Wall Street, which some officials feared might lead to a loss of confidence by the investing public. More than just

brokers are thankful to have gotten through 1968 without more problems.

AMERICANS can be thankful also that government revenues for the first time in years seem likely to catch up or even surpass government spending, although its anybody's guess how long this will continue.

The National Alliance of Businessmen ran far ahead of its aims of finding 100,000 jobs by next June 30 for the hard core unemployed. Major insurance companies committed millions of dollars to slum investments.

Throughout the year the American consumer complained about inflation, and with reason. The consumer price index rose more than 4 per cent, the greatest since the Korean war.

BUT THERE was another aspect of the picture. Incomes continued to rise faster than the rate of inflation and most Americans showed real increases in their standard of living.

To have gotten through 1968 without more slips or even a plunge, considering the tight-rope that was walked, is reason enough for thanks.

Wonderland

Tradition Of Snow

BY ANNA MANG

Where the sun shines bright, the air is balmy and never is heard the discouraging howl of a blizzard, Christmas is still a winter wonderland.

In northern climes the complaint is, "We just don't have snow for Christmas the way we used to," and even in climates where decorated palm trees substitute for evergreens and holiday picnics are more likely than sleigh rides, snow and plenty of it seems an essential part of the vision of the Yuletide.

COUNTRY snow scenes are popular greeting card subjects and Christmas illustrations in Southern states, South American countries and many other places where snow seldom or never falls. Songs and stories tell of a Christmas world wrapped in wintry white.

The popularity and persistence of the "winter wonderland" idea seems more remarkable since "snow for Christmas" must have been improbable, if not impossible, as a part of the Holy Night. Rain was more likely, especially on the date officially celebrated as Christ's birthday, December 25 is right in the midst of the rainy season in Bethlehem.

EARLY ART depicting the Nativity and the events following it was faithful to the probabilities. In these paintings, the shepherds watched in fields free of snow, and the Holy Family fled to Egypt under sunny skies, their route marked by palm trees. Later, snow appeared in paintings of the Holy Night.

Part of the explanation may be that white, rather than red and green, was early chosen by churches as the color of Christmas. White is, of course, the symbol of purity and innocence, and a landscape white with snow thus becomes a proper expression of the true spirit of Christmas.

OTHER explanations may be found in the origins of Christmas customs. Many of the pagan rites which were absorbed into the Christian celebration came from Northern Europe and, if not associated directly with snow, at least reflected the need for warmth in winter.

While many, perhaps most, people may be able only to dream of a white Christmas and create its semblance with cotton or spray-on snow, it's a safe assumption that the happiest season will continue to be envisioned as a snowy winter wonderland.

Around The Rim

Derrick The Halls With Holly

Years ago, I lived in a small West Texas town which was in the throes of a sudden oil boom.

Overnight, the little community had changed from a sleepy little village into a crowded and teeming place thronged with people, its narrow streets jammed with oil field traffic.

IT WAS winter. The sloppy, rainy season had turned the unpaved streets into loblollies of deep mud. The sidewalks — what there had been of them — were made of planks and, under unaccustomed burden of heavy boots, had been pushed into the mire.

I am not certain how the movement started, but a group decided that the town should have a community Christmas party. And a Christmas party, naturally enough, involved the need for a Christmas tree.

TREES WERE nonexistent. Prior to the discovery of oil, none of the earlier settlers had valued trees enough to plant any. Water was a scarce and expensive item, and no one felt it should be wasted trying to make a tree grow.

Outside of the town, the only trees were stunted mesquites to be found in the pastures. Here and there along creeks one sometimes saw cottonwood trees, but they were not well adapted to the Christmas tree idea.

CHRISTMAS trees may have been sold in the larger communities — shipped in from distant mountains and forests as they are today. But in the little town where I lived no merchant would have been so brash as to attempt to import and sell such luxuries.

The committee worried over the matter for a long time. Plans had not been started early enough to long delay action. Something had to be done.

The solution was typical, I suppose. The committee called on the rigbuilders and carpenters of the town.

THESE MEN quickly designed an oil derrick in miniature. They measured the height of the town's one church and built the derrick just inches shorter than the ceiling.

It was adorned with lights strung as they were on derricks in the oil fields only with smaller bulbs. Some of these had been dyed to vary the effect.

Cotton was piled about the base of the derrick to simulate snow. Gifts were stacked around it and tied to the cross-bars and braces.

EVERYONE turned out for the Christmas party, and the little building was jammed to overflowing. Santa Claus, somewhat muddled and damp, arrived on schedule — I think he was brought to the church in a railed-down oil field wagon — with a tow sack over his shoulders. The sack was filled with candy, fruit and nuts.

The derrick Christmas tree seemed to have served admirably. I heard no complaints, and the kids on hand seemed as well pleased with the celebration as though the "tree" had been a towering evergreen. And in a way it seemed to fit the particular place and occasion.

— SAM BLACKBURN

Holmes Alexander

Mr. Nixon Gains In Seclusion

WASHINGTON — Liberals would be ever so grateful to the conservatives if the latter would soon turn upon Richard Nixon and rend him tooth and nail. It was the fate that befell Dwight Eisenhower, who was called everything from a dope (by Bill Buckley and Bill Loeb) to Communist dupe (by Robert Welch) and a non-Republican by hosts of GOP senators and congressmen who were stiff-armed in the White House vestibule by Sherman Adams and others of the palace guard.

MR. EISENHOWER wasn't much affected, for he had huge popular majorities to sustain him when embarrassments arose such as the dreadful U-2 fiasco and the troublesome periods of recession. On Capitol Hill he had Senate Leader Lyndon Johnson and Speaker Sam Rayburn to fetch him Democratic votes when the Republicans balked. Mr. Nixon enters as a minority President and with much less bipartisan rapport on the face of it.

FOR EXAMPLE, he has opened his Pierre Hotel suite to Senators Thurmond (S.C.) and Tower (Tex.), but not to Congressman Broyhill (Va.). He has had more time for the lieutenant governor of California, Robert Finch, an old friend, than for the Governor, Ronald Reagan, who was less than helpful at Miami Beach. Mr. Nixon seems to have brushed off Governor Nelson Rockefeller as a job-hunter, and this is gratifying to the old guardsmen of the party. On the other hand, he has made an envoy of William Scranton, who was Rockefeller's hatchman against Barry Goldwater in the 1964 convention, and Mr. Nixon has high-mind-

edly patched up an old quarrel with Chief Justice Warren, whose leadership of the Supreme Court is anathema to the right wing and was a prime target of Mr. Nixon's own campaign.

YET THE PROSPECT is that the liberals, like Arthur Schlesinger, are going to ride the anxious seat for a long while if they expect off-center Republicans to knife-up Mr. Nixon the way eccentric Democrats turned their poisoned daggers on President Johnson. The President-elect wears a coat of immunity which is already proving its protective worth.

It is not simply that Mr. Nixon is a party man above reproach — though, of course, he is that. His immunity from conservatives, I think has been insured for some time to come by Mr. Nixon's remarkable aplomb in this time of transition.

MR. NIXON'S seclusiveness since the campaign ended suggests the point made by Arnold Forster — that voluntary withdrawal-and-return has occurred in the life-pattern of every folk hero, the divine and the mythical as well as the historic. We are accustomed to associate greatness (at least conservatives are) with loneliness in the wilderness, in the desert, on mountaintops and even in the grave, when we carry the idea to the resurrection of a messiah.

Mr. Nixon, a loner despite his many campaigns, has conducted himself as a very private man in a very public position. He has gained, among conservatives who equate privacy with individualism, a new respect, a new reputation. My guess is that it will sustain him in times ahead.

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Marquis Childs

Those Who Shot Down Johnson

WASHINGTON — President Johnson's hospitalization and the twilight of his administration and at the onset of the Christmas season has stirred some second thoughts and perhaps even some regrets in this town.

FOR, WHATEVER his faults and shortcomings, this man is leaving the presidency more bitterly, more unfairly and more savagely cut up than any predecessor since Abraham Lincoln. Not alone in his work to improve the lot of the American Negro is this President associated with Lincoln. The parallel is an extensive one. Both were scorned by pseudo-sophisticates as rustic bores without "style." Both were ridiculed for a simple naturalness that refused to bend to critics more concerned with shadow than with substance.

Each was cruelly caught up in a war he never made — Lincoln in the Civil War and Johnson in Vietnam — and each was required by duty to go to the end, where elegant surrender under spurious rhetoric would have got the thing off his back.

PERHAPS MOST striking of all, however, is the parallel of their separate destructions, a destruction in each case worked by the very people for whom the victim had done the most and at the most cost to himself.

Lincoln's physical assassination, of course, was accomplished by a hysterical professional Southerner who imagined he was ridding his section of an oppressor. But when Booth shot Lincoln he also killed the last, best hope of the South for a peace of charity with the North.

THE POLITICAL assassination of the highly liberal — yes, the far too liberal — Johnson was prepared, by equivalent irony, not from his conservative and-or Republican opposition but rather from the highly liberal wing of the Democratic party. Indeed, the five years of Lyndon

Johnson cannot possibly be understood by the application of rational criteria, of reasonable standards of measure. One must look instead to the irrational, the unreasonable. Here was a man possessed, from 1964, of the greatest popular mandate in history and only three years later felt compelled to renounce all political ambition. This was not because he had failed in his programs — domestically, at least — but because he had succeeded all too well.

THE MORE he did for the liberals in the field of welfare, the more they muttered against him — for anyhow he really didn't mean it. Nor was he destroyed, really, by Vietnam, though this, too, was enormously harmful to him.

What really destroyed Lyndon Johnson was his total, automatic and unalterable acceptance of the truly left-wing section of his own party and to many of its journalistic members. With these people, he never had a chance and never could have had.

SO IT WAS that for five years President Johnson's shortcomings of substance — the fact that he went too far too fast in some social programs and that some of them were poorly run to boot — were scarcely examined while a drumfire of attack was directed to the most puerile of inanities, like his "accent" and his omission of not having attended an Ivy League college. So it was that in his case history was twice ill served.

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Usually On Sunday

NEW DELHI (AP) — More murders are committed in New Delhi on Sundays than any other day. An official study showed 34 per cent of the murders in 1963 — the first year of the survey — were on Sundays.

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This is possible through the marvels of electronic data processing. The materials sent to State National Bank, as well as a number of other area banks and businesses, are fed into the National Cash Register 315 Electronic Data Processing system, which represents an outlay of about \$1 million. At the rate of 2,500 per hour, the transactions are completely handled.

One product of the processing center is a daily journal showing all accounts active on a given day, the credits and debits, and balances. Should there be an inadvertent overdraft, this will show, together with the balance were it honored. A second report is a statement of all accounts at the end of the day. Thus, tellers or others at the bank will be able, by thumbing to an account number, to tell a customer quickly what the balance is or if there has been any activity in the account recently.

The bank here begins by running checks through an electronic proof machine which puts an account number on them in coded electronic ink. If they do not already have a number. The computer in Lubbock then takes the checks and reads them at a rate of 1,250 per minute, performs its bookkeeping, and stores information.

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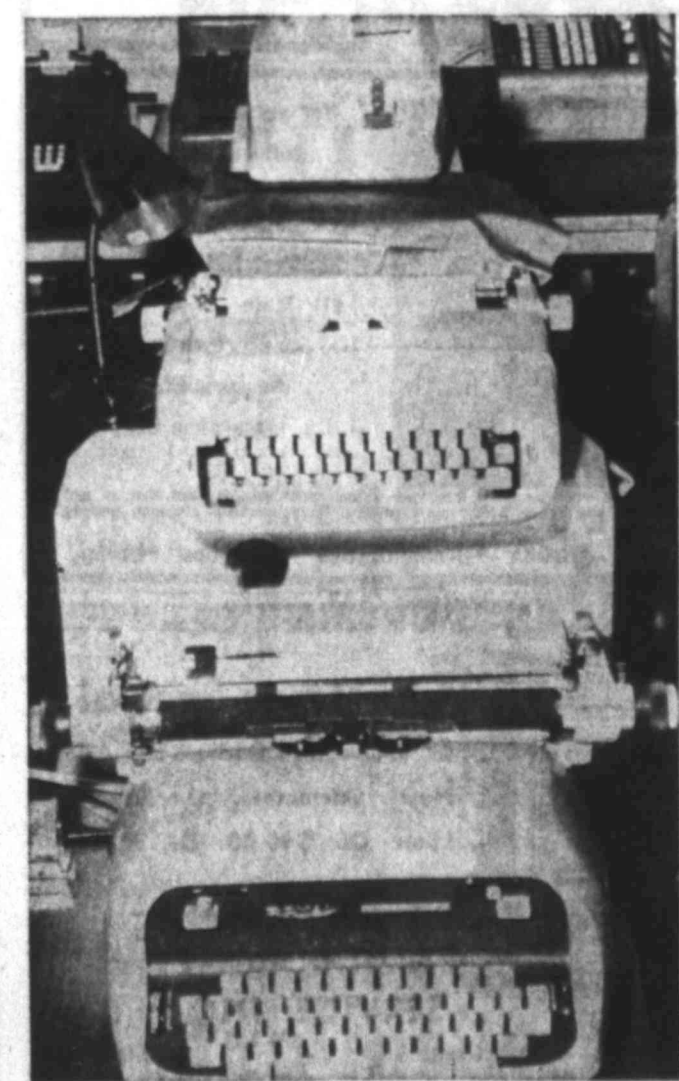
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Steers To Tangle With Coronado

Big Spring has drawn rugged Lubbock Coronado as a first round opponent in the 10th annual Caprock Holiday Basketball tournament, which gets under way Thursday and continues through Saturday night.

The two teams square off at 7:30 p.m. the day after Christmas.

Lubbock Monterey is de-

fending champion in the upper division while Stanton will be back to try and defend its laurels in the lower division.

Stanton is again fielding a strong team and is one of the heavy favorites in the three-day meet.

Either Dimmitt or Lubbock Christian High School is favored to advance to the finals against

Stanton. Lubbock Dunbar and Odessa Ector figure to give Monterey the most trouble in the upper division of play.

Only two of the larger schools in the meet, Lubbock High and Big Spring, have losing records. Lubbock has won only once in 13 tries while Big Spring is 4-9 and is in the throes of a five-game losing skid.

Three of Big Spring's wins have come at the expense of Lubbock. The locals also beat Lamesa.

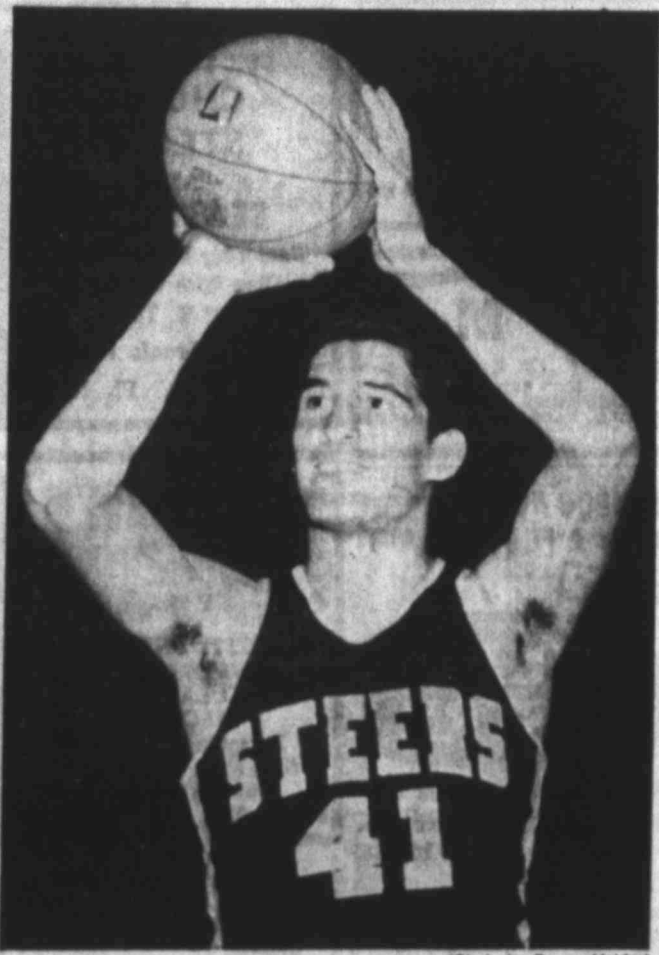
Other first round games in Big Spring's bracket will pit Odessa Ector against Lubbock High at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Plainview against Lubbock Dunbar at 6 p.m., and Lubbock Monterey against Garland at 9 p.m.

In the lower division, Tahoka squares off with Dimmitt at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Stanton tries Morton (7-4) at 10 a.m., Lorenzo squares off with Lockney (8-3) at 12:30 p.m., and Lubbock Christian tangles with Ralls at 2 p.m.

Lockney is coached by an ex-Big Spring, Jimmy Marcus.

Stanton won its own tournament last weekend, defeating Iraan in the finals, 72-49. The Buffaloes have lost only to Class AAA Sweetwater this year.

Big Spring will resume District 3-AAA action against mighty Odessa on the road Jan. 3.



Marking Time

Luvon Flores, a first-line reserve for the Big Spring Steers, will accompany the team to Lubbock Thursday for the annual Caprock Holiday Basketball tournament. Flores made the conversion from football nicely. The Longhorns play Lubbock Coronado at 7:30 p.m. the day after Christmas.

LOOKING 'EM OVER

With Tommy Hart



Sports dialogue: TUCKER FREDERICKSON, running back for the New York Giants:

"Defensive players want to win, not send you back to the hospital. There is a camaraderie. When I was out with two knee operations, guys all over the league called me and wrote me. Some of my best friends are people like Dick Butkus and Tommy Nobis and Ray Nitschke and Lee Roy Caffey. When you are a running back on the other team, they are very good friends to have, I might add."

PEPPER RODGERS, football coach at Kansas: "When I die, I hope they write on my tombstone, 'He was a terrible recruiter, but he overcame it with great coaching.'"

SMU's CHUCK HIXSON, the quarterback who was red-shirted a year at the Dallas school:

"I thought it was a good thing when they held me out and after finishing my first season I still think it is a good idea. That year of practicing with the squad toughened me up both mentally and physically. Besides, they didn't need me last year anyway, since we had a couple of senior quarterbacks."

STAN ROCHMAN, Philadelphia scribe: "The worst thing to happen to college basketball is the open palm slap that follows every decent pass and lay-up. A guy looking for a hand to shake can't be falling back to play proper defense."

Boxer LEOTIS MARTIN, when asked if he had it all to do over again would be a fighter: "No, I'd be a manager."

OLLIE TAYLOR, the University of Houston 6-2 basketball player, who has been outjumping 7-0 pivot men:

"I taught myself how to jump. When I found out I liked basketball I realized right away that my height would be a handicap if I couldn't jump. The big fat at the time was dunking the ball, so I practiced jumping until I could do it. It took a month of hard work. I used to go into the gym and do nothing but try to dunk the ball. I tried it for hours at a time and one night I did it and then I knew I could play basketball with anybody, if someone would give me the chance. . . . Nobody expects me to tip the ball, so if I don't, nothing has been lost and if I do out-jump a taller man for the ball, well he's scared of me for the rest of the night. I can't jump straight up and get the tip because I'm not all that big and it's hard for me to get my weight off the floor. If I take a half-stride or a full step and throw myself up, I feel I can jump with just about anybody. . . . Athletics had been a part of my life since I was a little kid, but basketball and football were my sports, not basketball. I played football in the fall and winter and basketball the rest of the year. I didn't play basketball much until I was a junior in high school and then I took it only because I had to. One summer all of the guys I hung around with took up basketball and I learned quickly that I couldn't play baseball by myself, so I joined them."

RED GRANGE, football immortal, discussing the day he scored five touchdowns against Michigan for Illinois:

"I don't believe any team in the country could have beaten us that afternoon. Maybe the day before or the day after, but not that day. Coach Bob Zuppke worked on that game for a whole year. Honest, I was still at home in Wheaton in the summer when I began to get letters from Zup. They were of the same tenor: How Fielding Yost, the coach at Michigan, was going around downgrading Illinois, making speeches about how we didn't belong in the conference and all that. When I got back to school, I found out that all the other members of the team had received the same letters. It wasn't until afterwards that I found out that Yost had been in Europe all summer, hadn't said a word and didn't know what was going on. It was Zuppke's get-ready idea. . . . I still don't think anyone can pick an All-America team because no one has an adequate knowledge of the doings of thousands of players."

Villanova Now Rated Fifth In AP Poll

By The Associated Press

Villanova and Kansas made the most rapid advances of the high ranking teams in The Associated Press' major college basketball poll today while UCLA and North Carolina continued to dominate the weekly balloting.

Villanova soared from eighth place to fifth after crushing Catholic University 77-47 for a 5-0 mark. Kansas leaped from 11th to eighth after lifting its mark to 8-1 with victories over Murray, Utah State and Stanford last week.

UCLA was a unanimous choice for first place. The Bruins were named the top team on all 42 ballots by a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters. The Bruins maintained their unbeaten state last week by defeating Minnesota and West Virginia, their fourth and fifth triumphs of the campaign.

North Carolina remained in second place. The Tar Heels, 6-0, whipped Clemson and Virginia in last week's action. In total points on a basis of 20 for a first third, 14 for fourth, 12-10-9-8 down to 1 for 15th, UCLA collected the maximum 840 while North Carolina accumulated 744.

Davidson had third place while Kentucky is still fourth. New Mexico slipped one notch to sixth after dropping its first game of the season, 79-72 to Colorado.

Notre Dame remained in seventh place. Santa Clara advanced one position to ninth and Cincinnati slipped four notches to 10th after losing to Southern California.

Three new teams made their way into the Second Ten. They were Illinois, No. 12, Wyoming, No. 19, and Tennessee, No. 20. They replaced California, which lost twice last week, west Western Kentucky and Houston. The Cougars were beaten by Illinois.

The Top 25, with first place votes, reads and final points:

1. UCLA (42)	5-0	840
2. North Carolina	6-0	744
3. Davidson	5-0	744
4. Kentucky	4-0	744
5. Villanova	5-0	744
6. New Mexico	4-1	744
7. New Mexico State	4-1	744
8. Cincinnati	4-1	744
9. Santa Clara	4-1	744
10. Cincinnati	4-1	744
11. Detroit	4-1	744
12. Illinois	4-1	744
13. St. Bonaventure	4-1	744
14. Louisville	4-1	744
15. Ohio State	4-1	744
16. Purdue	4-1	744
17. Wyoming	4-1	744
18. Tennessee	4-1	744

Union, Gail Win In Tournament

GAIL — The Union boys and Gail's girls won championship honors in the annual Borden County Basketball tournament the past weekend.

Union topped Gail, 41-38, in the boys' finals. Gail turned back Flower Grove, 42-32, in the girls' finals.

Sands captured third place in boys' play by defeating Southland, 92-49. The Sands girls also captured the third-place trophy in their bracket, decisioning Southland, 57-15.

TOM SAYS: 'I'M WORLD'S WORST LOSER' Cowboys Already Thinking About '69, Says Landry

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Landry returns the call although you know there are a million other things he had rather do — like slip quietly off to a cave somewhere.

"Merry Christmas," you tell him, trying to get a drop of cheer into the conversation.

"We kind of knocked the merry out of Christmas," he replies, half-jokingly.

That's the way it is these days with the mastermind of the Dallas Cowboys, who were shocked 31-20 out of their bid for the eastern title and their longer-range shot at the National Football League title last Saturday by the Cleveland Browns.

But Landry and the Cowboys, who play Minnesota in the NFL Runnerup Bowl Jan. 5 in Miami are already thinking about next year.

"We are on our backs right now," Landry said. "We either get up and fight again or stay flat. I'll tell you this — we'll do everything we can to get off our back. It will be a tough place to stay for the next six months."

"I'm the world's worst loser. But you can't write off how far this club has come. We are still a good football team. We have a good offensive and a good defense. We just had so many errors."

Landry indicated that the quarterbacking job will be wide open next year.

"I want it understood that I don't have any less confidence in quarterback Don Meredith today than I did last Friday," Landry said.

But he pointed out that quarterback Craig Morton will be going into his

fifth year next season.

"Morton has reached the point where he has a chance to win a job he hasn't had before. I think he has reached the level where he can start."

Landry pointed out that Meredith, a nine-year veteran, is not about to quit.

"I talked to him and he's determined to come back," said Landry. "Meredith right now is an entirely different person than I've ever known. He's not the Meredith of old. He's going to come back and fight hard. He certainly has matured. He won't give up."

Meredith, who still has two years to go on a three-year contract, was intercepted three times by the Browns and was yanked in favor of Morton. Seldom does Landry ever pull a quarterback once he has started a game.

"I thought it would light a spark, but it didn't," Landry said. "It would be a real injustice to measure Meredith on that game. Sure he must bear the brunt for his part of the game, but Cleveland just outplayed us."

Landry said, "We are going to evaluate everything once the season is officially closed. We will evaluate every phase of the football team."

He said, "We're kind of numb right now. We came so close to the NFL championship twice. We entered the game against Cleveland with great confidence. But after Leroy Kelly made that touchdown on us just before the half, we developed a 'My gosh, it's not our day' attitude."

With that the caller said "Happy New Year."

"I hope so," was the reply.

Jets, Colts Favored To Clash In Miami

By The Associated Press

The New York Jets and Baltimore Colts emerged as the early favorites today in the American and National Football League championship games set for Sunday.

The Jets ruled as three-point picks over the Oakland Raiders in the AFL game and the Colts

were rated six points over Cleveland's Browns in the NFL game.

It was a situation that didn't exactly bother the underdogs.

DALLAS OUSTED

That's because both Cleveland and Oakland upset the odds-makers last weekend, knocking off favorites to reach pro foot-

ball's semifinal showdown Sunday. The Browns beat favored Dallas 31-20 to win the NFL's Eastern Conference title and the Raiders walloped Kansas City 41-6 to take the AFL's Western Division crown.

And both clubs are confident they can beat the opposition and the odds-makers again.

"These guys have a lot of pride," said quarterback Daryle Lamonica of his Oakland teammates. "New York is tough and we'll have to play our best to win."

Lamonica hosted a champagne party for his teammates Monday and the Raiders only hope it was a prelude to an even bigger party after Sunday's title game.

It was Lamonica's pinpoint passing to flanker Fred Biletnikoff that broke Sunday's game against the Chiefs open. Biletnikoff was jarred late in the game and had to leave but is expected to begin working out with the rest of the Raiders today for Sunday's game.

The Jets were interested observers in Lamonica's work on the Chiefs and Walt Michaels, New York's defensive back coach, indicated that what they saw might cause some changes in coverage plans.

"We've played zone about half the time and man-to-man the other half," said Michaels. "But we may have two new coverages for this game."

Michaels and the Jets were concerned not only with Biletnikoff, who caught seven passes for 180 yards and three touchdowns, but with Warren Wells (four-for-93 yards and two TDs) as well.

"They're both fine receivers," said Michaels. "If you let one go, you'll get the other. They're good, consistent receivers."

While Walt Michaels' championship game job is strictly coaching, his brother, Lou, will play a more active role. He is the place kicker for the Baltimore Colts.

The Colts enjoyed the favorite role over the Browns despite the fact that Cleveland was the only team to beat Baltimore during the regular season. The score was 20-20 and the Browns did it with some opportunistic interceptions against Johnny Unitas, who relieved Earl Morrall with the Colts down 14-7 at halftime.

NO. 1 CALLER

Since then, though, Morrall has established himself as Baltimore's No. 1 signal caller and it would take more than a one TD deficit to get him out of the line-up.

Leroy Kelly gained 130 yards rushing against the Colts in the first meeting between the two teams and the way quarterback Bill Nelsen talked Monday, Baltimore can expect to see plenty of Kelly again.

"We must run more against them than the Vikings did," said Nelsen, analyzing Baltimore's 24-14 victory over Minnesota in Sunday's Western playoff.

Kelly picked up 87 yards on the ground in Cleveland's upset over Dallas and Nelsen indicated that he would lean to the successful running game.

San Angelo Cats Upend Del Rio

DEL RIO — San Angelo returned to winning ways against Del Rio High School here Tuesday night, winning by a score of 57-36.

The victory broke an eight-game winning streak for Del Rio and left San Angelo with an 8-4 record.

Fred Bourg led the Bobcats in scoring with 16 points.

Mustangs Find Ivy Leaguers To Be Fighters

By The Associated Press

Southern Methodist found out Monday night that the Ivy Leaguers aren't 100 per cent gentlemen.

SMU nipped Yale 82-76 but had to put up its dukes in a wild free-for-all near the end of the game. Gene Phillips, SMU's sophomore sensation who scored 32 points, was decked during the melee.

The Southwest Conference's basketball record against outside competition is still one game on the plus side of the ledger. The SWC is 26-25 although the Texas Aggies took a 79-60 whipping from Wichita State Monday night to offset the Mustang victory.

The SMU-Yale game was a ragged contest. Each side committed 22 errors. Yale was whistled for 25 fouls and SMU got 21.

With four seconds remaining, both benches emptied when a charging foul was called on Phillips. After a flurry of fists, Phillips went down briefly. Some students from the court-side bleachers also got into the fray.

SMU head coach and athletic director Hayden Fry made his way to the floor to try to help calm down the situation.

John Whiston and Jim Morgan were the leading point makers for Yale, scoring 13 points each.

Greg Carney scored 22 points to pace Wichita State. Billy Bob Barnett was high for the Aggies with 13.

The Aggies committed many floor mistakes which accounted for the runaway Wheatshocker win.

Namath Earns MVP Award

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Namath, whose \$5,000 mink coat and \$10,000 Fendi Manchu mule made him the center of attention off the field, was named the American Football League's Most Valuable Player today—for what he did on the field.

Namath, who leads the New York Jets into Sunday's championship game against Oakland, was an overwhelming choice in the voting by an Associated Press panel of 30 sports writers and sportscasters, three in each AFL city.

He received 15 votes while eight players shared the other 15.

Lance Alworth of San Diego was runner-up with four votes. Bob Griese of Miami had three. Len Dawson of Kansas City and John Hadl of San Diego two each and Oakland's Daryle Lamonica, George Sauer of Cincinnati and Kansas City's Bob Holmes one each.

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Malnutrition Strikes Many

WASHINGTON (AP) — Malnutrition afflicts not just the poor but expectant mothers and teenagers from well-to-do families as well, preliminary government study findings indicate.

Some teenagers, even those from middle-class families, simply don't eat the right foods or go on starvation binges to reduce, according to Dr. Arnold E. Schaefer who is conducting the study for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

He said lack of proper nutrition among expectant mothers and their offspring is one of the most serious problems discovered yet by the study, which is at least a year away from final publication.

The study, to be based on physical examinations of up to 65,000 people, should "cut out all this criticism" from Congress that the malnutrition problem in America has not been documented, Schaefer said.

The study's first phase—costing \$1.5 million—is gathering results from examinations of about 30,000 people.

Findings from Texas and

parts of Louisiana, New York and Kentucky are being fed into a computer and the first tabulated results are expected early next month, Schaefer said.

If another \$2 million can be wrung from HEW's budget, Schaefer said, another 35,000 people are to be examined beginning early next year in West Virginia, Massachusetts, California, Washington, South Carolina and New York City.

The study will document malnutrition, not hunger, Schaefer said.

"You can't really determine hunger," he said. "Everybody's hungry three times a day or so."

Malnutrition is especially severe among teenage and poor mothers, some of whom are illiterate and don't know about government food programs available to them, Schaefer said.

He said teenagers often refuse to eat enough of the right foods, such as leafy vegetables or fruit juices, and "if they refuse to drink milk, then you've got real trouble."

The study also is turning up considerable iron deficiency anemia and some cases of goiter "which we were supposed to have eradicated 30 years ago," Schaefer said. He said the goiter problem could be eliminated if all states required salt to be iodized.

Start Holiday With A Bang

Several motorists have started Christmas off with a bang, involved in car crashes.

Annie B. Lambright, Lamesa, and Hewitt Jesse Sides, 2002 Scurry, collided in cars at Twenty-Second and Gregg Monday. Camella Louise Ryan, Gail Route, and Frances Jobe Gatlin, 706 Douglas, collided in cars in the 100 block of Fourth Street.

Cars driven by William E. Shaffer, 2000 Alabama, and Marion Greer Carter, 608 Runnels, collided at Second and Runnels. Cars driven by William D. Draper Jr., Rt. 1, and Charles D. Herring Jr., 1003 Sunset, collided at Fourth and Main.

Thomas Edward Wilcox, 1503 E. 3rd, Barbara Louise Campora, San Andreas, Calif., collided at Fourth and Main. Leta Warren Metcalf, 622 Tulane, and Bill Moser, 1806 Johnson, collided in cars at 611 W. 4th.

Cars driven by James Erwin Kelly, 3227 Auburn, and Alfredo Monoz, 801 NE Nolan, collided at Fifth and Gregg. Cars driven by Wanda Jo Sparks, Stanton, and Jerry Don Hughes, 1510 Wood, collided at FM 700 and US 87.

Post Office Gets Deliveries Made

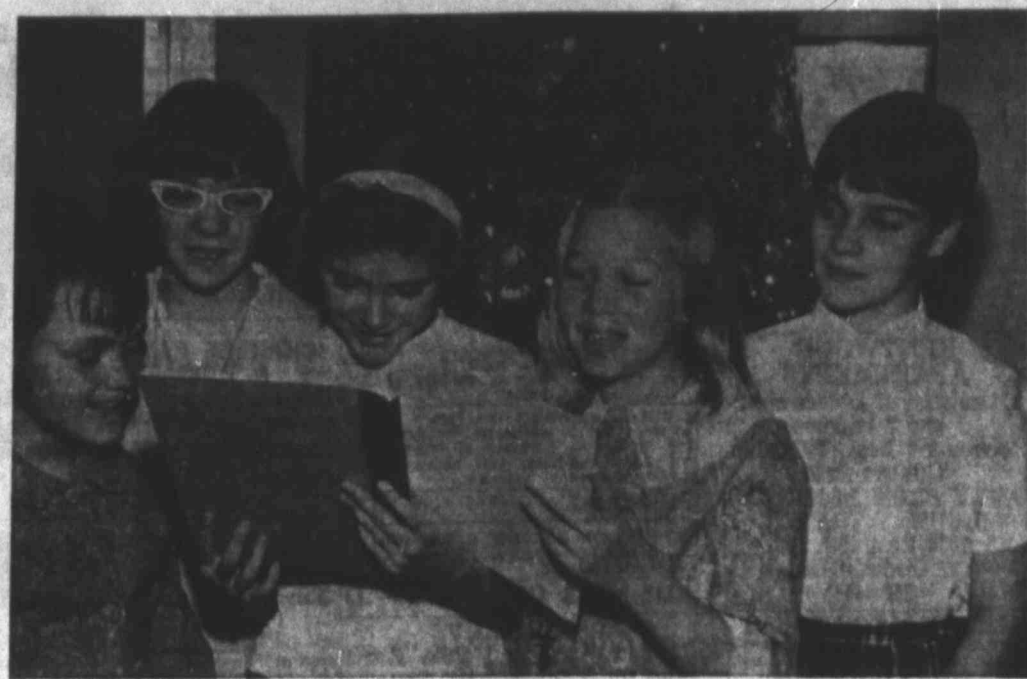
Big Spring post office handled less mail this Christmas than last, but it handled the volume with greater efficiency, according to Frank Hardesty, postmaster.

He explained that all Christmas mail will have been delivered by closing time today and that no backlog of undelivered mail will be on hand Christmas Day.

"The office will close down this afternoon, and we will be open for business on Thursday," Hardesty said.

"We owe the smoothness of the Christmas mail operation this year to the fine cooperation we have been given by the patrons," said the postmaster. "Early mailing and careful practice in addressing and wrapping has done much to facilitate the handling of the volume of holiday mail. We are most grateful to the public for its cooperation."

Only special delivery mail



Spreading Christmas Cheer

Five young ladies from Webb Village, disturbed because the previous day's report showed only \$11 for the Christmas Cheer Fund, went caroling on their own Monday evening. When it was all over, they had

sung their way to \$20.10, which they happily turned over Tuesday to the Christmas Cheer Fund. From left are Mary Jane Wardlaw, Diana Pascale, Judy Tereletsky, Laurie Pascale, and Wanda Chism.

Miss Mackle Identifies Couple Who Buried Her

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — U.S. North Georgia after she was kidnapped.

Meadows' disclosure came Monday during a preliminary hearing at which federal extortion charges were added to the kidnapping counts against Krist and Miss Eisemann-Schier.

Krist, who was captured Sunday on swampy Hog Island off the Florida Gulf Coast, replied "Yes" twice during the hearing when asked if he understood the new charges and his rights.

Miss Eisemann-Schier, described as a 5-foot-3, 26-year-old sometimes blonde of athletic build, is being sought.

There was no explanation of how or when Miss Mackle's identification was made.

The hearing in a heavily guarded room at the Dade County Jail in Miami was continued until Jan. 10 to give Krist and an attorney who is temporarily representing him time to study the charges.

Miss Mackle, a 20-year-old Emory University coed and daughter of a wealthy Coral Gables land developer, was kidnapped from an Atlanta motel last Tuesday. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents found her late Friday, buried in a coffin-like box in a shallow pit 20 miles from Atlanta.

FBI agents said Miss Mackle led them to the pit by using her knuckles to rap on the lid of the box.

The kidnapers had telephoned her general location to the FBI after her father paid a \$500,000 ransom.

Krist, a Marine researcher, and Miss Eisemann-Schier, a student, worked together at the University of Miami's Institute of Marine Science.

Officers have discounted reports that a third person was involved in the kidnapping.

In Redwood City, Calif., Krist's estranged wife—Carmen Simon Krist—told newsmen her husband "wants to be remembered—to make an impact on the world he lives in."

Mrs. Krist 22, said she left Florida two weeks ago and went to her parents' home in Redwood after Krist told her "he didn't love me. He said he wanted a separation."

"I still love him," she said. "and I don't believe in divorce."

Mrs. Vera Harris is spending Christmas in Robert Lee with the James Craig family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Craig will spend Christmas in Andrews with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Baker.

The Ozro Allisons will attend a family reunion in Westbrook in the home of his mother, Mrs. Dora Fowler.

The C. S. Cowleys and Mrs. Amy Reid will go to Austin to visit Mr. and Mrs. Don Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Wash and daughter are here from Baylor University to visit his parents and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gordon, in Knapp.

Mrs. H. H. Story will be in San Angelo this week to visit the R. G. Stroms. They will be joined by the Ike Pfarmers of Dallas.

Christmas guests in the O. W. Scudday home will be Berney John, Plano; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mathews, Eastland; the W. K. Scuddays, Brownfield; Mrs. Connie Gardner, Lubbock; the M. V. Scuddays, Graham; Mrs. Yvette Anderson and Jason, Big Spring; Mrs. Don Limbocker, Monahans; and E. Ray Scudday.

Visit In Abilene

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Vickers of Garden City Route will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and daughter, Tracey, in Abilene.

Courthouse Hit By Fire Today

HUNTSVILLE, Tex. (AP) — The handsome, historic Walker County Courthouse caught fire early today, destroying the roof and the upper two floors of the three-story building.

Courthouse officials said it appears that all major records were safe.

Insurance adjusters gave a preliminary damage estimate of \$300,000.

When the red brick building was constructed in 1888 the bill was \$30,000. The interior underwent extensive remodeling in recent years but retained its colonial appearance.

Only last April 21 the Texas Historical Commission commemorated the history of the courthouse with a marker.

Fire began in the southwest corner and was discovered about 5:30 a.m. by a maid, Mrs.

Juanita Harrison, who went to work shortly before she could leave early on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Harrison said she began cleaning in the third-story office of Judge Max M. Rogers, administrative judge for the district which includes Houston.

She said two space heaters were operating and she lit a third.

She went to the first floor and began cleaning the office of Justice of the Peace Mrs. Mabel Franklow. While there, she said, she heard a rumble like something being moved upstairs. She ran out of the office and smelled smoke.

She called County Judge Amos Gates to turn in the alarm.

By the time firemen arrived—within minutes—the entire roof was ablaze.

Four surrounding fire departments helped fight the fire.

County records, such as deeds and the like, are on microfilm in banks. The county and district clerks, the tax collector and the treasurer have vaults and safes to protect their records.

The first floor suffered water damage.

Fire ended Christmas for a 76-year-old blind Negro woman here Monday and took with it her home and all her belongings.

Mrs. Josie Green, 902 Wyoming, was led from her blazing home by a granddaughter, who discovered the blaze. The exact cause of the fire is unknown, firemen said.

"For all practical purposes, the house was reduced to ashes," Fire Chief H. V. Crocker said this morning.

Payments on the insurance covering the house were stopped a few months ago, Crocker said.

Mrs. Green was taken to the home of one of her grandchildren where she spent the night.

Prisoners To Get Yule Turkey

Prisoners in Howard County jail during Christmas Day will be served the traditional turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings, said A. N. Standard, Howard County sheriff.

About 20 prisoners are expected as guests in the jail before Christmas arrives, Standard said. There are 12 regular prisoners now in the jail on long terms, and six are charged for murder.

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Collegians

Come Home

For Holiday

FORSON (SC) — Susan Elrod of the University of Texas is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Elrod.

Guests of the Herb Smiths are his mother, Mrs. Frank Gottholt of Marfa, and their son-in-law and daughter, Lt. and Mrs. Donnie Eudy of Big Spring.

Jim Snelling is a patient in Malone and Hogan Foundation Hospital. Mrs. Snelling's sister, Mrs. Audrey May of San Antonio, is visiting here during his hospitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Huff of Desdemonia and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Huff of Tucson, Ariz., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Shoults. Other guests are the C. L. Girdners of Abilene and the Mac Alexanders and Buster Griggses of Big Spring.

Two Host Party For Pioneer Club

FORSON (SC) — Mrs. C. V. Wash and Mrs. Lois O'Barr Smith were hostesses for a Christmas party in the Wash home for members of the Pioneer Sewing Club and their husbands. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kubecka, Mrs. H. H. Story and Walter Russell, the latter of Lubbock. A buffet dinner was served and games of "42" were played. Gifts were distributed to the 25 attending.

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REAL ESTATE A

HOUSES FOR SALE A-3

W. J. SHEPPARD & CO.

"REALTORS"

1417 WOOD 267-2901

APPRAISALS—EQUITIES—

LOANS—RENTALS

FHA AREA BROKER

FOR FULL INFORMATION WE ARE THE FHA AREA ON FHA REPO'S CALL US—

MARY SUTER

"Home Of Good Service"

1005 Lancaster

267-6019 OR 267-5478

267-4958 ROBERT GOODMAN

267-7141 ROBERT SUDASH

THE IDEAL RESIDENTIAL SECTION

5 carpeted bedrooms, 2 baths, also built-in kitchen, breakfast room, formal dining room, much closet and storage space, new gas stove, by mail, \$1,000. Call for details.

LOOK NO MORE

IF IT IS A MUST, you can buy this 4 bedroom home, 3 baths, den, private fireplace, formal dining room, king-size bed, fenced, location very good, \$25,000.

CLOSE TO

Callad Jr. High, College Heights, and St. John's 3 bdrm home, with dining room, good carpet, fenced, only \$500 down, good credit, \$5,000 total.

DO YOU WANT OUT??? Use this exclusive carpeted 2 bdrm, built-in kitchen, storage, and small 2 bdrm rent house, in nice home, fruit trees, \$105, and new equity, by mail.

CUTE AS A BUTTTON

you want a cute home with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, full kitchen, new carpet, oil gas, fenced, WELL, well no more, this one can be yours for \$145 cash, 922 p.m.

\$150 CASH

buy this nice clean 2 bdrm and den, walk to Goliad Jr. High, fenced, storage, East part of town, 922 p.m.

FITCHEN BUILT-IN!!!

\$140 cash, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, spotless new carpet throughout, new paint inside and out. Payments \$103. C. noon.

NO TRICKS—WE TRY HARDER



"Knock with your foot—they'll think our arms are full!"

Please Join In Our Candlelight Service

7 p.m. Today

First Presbyterian Church

"A Moment of Inspiration, Worship and Dedication—"

BIG PARTY TONIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE THE STAMPEDE

On The Snyder Highway

MUSIC BY HOYLE NIX

AND HIS WEST TEXAS COWBOYS

ART FRANKLIN CONSTRUCTION CO.
Quality Homes of reasonable prices, tailored to your needs and location. We build, remodel and add. Also re-roofing and siding.
267-6589
FREE ESTIMATES

REAL ESTATE A-2
HOUSES FOR SALE
ALDERSON REAL ESTATE
1710 Scurry Off. 267-2807
Juanita Conway 267-2244
Dorothy Harland 267-9095

FHA REPOS
SUBURBAN BEAUTY — 3 bdrms, brick, 2 baths, den, built-in, fireplace, completely carpeted, oil gas, 1/2 acre, good view. See this early buy.
WASHINGTON SCH — brick, 3 bdrms, nice carpet and den, fireplace, 2 car garage, \$104 mo.
NEAR GOLIAD JR. HIGH — 3 bdrms, A-1 condition, large lot, close to school, carpeted, fenced, \$8750.
BETTER LOOK QUICK — 3 bdrms brick, nice carpet, drapes, 1 1/2 car garage, convenient kitchen, snack bar, 2 car, bath, central, carpeted, tile, fence, patio. Equity reduced, \$1,000.
VIP NEEDED — Luxurious 3 bdrms brick, 2 level car, bath, carpet, den, fireplace, built-in, oil gas, fenced, \$2,500 equity.

Jack Shaffer
2000 Birdwell 263-8251
JIM NEWSON 263-3002
17th & BENTON, 150x150 ft corner — One 3 bdrms, den, gas, 1 1/2 car garage, basement. — One vacant lot. Priced for quick sale.
FOR LEASE — modern building on excellent location.
GOOD COMMERCIAL LOTS on Grading and East 4th.
Good listings all areas
Commercial — Farms — Ranches
FHA & VA REPOS

NEW HOMES
S. G. PEACH, Bldr.
Call 267-9409
100% GI or VA Loans
To Veterans
4050 VICKY, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, fireplace, wall-wall carpet.
4106 BILGER, wall-wall carpet, fireplace, dishwasher, fenced.
2711 LARRY — Kentwood, can take some trade.
Remodeling & Custom Bldg.
Can Finance All Loans

HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS
&
A MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

COOK & TALBOT
Real Estate
THELMA MONTGOMERY
JEFF PAINTER
600 Main

Repos

KENTWOOD — 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, den, built-ins, fenced. 2703 Carol \$155 Mo.
KENTWOOD — 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, built-ins, carpet, fence, new paint.
2901 Central \$114 Mo.
\$100 Moves You In
BRAND NEW, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fenced, carpeted.
4213 Muir \$91 mo.
3 BEDROOMS, 1 1/2 baths, new paint and carpet, fenced.
4112 Hamilton \$91 mo.
3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, new paint and carpet, fenced.
4117 Muir \$88 mo.
COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
Large shop plus display area across from State Hospital \$95 mo.
Large brick building, 3300 sq. ft., ideal for church, warehouse, heavy equipment maintenance, etc.
109 Wright — Let's make a deal.
See Us For Ideal Residential and Commercial Lots
FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN
500 Main 267-8252

DENNIS THE MENACE



Hi! YOU PEOPLE STILL UP?

"MOVING"
BYRON'S Highly skilled Personnel Can Take The Worry Out of Your Move With FAST, EFFICIENT SERVICE
Moving With Care Everywhere
"Overnight In Texas"
CALL US FOR FREE ESTIMATE
BYRON'S STORAGE & TRANSFER, INC.
263-7351 or 263-3495

REAL ESTATE A-2
HOUSES FOR SALE
REEDER & ASSOCIATES
The Folks at Reeder & Associates wish to take this opportunity to wish each one of you
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
Since 1934 we have offered you the finest in Real Estate & Insurance Service, and starting in 1969 we will offer a Complete New Service to make a home available to every family in Big Spring.

KLOVEN REALTY
1401 Scurry
Off. 267-5593 Res. 267-8938
Paul Hood 263-3774
3 BDRM, 2 bath, carpet, den, nice, \$109 Mo.
3 BDRM, 1 1/2 bath, \$175 cash, \$90 month.
3 BDRM, 1 bath, \$92 month.
3 BDRM, 1 bath on 1/2 acre, \$300 down, \$52 month. All cash.
GOOD 40 Acre farm, 100 acre irrigated, 119 acre cotton allotment, some minerals, good house, 2 1/2 acres.
299 ACRES close to Big Spring, 70 acre cotton allotment and irrigation well.
FHA & VA REPOS — NO DWN.

McDonald Realty
Off. 267-4097 and 263-3960
Home 267-4097 and 263-3960
Midwest Bldg. 611 Main
RENTALS — VA & FHA REPOS
FAMILY LIVING — 3 1/2 bdrms, den, 2 full baths. One look will sell you.
ATTENTION RETIREES — 2 bdrms, den, carpeted throughout.
TWO-STORY — 4 bdrms, dining room, carpeted throughout, excellent condition. Apartment of four.
TEN of Most Desirable Acres in Big Spring with GOOD water well and pump.
REAL BARGAIN in expensive area, 2 bdrms, dining room, Low down — Low price, 11 yrs left on loan.
2 LOVELY 4-BEDROOM homes in Kentwood.
15th and MAIN — 3 bdrms, 2 baths, fireplace, carpeted 1/2 in room, \$350 down. WALKING DISTANCE to all schools — 3 LARGE bdrms, den — or converted 4 bedrooms. Attractive, artistic, real buy.
ELLEN EZZELL 267-7885
BOBBY MARSHALL 267-4245
BOBBY MARSHALL 267-3960
WILLIAM MARTIN 267-3563
GORDON MYRICK 267-4854

HOME REAL ESTATE
"SELLING BIG SPRING"
103 Permian Bldg. 263-4663
JEFF BROWN — Realtor
Nights And Weekends
Lee Hans — 267-5019
Sue Brown — 267-6230
Marie Price — 263-4129
From HOME
TO YOUR HOME
COME ALL THE GOOD WISHES
FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
JEFF, SUE, B. M., MARIE

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Res. 267-4116
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"An Attractive Place To Live"
WITH "Comfort And Privacy"
NOT "Just Another Apartment House!"
ONE & Two Bedroom Apartments
Private Patio — Heated Pool — Carpets
800 Marcy Dr. 263-6091
FURNISHED Two bedroom apartment, garage, washer connection, 60 Bldg. \$65. Call 263-6198 or 263-4100.
TWO BEDROOM furnished apartments, private baths, fireplace, bills paid, close to 4th Main, 267-2974.

Big Spring's Finest DUPLEXES
2 Bedroom Apartments
Furnished Or Unfurnished
Air Conditioned — Vented Heat — Wall-To-Wall Carpet (Optional) — Fenced Yard — Garage and Storage.
1506 SYCAMORE 267-7861
BRIGHT 3 ROOM furnished duplex, yard, 60 month without bills, \$70 month with bills. Call 267-2004 or 263-7140.
JIMMIE JONES, largest independent Firestone Tire dealer in Big Spring, well-stocked. Use your Conoco or Shell credit cards. 34th & Green, Stone with every tire sale. Jimmie Jones Conoco-Firestone, 1501 Green, 267-7601.

DEER HUNTING
H. S. JOHNSON RANCH
Plenty of deer and turkey, 31 doe permits. Write to H. S. Johnson, Vance Route, Barksdale, or call this number. \$15.00 per day. ALSO, a few exclusive season leases available at \$150 per year.
WATCH THIS SPACE
FHA properties are offered for sale to qualified purchasers without regard to the prospective purchaser's race, color or national origin.
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
If you have possession or know the whereabouts of a stolen 1968 Ford Mustang, call this number. We have a reward on a storage lot located on West Hwy. 80 miles west of here. There is a \$25 cash reward available upon delivery of the car to the Big Spring Herald, with no questions asked. These are of little value to anyone else but of sentimental worth to the owners.

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Television Schedule Today & Wednesday
KMID **KWAB** **KOSA** **WFAA** **KVKM** **KTVT** **KERA**
TUESDAY EVENING
3:00 Match Game
3:30 Match Game
4:00 Match Game
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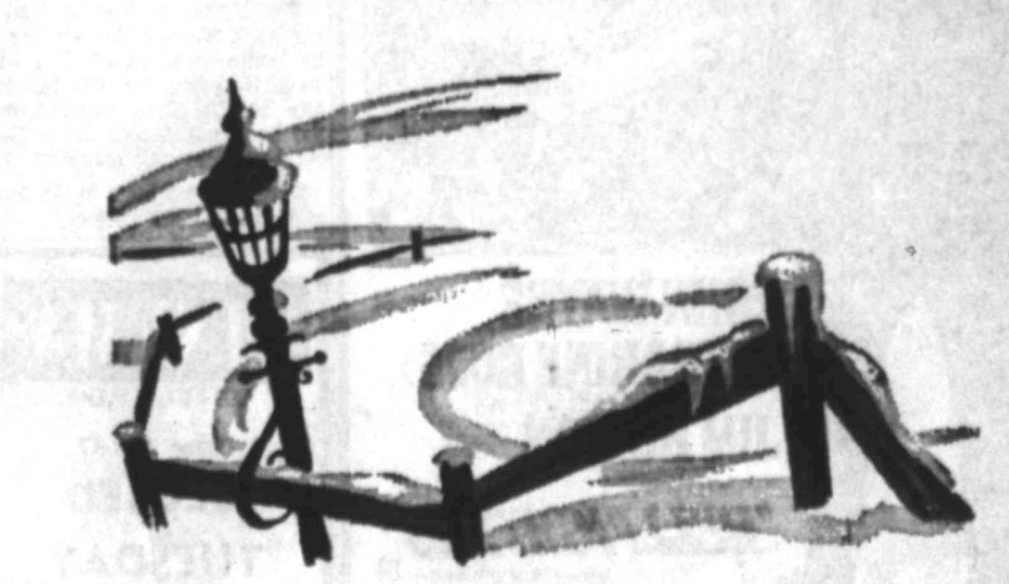
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The job of "undocking" the halls of their boughs of holly can be almost as much fun as putting them up if the whole family helps.

The tired tree is the main item to be dismantled. By using an assembly line technique, you will be surprised at the speed with which the tree and its ornaments can be whisked away.

Let the tallest member of the family hand down the ornaments one at a time to one of the older youngsters who wipes each one off with a sudsy sponge before handing it on to the next helper. He dries the ornament wraps it in tissue, and packs it away in a partitioned box. This box goes at the bottom of the big carton used for storing the tree decorations. The tinsel goes next, then the star or angel for the top of the tree, and the lights last.

Next year, all you'll have to do is open the carton and trim the new tree by starting with the items on the top of the box working down. What's more, everything will be shining clean and ready to use.

Put a sheet on the floor and lay the old tree in it for carrying through the house without leaving a trail of dry needles. And if you find your carpet littered with tiny bits of fluff from the cotton batting at the tree base, vacuum up as much as you can, then take up the last bits with one of the little rough rubber sponges used on suede shoes.

Carry another carton or basket to the living room to gather other bits of greenery from the mantel, doorway, and mirror without scattering needles or dried holly berries on the floor.

Remove the ribbon from artificial wreaths and dip quickly in warm soap or detergent suds, rinse, then dry thoroughly before storing for next Christmas. The ribbon can be pressed face down under a piece of waxed paper to regain its original crispness.

After the decorations have been stored away, check to see if they have left any sticky pitch spots. A sudsy cloth will remove them easily before they collect grime. Wax drippings from candles can be scraped off carefully from wooden surfaces with a wooden mixing spoon or other blunt object with a dry cloth.

If you find blobs of candle wax on your best tablecloth, scrape away as much as possible, then place the spots between white blotters and press with a warm iron, changing the blotters as they become soiled. If there is still a faint stain, sponge with carbon tetrachloride or another grease solvent and launder the cloth in hot suds.

To remove cranberry spots or coffee stains from a white cloth, stretch the spots over a bowl, then pour boiling water on them from a height of two or three feet. To avoid scalding your fingers, use a rubber band or string to secure the cloth around the bowl before you start pouring.

Stains caused by dinner wines and cream sauces can be sponged out with warm soap or detergent suds, then rinsed thoroughly. And the sooner you get after the spots, the easier they are to remove.

Meat juice stains should be sponged with cold or lukewarm water immediately after the table is cleared before they have time to "set." Lipstick marks can be removed from napkins by rubbing them first with glycerine, then washing in warm suds.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Covers
5 Men without dates
10 Bridge term
14 Dangling
15 Debate
16 Abyss
17 Body of water
18 Dress suit
19 Burl — folk singer
20 Basic right: 3 words
23 Successful trick
24 Ailing
25 Outcome
28 Looks stormy: 2 words
33 Force
34 Inaccurate
35 A person
36 Bakery goods
37 Rises high
38 Uncivil
39 Compass point
40 Kitchen fixture
41 Stair part
42 Pocketbook
44 Sully ones
45 Sign of ascent
46 Wearing apparel
47 Offsets
55 Bone
56 Halter loop
57 Island country
58 Gad
59 Civil wrongs

DOWN

26 Balance
27 Pretty
28 Yearn for
29 Erudition
30 Tippler
31 Below
32 Equals
34 Warm fabric
37 Schoolchildren
38 Maturity
40 Highlander
41 Girl's name
43 Hereditary
44 Plague
46 Dispatch
47 Buffet
48 Jar
49 Single thing
50 Chess piece
51 Pierce
52 Municipality
53 Name for Irish girl
54 Dried up

Puzzle of Monday, December 23, Solved

ACROSS

1 Maneuvers
6 Train of
10 Beat it!
14 What lie, stands for
15 Stove part
16 Mats —
17 Sense of grievance
19 Fencing foil
20 Pipe opening
21 Lively dance
23 Swiss river
24 Variegated
26 Coach
28 Extravagant one
31 Waterlogged
34 Philippine tribe
35 Format
37 Musical direction
38 Haunts
40 Populace
42 Fern spores
43 Station
45 Ramblers
47 Was victorious
48 More reluctant
50 Election result
52 Muslim faith
54 Drugs
55 Swamp
57 Good cards
59 Arrogant
63 Diminutive suffix
65 Restlessness
67 Fingers —
68 Close

DOWN

1 South of France
2 Norse god
3 Garment
4 Slip away
5 Tending furnace
6 Kitchen item
7 Affirm
8 Snare again
9 Matriculates
10 That lady
11 Campus costume: 3 words
12 Range
13 Row
18 Required
22 Cambodia's neighbor
25 Inhibit

Puzzle of Tuesday, December 24, Solved

Little Known About Magi

In the wonderful story of Christmas appear the Magi — the Three Wise Men, yet the Scriptures tell us very little about them.

We are told they were kings from the East who brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child.

The Magi were members of a priestly caste — their religion was fundamentally that of Zoroaster, an ancient philosopher. This particular group was recognized to be physicians, versed in the use of herbs and were credited with remarkable healing powers.

They were, no doubt, astronomers as well as geographers. Their studies of the heavens led them to recognize the advent of a new star in the system of Jupiter and Saturn.

And, their journey from Persia, which is believed to have been their starting point, to Bethlehem was a trip of over 1,000 miles. Traveling by camel, the trip could have taken anywhere from three months to a full year.

Kings, scientists, seers — the Magi were all of these — they were the Three Wise Men of the Christmas Story.

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PARIS, Tex. (AP) — For the ultimate in convenience, you just can't beat Vic Jumper's deer hunt.

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MANY CHANGES CHALKED UP IN LEADERSHIP

It Was A Year Of Violence, Many Good Things Too

A glance at the record of 1968 would put it down as a year of considerable violence, yet a year that brought many good things including a better-than-average crop.

At least a dozen died in highway mishaps, including several in collisions within the city. But this did not mean the end of the carnage affecting people locally, for crashes involving Big Spring people or former residents reached all the way to Arizona and California.

In this area, the worst crash occurred Nov. 1 when Albert Franco, Martin Oballe, Alma Acosta, and John Ochoa were killed when their station wagon collided with a truck on a crossroads with US 87 just north of Ackerly.

If this were not bad enough, there were rumblings of tragedy that reached around the world. On the first day of the year, Maj. Smith Swords was reported missing in Vietnam. Before the year was out names added to the roll of supreme sacrifice in Vietnam included Sp. 5 Ismael Holguin, S. Sgt. Dorward (Ricky) Jones, Pfc. Reynaldo Sanchez, Pfc. Michael O'Brien (USMC), S. 4 Sam Allison, Lt. William Hale, USMC, Cpl. Allen J. Boudreaux and Deton J. Hasdorff, formerly at Webb AFB, also were added to the list.

GOOD CROPS

On the whole, the year was a fairly good one from the point of business. One of the stimulating factors was a capricious but finally a good agricultural year for most farmers and ranchers. The oil industry was kept steadily busy, although there were no major new discoveries. This is not to say that there were not several stepout and small field strikes. During the year, the price of crude oil was raised five cents a barrel. Coston put the finishing touches on a new eight million dollar crude oil complex. This will replace the old crude unit at the plant here and the Col-Tex plant at Colorado City, due for closing in January. During the year, R. L. Tollett retired as president of Coston after nearly 30 years, being succeeded by Paul Meek.

In February Webb AFB graduated its largest class (57 pilots), which set the tone for a busy year. An item of news was the change in command with Col. William C. McGlothlin succeeding Brig. Gen. Chester Butcher, who went back to the Pentagon. During the year also the modification program for the T-38s was begun in the area formerly used by the 331st FIS. The recreational and park area was named for Sgt. E. G. Christensen, a Big Spring man who gave his life in World War I.

CHANGES

A change in command was coming up, too, for the Chamber of Commerce, for Carroll Davidson resigned as manager to take a post in Pasadena, Texas. Dr. Milton Talbot, president, faced the task of organizing the search for a successor. Several organizations held district meetings here and the barbers' union had a state parley as did the realtors.

Donald Van Meter, manager of the VA Hospital, died suddenly of a heart attack and Jack Powell came here to administer the hospital.

There were no heart transplantations involving local people, but little Bobby Lepard, Sand Springs, received a transplanted kidney in Denver, Colo., and after a long, touch-and-go battle, appeared to be on the road to recovery at the end of the year.

Most of the transportation news centered around aviation, and Trans-Texas Airways added a new non-stop flight to Dallas as boardings increased. Sentinel Airlines applied to serve the city, too, but the response here was lukewarm.

In sports, county communities won the titles. Both Forsan boys and girls basketball teams won their districts, and the girls made it to the state. Coahoma won the bi-district football title and then barely lost in the mud to Sonora, which went on to become a state finalist in Class A.

GOOD COTTON YIELD

Agriculture looked good, bad and finally pretty good. Heavy winter moisture all but went away before heavy planting rains came along just in the nick of time. Then came another dry spell with showers arriving in time only for the northwest part of the county. Nevertheless, early rosy predictions of a bale-to-the-acre average for the county appeared to be within the realm of possibility. The feed crop was bountiful, and cattle had good grazing most of the year, although stock water sometimes became a problem.

During the year bank deposits peaked at \$49,057,519, and the margin of gain was good all year. Gamco, Inc. became part of the Siboney conglomerate but continued to operate as usual. The Coronado shopping center at FM-700 and Gregg was launched, but an old landmark — the Crawford Hotel — was

destined for demolition as part of a downtown improvement project. The million-dollar post office project was all but complete by the end of the year. Most of highway work was concentrated on the southwest quadrant of FM 700, with its new Gregg Street overpass, and this, too, was nearly complete by the end of the year.

CHURCH BUILDING OFF
Church construction, a major item for several years, appeared to be catching up with only the Prairie View Baptist congregation occupying a new plant. There were a few personnel changes, among them the Rev. V. Ward-Jackson leaving as First Church of God pastor after more than a decade of service here.

The city let the last of its major Master Plan contracts (except for a drainage portion at some indefinite time in the future). It did receive its first returns from the new city sales tax and the \$71,574 for the first quarter was better than anticipated. Three city chiefs, City Manager Larry Crow, Public Works Director Earnest Lillard, and Police Chief Jay Banks, all were named presidents of their state groups at the same time. The county, beset with financial pressures, increased the valuation base from 20 to 25 per cent, and this also brought some relief to Howard County Junior College.

POLITICAL YEAR

Whatever else, the year was a political one with party primaries and a red-hot general election in which the Republicans managed to elect the first county official in the person of William B. Crocker, commissioner of precinct 3. This followed on the heels of a recount after an obvious error had been made in tabulation. Presumably, the county stayed with the Democrats' Hubert Humphrey, although by the barest of margins. A new figure — George Wallace of the American Independent Party — cut into both major candidate totals heavily.

Many of the school groups — academically and culturally — gave good accounts of themselves in state competition in what was the first normal operational year after many seasons of expansion under the master improvement plan. Enrollment dipped slightly, but at Howard County Junior College, the enrollment went well beyond 1,100, up by a good 10 per cent. At HCJC, B. M. Keese, who had been there since the second year after

CRIME AND VIOLENCE

There was no let-up in the rate of crime and violence. There were several murders, most of them in the northwest flats area, but topped by the murder mystery of A. D. Blount, pet shop operator, in December. There were drownings, suicides and other extraordinary deaths. And as for deaths, there were many old timers who slipped away.

As for building, there was a sharp drop here, and only the Coronado Plaza project kept this from being a near washout (if re-roofing from a severe hailstorm is taken out). Weather was as usual unpredictable but on the whole pleasant. Despite the sputter-sputter pattern, the rainfall for the year was higher than normal, and November's two to three inches ranked about second highest in history for the month. A snow on Nov. 8 tied the record for an early snow, and before the month was out, the county had two other snows. The United Fund missed its goal by about five per cent but it was able to meet its commitments to all agencies.

For a more detailed review of the year, follow this day-by-day calendar of events:

January

1. First Howard County baby of 1968 born to S. Sgt. and Mrs. Robert W. Morgan of Webb AFB, having arrived at local hospital when new year was only six minutes old; word received here that former Webb officer, Maj. Smith Swords III, was missing in action in Southeast Asia.
2. Benjamin F. Tubb, 90, former builder-farmer, died; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roe Sr., formerly of San Angelo, found dead of asphyxiation at their home south of town; Big Spring Steers upset Odessa Bronchos in opening District 2-AAAA basketball game, 60-53.
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hastening home from Vietnam to attend the funeral of his brother, Larry, Dec. 12, accident victim, completed early arrival to his home, thanks to a relay operation set up by peace officers in several adjoining counties.

4. Robert Haney of Howard County won coveted E. B. Dickenson Memorial award for showmanship in Odessa Fat Stock Show; Maxwell Barr and Delores Lankford of Howard County showed prize animals in same meet.

5. Deposits at three local and one Coahoma banks reached a record \$46,330,709, bank call revealed, total resources of \$51,481,697 also at all-time peak; H.C.J.C.'s Jayhawks routed Amarillo College, 93-55, in Western Conference game here.

6. Mrs. G. E. Fleeman, 87, resident of Big Spring, since 1905, died at her home; officials of Colorado River Municipal Water District revealed it produced 12,678,236,808 gallons in 1967, which topped its previous record by nearly a billion gallons.

7. Mrs. W. H. Power, daughter of man who organized first Church of Christ in Big Spring, honored by congregation

at 14th and Main Church of Christ; an ice-storm blanketed Big Spring and surrounding areas, making driving extremely hazardous; Jose Hernandez Jimenez, 17, surrendered to police after shooting at bar which resulted in death of two other Latin Americans, Octavio T. Ramirez and Roy Rodriguez.

8. Dr. Milton W. Talbot elected president of Big Spring Chamber of Commerce while Don Womack was named vice-president; J. B. Sloan, 90, retired furniture dealer and long-time local resident, died.

9. City commissioners instructed city attorney to draw up an ordinance granting Yellow Cab Company to increase price of fares; all officers and directors at State National Bank re-elected for another year.

10. Directors of Colorado River Municipal Water District let \$465,000 contract for construction of 17 oil well mounds at new lake site to Roland L. Scherer of Weatherford; Bob Brock selected Lincoln-Mercury automobile dealer locally.

11. Enrollment in Big Spring public schools dipped by 77 in one week, due mainly to closing

of a training squadron at Webb AFB; directors of Colorado River Municipal Water District informed Midland officials they would work to solve mutual water problems.

12. Norman (Tooter) King, 36, former resident, held here on fugitive warrant which charged him with kidnapping woman in Carlsbad, N.M.; Rev. Melvin Montgomery named chairman of Howard County-Big Spring Community Action Committee; Jeff Brown elected president of Big Spring chapter of Air Force Association.

13. Seven members of James Hinecker named Airman of Year at Webb AFB; Miyoko Yamano pleased Big Spring Concert Association crowd with her piano artistry.

14. Trans-Texas Airways air service into Big Spring to be completely jet-powered by Feb. 1, it was announced by company officials in Houston; Dr. Mary Dye arrived to assume duties as staff physician at VA Hospital; Alvin Shroyer given plaque in recognition as long-time Oldsmobile dealer.

15. YMCA annual sustaining campaign got under way, headed for the third consecutive year by Mrs. O. S. Womack; schools closed at Sands (Ackerly) due to outbreak of flu.

16. Total of \$3,581.03 collected by march of mothers in March of Dimes campaign; Big Spring schools again won accreditation as 12-grade school, according to report filed by Texas Education Agency.

17. City of Big Spring awarded federal demonstration grant — valued at \$90,000 over three years — to be used in reclaiming 25 acres of agricultural land under a sanitary fill program.

18. More snow and sleet struck area, airport closed to commercial traffic due to weather; Jerry Ryan, Bill Burchett and Lonnie Clanton earned special awards at annual Quarterback Club football banquet.

19. S. M. Sgt. Frank L. Hinecker named Airman of Year at Webb AFB; Miyoko Yamano pleased Big Spring Concert Association crowd with her piano artistry.

20. Sgts. John Scott and J. D. Campbell of city police department commended by Optimist Club for work; HCJC's Jayhawks lost their first Western Conference basketball game in seven starts to Clarendon on road, 66-64.

21. R. P. (Nick) Nicholson announced as winner of trip to Bob Hope Golf tournament in Palm Springs, Calif.; construction permits for 1967 totaled only \$2,215,000, check

revealed. 22. Richard Earl Snider, serving 25 years in state prison for holdup of grocery store, joined growing army of convicts seeking release under recent rulings made by U.S. Supreme Court.

23. Educator Dan Shockey, patrolman Stewart Dickson and Bill Tidwell honored by Big Spring Junior Chamber of Commerce for work during year; Hester's won team championship in Women's City Bowling tournament at Bowl-A-Rama.

24. Garbage piled up in certain areas because trucks were unable to travel alleys following siege of bad weather; city commissioners voted to take bids for electronic data processing machines; Bible-reading Thomas Leo Waddle killed by freight train while sitting on tracks.

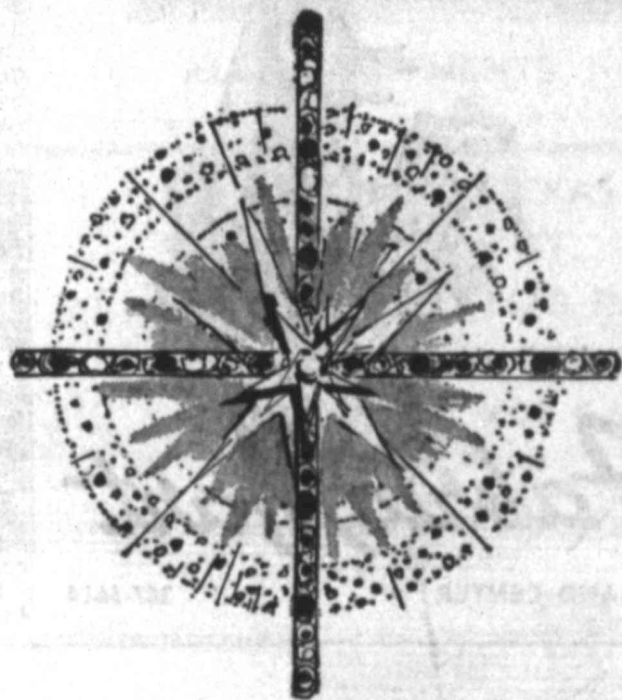
25. Forty-six Big Spring High School seniors received diplomas in special mid-term ceremonies; several local credit unions named officers for year; Mrs. Nell Frazier, co-owner of Bennett House, awarded citation by Business and Professional Women's Club.

26. Big Spring announced as winner of "Sparkle City" award by West Texas Chamber of Commerce; Webb AFB's base executive officer, Lt. Col. J. H. Van Pelt, retired in formal ceremony; 25 indictments against 22 individuals voted by

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Joy and Peace at Christmas

May your spirit be filled with the inspiration and hope of the first Christmas, when a brilliant star blazed a bright path to the manger of the Saviour, thus heralding a new era of hope for mankind. We wish you the joys and pleasures of Christmas celebrated in warm tradition with loved ones and close friends.



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Howard County grand jury.
27. Morgan C. Stulting, long-time resident, died suddenly.
28. Total of \$625 raised in March of Dimes airlift staged at Howard County airport.
29. Pete Gonzales Dominguez, 42, died of self-inflicted gun-shot wound; Junior Hereford calf shown by Dolores Lankford of Howard County placed third in its division in Fort Worth Livestock Show.
30. Texas Electric Service Company employees here cited for safety record; school trustees at Forsan failed to renew Supt. Darrell Flynt's contract by 4-3 vote; Clarendon College again beat Howard County Junior College in basketball, 79-78, snarling Western Conference race.
31. Mrs. Zirah LeFevre, county tax assessor-collector, said voters' registration had reached a record 13,500; Jim Baum, local radio man, announced as winner of Texas Medical Association award for reporting health information.

February

1. Howard County Junior College signed up a record number of students (847) for its

first day of the spring term; Thurman (Big Daddy) Randle, former Big Spring football line-man, chosen in the sixth round of the pro football draft by Philadelphia Eagles.
2. Little Theater of Big Spring's production, "Fantasticks," playing to turnaway crowds, which caused directors to extend run; Howard County Heart Association's annual drive for funds got under way.
3. Over 400 Scouts, plus hundreds of parents, attended annual Boy Scout Exposition in Highland Shopping Center; death of Clifton L. Newton, 30-year-old postal clerk, listed as suicide.
4. Ollie C. McDaniel, native of Big Spring, named vice president of Parnac Inc., Coffeyville, Kan., firm which specializes in manufacture of oil field equipment; community radio watch program, designed to encourage citizens help maintain law and order, initiated locally.
5. Mrs. James Doble, national president of the Church Women United, visited here; Bob Hill declared Martin County's top farmer at annual Chamber of Commerce banquet in Stanton.
6. Trains continued to move here despite strike called by trainmen against Missouri Pacific lines; O. C. Hart, native of Big Spring, named vice president of Maryland Casualty Company, a Baltimore-based firm.
7. Mrs. Mary K. Hubbell ac-

cepted position as occupational therapist at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Bismark Schafer, 76, pioneer Glasscock County rancher, died; J. O. Hagood, school tax assessor, named "boss of year" by local chapter of American Business Women's Association.
8. Enrollment jumped to 963 at Howard County Junior College; Col. Robert W. Casey became deputy commander for operations at Webb AFB.
9. Col. Robin Olds, commander of cadets at Air Force Academy, spoke to graduating pilots at Webb AFB.
10. Train schedules on Texas & Pacific railway returned to normal after strike against Missouri Pacific ended; with ginning season nearing end, Howard County's cotton crop passed the 14,000-bale mark.
11. Largest group of pilots ever trained at Webb AFB totaling 57, graduated; Spl. Ismael Holguin, 20, Big Spring, reported missing in action in Vietnam.
12. Winter returned to area, bringing with it moisture; word received here of traffic death in San Diego, Calif., of Paul Lewis Gregg, 19, Big Spring.
13. Harold Davis elected new president of United Fund, succeeding R. J. (Dick) Ream; heavy snows close most schools in Big Spring area.
14. Promotion of Chester J. Butcher, wing commander at Webb AFB, to brigadier-general in Air Force, announced; Lonnie Clanton, Big Spring football player, signed to attend SMU.
15. Jerry Ryan, all-district football lineman for Big Spring, signed to attend Texas Tech; requests for salary increases for administrative personnel in local public schools denied by board of trustees.
16. Mark Barr, Coahoma High School senior, paid \$11,200 for grand champion steer at San Antonio Livestock Show; Chamber of Commerce's Tourist and Convention committee undertook study of convention center; A. Knapp, 83, ranking old-timer in Howard County, died.
17. Tom (Tooter) King, accused kidnapper, returned to Eddy County jail in New Mexico from Big Spring; Forsan Buffalo Queens again crowned basketball champions in District 67-B.
18. Mrs. John Porter observed 99th birthday; Ron Britton formally assumed charge of Big Spring State Park; Dr. W. A. Hunt, president of Howard County Junior College, named to citizens advisory group of Senate committee on vocational education.
19. Chamber of Commerce launched most expensive



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March

1. The stork failed to show on Feb. 29, for the first time in three leap years, and a bundle of prizes for Miss or Mister Feb. 29 went unclaimed; Dolores Lankford, Howard County 4-H'er, rated second with the best group of three steers at the Houston Fat Stock Show on Feb. 29; membership drive for the Chamber of Commerce reported to have brought in 511 members and \$5,284.
2. Mrs. George Thomas, Eddie Aciri and W. A. Fitzgerald filed for the City Commission race; HCJC Jayhawks rocked Clarendon JC 67-42 to capture third place in the Region V Junior College basketball tournament and Larry Linder made the all-tournament team; Dominick Mazza heaved the shot put 53-6 1/2 to shatter a school mark at the Southwestern Recreational Track and Field Meet in Fort Worth.
3. Walter E. Smith, 81, former minister and retired farmer who had lived in Howard



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ty Cancer Society fund drive kicked off today; over 500 students and teachers were slated for the annual District I Vocational Industrial Clubs of America meeting at Big Spring High School.

16. Ervin Dee (Bip), Smith, 50, longtime Cosden Oil & Chemical Co. employee, died today of injuries received in a wreck March 15, 2.8 miles south of Big Spring on US 87; George Bush, Houston Republican Congressman, called for new approaches in solving the nation's problems at a Republican Party fund raising dinner here.

17. Joe Pickle, Big Spring Herald managing editor, was elected president of the Associated Press Managing Editors of Texas in San Antonio.

18. Clifton Hendricks, 52, an employee of Texas & Pacific Railway, was fatally wounded, police named James Carnell Doe, 42, in a murder complaint after a shooting at 1103 Pennsylvania.

19. Ben Barnes, candidate for the Democratic nomination of lieutenant governor, told the Big Spring Rotary Club that Texas has the greatest potential of any state in the nation, but will go for naught unless Texans fight lawlessness.

20. Big Spring State Hospital received a three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals; Mrs. T. A. Harris was elected chairman of the 1968 Easter Seal campaign.

21. The Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America executive board approved a budget of \$179,000; Tommy Cone, assistant district executive of the Chaparral District at Midland, was named executive for the Lone Star Boy Scout District.

22. Dan Bustamante was promoted to the Big Spring High School varsity coaching staff. More than 800 pounds of rattlesnakes were captured in the opening day of the sixth annual Jaycee Rattlesnake Roundup.

23. Cold weather slowed the take in the Rattlesnake Roundup to 150 pounds by 33 registered hunters; Big Spring retained its title in the Andrews baseball tournament with a 2-1 win over the host team.

24. Howard County was minus 1,350 pounds of rattlesnakes, thanks to 34 hunters in the Jaycee Rattlesnake Roundup; Bob Silvers and Delbert Hutchins, who hunted together, took first place with 139 pounds.

5. Guy Simmons turned in

keys as a Texas and Pacific Railway switchman, and when he did it stopped the string of railroading by the Simmons family at 230 years.

26. Community Planning Commission of the Chamber of Commerce began pushing a campaign of greater personal responsibility by citizens to improve their property in Big Spring; Big Spring City Commission approved a budget of \$2,964,123 for the fiscal year beginning April 1.

27. Bill Tidwell was installed as president of the Jaycees, and Mrs. Ben Faulkner was installed as Jaycee-Ettes president.

28. Iva Jo Brooks was named Coahoma Lions Club Queen.

29. Two Coahomans, Dwayne Clawson and Johnny Justus, escaped injury when their light plane crashed when the pilot was trying to land at Scurry County Airport; Mrs. Mildred White received word that her 23-year-old son, Doward Jones Jr., was killed in action while on patrol in Vietnam.

30. Big Spring picked up first place points in both relay events and captured championship honors at the Seminole Track and Field Meet; Neil Spencer was one of 50 West Texas farmers who flew to Washington to attend a farm legislative conference with members of Congress.

April

1. Big Spring residents began paying an extra one per cent sales tax today—a total of three per cent, with one per cent to the city; William W. Weatherford, 4-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weatherford, Odessa, suffocated while the family was camping at Moss Lake.

2. Three incumbents rode the waves of a record vote here to win apparent re-election to the Big Spring City Commission with Mayor Arnold Marshall receiving 1,405 votes, Jimmy Morehead, 1,255 votes, and Walter Stroup, 1,251; close behind was Mrs. George Thomas with 1,238 votes; Howard County Cancer Society's community-wide canvass netted about \$3,000.

3. Mrs. George Thomas, who missed election to the Big Spring City Commission by only 13 votes, said she would ask the commission for a recount; base pay for instructors with

a master's degree was raised \$200 per annum at Howard County Junior College. Col. William K. Knight, deputy commander for material at Webb AFB, was assigned to Korat AFB, Thailand.

4. Mrs. George Thomas drew an application for a recount of the votes in the City Commission election. Members of the Howard-Glasscock counties chapter of March of Dimes began earmarking money collected in the 1968 drive and new officers were named to the board, which is headed by Glenn Cootes, chairman; Mrs. Donald Van Meter was named president of the Howard County Heart Association.

5. About 20 delegates from Big Spring and their wives left today to attend the District 2A-1 Lions convention in Brownwood; Dr. H. C. Ernsting, chief of staff at the Veterans Administration Hospital here, has been named to the American Academy of Medical Administrators.

6. Jimmy Taylor, Mrs. R. B. G. Cowper and Joe A. Moss were elected to the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees here; Taylor was running for the seat vacated by Dr. Carl Marcum and the other two candidates were re-elected; Big Spring finished at the bottom in the District 2-AAAA track meet, but produced more points than were expected.

7. Richard G. Macklin and Tom E. Wood, both seniors at Big Spring High School, were selected to receive four-year Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarships.

8. C. G. Griffin Jr., was named as golf pro at Big Spring Country Club; Joe Price, E. H. Phillips and Al Trent received awards at the Easter program sponsored by the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

9. The City Commission voted to install electronic data processing bookkeeping system; Herbert Smith was named superintendent of Forsan schools.

10. Col. Chester J. Butcher, departed as wing commander at Webb AFB, and will receive a star as a brigadier general; his successor is Col. William C. McGlothlin Jr., current deputy commander at Reese AFB, Lubbock; Rep. Omar Burleson notified Big Spring school district that the Office of Education had approved a tentative entitlement of \$323,561 in federally affected funds for the district.

11. Clarence William Kesterson, 56, retired railway brakeman, was found on the rear floor of his former wife's car with a gunshot wound back of the right ear; Burt A. Nix named recipient of a four-year Opportunity Award Scholarship at Texas A&M University.

12. Otis L. (Bill) Bradford has been named president of the American Business Club.

14. Two thousand faithful turned out for the Easter Sunday sunrise services led by Dr. Lance Webb, Methodist bishop of Indianapolis, Ind., at City Park amphitheatre.

15. Three incumbents named as winners in the April 2 city commission election in canvassed returns of the balloting were confirmed as victors in the completed recount.

16. A live bomb was plowed up by Jesse Stephens on his farm 30 miles northwest of Stanton; prospects were good the HCJC would finish the year within its budget. Dr. W. A. Hunt, president, said; John A. Coffey was elected president of the HCJC board of trustees.

17. Announcement was made that official approval had been given for the merger of Gamco Industries, Inc., of Big Spring, into the Siboney Corp., a nationwide organization with headquarters in Dallas; Goliad Junior High School won the first city track championship by outscoring Rummels 235-218.

18. Mrs. Tom Good, 83, a member of the area's most prominent ranching families and widow of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion founder, died after a short illness.

19. Donald E. Crockett Jr. was the recipient of the Zale-Herald Youth Achievement Award for 1968, being named over 50 young men and women nominated for the honor.

20. Gregg Parnell, Rummels Junior High Schooler, correctly spelled "interfered" and became the Howard County

Spelling Bee champion in the 27th round to defeat Paul Talbot of Park Hill Elementary; Big Spring Texas A&M exes gathered for the annual Aggie Muster at Big Spring Country Club; Claude (Snake) Tucker won the regional track meet in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles and finally beat his arch rival Jack Mildren.

21. Lt. Col. Jack W. Oshant took over as commander of the 3561st Student Squadron at Webb AFB, replacing Lt. Col. James J. Rouch; a thunderstorm moved 500 acre-feet of water into Lake Thomas to give the lake a slight bulge over last year.

22. Bank call figures showed Howard County banks with an all-time high for deposits, loans and total resources; loans and deposits, \$26,615,640.88; deposits, \$49,057,519.10; two Republican gubernatorial campaign hopefuls, Wallace T. Sisk, Houston, and John R. Trice, Dallas, came to Big Spring today.

23. Pfc. Reynaldo Ayla Sanchez, 24, died April 22 of wounds received in combat in Vietnam, his wife learned today from the Department of Defense. Gayle Coleman and Bill Schwarzenbach received the YMCA Hi-Y Awards.

24. Roy V. Jones, 81, former Big Spring mayor and a retired T&P locomotive engineer, died today. Twenty-five students in vocational training programs left for Austin for state competition among vocational industrial clubs.

25. Dynamiters blasted the Big Spring National Guard Armory arsenal sometime in the night and took only two of 51 M-1 rifles; the blast tore through a brick wall and shattered several windows and scattered glass and debris over the armory; the 20th annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association convention opened

today at HCJC with 200 delegates expected.

26. Head Start project officials from around the area met in Big Spring for a two-day workshop. "Conquer Multiple Sclerosis Month" was proclaimed by Mayor Arnold Marshall.

27. The 1968 Spring Auto Show was visited by hundreds who viewed the 50 models on display; C. W. Shouse, vice president of refining, Cosden Oil & Chemical Co., was named Boss of the Year by the Big Spring Secretaries Association, and Mrs. Dee (Sue) Ratliff, was chosen Secretary of the Year; "Indio's Ace," a stallion owned by Tom Kirkpatrick, Fort Worth, was grand champion stallion of the seventh annual Big Spring Paint Horse Show.

28. Randall Polk ended 25 years with Hemphill Wells at a retirement buffet dinner in his honor at Big Spring Country Club; Buster Vinson, former Big Spring resident, died at his home in Clyde; Texans set their clocks ahead one hour today.

29. Plans were announced for remodeling of a business building in College Park

Shopping Center to install a movie theatre; a parade kicking off Cotton Week in Big Spring wound through town and was witnessed by several hundred persons.

30. Mrs. Alyce Butler, executive secretary of the United Fund, opened the United Fund office; absentee voting closed in Howard County with 379 Democrats and Republicans casting ballots; Robert F. Polk Jr., Big Spring High School senior, has won the Texas Medical Association essay contest.

May

1. Markers pointing the way to original Big Spring site installed about the city; Claire Marie Caulfield, 15, notified she was winner of \$6,000 National Merit Scholarship.

2. Howard County grand jury called into session to hear

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be with you today

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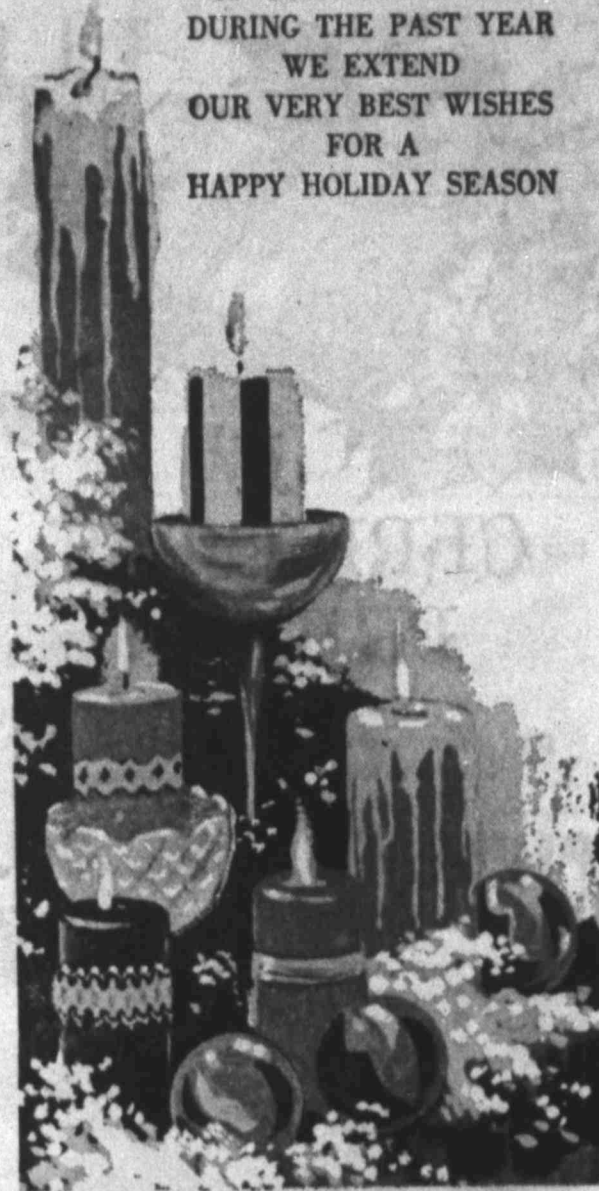
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witnesses dealing with alleged actions of two former city policemen who had been dismissed earlier in the week in follow-up investigation of a liquor store burglary; Mrs. Ray H. (Betsy) Puckett, county nurse, resigned her post effective June 1; Ruth Beasley and Onieta Odom, both retiring teachers, honored by fellow teachers.

3. Mary Thomas filed for a contest in city commissioner's race she lost April 2 by 24 votes; Jack C. Boyd promoted to sergeant on police force effective May 30; Big Spring High School symphonic band rated "excellent" at Corpus Christi contest; 12 policemen graduated from the Southwestern Law Enforcement Academy; Gamco became part of Siboney Corp.; baseball-sized hail fell over part of area.

4. Mrs. Joe Hayden and H. W. Smith forced into run-off Democratic primary for county commissioner nomination; Simon Terrazas won Democratic nomination for county commissioner; Walter Grice won Democratic nomination for justice of the peace; Harvey Hooser won Democratic nomination for constable; George Wallace gets 292 votes in the American Independent Party primary; Howard County Republicans cast 294 votes in primary; Herb McKinley, Midland, won best of show honors at Texas Fine Arts Citation Show held here; Robert Bruce Lindsey, 65, found dying in his car near Coahoma of a self-inflicted gun-shot wound; 75 golfers took part in Big Spring Municipal Invitation Golf Tournament; Little League baseball opened its season; eight Howard County 4-H members won right to compete in state 4-H Club competition in June.

5. A sudden hail, wind and rain storm swept Big Spring area causing \$1,200,000 worth of damage; Big Spring High School Band members won top honors at final day of Corpus Christi Buccaneer Festival; Robb Smith, Webb AFB pilot, won Big Spring Municipal Invitation Golf Tournament with a one-under-par 72.

6. PFC Michael M. O'Brien, 21, USMC, killed in Vietnam; Big Spring school trustees move location of graduation exercises to Memorial Stadium; Journalist from Howard County Junior College took top honors at Texas Junior College Press Association meeting; Goliad Junior High School approved as a fallout shelter at request of W. D. Berry, Howard County

Civil Defense director.

7. One hundred volunteers march to collect for Permian Basin Chapter of National Arthritis Foundation; Big Spring PTA Council closes year's activities with luncheon at Big Spring County Club; Coahoma High School band held its spring concert.

8. James Belew, Big Spring High School senior, awarded \$500 Webb AFB Protestant Chapel Scholarship; Southwest Law Enforcement Academy became first training academy in Texas to receive state certification; Bill Scharzenbach named delegate to national H-Y convention; T. R. (Blackie) Morris cited for 30 years service with Soil Conservation Service; Sidney T. Clark elected president of Big Spring Optimist Club.

9. A new \$13,195 street sweeper went into service on city streets; Waymon Cooper named district governor of Dale Carnegie Alumni Association; Big Spring got 2.39 inches of rain; Donald D. Van Meter VA Hospital manager, died at Fort Hood.

10. Leon Ward, deputy sheriff, resigned; 16 Big Spring High School students won ribbons at Student Craftsman's Fair in Odessa; Debra Key Hine, 1412 Tucson, injured in a one-car accident at Tulane and US 80.

11. Gov. John Connally endorsed by Howard County Democratic Convention as Texas' favorite son candidate for president.

12. Ground breaking ceremonies for \$95,000 St. Paul Presbyterian Church Sanctuary held; Memorial services held for Donald D. Van Meter at Veterans' Hospital.

13. James L. Condit and Antonio V. Bustamante both ordered to serve three year sentences because of probation violations; county commissioners discuss damage caused to roads by recent rain and hail storms in north part and Sidney Albert Collins of the county; Lehman Justice rejoined Big Spring police force.

14. Carroll Davidson, manager of Chamber of Commerce, warned of fly-by-night roofing contractors trying to capitalize of recent hail storms; A. L. Purvis, president of Texas Real Estate Association addressed Big Spring Board of Realtors; W. H. (Dub) Hallmark, head coach at Goliad Junior High School resigned to become assistant coach at Lockney High School; Mrs. Marie Hamrick Peay lost control of her car and it rolled down the north slope of Scenic Mountain.

15. H.C.J.C. literary magazine "Thistles" made its first appearance; high school production of "Glass Menagerie" opened two-day run.

16. Boys Club opened at 304 Gregg; Claude Morris rejoined Big Spring police force; Stewart Thompson elected president of Student Senate at H.C.J.C. in a record turn-out at the campus polls; Mrs. M. M. Edwards installed as president of 1948 Hyperion Club; James Newman elected president of Big Spring High School student body.

17. Donald Keith Yager, 18, killed in road construction accident on FM 700; Little Theater opened production of "Devil on Stilts" and "The Street of Good Friends" at Cosden Country Club; Howard Dodd elected president of newly chartered Local No. 1771 of the Big Spring Fire Fighters' Union.

18. Webb AFB holds open house for Armed Forces Day; Webb AFB Park dedicated in honor of local World War II hero, S.Sgt. Edward G. Christensen; Don Yarborough, candidate for governor, made campaign stop.

19. County fire truck involved in a collision that sends driver of other vehicle, Melvin Daves, 1701 Young to hospital with minor injuries.

20. Raymond T. Tollett an-

nounced his retirement after 28 years as president of Cosden Oil Co.; absentee voting opened for primary election run-offs; Veterans' Hospital scrapbook wins award at Texas Hospital Association meeting; all Methodist ministers were reassigned their posts here at meeting of Northwest Texas Methodist Conference in Amarillo.

21. A three-car collision at Third and Gregg sent Mrs. F. N. Smith and Mrs. John Seale to local hospitals with minor injuries; City-wide search for nine-year-old boy ended when he was found on parking area at Holiday Inn; Betty Johansen named outstanding Bible student by Big Spring Pastors' Association.

22. Frank Caldwell installed as president of Big Spring Personnel and Management Association; Herbert John Ward invited to 12th annual summer seminar at SMU; Mrs. Frank B. Wilson installed as president of Big Spring Garden Council; residents of 600 block of East Thirteenth were forced to leave their homes while a gas leak was repaired; Tracy L. Kupper and Harley A. Cullen rejoined the Big Spring police force; Phillip Stovall named Stanton High School head basketball coach; Larry Readman elected president of Mesquite Gun Club.

23. Larry Brewer robbed of \$60 cash at Northwest Fifth and North Gregg; Donald A. Johnson accepts invitation to serve as a member of the International Advisory Committee; Blacks defeated the Whites in annual Steer Intra-squad football game; Cliff Hale and Cotton Carter caught 42-pound catfish; George Thorburn, Howard County Democratic Chairman, seriously injured in Mexico traffic accident.

24. Big Spring High School Baccalaureate services held at Memorial Stadium; Nan Crawford, seventh grader, and Lydia Hayworth, eighth grader, won Goliad Junior High School Physical Education Awards; Willie Roy English was stabbed.

25. "Dizzy" Osborn charged with stabbing Willie Roy English; \$49,000 damage suit filed against Charles Hans.

26. Howard County Junior College graduates record 78 students; Preston Smith, candidate for governor, visited here; County Judge Lee Porter announced that county child welfare office could not be opened here before 1969. Mrs. Justice Nichols honored as top Big Spring Hospital aide.

27. George Thorburn arrived here by air after being injured in Mexico traffic accident; Mrs. Elizabeth J. Anderson appointed chief nurse at Veterans' Ad-

ministration Hospital; Dr. Irby J. Hurst Jr. and Dr. Morris Weiss reported for duty at VA Hospital.

28. Big Spring High School graduated 329 students; A. B. Brown retired from Cosden with 22 years service; E. W. Staub joins Post Office staff; Betty Johansen was valedictorian, and Steven Ray Anderson, highest ranking boy, at Big Spring High School graduation ceremonies.

June

1. Douglas Wayne Ballard, 12, drowned, and his brother, Danny Lee, 11, narrowly escaped death when the two boys attempted to swim to an island at Lake J. B. Thomas; Mrs. Mae Hayden won the Democratic nomination for county commissioner precinct 3 as more than 5,000 Democrats voted in the run-off primary election; Hank Pope awarded varsity letter in baseball at Sul Ross College; Dr. Laurence H. Rudd Sr., Colorado City physician, died; Dee Elrod installed as president of Big

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GREETINGS



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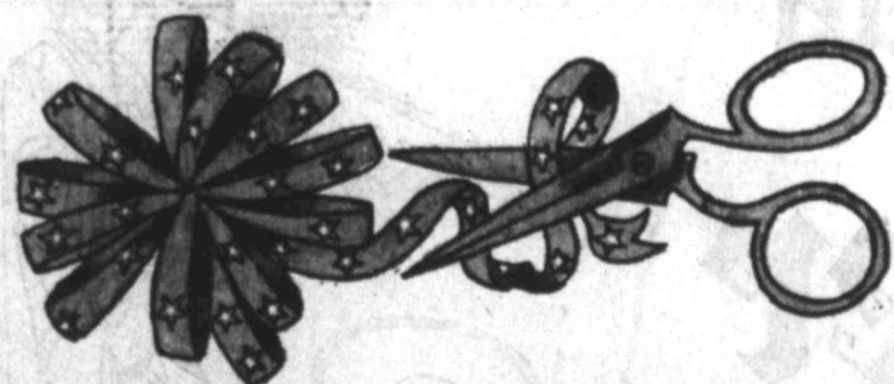
mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complicity. Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

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Spring High School band; Mark L. Lindsey joins Big Spring police force.

2. Fifty-seven head of cattle were turned loose 6.3 miles north of Big Spring on US 87 when the truck carrying them was involved in an accident.

3. Girl Scout Day Camp opened; Howard County Junior College began summer registration; Howard County Junior College trustees met with Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector to discuss raising property evaluation for the county; Coahoma school board closed Midway Elementary School.

4. Marvin Springer, professional city planner, met with Big Spring's master plan committee; Neil McKenzie, 27, killed in oil field accident in north part of the county; Jack D. Powell, 58, named director of Veterans Hospital here; James Bruce Frazier resigned teaching post at Howard County Junior College; Isabel Lopez began clerical duties with Big Spring police department; Howard County Commissioner voted to hike 1968 county taxes by about 25 per cent.

5. Texas Employment Commission office here issued call for summer jobs for students; Fourteenth and Main Church of Christ held open house for Bible School displays; Garland Morris appointed an agent for Allstate Insurance Company; George Thorburn underwent surgery on his hip in Midland; Donald Wilkinson, 29, killed in San Diego, Calif., automobile accident; 1,500 people attended Texas A&M barbecue in City Park; Miss Erma Johnson assumed duties in Howard County Welfare Office.

6. Ann Haggard, Stanton, and Kelly Joe Gaskins, Knott, winners of oratorical contest sponsored by Cap Rock Electric Co-operative, left on a trip to Washington, D.C.; Bill Baker named PRIDE patrolman at Big Spring police department; 7. Marice R. Meek awarded two-year scholarship to study automobile technology; Big Spring city fathers attended biennial institute for mayors and councilmen in El Paso; Donald Crockett and M. D. Whitley, Big Spring, and Marlin Medlin and Larry Latson attended Texas Nuclear Science Symposium in Austin; Shorty Thompson robbed and shot at his grocery store, 708 Lamesa.

8. Carl Knappe represented American Legion Post 355 at Legion convention in Mineral Wells; Airman 1.C. Willie Kirland suffered flesh wounds when hit by bullets fired from a passing car; Jose Antonio Sarach and Phillip Mendoza arrested, charged and bond set at \$25,000 each for armed robbery of Shorty Thompson; Kent Fish, Tommy Taronis, Steve Hughes and Danny Johnson won excellent ratings at Interscholastic competition in Austin.

9. The Texas Association of Journeymen's International Barbers Union of America met here; Mrs. Lou Ann King, 31, received burns over 90 per cent of her body when natural gas exploded and totally demolished her home; Andrew J. Cain, 68, killed and J. W. Green injured in a two-car collision at IS 20 and Snyder Highway; Bible display viewed by between 400-500 people at YMCA.

10. City-wide summer recreation program began; Lt. and Mrs. Bart Doggs were both promoted to Salvation Army captains; Box seats for Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo went on sale; Mrs. Lou Ann King died of burns; Howard County Junior College summer enrollment reaches 299.

11. Members of Texas Wildlife Commission met here to hear Wendell Lloyd, 21, Knott, Howard County Junior College student, died of injuries received in April 5 car-truck collision; Big Spring Independent School District Trustees hold public hearing of tax hike; city commissioners pass a resolution of confidence in Big Spring police department and its chief, Jay Banks; Daryle Hohertz named to draw up plans for new golf pro shop and lounge at municipal golf course.

12. Robert Orsco, 22, arrested in connection with armed robbery of Shorty Thompson; Jon R. Matthews, assistant personnel officer at Veterans Administration Hospital, left to take up new position at VA Hospital in Marion, Ind.; 35 criminal cases were set for a criminal jury docket in 118th District Court; Burt Nix, 18, selected Noon Optimist Club's Young Texan for May; Howard County Sheriff's Posse won top honors at Andrews; Phillip Mendoza posts \$10,000 bond after original bond of \$25,000 is lowered; Big Spring Independent School District trustees approve 1968-69 budget of \$3,982,122.

13. Two teenaged girls who were involved in armed robbery of Shorty Thompson were ordered committed at Gainesville State School for Girls; M. M. (Blackie) Hines, 59, civic leader, died; George R. Colvin Jr. installed as president of Civitan Club.

14. W. D. Berry installed as president of Far West Club of the Telephone Pioneers of

America; Cinema Theater opened in College Park Shopping Center.

15. Summer track participants won three first place ribbons at Brownfield meet; firemen put out minor blaze at Montgomery Ward store.

16. Winds measured at 60 miles per hour swept Howard County and 1.40 inches of rain fell; several buildings and signs were damaged by winds.

17. Airman Philip Standefer suffered extensive injuries in one-car accident at Tulane and US 80 east; Lt. Col. Robert M. Wall took command of 3581st Pilot Training Squadron at Webb AFB; Summer school opened for 40 students.

18. Mike Alexander, Barney Guley and Richard Ethun, Big Spring Explorer Scouts, selected to attend National Explorer Conference at Fort Collins, Colo.; Hazel Casler and Jim Seymour visited Big Spring State Hospital to collect material to write and illustrate "The Big Spring Story"; Ray Weir installed as president of Big Spring Life Underwriters' Association.

19. About 6,000 people attended opening night of 35th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion Rodeo; Rudy Gonzales accidentally shot when 22 caliber rifle accidentally discharged; Cactus chapter of American Business Women's Association won top prize in Cowboy Reunion Parade.

20. Members of Boy Scout Troop 5 went to Moss Lake on a bike hike; Lewis Davis, under 25-year sentence for murder here, petitioned U.S. District Court in Abilene for writ of habeas corpus; 4-month-old Danny Rodriguez died of cerebral spinal meningitis; second night's attendance at Cowboy Reunion Rodeo estimated at 2,000.

21. Bob Brock Ford received recognition as one of the nation's leading Ford dealerships; Dwight Portson received band scholarship to Sul Ross College; members of Veterans of World War I gave piano to Veterans Administration Hospital.

22. Webb AFB graduated 49 pilots; Fred Pace rejoins Big Spring police force; Danny Johnson selected to sing solo part in all-student chorus during European tour; Thomas James, 19, formerly of Big Spring, killed in three-car accident near Wilcox, Ariz.; approximately 5,000 people attended the last performance of the Cowboy Reunion Rodeo in which \$3,000 in prize money was awarded; Sheriff A. M. Standard deputies, A. G. Mitchell and Ed Cherry arrested Carlos Gutierrez, 43, a burglary suspect at Fairview; Bob Lewis of KBST elected vice president of Texas Associated Press Broadcasters' Association; Jim Baum of KBYG won first place honors for newscasting at TAPBA meeting in Sherman.

23. Joe Viera, a Latin-American farm laborer, lost a considerable amount of blood when he fell through a glass window in Knott.

24. Permian Basin Chapter of Arthritis Foundation announced it had raised approximately \$18,000 in 1968 campaign; Fern Cox, district court clerk, attended annual convention of Texas District Clerks and County Clerks in Lubbock; Tommy Cone, Boy Scout executive for Lone Star district, announced he was taking reservations to go to 1969 National Boy Scout Jamboree at Faragut State Park in Idaho.

25. U.S. Senate approves \$2,796,000 for Webb AFB improvements and bill sent to conference committee; Mrs. W. B. Sullivan installed as president of Professional Women's Club; Roy Broadwell, charged with burglary, goes on trial; Timoteo Tijerina, 23, died in Big Spring police department of self-inflicted gun-shot wound at Colorado City; City Commissioners bought \$6,190 addressing machine to go with new computer billing system in water department.

26. Twenty-five local business men went on Chamber of Commerce tour of Borden and North Howard Counties; George Zachariah and W. D. Berry left to attend Civil Defense Conference in Baton Rouge, La.; Carol Wayne Pollis found not guilty of burglarizing Big Spring High School.

27. Roy Broadwell found guilty and sentenced in 118th District Court to 12 years for burglary; Trans-Texas Airways announced a new non-stop flight from Big Spring to Dallas; Linda White assumed duties as telephone operator at City Hall.

28. R. H. Castle was given plaque in recognition of his 23 years of service as city employee; Pauline Petty, county clerk, mailed out 12,000 notices of the annual meeting of the Howard County Equalization Board; Cosden Oil Co. announced five cent a barrel increase in crude oil price.

29. Bill Schwarzenbach, 17,

left for national convention of Hi-Y in Northfield, Minn.; Joe Trevino, 21, released on \$2,500 bond after being charged with assault with intent to murder; Dennis Brantley, 18, Stanton, drowned when he was washed off a raft into a river just out of Reeseville, Wisc.; 150 people attended annual Knott homecoming.

30. Planes of 27 Texas pilots braved brisk winds to land in Colorado City for fly-in; S. W. McElroy, 1700 Laurie, reported several items valued at \$500 taken from his pickup; Members of Coahoma 4-H Club sing to patients at Bennett House.

July

1. Knott homecoming day draws 150; W. N. (Bill) Reed, 74, pioneer Sterling County rancher, dies; general rains bring 1.6 inch moisture to much of county.

2. Plans for historic marker at "Big Spring" are completed; Starlite Specials are extended additional night; Pythian Lodge installation held; deposits show

at peak figure in bank call; light showers continue to dampen county.

3. June marriages reported at 52; rains continue over area; Sidney Clark elected president of Big Spring Optimist Club.

4. General shutdown for Independence Day; Col. W. C. McGlothlin, Webb AFB, dedicates plaque to memory of Webb AFB men who have died in service.

5. CRMWD sets July 23 to open bids for pipelines; Mrs. Opal Geneva Metcalf, Midland, hurt in car crash 7 mile east on IS 20; skeletal remains of ancient Indian unearthed in caliche pit near Moss Creek.

6. Robert M. Dean resigns as

member of the local Selective Service Board; Opal Geneva Metcalf, succumbs to car accident injuries of July 5; CRMWD announces June water demand showed increase for first time in 1968; John T. Dillard, 74, agriculturist, Mrs. Mrs. Hartman Hooser, 50, wife of local attorney, and Neil G. Hilliard, pioneer CPA, died.

7. Four Boy Scouts, Harvey Lyman Hocker, Clark Grabaugh, Winfred Hocker and Jarrell Hedrick, received God and Country award in simultaneous ceremony; Paula Sanchez de Tomlinson, gravely wounded by gunshot in head, and George Uribe, 25, charged with the shooting.

8. Thomas Eugene Carr and Mrs. Carr perish in car wreck near Sterling City; Paula Sanchez de Tomlinson dies of gunshot wound.

9. Grand jury empaneled; plans filed for 1968-69 UF campaign.

10. Mike Gamble new president of Howard County Youth Horsemen; initial session of equalization boards of county, city and school.

11. Grand jury returned 17 indictments including one against George Uribe for murder; sheriff says 11 forged checks stolen from Vincent Gln Company have been cashed in

the town; equalization board ended first session.

12. George Uribe posted \$5,000 bond; Dee Scaggs Jr. and Jimmy Ceballos Jr., charged with writing forged checks on Vincent Gln Company check forms; Rev. V. Ward Jackson resigns pulpit of First Church of God to accept new post in Erie, Pa.; R. H. Brunson, 12-year veteran of police department resigns to take job in South Dakota; rains fell over most of county.

13. Starlite Specials in City Park closed after successful

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15th at Gregg

Politics Received Big Play, Two Elections Contested

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week; Marvin Lee Snell, Ackerly, named Area II Star Farmer by FFA.

14. Heavy rains in Ackerly area; Eugene Gross, 58, died unexpectedly.

15. Film Way Studios of New York announced plans to shoot scenes for new motion picture here and at Stanton.

16. Judge Ralph Caton, 118th District Court, broke leg on motorcycle but did not permit accident keep him away from his office; 29 forgeries on Vincent Gin Company have been cashed in area; CRMWD announced approval of \$400,000 worth of contracts for Robert Lee dam; Capt. W. L. Thompson, formerly of Webb AFB, bailed out safely from disabled jet over Florida; Candy Middleton is winner of Howard County 4-H Club horse show; Howard County sheriff's posse scored first place in Snyder Rodeo parade.

17. County audit submitted with recommendation for establishment of general ledger; stolen car loaded with merchandise believed to have been burglary loot captured here; two men are held; S-4 Sam S. Allison, 19, Big Spring, killed in Vietnam; Sharon Hicks, (Miss Big Spring) competed for state title.

18. Additional charges are lodged against Dee Scaggs Jr., in Vincent Gin Company forgery check case; Prairie View

opened new church to public.

19. Showers weep across county; six criminal cases are set for trial in 118th District Court.

20. District convention of Eagles opens here; Mike Harris and Bill Curry added to school coaching staff.

21. H. J. (Sunbeam) Morrison, 56, died after long illness; DeWitt Shive, 70, widely known Coahoma resident, died.

22. Ellis Dyer, charged with DWI second offense, acquitted by jury verdict in 118th District Court; bean picking day observed by leaders in Old Settlers Reunion association; \$3,000,000 in CRMWD contracts approved; work started on \$325,000 Coronado Plaza Shopping Center.

23. Bobby Glenn Leland, 10, Sand Springs, got kidney transplant in Denver; Marvin Springer, master planner, here for conference on plans for Big Spring; UF goal is pegged at \$107,225.

24. Robert Lee Killough, 15, draws in stock tank near Gati; Danny Johnson home from concert tour in Europe; Deck Coleman, Vincent merchant, captured would-be robber at Vincent store; Mrs. Floyd Mays is president of Big Spring Concert Association.

25. Annual Old Settlers Reunion draws more than 1,000 for barbecue luncheon; Dr. Halvard Hansen new commander American Legion post; movie company set up operations in Stanton for sequence

of film shots.

27. Eugene Holloway, 19, Stanton found fatally shot in car parked at Stanton school tennis courts; wage hike for Webb civilian workers is confirmed.

28. Lloyd B. Kinnman, 66, former postal clerk, died; Bobby Glenn Leland, 10, kidney transplant recipient, fights for life after second round of surgery.

29. J. F. Brooks, 51, of Coahoma, killed in three-car accident near Sand Springs on IS 20.

30. State announced admission fees to Big Spring State Park to be 50 cents per car.

31. Three-car collision on East Fourth injures Mrs. Mamie Katherine Burnett, 48.

date set for post office building corner stone laying.

9. Eighteen criminal cases docketed for trial in 118th District Court; Joyce Green elected as Mitchell County's 1968 Cotton Queen; mementos of past and present placed in Federal building corner stone; commissioners announced county employee pay hike set for 1969.

10. Aug. 23 set a date for Glasscock County Good Neighbor visit; new dental clinic is ready for children as part of Dora Roberts Health Center; Howard County Junior Rodeo riders down curtain on highly successful season; Wade Lewis, Hereford, and Debbie Ferguson, Petersburg, win top honors as best cowboy and cowgirl of rodeo; Wayne Bragg seriously hurt in two car collision.

11. B. W. Bragg, 43, injured in Aug. 10 car accident, dies; promised rain fails to show; Roy Hughes, Crockett trucker, recovering from gunshot wound inflicted by unidentified hijacker.

12. Howard County Commissioners Court studies 1969 budget; screw-worm cases reported in both Howard and Glasscock counties.

13. "Midnight Cowboy" movie company shoots sequences in Miller's Restaurant; school board cuts price on elementary school lunches from 40 to 35 cents; Congressman Omar Burleson speaks at luncheon meeting; school budget of \$4,454,567 is approved.

14. County commissioners officially approve 10 per cent pay hike for county officials and employees with exception of commission members; city will accept paving program bids on Sept. 1; county jury wheel stuffed with 16,000 new names for ensuing year's service; Sheriff's Posse wins first place in Odessa rodeo parade; Robert F. Marks, former Herald employee dies.

15. Farmers pleased with prospect of big grain crop; HCJC budget of \$1,431,346 wins approval; eight girls entered in Howard County Farm Bureau queen contest; Mrs. Annis Marie Ingram, 43, reported missing from her home; Kiwanis Club netted \$800 from rodeo barbecue; Howard County Sheriff Posse closes 13th year of activity.

16. St. Lawrence community planning for bumper cotton and grain harvest; plea is sounded for more vocational course students.

17. Ginger Adams, 16, wins queen's crown for Howard County Farm Bureau; new planetarium at high school opened to public; medical reservists arrive at Webb AFB for special training.

18. Knott riders make 17-mile ride to historic spring for overnight camp; B. M. Keese, 19-year veteran registrar at HCJC resigns post; Everett (Shorty) Watkins, 55, found dying of gunshot wound at Lee's store.

19. Billy Myers, 32, identified as Big Spring resident, charged with murder in Odessa.

20. Search for Mrs. Annis Marie Ingram, 43, shifts to Odessa area; belated medals awarded relatives of Spec. 4 Ismael Holquin, killed in Vietnam; first bale of 1968 cotton is ginned at Luther and produced by H. L. Moates.

21. Pearl Pittman succeeds Joe Price as manager of Pioneer Natural Gas Co. office here; CRMWD water revenue edging slightly higher; R. L. Tollett and John Burgess announce new law partnership.

22. Thirty-three sign up to make goodwill tour of Glasscock County; Pete Campos probation revoked and he is sent to penitentiary for three years; Roy Black, 61, retired airman, dies; James T. Gillespie Jr. is new vice president of Gamco; Fred Kasch, local builder, seriously injured in fall from construction job at Lufkin; Jim Thompson nominated as 1969 Kiwanis Club president.

23. Bobby Leland, 10, kidney transplant recipient is battling for life after third round of surgery; C. D. Tuttle joins Cosden staff as attorney; posthumous award of medals to Pfc. Reynold Sanchez, killed in Vietnam.

24. American Legion Post installs new officers; St. Lawrence Goodwill tour is made by 36 Big Spring business and professional men; Wallace-for-President boosters stage rally at City Park; rain dampens county.

25. Farmers harvesting bumper grain crop; Mrs. Onnie Odom, 43, and Bobby Dale Travis, 30, both of Odessa, die in car-truck crash at Wild Horse Creek on SH 350; Charlie Peterson, 40, fatally wounded in front of local residence; Ernest Lee Clanton found dead of gunshot wound.

26. Odessa, Conner, 43, charged in gun death of Charlie Peterson; rain falls over most of northwest part of county; no jury trials required in 118th district court docket.

27. Angel Edwards, premature baby, goes home two months after birth; Roy L. Goswick pleaded guilty to robbery by assault charge and got 10 years probation sentence; city fathers

discussing possible changes in city charter.

28. Howard County Library offers film services to its patrons; grand jury panel drawn by special commission; Vernon L. (Ike) Manuel, former Big Spring bank official, died in San Angelo.

29. Webb AFB Memorial Day Plans are announced; last of 36-inch pipeline from Martin County pump station to Big Spring is laid by CRMWD.

30. Michael Lee Moody, Midland policeman, charged in murder of 2-year-old child; Johnny Leon White, charged with robbery by assault in holdup of Hartley Cleaners; WAFB's new NCO Mess Hall formally opened.

31. Howard County Junior College to get \$17,456 in federal aid for the student loan fund; Mrs. Mae Parker named hostess for Welcome Wagon here.

2. Webb AFB announced as site for new program to replace landing gear on all Air Force T-38s; Pancho McNabb fires 142 to win the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament.

3. Big Spring wins approval for \$160,541 in Head Start funds; Glasscock County grand jury indicts four persons.

4. Federal agency dusts off plans for Beals Creek drainage project; John Christmas, 29, returned here to be sentenced to 12 years for burglary; Novis Womack agrees to reevaluate county rural property for various taxing agencies at a cost of \$18,500; grand jury goes in session to study 17 matters.

5. Miss Mae Carden visits here to explain her teaching methods, as used at St. Mary's parochial school; Roger Brown elected new president of the Ambassadors Club; grand jurors vote 19 indictments.

6. Mrs. Horace Garrett announces plan to build new offices at 401 Scurry; Trans-Texas Airways announces new boarding record of 627 was set here during August.

7. Martha Couch and Luis T. Garfias announced as scholarship winners at annual Cap Rock Co-op meeting; Easy Ezell installed as master counselor of DeMolay chapter; residents surprised when weather balloon drops at 304 E. 5th; Rehabilitation Center holds free clinic for crippled children.

8. Farmers warned that boll weevil is moving into area cotton; John Minnick is named

PRIDE policeman of the

quarter for the Big Spring Police Department; Big Spring Motorcycle Club stages races on new track.

9. Hundreds of youngsters turn up for the annual visit of the Shrine Circus; County commissioners hike the proposed pay for an engineer to \$10,000 annually, in approving new budget of \$1,260,671.

10. Big Spring School district trustees vote to allow the building trades class to build another house, while advertising to sell the one already constructed; city commissioners orders plans drawn for a clubhouse at the municipal golf course, estimated to cost about \$20,000.

11. J. W. Hardy gins first bale of Glasscock County cotton, weighing in at 511 pounds; Marlow Summit announced as new manager of the Piggly Wiggly store in the shopping center.

12. First T-38 rolls off the line at Webb AFB with new landing gear; Mrs. Clyde E. Thomas Sr., wife of a prominent attorney, dies; Larson Lloyd Day celebrated at Webb AFB; Jim Thompson elected president of the Kiwanis Club.

13. Popular Capt. and Mrs. James B. White transferred from Webb AFB; city swimming pool take pegged at \$3,229 for the summer season; city receives first sales tax income from the state, a check for \$71,574.

14. Although county areas received up to 1.10 inches, the official rainfall measurement was .65 inch; Steers lose opening grid match to Monterey of Lubbock, 21-14; Class 69B, with 49 new pilots, are graduated.

15. Howard County Junior

College add law enforcement

and mid-management courses to curriculum; the toy poodle belonging to Louis Evans is acclaimed best of match at Big Spring Kennel Club show.

16. Holcomb Supply Co. of Tarzan wins \$10,376 contract to build 12 picnic units at Big Spring State Park, and starts

to work; HCJC scores new

record in enrollment with 1,033 and more to come; Sheriff A. N. Standard announced that the names of 65 youngsters have been given him as connected

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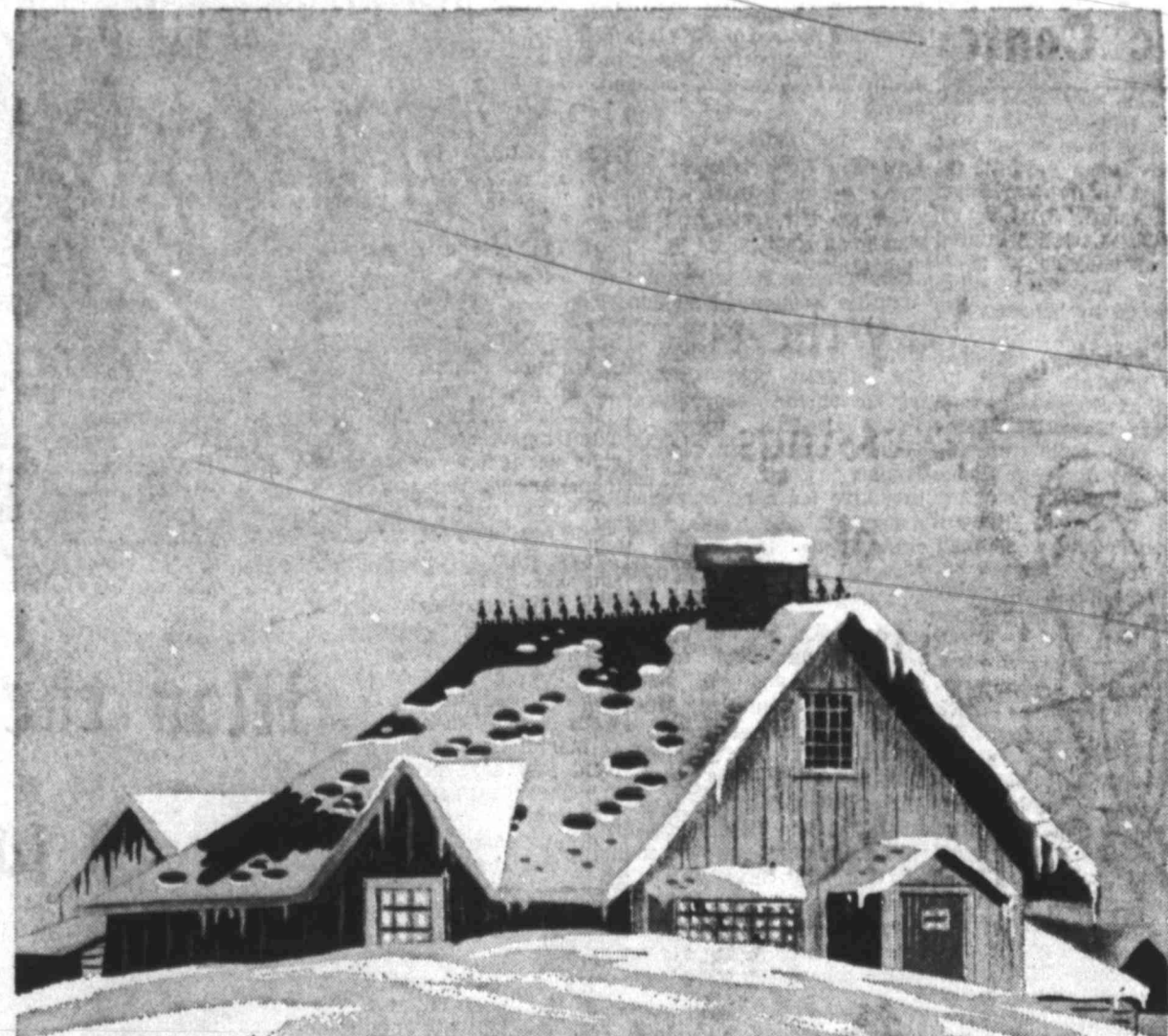
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with marijuana and glue sniffing.

17. Pat Speir, formerly stationed at Midland, is named chief of the Department of Public Safety; Todd Lane visits here to assist the high school bandmen make plans for Campus Revue, 69.

18. Personnel office at Webb AFB wins outstanding award; Herbert J. Ward, and Gerald W. Smith selected semifinalists in the merit scholarships announcements; congressional conference committee gives green light to military construction projects, including \$2,798,000 at Webb AFB.

19. High School Bible Fund goes over the goal to \$3,521. HCJC enrollment soars to 1,109, the first time in history it ever passed the 1,100 mark; Dr. George Peacock, 54, longtime physician here, dies following surgery; W. D. Caldwell submits low bid of \$262,000.11 for new street paving project.

20. Webb hosts tours for 26th anniversary; marker dedicated in Mitchell County at site of opener for the vast Permian Basin oil pool; Steers drop second grid contest to Midland Lee, 24-8.

21. Webb AFB receives award in the Air Force cost reduction program; Mrs. A. M. Anderson proves that tobacco plants will grow in county's rich soil.

22. County valuation for tax purposes pegged at \$392,787, 210; draft board membership increased from three to five.

23. Parade of beneficiaries of United Fund staged to kick off annual campaign; rainfall pegged at 37 inch; Marvin Springer, city planner, kicks off discussions on new zoning ordinance.

24. M. L. Moody, Midland policeman charged in the murder of little girl, brought to State Hospital here for psychological tests; Air Force Association stages dinner to

honor Webb's NCOs; Scout Night attracts almost 300 youngsters.

25. Mrs. Camille G. Inkman, 74, dies of injuries she received in traffic accident the day before; Sheriff Dan Saunders, of Martin County, injured in plane accident; HCJC enrollment finally peaks at 1,156.

26. Highway department begins installation of new "breakaway" sign posts along IS20; bus accident injures 21 near Lamesa; Colorado River Municipal Water District directors approve 1.5 per cent higher budget for new year.

27. James Newman becomes first teenager to be named to an official city position, as a member of the Big Spring Traffic Commission; Steers wallop Odessa Ector, 28-10, in football contest; city's new computer bookkeeping system goes to work.

28. Walter C. Robinson, 60, dies of accidental gunshot; A. R. (Dave) Davenport retires from Cabot Carbon plant here; Midland called Texas' richest area, with per capita income of \$3,698.

29. W. E. Wisenbaker named new ranger at Big Spring State Park; Republicans open campaign headquarters here.

30. United Fund drive kicks off effort for \$109,225; cotton harvesting meeting lures 188 farmers; Bob Wakefield resigns as county juvenile officer.

county's participation in raising of Crawford Hotel; Robert S. Boyd named manager of Cabot Carbon plant; Kenneth Barfield, 17, shows grand champion animal at annual Pig Show.

3. Dr. M. W. Black joins Cowper Clinic and Hospital staff; Pig Show champion, brings \$27.50 to young owner, Kenneth Barfield.

4. Steers wallop Lubbock High School 34-4 in gridiron test; Big Spring State Park starts collecting a fee for visitors, 50 cents for cars, 25 cents for walkers.

5. Larry and Curtis Bruns given Eagle Scout badges; vandals strike 16 vehicles in mischievous sweep; Jean Bruce and Gary Inskeep selected tops in Sheriff's Posse playday.

6. CRMWD reports biggest gain in consumption for September to 1,035,367,374 gallons; good grain crop being harvested, averaging 1,500 pounds to the acre; VFW District 8 selects Snyder for next meeting place, in closing session at Colorado City.

7. Six local students sign in for opening of police academy at HCJC; Preston Smith, Democratic candidate for governor, tells local teachers he favors a pay hike for them; Marvin Springer, city planner, promises to provide copies of new proposed zoning ordinance in a few weeks.

8. W. S. Goodlett Jr. and T. R. Morris get outstanding awards from Soil Conservation Service; Linda Crawford and Kelly Gaskins named Gold Star winners at 4-H Achievement banquet; Dr. Gordon Bennett, on fund raising trip, tells local listeners of needs at McMurry College; Republican Jack Cox urges commitment for Richard Nixon.

9. High School band begins working on a show in hopes of winning trip to Disneyland; Webb Aero Club ends long tenure at Howard County Airport, moves to Webb AFB field.

10. Historical marks at the Episcopal Church and the buffalo exhibit in the county museum are highlights of the Mitchell County Old Timers Reunion.

11. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farfar mark 60th wedding anniversary; Charles Allan Tonn Sr., 73, dies; Steers lose football contest to Abilene Cooper, 28-12.

12. Steve Hill and Darlene Forbes named Gold Star winners in Mitchell County 4-H Club Achievement Day banquet; Klondike residents stage annual homecoming.

13. A dozen screwworm case reported in Howard County; oil and gas produce income of \$130 million annually here, according to report in annual oil section of Herald.

14. C.M. Sgt. Paul W. Airey, top NCO in Air Force, visits here; 175 attend clinic on bank robberies.

15. Lt. L. William Hale, USMC, reported killed in Vietnam; Webb AFB soars over the top of the United Fund campaign with \$13,013; Jerry Iden elected president of the Howard County Farm Bureau.

16. Forsan plans for a sewer system shelved due to lack of help from the federal government; shower leaves only .01 inch.

17. Phillips Hartburger, Odessa, urges Democrats to work to win; Dr. Harold G. Smith elected president of State Hospital Volunteer Council; registration begins for adult education program.

18. Paul Eggers, GOP candidate for governor, tells teachers here he favors pay hike for them; Arizona Sen. Paul Fannin predicts a change in boosting Nixon's candidacy; Steers beat Odessa High School in gridiron squeaker, 19-17.

19. Paul Alexander, police detective, severely wounded with knife before fatally shooting his assailant, Robert Turner; Deborah Hazlewood and Willie Wells named Gold Star winners at Martin County 4-H Achievement Day banquet; post office announces that parcel post rates going up.

20. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Tate mark 50th anniversary; over 100 women's organizations outlined in special section of The Herald; Ed Haskins lauded in Life for his part in Astronaut program, a surprise to his parents who live at Lamesa; cotton gins reported working at full speed.

21. Glenn Faison resigns post as music-education director at First Baptist Church; 14 foreign students at Webb AFB honored at banquet.

22. A. E. Deel, H. W. Smith, J. W. Sheen join Quarter Century Club of Texas Electric Service Co.; city commission approves ordinance making glue sniffing unlawful; Ernest Welch elected president of Howard County Rehabilitation Center; over 50 attend District 18 meeting of elementary educators on upgrading education.

23. Wilson Salvage Co. begins work on demolition of Crawford Hotel; Larry Taylor selected nominee as Young Texan of the Month by Hi Noon Optimist Club; Stanford Steward named to attend Youth Atom Conference.

24. Millard Neptune and E. G. Schuhardt bring GOP candidates here, urging change in state offices; Ann Posey gives

sheriff's posse a horse to be given away in fund raising project; Cosden office personnel reject union in 48-27 election result.

25. Cosden acquires Chicago chemical plant owned by Gulf Oil Corp.; Steers lose football game to San Angelo, 41-16; Carolyn Newman selected band sweetheart.

26. Dr. Clyde Thomas skids to a safe landing at Webb AFB after his plane's landing gear fails to lower; Bill Schwarzenbach nominated for governor's post when 200 attend Hi-Y youth-in-government party here; Webb Class 69-C has 55 graduates.

27. Bruce Broughton gets his God and Country award; Daylight Savings Time ends; Mrs. Karen Lee named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

28. County decides to repair wrecked fire truck; two Webb AFB airmen charged in burglary of Montgomery Ward store.

29. Cosden employees and the firm give United Fund a big boost with \$13,142.64; new computer at city hall reported okay, except for a few preliminary problems; residents warned that children selling sunflower seeds are not employed by the United Fund.

30. James Fritts, 39, died of injuries received in wreck; grand jury votes 23 indictments; two transient soldiers injured in one car mishap.

31. Crawford Martin outlined five-point program to fight crime in campaign talk here; Mrs. Rhoda Lemons and Jerry Monson help Herald win annual School Bell awards for writing on education; Kelley Lawrence, 61, lumber executive, dies; Herbert L. Prouty employed as city attorney.

Wednesday for the past 10 years to entertain patients with music.

7. First freeze here (not killing) recorded; building permits perked up a bit.

8. Big Spring blanks Abilene, 13-0; snow falls tying an early record set previously in 1955.

10. Special Veterans (Armistice) Day section for veterans of World War I carried in Herald.

11. Carroll Davidson resigns as manager of Chamber of Commerce, going to Pasadena, Tex.; Maj. Glenn Jones spoke to an assembly of about 300 at Veterans Day ceremonies in front of the VA Hospital; county's 17th screwworm case confirmed; Bill Schwarzenbach went to New York City as one of 25 delegates from the United States to a United Nations seminar.

12. Recount looms as it was discovered the absentee box had more votes in the commissioner elections than applications; Martin County is expecting a 60,000-bale cotton crop; Maj. Jerry W. Osgood, Webb AFB wing executive, reassigned to Southeast Asia.

13. Three Big Spring officials named presidents of their various sections of the Texas Municipalities - Larry Chow, city manager; Jay Banks, police chief and Ernest Lillard, public works director; Maj. John O'Donnel Jr. named Webb AFB wing executive; commissioners certify vote returns with qualifications; W. B. (Bill) Crooker, candidate for commissioner of Precinct 3, who lost by an unofficial 81 votes, asked for a recount; good turnout for Air Force Society space seminar at Webb AFB.

14. Up to an inch of rain falls on county; Joe Pickle, managing editor of The Herald, named to board of directors of the Baptist Standard, state publication of Texas Baptists; Odessa Permian defeats Steers, 42-15.

15. County commissioners set recount for Nov. 18.

16. Big Spring High School Band placed superior in the marching band competition in Odessa.

17. Little Albert Weatherby fighting deadly enemy—a malignant tumor; violence has claimed 34 in county so far this year.

18. Recounting of four voting boxes in commissioner's Precinct 3 race in the Nov. 5 election starts; murder trial of Joe Hernandez Jimenez, charged with the Jan. 6 shooting of O. T. Ramirez, under way; the United Fund Drive inched ahead to 89.7 per cent of the \$109,225 goal with \$97,981.29 reported pledged.

19. W. B. (Bill) Crooker declared winner in the commissioner's race, the result of a special recount committee showed 1,438 votes for Crooker to 1,229 for Mrs. Joe (Mae) Hayden, a margin of 149; the recount tally was certified, and on Jan. 1, Crooker will become the first Republican to serve on the Howard County Commissioners Court; Fred Gipson, former newspaperman and the author of a dozen or more highly popular books including "Savage Sam" and "Old Yeller," — both of which were made into Walt Disney movies — says at High School book fair he still finds writing hard, tiring work; cotton harvesting on a normal pattern resumed in Knott, Lenora and Brown after farmers in the three communities stripped and ginned the crop of the late W. B. Walker; some folks have responded to the plight of 5-year-old Albert Weatherby by contributing funds; trial of Joe Hernandez Jimenez continued with the prosecution calling three witnesses; Dawson County 4-H Clubs' Gold Star winners for 1968 are Nancy Barron and Virgil Bartlett. The 1968 "Friend of the 4-H" is Mrs. Welton Blair.

20. Joe Hernandez Jimenez,

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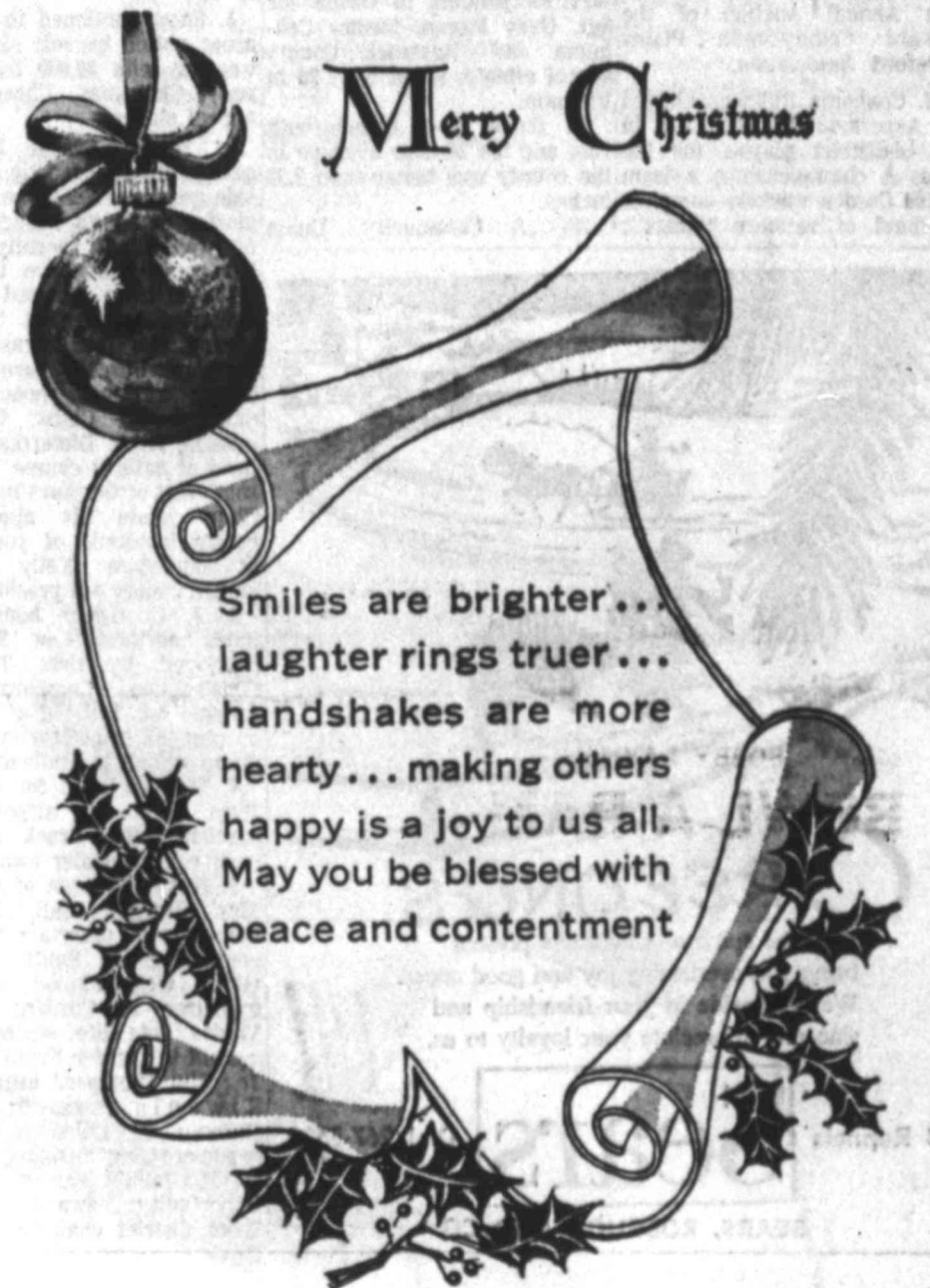


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being tried for murder, testified he shot O. T. Ramirez and Roy Rodriguez in Ernest's Lounge because he thought they were going to kill him; municipal auditorium is being painted and repaired; Bruce Frazier, president of Bennett House, Inc., said he is confident that refinancing of the 200-bed nursing home will soon be completed and that it will not go on the block.

21. Promotions to the rank of colonel were announced at Webb AFB for John B. Trumble, base civil engineer and Theodore B. Buechler, commander of the 356th Pilot Training Squadron; proposals from appraisal firms in the revaluation of rural property for the county, Big Spring, Coahoma schools and Howard County Junior College were being heard; county's four highway patrolmen now have a new sergeant, Sammy D. Smith, and are working out of the newly created Lamesa district office; Joe Foss, World War II hero and former governor of South Dakota, will speak at the first 356th Pilot Training Wing Dining-In scheduled Nov. 23; Joe Hernandez Jimenez found guilty of murder with malice and assessed 35 years in prison.

22. An educational grant of \$112,101.67 to the state for 750 children in low-income families of county was announced by Rep. Omar Burleson; hand-picked Hereford bulls selected from a dozen of the most famous Hereford herds in this area sold for \$23,290 (highest single price paid was \$810) at the 24th Annual Auction of the Howard County-South Plains Hereford Association.

23. Coahoma Bulldogs blasted the Aspermont Hornets, 34-6, in the bi-district playoff for the Class A championship; a team of 190 Cosden workers complete overhaul of refinery "heart";

Albert Lee Weatherby, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Weatherby, dies; Coahoma High School marchers rated good and twirlers superior at Odessa in Inter-scholastic League competition.

24. Evaristo C. Medina and Joe G. Solis were killed and Manuel Castro wounded in a gun battle at Big Boss Lounge; tackle Steve Russell and back Roy Lee Warren were named to the All-District 3-AAAA offensive platoon by coaches and sports writers.

25. Sam Lee Majors Sr., 85, a pioneer Colorado City jeweler dies; murder with malice charges names Manuel Castro in the shooting deaths of Evaristo C. Medina and Joe G. Solis.

26. Heavy rain drenches county; N and S Construction Co., Big Spring, was apparent low bidder when five bids on the new golf club house at the municipal golf course were opened; Melvin Chappell, 18-year-old son of two school teachers, presented with the John Philip Sousa Award, to climax the High Noon Optimist Club's annual Steer Band Appreciation dinner; Mayor Arnold Marshall presents retiring city employees Jones C. Lamar and J. P. Franco with plaques of appreciation; commissioners extended the city's contract with the Department of Labor for the Neighborhood Youth Corps; municipal golf is going to get a new \$26,466 pro shop and N and S Construction Co. (Jimmy Newell and Jack Shaffer) will do the work; city will pay half of some paving assessments — a cost to taxpayers of about \$16,000; services pending in Ozona for Sgt. Gary Pagan, former Coahoma and Glascock County school athlete, killed Nov. 20 in Vietnam.

27. Snow, sleet blends with rain and the 24 hour average in the county was better than 2.25 inches.

28. A Community Union

Thanksgiving Service at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church attended by an overflow crowd; crops from 59 area farms displayed on window at the State National Bank; nimrods are encouraged to hunt an estimated 170,000 to 280,000 sand cranes in West Texas; long wet period ended in bright sunshine.

29. City firemen sounded the SOS for used toys and play things for the needy this Christmas; among the 120 Air Force servicemen recognized for photographic excellence is Capt. Stephen Pizsek, an instructor pilot at Webb AFB; sound films in full color available at the Howard County Free Library; Mrs. Louise Nuckolls, Howard - Mitchell - Martin Counties Selective Service Board's executive secretary for over 18 years resigns and replaced by Mrs. James (Roselle) Coates.

30. Big Spring Independent School District is spending more per pupil for education than the national average by \$3.60; HCJC Jayhawks grabbed third place in the Garden City, Kan., basketball tournament; Sonora used two big breaks in a sea of mud to defeat Coahoma, 7-6, in a Class A regional game played before an estimated 1,000 at San Angelo.

December

1. Snow continued to blanket area; cotton harvest slowed by weather with 30,000 bales ginned; Christmas Cheer Fund appeal starts.

2. Mayor Arnold Marshall gets petition signed by 51 north side residents asking permanent closing of Boss's Lounge, scene of two killings recently; Webb Non-coms join drive to bring in used toys; Howard County commissioners reject bids for joining two fair barns; Cong. Graham Purcell, former Big Spring resident, honored by national 4-H Clubs; body of missing E. A. Dieterman found dead of natural causes 17 miles southwest of Garden City; Santa Claus made his appearance before hundreds of youngsters at courthouse; Kelly Gaskins named county 4-H president.

3. J. C. Owens home, four miles northeast on SH 350, destroyed by fire; Thornton Construction Company, San Antonio has low bid of \$997,000 on pipeline from Martin County pump station to Midland.

4. Stanton listed for a \$4,000 state grant for airport land purchase; Bob Brock won exclusive Ford dealer award.

5. Jerry Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall, Stanton, named press secretary to Gov.-elect Preston Smith; S. R. (Bob) West named assistant treasurer at Cosden; Ismael Valdes gets life sentence for assault to murder Frank Malloy Jr.; Jim Thompson installed as Kiwanis president; Frank Ramero, 37, killed in Stanton grade-crossing mishap; Col. W. C. McGlothlin receives Youth Opportunity award, named Scout district chairman; R. L.

Tollett honored.

6. Car mows down three phone poles at NE 2nd and Benton, snapping scores of city, rural and long distance circuits.

7. Frank Parker named assistant director of industrial relations for Cosden, and Kenneth Howell succeeds him as IUOE 826 business manager; Mrs. John Rains named PBX "operator of year."

8. Pablo Viera, 17, shot three times in leg and Clarence and Prospero Yanez charged with assault; Mayor Arnold Marshall and wife, and Mrs. and Mrs. Dick Ream hospitalized after car collision; First United Methodist and HCJC choirs, with Tech string ensemble, score hit in presenting "Messiah"; Sgt. Sam Smith named head of new Lamesa highway patrol district. HCJC Hawks, rated ninth among nations Juco teams, wins third in Odessa cage tourney; Dr. George Kozmetsky, University of Texas school of business head, named Jan. 11 Chamber of Commerce speaker.

9. VA Hospital gift shop opens; Lamesa honors its "home town boy", Gov.-Elect Preston Smith, as 600 turn out; 19 new members bring Cosden 25-Year Club membership to 143, and R. L. Tollett, its founder, given special plaque; Maj. J. W. Jordan, divisional secretary, addresses Salvation Army advisory banquet; A. D. Blount, 40, gunned to death by intruder at his pet shop.

10. HCJC trustees vote participation in \$18,500 contract for rural re-evaluation program; Siboney (parent company of Gamco) moves to acquire Siemon Manufacturing Co.; Steers lose opening District 4-AAAA basketball game to Midland Lee; school board negotiates with Brown & Hamby for tax suits; Chamber of Commerce committee hears service proposal by Sentinel, decides not to endorse or protest.

11. Probable murder gun found as search continues for slayer of A. D. Blount; Court of Civil Appeals in Austin reverses and remands CRMWD condemnation of 4,000 acres of land in Robert Lee lake basin; band places 19 of 25 in first chair in regional band tryouts.

12. Sheriff A. N. Standard traces ownership of suspected murder weapon (in death of A. D. Blount) to Kansas City; Mayor Arnold Marshall convokes meeting to find ways to honor returning servicemen.

13. George Albert McCann, former resident, charged in U.S. District Court at Dallas with transporting stolen gun interstate; Red Cross gets message of thanks for 214 ditty bags sent to Vietnam. Mike Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pope, wounded in Vietnam Nov. 22; Forsan schools get \$4,570 of \$14,390 impact allowance; Jess Smith retired after 31½ years service at post office.

14. Class 60-D graduates 52 student pilots; Shriners hold Christmas party for crippled children; Mormans organize West Texas Stake at Odessa; initial ballistics test on suspected murder weapon appear favorable; Salvation Army Kettles, up about a week late, get \$239 first day.

15. CRMWD announces it will ask for rehearing and then, if necessary, appeal verdict of Third Court of Civil appeals on condemnation case; Bruce Hudspeth called to be minister of music, education and youth at Baptist Temple.

16. San Antonio Symphony appears here with Drusilla Hoffmaster as piano soloist; HCJC players present "A Certain Star"; Chamber of Commerce aviation committee won't support Sentinel Airlines bid; Jose Saracho, charged with shooting during burglary, found insane; Civitan Club gives out 1,500 pairs of shoes.

17. Ballistic tests confirm that pistol one used to fire fatal shot at A. D. Blount; John Burgess, R. E. Hickson, Ken Perry, A. J. Prager and Jack Worsham named Chamber of Commerce directors; cotton year best may yet hit 46,000 bales.

18. Nineteen Big Spring business and civic leaders left for Air Force orientation tour of Cape Kennedy; bad sandstorm covered area.

19. Bobby Randal Crain, 20, Bobby Eugene Chrisco, 22, charged here with the murder of A. D. Blount, and Ray Bourbon, 66, with conspiracy, and arrested in Kansas City, Mo.; Jimmy Roy Lockhart selected PRIDE Patrolman for September, October and November; Big Spring State Hospital residents given Christmas parties.

20. Bobby Randal Crain brought from Kansas City, Mo., to Big Spring after being charged with murder; Big Spring schools close for Christmas holidays.

21. Tommy Lee Cone, 25, killed in automobile accident at FM 700 and US 80; vandals wreck Bauer Elementary School; showers, mixed in blinding sandstorm, raked area.

22. Sentinel Airlines made inaugural flight into Big Spring; results of Christmas decoration contest were the Todd Roberts, first, the Fran Bordschies second and the Fred Knechts third; George McAlister named president of Data-Mate and Harold Davis president of Gamco.



Christmas Blessings

Once again the spirit of Christmas radiates its promise of hope, love and peace throughout the land. As you reflect upon the Miracle and glory of the Holy Birth, may you be comforted by the faith, gladdened by the message and sustained by the inspiration of Christmas, now and always. May holiday joys and blessings be yours.

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Child Is The Symbol Of Lesson Jesus Taught

By BISHOP F. P. CORSON

Christmas marks the birthday of a Child who came from God. All children are God's gift to their parents. But Jesus, which was the name His mother gave Him, was God Himself come to dwell on earth and to show all children and grownups what God is like.

The story of who Jesus was and how He came to earth is told in two books of the Bible: the Gospel of St. Matthew and of St. Luke. The writers of these two books knew Jesus personally. Both were His followers and Luke was His physician. Two other books in the Bible especially tell us about the life of Jesus. They are the Gospel of St. Mark and of St. John. They were called disciples of Jesus because they believed in Him and tried to help Him make the world and people in it more like God whom Jesus called "Our Heavenly Father."

The great lesson Jesus taught all mankind is that there is a spiritual Kingdom, which He called the Kingdom of God,

which can come inside each one of us. It is a blessed Kingdom and man's only hope for peace and a better world. It gives all who possess it everything that is good. It puts God's own spirit into our hearts and it makes possible for each of us to become more like Jesus.

Jesus said if we wanted to have that spirit, we must become like little children. To teach us what God meant by spirit, God sent His very own Son, who lived the perfect life as a baby boy to His mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph,

a carpenter. They were very poor. They did not have much to give the baby except their love, but that was why God sent His Son to them—to teach all parents and children that the greatest gift in the world is love, not the selfish love of things and their possession, but the pure love of God which finds its joy and reward in always doing good and in living up to the best they know.

The people expected God to make Himself known in the world as a mighty warrior, a great strong man. A poet de-

scribed their surprise and the disappointment of many when Jesus, a baby boy described as "very God of very God," came to fulfill God's promise that He would send a deliverer to free His people from their sins and from the evil which sin in the human heart creates in the world. The poet said:

"They all were looking for a King
To slay their foes and lift them high;
Thou cam'st, a little baby thing
That made a woman cry."

The joy, the purity, the openness, the love and the faith of a little child are the most real and clearest glimpses we have of God. That is why Jesus was attracted to little children and little children came naturally to Him. That is why He wanted them always near Him.

And that is the reason a child is the symbol of Christmas and "Christmas is for all the children of the world." That too, is why Christmas should be such a happy time of good feeling and kindness to each other and of gratitude to God for His gift of Jesus to us.

Bell Ringing For Rejoicing

CENTURIES

Over the centuries, these three have come to be known as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar, "the lords of treasures."

The gifts they brought with them were gold, which was the emblem of royalty; frankincense, in recognition of Jesus' divinity; and myrrh, a prophetic allusion to the sufferings and death that awaited him.

Medieval tradition named the three travelers the Three Kings of Cologne, and the Cathedral of Cologne claims to contain their relics.

GREAT POWERS

Among the ancient Medes and Persians, the Magi, as they are often called, were considered members of a priestly caste, possessing great occult powers. They were believed to have come from the kingdom of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia.

Whatever their origin, even to this day, Christmas would not be complete without the colorful pageantry of the Three Wise Men.

Through the ages, bells have served many purposes — announcing the approach of vehicles, for instance, or signaling the beginning of curfew. Early associated with churches, by medieval times the pealing of the bells had come to signify the rejoicing of the Christmas season.

An early custom was the tolling of church bells on Christmas Eve, during the hour before midnight. The tolling announced the death of Satan, and at midnight joyous peals told of the birth of Christ.

In England, where bell-ringing is an honored, family-taught art, the tuneful bells ring out at seven-thirty on Christmas morning.

It takes years of training and practice to learn the ringing of complex "changes," as the different chants and tonal combinations are called.

Three Wise Men Add Pageantry To Story

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying 'Where is He that is born King of the

Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him.'"

This vivid account of the journey of the Three Wise Men who came to offer gifts to the Christ Child, as recorded by St. Matthew, is a beloved part of the Christmas story that is recalled each year in song and tableaux.

Dec. 25 Has Been Important Date

December 25th marked an important date in the life of the pagans centuries ago, just as today this day is important to all in the Christian world.

The Sun Festival, one of the most important rites in the pagan world, was marked on this day and was followed by twelve days of a "high old time" devoted to the expulsion of evil.

Lighted torches, assorted bells and noisemakers, a hue and cry set up by the populace, were supposed to drive away all demons, witches and evil spirits.

To minimize the importance of pagan festivals that lingered in the first centuries following the Birth of Christ, the early Christian leaders turned this into a Holy Day.

In the Roman Julian calendar, December 25th was figured as the day when the sun was

"born." On this day the light lengthened, the sun rays became warmer, stronger — and the chill of winter would soon leave.

The last day of this period—the twelfth day, January 6th—marked the conclusion of these noisy rites.

The festival, in the honor of the sun's birthday, was a symbolic promise that crops and cattle would thrive.

In order to convert many non-believers from their worship of the sun to reverence for Him, who was also the Son, was the reason that the early Christian leaders chose the day of December 25th for His birthday.

Therefore, although religious historians have yet to determine Christ's actual birth date, the Christian world has celebrated our Saviour's birth on December 25th since 375 A.D.

MATTHEW, LUKE TOLD IT

Translations Of Nativity

The story of the first Christmas, that dark, still night that the Christ Child was born, is told by two of the apostles: Matthew, the tax collector, and Luke, the physician.

They told it only once, simply and beautifully, but in the ancient language of their time and place. We in America read it as it has been translated into a language that did not even exist when Christ was born.

There are several translations of the story that we may choose. But three in particular

are the most read: the King James version, the Revised Standard translation, and the New English version.

The oldest, and probably the favorite of the English-speaking world, is the Nativity story told in the King James Bible.

The crown of England passed to James I when Elizabeth died on March 24, 1603. One of his first acts was to call the Hampton Court Conference, which passed a resolution recommending a new translation of the Bible.

With the enthusiastic backing of King James, the new translation was completed in 1611.

Many other translations followed, but the King James version maintained its popularity.

One of the others was the American Standard Version of 1901. Then in 1937, the International Council of Religious Education set up a committee of 32 scholars to revise the ASV to "embody the best results of modern scholarship as to the meaning of the Scriptures." The fruit of this labor, the Revised Standard

Version, was completed in 1952. Meanwhile, in the British Isles a completely new translation of the English Bible had been authorized by several churches working cooperatively. A panel of scholars began work. They haven't finished yet. But the first part of their work, "The New English Bible, New Testament," was completed last year. Here, for comparison, are these three translations of that part of the Nativity story told in Luke 2:6-14:

KING JAMES VERSION

"... And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

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

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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

NEW ENGLISH VERSION

"... She was pregnant, and while they were there the time came for her child to be born, and she gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him round, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them to lodge in the house.

"Now in this same district there were shepherds out in the fields, keeping watch through the night over their flock, when suddenly there stood before them an angel of the Lord, and the splendour of the Lord shone round them. They were terror-struck, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid; I have good news for you: there is great joy coming to the whole people. Today in the city of David, a deliverer has been born to you — the Messiah, the Lord. And this is your sign: you will find a baby lying all wrapped up, in a manger. All at once there was with the angel a great company of the heavenly host, singing the praises of God:

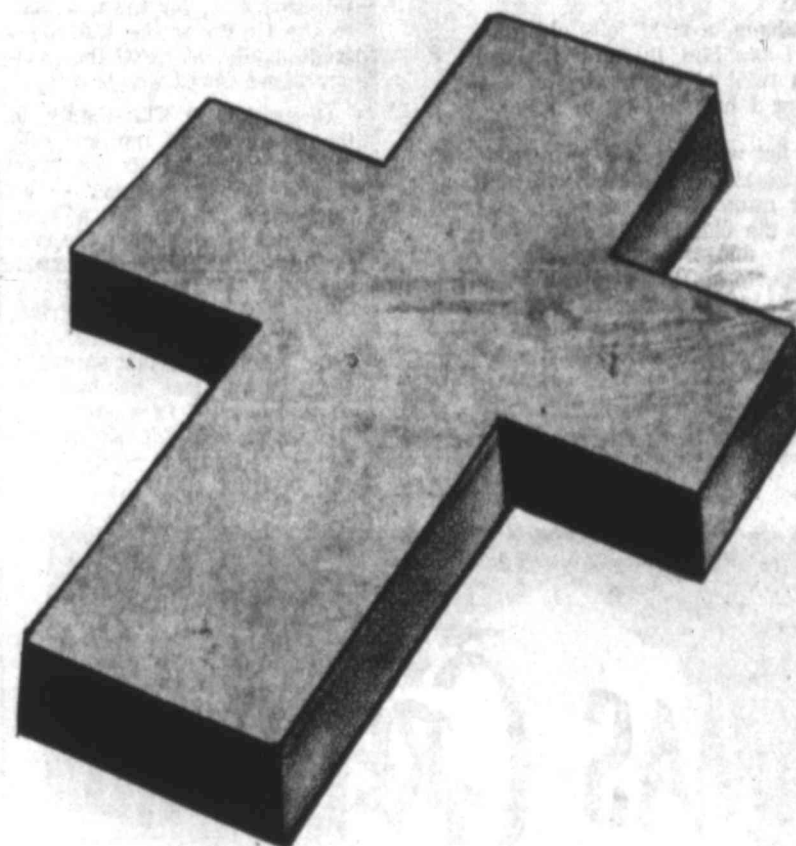
"Glory to God in Highest heaven,
And on earth his peace for men on whom his favour rests."

REVISED STANDARD VERSION

"... And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

"And in that region were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, 'Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"



Joy and Peace
at Christmas



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'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas
... when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse —
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.
And mama in her 'kerchief and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Gave a luster of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name —

"Now, Dasher; Now Dancer; Now, Prancer, Now Vixen!
On Comet! On Cupid! On Donner and Blitzen!"
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky;
So, up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too.

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of toys he had slung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was white as the snow!

The stump of a pipe he held high in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and round little belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of the eye, a twist of the head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then, turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."

—Clement C. Moore

Legend Of Santa In Sleigh Is Expected To Endure

By FREDERICK M. WINSHIP
NEW YORK — The foremost authority on the development of Santa Claus in the United States sees no possibility that Santa will ever ride a space ship instead of a sleigh.

"The legend of St. Nicholas is one of the most enduring of our times," said Mrs. Sherman Post Haight, author and explorer who made a trip to the area of the magnetic North Pole last summer. "When I got back from the Arctic, my grandchildren asked me all about Santa, and every detail in the poem is real to them. They may not have seen a sleigh, but they know that Santa rides only in a sleigh — not a spaceship."

COLLECTION ON DISPLAY
Mrs. Haight's famed collection of more than 100 printed versions of Moore's poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," together with many unique illustrations, are on display this season at the museum of the City of New York.

Moore's imagery is enormously appealing to the imagination of children and always will be," said Mrs. Haight who spends Christmas at her country home in Litchfield, Conn. "I have loved the poem ever since my father read it to us on Christmas Eve, and my own children were brought up on it. My husband will read it to our six grandchildren in Litchfield tonight."

Mrs. Haight began collecting every known early publication of the poem many years ago. Later she added paintings and drawings that have helped to crystallize our present-day concept of Santa. Her greatest collecting disappointment is her inability to obtain a clipping of the first printing of the poem, which was published anonymously in 1823 in the Troy (N. Y.) Sentinel. Only one clipping exists and it is owned by the historical society in Troy.

She does own one of the two existing copies of the rare 1848 edition of the poem published by Henry M. Onderdonk with illustrations by an artist named Boyd. The Boyd illustrations of Santa provided the concept of an impish "jolly old elf" dressed entirely in dark fur that was generally accepted for three decades until political cartoonist Thomas Nast put Santa into a fur-trimmed, rust-colored coat and gave him the benign, grandfatherly features we associate with Santa today.

PROUD OF COPY
"I am also very proud," Mrs. Haight said, "of owning the beautifully illuminated copy of the poem made by Moore's daughter, Mary Moore Ogden. She painted St. Nicholas as slender and green-coated. I also own one of two identical paintings illustrating the poem by Robert Weir, professor of painting at West Point and friend of Moore's. Weir did the first version in 1837, but there is no way of knowing whether it is my painting or the one owned by the New York Historical Society."

Weir used as his model for Santa an old Moore family retainer of Dutch descent, said Mrs. Haight. According to a legend among Moore descendants, Moore was inspired to write the poem while sleighing back to his Manhattan estate, Chelsea, on Dec. 24 with the rotund, rubicund retainer, Peter, in the driver's seat.

"So, you see, my painting is of the original American St. Nicholas," said the collector.

Mrs. Haight's collection grows each year as new editions of "A Visit From St. Nicholas" are brought out all over the world. This year she added a Japanese edition illustrated with airy illustrations by Fujikawa, a Dutch edition, and a reproduction of a painting of "The Night Before Christmas" by Grandma Moses, one of the last works the artist did before she died.

Legend Of Bells
From the familiar Christmas tradition stories by William Auld comes the legend of the Christmas bells. When Christ was born and Satan died, the bells of the church were rung. At exactly midnight, the tolling changed to a joyful peal announcing the birth of the Savior.

Thousands To Worship In Church Of Nativity
Gathered in the Church of the Nativity, thousands of Christians from around the world will worship in Bethlehem this Christmas. A highlight of their pilgrimage is, for most, a visit to the Grotto of the Nativity—traditionally, at least, the manger where Christ was born.

Opposition to Christianity in the first years of the new religion actually led to the preservation of the manger — an improvised stable in a cave hewn out of rock, near the center of the hill town of Bethlehem.

The Roman emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A.D., sought to halt the fast spread of Christianity, and he had the cave converted to a grotto for the worship of the pagan god Apollo. The very fact that the cave was marked, though for pagan purposes, helped to preserve knowledge of the site of the Nativity.

Later a silver star was set in the stone floor of the cave, and since 1873 each regime to rule Bethlehem—now a part of Jordan—has posted night and day guard over the star.

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DEAR SANTA

Grown-Up Child Makes Requests

GREENVILLE, Tex. (AP)—A letter to Santa Claus from a "grown-up child" came to the desk of W. C. Poole Jr., of the Greenville Morning Herald.

Poole published it, explaining he had no idea who the author is, "but it is so well written, and expresses such an unusual theme, that we think everyone who reads it will be as deeply impressed as we were."

"Dear Santa:

"It has been a long long time since I have written to you.

"I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

"All of the glorious bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tearstained.

"Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had — the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul, and the lode-star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

"In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have — but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

"I will hang my empty heart right by the chimney, Santa and, please, this is what I want:

"Give me a large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears, leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer, and, please, Santa, leave quite a lot of plain old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness, and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors.

Sincerely and thankfully,
A grown-up child."

Mistletoe Has History As Object Of Interest

An ancient custom, which prescribed mistletoe for the prevention and cure of a wide variety of illnesses — epilepsy, for instance — has given way to the happier idea that mistletoe is the right prescription to assure opportunities for exchanging kisses during the holiday season.

Naturally, this makes mistletoe an object of interest — as it has been for centuries.

Druid priests in early Britain cut mistletoe at the winter solstice and gave sprigs which were hung above doorways of homes and stables. The Druids taught, and the people believed, that this vine had great power to ward off evil and protect against illness.

Despite the early interest in mistletoe for its supposed medicinal qualities, its use as a "prescription for kissing" had a place in the ancient world, too.

Romans and other early people considered mistletoe as an emblem of peace. Meeting under it, enemies kissed each other and made a truce until the next day.

Scandinavian myths tell the story of the death of Balder, the sun god, who was, so mythology says, killed by an arrow of mistletoe wood. His mother, the goddess Freya, had asked all living things to pledge not to harm her son, but she neglected to ask the lowly mistletoe.

Balder's enemy, the lame god Loki, took advantage of this to make the arrow, which he persuaded Hoder, the blind god of winter, to shoot. Balder died, but through the efforts of all the other gods, he came back to life after three days, and the sun's light shone at the winter solstice.

Freya cried for joy, and her tears became mistletoe berries. She kissed everyone who passed under the mistletoe, and ordained that this same sign of affection should always be exchanged when people met beneath the mistletoe.

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Red, Green Are Integral Parts Of Christmas Story

The colors red and green are an integral part of the Christmas story.

The red is explained by the "Legend of the Christmas Rose." According to this ancient story, a little shepherdess, watching from afar as the Three Wise Men presented their

gifts to the Christ Child, wept because she had no gift to offer.

TEARS PRODUCED FLOWERS

Flowers sprang up where her tears fell, says the legend. She gathered them and hastened to present them to the Infant Jesus. While she was kneeling at the crib, His hand touched the

petals and they turned a beautiful red.

A similar legend from Mexico tells how the flaming red poinsettia came to be connected with Christmas.

A poor Mexican boy went to church on Christmas Eve in great sadness because he did not have a gift to lay before the crib of the Holy Child. He knelt humbly on the cold ground outside the church and prayed. When he rose, a green plant with dazzling red blooms sprang up at his feet.

The poinsettia was named for America's first ambassador to Mexico—Joel R. Poinsett who brought the flame-hued plant from Mexico in 1829.

EVERGREENS IMPORTANT

Over the centuries, evergreens have played an important part in the Christmas celebration and the color green is symbolic of them and everlasting life.

The early French and English settlers hung pieces of evergreens over their doors to indicate that Christ was present.

Holly is believed to have sprung up where the Infant Jesus took his first baby steps.

Numerous tales are told of how the Christmas tree came to be associated with Christmas.

Historians believe, however, that it was Martin Luther in Germany who trimmed the first tree with candles to show his family the splendor of the night on which Christ was born. Later

Holly Holds An Important Place

The holly tree and its brightly berried branches hold an important place not only in holiday decorations but in the legends and lore of Christmas.

An old belief in England and Germany was that there are "he" and "she" hollies — the "he" hollies with spined leaves, the "she" hollies smooth-leaved. The varieties brought into the house at Christmas supposedly showed who would head the household for the coming year — "he" or "she."

A variation on this custom said that if the holly was brought into the house in fair weather, the wife would rule, but if the weather was bad, the husband would be master.

Holly was credited with many magical and medical powers. It was believed to cure toothaches, banish rickets, and even foretell to girls the names of their future husbands.

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er, apples, candy and colored orations. Red and green are the popular choices for ribbon at Christmas, yet rank last — 16th Today the colors red and green dominate Christmas decorations.

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GREETINGS

At this time of the year, we can give expression to the gratitude we feel for having you as our friends, and to assure you, in turn, of our friendship. In this spirit, we want to wish you a Happy Christmas.



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YES, INDEED

Virginia Found Out About Santa

A little girl's curiosity had led to a bit of Christmas philosophy that has since become a Christmas classic.

One day — in December — in 1897, Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the New York Sun.

The reply with its message of keen, spiritual insight was written by Francis E. Church, a writer for the old Sun.

"I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. My papa says, 'If you see it in the SUN, it's so.' Please tell me the truth — is there a Santa Claus?"

"Yes, indeed! Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the sceptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not to believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

—FRANCIS E. CHURCH

Doctor's Writing Is A Masterpiece

A doctor's devotion to his patient was responsible for one of the most painstakingly detailed historical works extant, the Gospel according to St. Luke.

Luke was a physician of Antioch when Paul came to him as a patient. Luke, the son of a former slave, had learned a profession which gave him instant Roman citizenship and prestige.

According to Greek scholars, Luke first tried to dissuade Paul from undertaking his tortuous journeys. As a physician he believed that Paul's health was not good enough. When Paul insisted upon going, Luke closed his flourishing office and accompanied the missionary to watch over his health.

Luke must have found Paul fascinating. He decided to write

about his patient. But with scholarly dedication, he knew he could not begin with Paul. Paul traveled to tell of Jesus Christ.

It was Luke's first task, then, to write of Jesus.

At every opportunity Luke investigated Paul's story. He visited the holy places and spoke with the apostles and presumably with Mary. He checked dates and places time and again. The result is a work agreed to be a historical masterpiece.

Of the four Gospels, the Gospel according to St. Luke is the only one to pinpoint dates. Luke mentions exactly what was happening politically when Jesus was 30 years old. He sets the precise time that John the Baptist came out of the wilderness.

Fondly Remembers

NORTH CHATHAM, N.Y.

(AP) — Mrs. Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas, now 79 years old, still fondly remembers the letter she wrote as an 8-year-old asking an editor if there really was a Santa Claus.

Referring Tuesday to the "Yes Virginia" editorial which appeared Sept. 21, 1897, in the New York Sun, Mrs. Douglas now with great-grandchildren told an inquirer: "I hope you read the editorial carefully. The older I get the more I appreciate its philosophy."

Favorite Symbol

Lucia, a legendary figure wearing a crown of lighted candles, is a favorite Christmas symbol in Sweden. During the Christmas season, she visits factories, offices and schools, she sings the Lucia song and distributes coffee and Lucia buns.

Singing Started

Martin Luther was one of the first persons to make congregational singing popular, reports World Book Encyclopedia. He is believed to have composed more than 30 hymns.

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Dickens' Classic Tale Expresses True Spirit

Few stories so completely express the true spirit of Christmas as does the classic tale of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

The story tells of the spiritual rebirth of a miserly, mean old man and the eventual happiness he helped bring to others.

The familiar telling of the story of Scrooge, the three ghosts, Tiny Tim and the others — has become a veritable classic.

Its reception was spontaneous and great; soon its fame spread around the world and it was printed in many languages.

None of the other Christmas essays that Dickens wrote caught the public's fancy as did this one of Old Scrooge and Tiny Tim.

Not only is this story read at Christmas time within family groups, in school rooms and at religious gatherings, but Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" has been recorded by famous actors; the "Carol" has also become an annual presentation on radio and television.

"A Christmas Carol in Prose, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas" was first published at Christmas, 1843, and since that time its popularity has never waned.

Generation after generation has laughed and cried over the story of the miserly Scrooge, who through the revelations of three spirits — Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come — became a man who "knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge."

Today's Christmas carol is a domesticated descendant of a lively folk dance.

The carol started out in the Middle Ages as a circular country dance, called a "carole" in French, according to World Book Encyclopedia. Some of the early Christians looked askance at dancing, however, and the carol soon lost its steps.

The lyrics of the songs that had accompanied the dance began to change, too, and eventually the "macaronic" style appeared. This consisted of lacking a Latin phrase on to the popular lines, so that the people sang:

Make we joy now in this feast

In qua Christus natus est.

They didn't necessarily understand the Latin, although it carried on the sense of the song, but the stately Latin words gave them a religious image.

In 1223 St. Francis of Assisi started the custom of placing a creche, or miniature Nativity scene, in the church at Christmas time. People began to act out the events of the Nativity — one of the steps in the development of mystery plays — and then to compose carols to sing with the plays. These led to the

Charles Dickens, creator of the "Carol," loved it as well as, or perhaps even better than, its many readers did. He told of crying and laughing again and again as, captivated by his story, he wrote the 30,000-word book in six weeks.

When Dickens gave readings from his works in England and America, the story of Scrooge was always the prime favorite with his audiences.

Perhaps the best known part of the story is Christmas dinner at the Cratchits, where Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present observed the family of his clerk, Bob Cratchit, making merry over a simple Christmas dinner, overlighted by a goose — "There never was such a goose" — and a pudding "Oh, what a wonderful pudding!"

And a favorite character is Tiny Tim, the Cratchits' crippled son, to whom the reformed Scrooge became "a second father."

One of the most famous speeches in the English language is, doubtless, Tiny Tim's, at the conclusion of the Christmas feast, "God bless us, every one!"

Ancient Practice

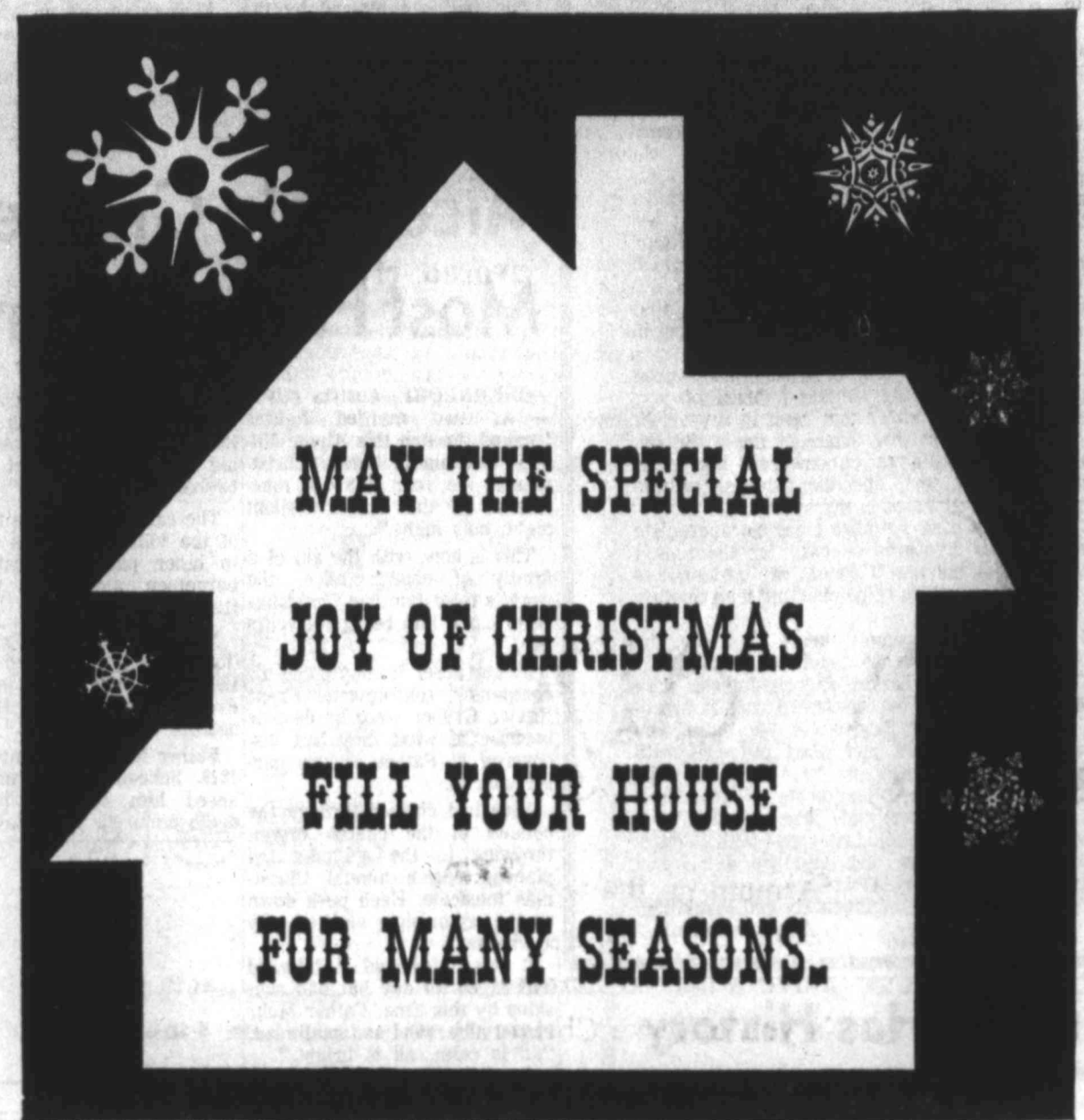
The practice of kissing under the mistletoe is believed to have its origin in ancient times when enemies met under the mistletoe and dropped their weapons and embraced.

STARTED OUT AS LIVELY COUNTRY DANCE

Carols Descended From Dances

French noels, strictly Christmas songs, which, in turn inspired the English carol.

Carols, both secular and religious, flourished in England until a demand for better messages for more than a century, until a demand for better messages for more than a century, until a demand for better messages for more than a century.



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Noel

To our faithful old friends, to our cherished new friends, and to those whose friendship we hope to earn, we extend the glad Greetings of this Yuletide season.

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Universal Spirit Observed In Many Different Ways

Although universal in its spirit and purpose, Christmas is observed in many different ways throughout the world. Individual countries have acquired literally thousands of customs throughout the ages. Some have been discarded along the way, while others are still observed.

INDIA
In India, one week before the holiday, all villages that observe Christmas, fast by not eating animal food. On the last day they eat no food at all until they take communion on Christmas Eve.

SPAIN-HOLLAND
Even Santa Claus takes on different forms and comes at different times in certain countries!

In Spain, he bears his traditional gifts on January 6, the feast of the Epiphany which celebrates the arrival of the Three Wise Men. Spanish children fill their shoes with straw

for the camels of the Wise Men and place them on the window sills. Similarly, in Holland, children place their wooden shoes filled with hay in a corner or a ledge, but it's for Santa's white horse.

ITALY
In Italy, Santa comes as an old woman on a broomstick. She is named La Befana, and leaves gifts in the children's shoes.

GREECE
In Greece, special loaves of bread are baked for the Christmas celebration. Each loaf is marked with a cross on top; a silver coin concealed in each. According to custom, the person finding the coin is destined for a prosperous year.

MEXICO
In Mexico, for example, breaking the "Pinata," an earthenware jug filled with fruits, nuts and candies is still

an important Christmas custom. Blind - folded children armed with sticks try to break it open. When they succeed, all join in the scramble for the "goodies" that pour out.

CANADA
In the Northland of Canada, the Eskimos have a unique Christmas custom. Entire Eskimo communities set off to visit neighboring towns. The following year the visit is repaid and

Favored Hymn

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," a lyric version of Luke's Christmas story, was written in 1700 by Nahum Tate, poet laureate of England. The melody is a well-known hymn tune by Johann Cruger.

the visiting town becomes the host.

FINLAND
In Finland, all members of Finnish families must take a steam bath before the festivities of Christmas Eve can begin.

YUGOSLAVIA
In Yugoslavia, the Christmas celebration is centered around the Yule log. A young tree is felled and brought into the house before sunrise on Christmas morning. While burning, it is struck with an iron rod causing sparks to fly up the chimney. Tradition says that blessings as numerous as the sparks will fall on the family during the coming year.

GERMANY
In Germany, Santa wears a big chain which he rattles at the door. Candy and cookies go to the good youngsters, the bad ones get empty potato sacks.

History Says Tree A Mistake

The Christmas tree is all a mistake. History says so. But American kids will say it's the most glorious mistake in the world. So will the Christmas tree industry, which each year sells millions of trees.

Historically, the Christmas tree has nothing to do with the religious observance of the day. Quite the contrary it began as a pagan practice.

Back in the sixth century, Pope Gregory I, later to be elevated to sainthood, instructed his missionaries not to destroy innocent pagan customs which were not inconsistent with what could be woven into the fabric of Christian ceremony.

The missionary Boniface, who went into England to preach the doctrine of Christianity, found sacred oak of Odin.

Instead of trying to destroy that practice, Boniface persuaded the Christian converts to substitute the evergreen tree for the oak and to decorate it in honor of the Christ child. The practice stuck, particularly in the English-speaking world.

Gift Exchanging Basically An American Tradition

Exchanging gifts on Christmas Day is basically an American tradition.

Many Europeans exchange gifts on New Year's Day instead. Christmas is strictly a religious day in most parts of Europe and is not celebrated with gaiety, visiting and gift giving.

STARTED BY ROMANS
The gift-giving custom dates back to the time of the Roman Emperors from about 27 B.C. to 476 A.D. It was customary to send a gift to the Emperor at the start of the New Year to wish him good fortune.

At first, the gift was likely to be a branch of bay or palm which the whole populace felt obliged to send. But, in time, the gifts became more elaborate and costly — to win the Emperor's favor.

Later, the Romans began giving each other presents and sending special greetings to friends and relatives. From the Romans, the custom spread to Europe.

The ancient Chinese also celebrated the New Year by exchanging gifts, and they are responsible for introducing two Christmas decorating techniques — gift wrapping and paper honeycomb.

CHINESE SYMBOLISM
The Chinese liked to incorporate a special symbolism into their wrapped packages. Most gifts were wrapped in red and decorated with gold-leaf seals. The seal might represent the Fu Dong meaning "protection," the fir tree, signifying "long life," or the bamboo tree which meant "virtue, long life and many sons" for the recipient.

Today, Christmas is the biggest gift-giving occasion of the year in the United States, accounting for 41 per cent of the gifts an average family buys each year.

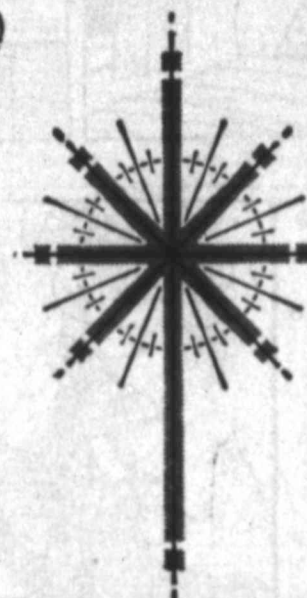
This year the average American family will buy 30 gifts averaging \$4.90 each, or a total of \$147.

A staggering 1.5 billion gifts, in all, will be exchanged on Christmas morning says the company.

STRANGE START
The idea of gift wrapping came to the United States less than 60 years ago. It started quite by accident. A shipment of envelope lining papers arrived too late for a New York stationer's Christmas line, so rather than hold them in store, he decided to sell them for gift wrappings.

Joy and Peace at Christmas

Around us, the wonder of Christmas spreads its joy and warmth. The radiance of a Star shines into our hearts, as once it shone above a sacred manger, heralding the miracle of the Holy Birth. As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true, deep meaning of this most glorious time. And may the peace and joy of the season be an ever present blessing, to light the way for all men, everywhere.



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JUMBLE—that scrambled word game

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ABANCA

DOMBEY

Print the SURPRISE ANSWER here

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AORTA FAIRY ENGLIF BUCKET

Answer: What the vampire did every evening—TOOK A COFFIN BREAK

GRANDMA

WELL, IT'S SORT OF A MODERN ANTIQUE

THEY MADE IT TWO WEEKS AGO IN THEIR WOODWORKING CLASS AT SCHOOL.

LOOK AT THE PRESENT THE TROTTER TWINS GAVE ME?

OH, AN ANTIQUE

BUZZ SAWYER

ROOSTER CROWS, BUT HALF REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS, FEELS HIS LEG THROBBING.

WH-WHERE AM I?

I-I REMEMBER GETTING SHOT... RUNNING.

BUT WHERE AM I?

A TEDDY BEAR... A BABY BED?

IT'S DANGLING HAND FEELS SOMETHING SOFT.

GASOLINE ALLEY

And bless Chipper and all of our boys in Vietnam on this Christmas day!

NANCY

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH ALL THOSE SNOWBALLS?

MY GIRL LIVES IN THAT APARTMENT HOUSE

LI'L ABNER

SANTA? HA! THAT HAN'T ONE!

SO YOU'VE ARRIVED AT THE AGE O' DOUBT?

GO TO SLEEP AN' SANTA WILL!

THAT'S SANTA, SON! 'NOTHER NAME HE GOES BY IS 'AMERICA'—AN' HE BRINGS GIFTS—NOT ONLY ON CHRIS'MUS—

—BUT EV'RY DAY O' TH' YAR!! LOTS O' YOUNG FOLKS DON'T BELIEVE IN NEITHER ONE—BUT THAT DON'T STOP NEITHER SANTA NOR AMERICA FUM BEIN REAL!!

BLONDIE

I'M SO TIRED TONIGHT I'M GOING UP AND GO TO BED

HOW CAN YOU BE SO TIRED? YOU'VE DONE NOTHING ALL DAY

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

YOU CALL A FOUR-HOUR NAP NOTHING?

RICK O'SHAY

Silent night, Holy night

MERRY CHRISTMAS, BELLE STARK

SNUFFY SMITH

CAN I GO TO TH' MOVIN' PITCHES, UNK SNUFFY?

WHAT IS IT—A WILD WEST SHOOT-EM-UP?

NOPE—IT'S CALLED 'TH' SULTAN'S HAREM' STARRING 50 GO-GO GALS

NO, SIRE!! YE AIN'T LOOKIN' AT SICH TRASH AS THAT!!

KERRY DRAKE

...and a happy new year!

BEEBLE BAILEY

HOW'S YOUR STOMACH BEEN BEHAVING LATELY, GARGES?

GREAT! NO TROUBLE AT ALL FOR WEEKS!

SIR!

SIR!

RUMBLE

K-SHEW

GROAN

ROAR

PEANUTS

HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE BACK AT THE AERODROME IN FRANCE.

HE IS SITTING IN THE OFFICERS' CLUB DRINKING ROOT BEER... IT IS CHRISTMAS DAY, BUT HE IS VERY BITTER...

WILL THIS STUPID WAR NEVER END? MUST I GO ON FLYING THESE MISSIONS FOREVER? I'M TIRED OF THIS WAR!

BESIDES, SANTY DIDN'T BRING ME ANYTHING.

DICK TRACY

YES, MR. TRACY, I'LL MEASURE YOU FOR A NICE WIG, TILL YOUR HAIR GROWS OUT.

I WON'T BE BUYING MY OWN HAIR BACK?

NOT FROM ME YOU WON'T.

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO BRING YOU HERE.

THE MAN YOU WANT IS NAMED APPERO, HE'S AT 706 MAIN STREET, THIRD FLOOR.

THAT'S NOT A BAD CHRISTMAS PRESENT, ADOUL!

MARY WORTH

I CAN THINK OF NO CHRISTMAS MESSAGE MORE PERTINENT TODAY THAN THESE LINES FROM A 1692 INSCRIPTION IN BALTIMORE'S OLD ST. PAUL'S CHURCH...

SO FLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE AND HASTE AND REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. WITHOUT SURRENDER, BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH ALL PERSONS. IF YOU COMPARE YOURSELF WITH OTHERS, YOU MAY BECOME BITTER OR VAIN, FOR ALWAYS THERE WILL BE GREATER AND LESSER PERSONS THAN YOURSELF *****

TAKE KINDLY THE COUNSEL OF THE YEARS, GRACEFULLY SURRENDERING THE THINGS OF YOUTH. NURTURE STRENGTH OF SPIRIT TO SHIELD YOU IN SUDDEN MISFORTUNE. BUT DO NOT DISTRESS YOURSELF WITH DARK IMAGININGS. MANY FEARS ARE BORN OF FATIGUE AND LONELINESS.

BEYOND A WHOLESOME DISCIPLINE, BE GENTLE WITH YOURSELF. YOU ARE A CHILD OF THE UNIVERSE, NO LESS THAN THE TREES AND THE STARS; YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HERE, AND WHETHER OR NOT IT IS CLEAR TO YOU, NO DOUBT THE UNIVERSE IS UNFOLDING AS IT SHOULD.

THEREFORE, BE AT PEACE WITH GOD, WHATEVER YOU CONCERN BEAM TO BE. AND, WHATEVER YOUR LABORS AND ASPIRATIONS, IN THE NOISY CONFUSION OF LIFE, KEEP PEACE IN YOUR SOUL WITH ALL ITS SHAM, DRUDGERY AND BROWN DREAMS. IT IS STILL A BEAUTIFUL WORLD!

Mary Worth

REX MORGAN

YES, I WANT TO DO THAT, DAD!

THAT WAS A WONDERFUL SERVICE, JULIE! LET'S MAKE IT A POINT TO COME EVERY SUNDAY!

THERE'S DR. MORGAN! HOW ABOUT INVITING HIM TO HAVE DINNER WITH US THIS EVENING?

THAT WOULD BE NICE!

JULIE, IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU, ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SIT DOWN AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOURSELF!

HOW ABOUT DINNER THAT THIS EVENING? REY HAVE DINNER WITH US?

TERRY

EXCUSE ME, MAM, DOES GENERAL BELMARIUS HAPPY LIVE HERE?

HI... OH, GOSH! I HOPE YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE WIRE SERVICE REPORTERS FROM ROME, ARE YOU? FATHER WON'T EVEN TALK TO YOU.

HE SURE DOES POOR ALISTER. BELMARIUS PUTS THEM UP TO COMING DOWN HERE WITH NOSEY QUESTIONS. HE'S SURE IT'S AN INSIDIOUS FORM OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE!

SMITTY

I GOT A FANCY NIGHTGOWN FOR MA! WAIT'LL SHE SEES IT.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, MOM!

FOR ME? OH, YOU LIL' DEAR!

A BEAUTIFUL NIGHTGOWN—IT'S VERY NICE!

AND ANOTHER NICE THING ABOUT IT IS YOU'LL NEVER WEAR IT OUT!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, FOM!

MOON MULLINS

WHAT'D YOU GET FOR CHRISTMAS, KAYO?

OH, SHIRTS, SOCKS, SHOES, A BELT...

—RUBBERS, AND A SWEATER.

TOO BAD—EVEN AFTER YOU SENT THAT LONG LIST TO SANTA, HUH?

YEH— I BETTER IMPROVE MY HANDWRITING.

JUMBLE—that scrambled word game

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ROGUD

RAMER

NOYKED

CUGATH

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

After

Yesterday's Jumbles: VALVE BURLY CABANA EMBODY

Answer: What the sultan called each one of the wives he bought—"DEAR"

GRANDMA

GRANDMA, JUDGING FROM THE CAKE AND COOKIE CRUMBS YOU'VE CLEANED UP...

—YOUR KIDS' PARTY THIS AFTERNOON WAS A BIG, WELL-ATTENDED SUCCESS!

Lucky Reporter Was Poetic Story-Teller

By JOHN A. GOLDSMITH

This is a Christmas story about a reporter named Luke. Long before the days of type-writers and city rooms, he was the most arduous story teller of his time. Besides, he was blessed with the luck of a good reporter.

Over the centuries he has been close to "exclusive" with the beginning of what has been called "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

A couple of short verses in St. Matthew's Gospel are the only other telling of the Christmas story. Luke's full and poetic account begins with the "decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed." At Christmas time it is usually ended at the 19th Verse of the Second Chapter:

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Luke is generally believed to have been a gentile convert to Christianity who lived in the 1st Century A.D. He was, according to most accounts, not a professional writer but a physician whose principal patient was St. Paul.

The report of Christ's ministry written by Luke is thought to have been started about 60 A.D. when Luke was in Palestine. It probably was completed in Rome a few years later and may have been written in connection with St. Paul's difficulties with the Roman authorities.

At any rate it was written by a Roman, called "Theophilus," to whom Luke later addressed a report on the works—the Acts—of Christ's apostles. As reference works, Luke is believed to have used a collection of Christ's sayings and a version of the Gospel written earlier by St. Mark.

Luke's version of the Christmas story is evidently based on original research—on stories and songs collected by Luke, himself, in Palestine. Only about 30 years had elapsed since the Crucifixion, and his account of the Nativity could have been drawn from living witnesses.

It is even possible that Luke may have met Mary and talked to her about events in Bethlehem. Tradition has it that she lived out her old age in Ephesus where Luke could well have met her when he was fashioning his Gospel.

DISTORTIONS ARISE
Some distortions have crept into the Christmas story after hundreds of years, thousands of illustrations and millions of Christmas pageants. Popular usage sets for a Nativity scene in a stable, for example, but it may well have taken place in a cave.

Caves were often the shelter houses for domestic animals in Palestine at that time. The manger, in that case, would have been a straw-filled hole in the earthen floor rather than a movable box or trough.

Luke's Gospel makes no mention of kings or Wise Men at the Nativity scene. The presence of the Wise Men shortly after Christ's birth is drawn from St. Matthew's fragmentary account.

Also from Matthew's short account is the popular conception of the Star of Bethlehem functioning as a guide beacon for those seeking the Christ child.

Christmas Rose Famed In Legend

Blooming in the heart of winter and sometimes even in the snow, the Christmas rose is a plant famed in legend.

According to an old story, a poor little shepherdess had no gift to offer the Christ Child, and so she wept. When her tears touched the ground, flowers sprouted.

Delighted, she plucked an armful and hastened to the infant. The caress of his fingers turned the petals pink. Botanists class the Christmas rose as a member of the buttercup family. Native to Southern Europe and western Asia, it has leathery, dark green leaves and large, saucer-shaped flowers with white or rose-tinged petals, according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

Fabled Names Are Familiar

Their fabled names are familiar to millions. Their long and arduous pilgrimage to bring their gifts to the infant Jesus has been re-told in song for many Christmases. The robed figures of Balthasar, Melchior and Gaspar are included in thousands of Christmas pageants across the country.

But were these three Magi really kings, as song and story proclaim?

Researchers at the Encyclopedia Americana have found the title to be erroneous, and stems from a second century legend rather than from fact.

The three travelers who followed the star were not temporal kings, but actually astrologers, just as is stated in the New Testament account of the guiding star that led the "wise men from the east."

The term "Magi" is accurate too, for it originally stood for the priestly caste of the ancient Persian Zoroastrian religion. As the religion moved westward, it came in contact with Babylonian beliefs and practices, and thus derived a strong interest in astrology, demonology and magic.

Special Services Mark Celebration

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men, women and children of this community will put aside not only their everyday concerns but the more immediate interest in tree-trimming and package-wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas, in special services held by local churches.

Catholic churches will proclaim the birth of the King of Christendom by solemn midnight masses. To commemorate the Nativity, Protestant churches will hold candlelight and communion services and children's programs.

The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old

Lost Bells Started Legend

Many years ago, in the little town of Locen, Holland, there hung in the church tower two fine bells. Their clear tones gave comfort to all who heard them.

However, these bells had never been baptized, and one night, so the story goes, they disappeared from the church tower. The sorrowing townspeople searched everywhere, but the

bells could not be found. On the Eve of Christmas, the people longed for the joyous sound of the bells — proclaiming the Christmas spirit. Then, precisely at midnight, bell-like tones were heard through the snowy night. They seemed to be coming from a nearby pond. Though the bells themselves were never found, each Christmas Eve, just at midnight, their chimes rang out over the town and the legend of the bells spread far and abroad. Other towns and other countries continued the custom of bell-ringing, and today it has become a beautiful part of the traditional celebration of Christmas.

St. Francis Put Stable Into Story

Christmas today would seem incomplete without representations of the stable at Bethlehem, with the Babe in His crib, and figures of Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. Yet the first crib or "creche" did not come into existence until 1223.

It was in that year that St. Francis of Assisi found himself faced with a problem as their holy season approached. In the little town of Greccio, he had been laboring to revive a dead faith in the hearts of its people, so far, he had had no success, and now he cast about for a way to make these people understand the beauty and meaning of Christmas.

He decided to set up the Bethlehem stable scene itself, right in the village. After receiving

usual permission for this undertaking, he and his followers set to work.

They borrowed animals, hay and wood from helpful parishioners, and invited all the peasants of Greccio to attend church that Christmas Eve.

As the villagers arrived, they were rewarded with a wonderful sight. There, before their eyes, was the story of Christmas.

To the illiterate peasants of Greccio, that simple scene conveyed the message of Christmas far more clearly than all the sermons in the world. This "praesepe," as it is called in Italy, became an annual custom and then quickly spread throughout the rest of the Christian world.

Most Customs Traced To Non-Christian Origin

Most of the customs now associated with Christmas were originally pagan or non-Christian, according to The Encyclopedia Americana. Saturnalia, a Roman feast celebrated in mid-December, provided the model for many of the merry-making customs of Christmas. From this celebration, for example, were derived the elaborate feasting, the giving of gifts and the burning of candles.

Lights also played an important part in most winter solstice festivals. An obscure figure in the early mythologies of the East emerged as a sun god. From the 1st century B.C. this figure, Mithras, was adopted by an increasing number of Roman soldiers and others. Mithras' greatest festival was that of the winter solstice, the time when the god began to return to his worshippers.

In the 5th century the Western church ordered a feast celebrating the birth of the Savior to be observed on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia.

Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year and to commemorate the return of the sun they held their chief festival of Yule, which, like other pagan celebrations, became adapted to Christmas.

The Teutonic Yule feast also

provided customs for the Christmas festivities such as the Yule log and wassail bowl.



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Wreaths Traced To Advent Season

Using wreaths as decorations at Christmas may be traced to the customs of Advent season, the four Sundays before Christmas—a time of preparation for the coming of the Christ Child. Traditionally, the Advent wreath is made of evergreen branches interlaced with red ribbons. It holds four candles. One candle is lit at dusk on the first Sunday of Advent, two the next Sunday, three the next and four on the last Sunday before Christmas. The wreath may be placed on a door, set on a table or hung from the ceiling.



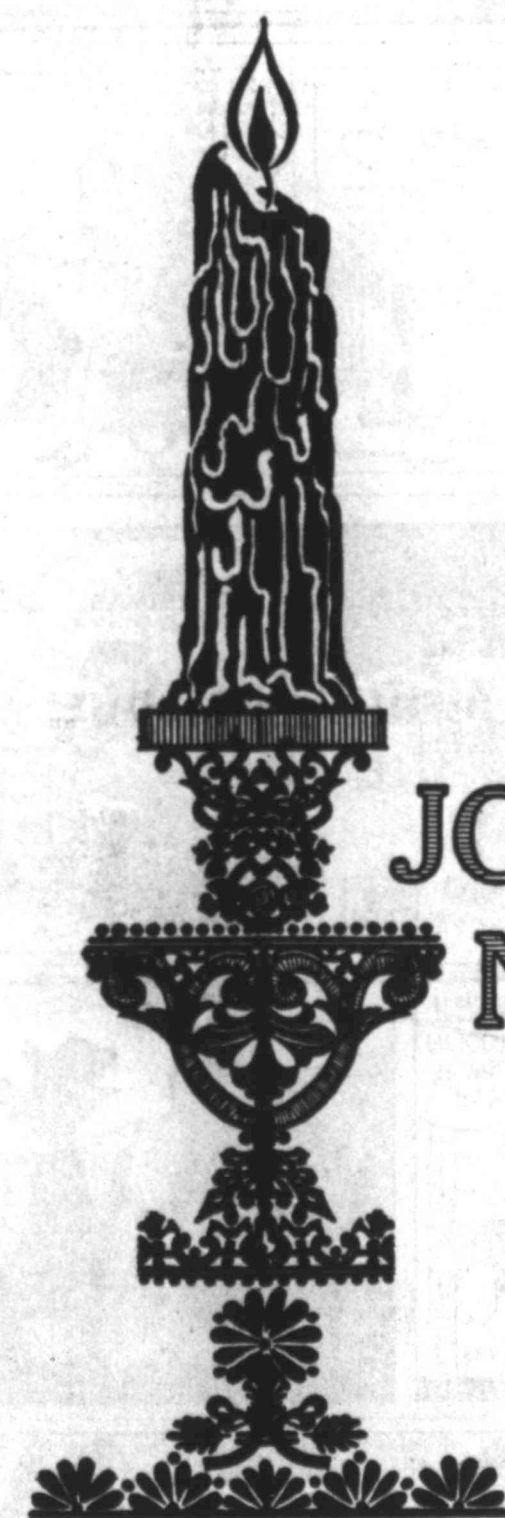
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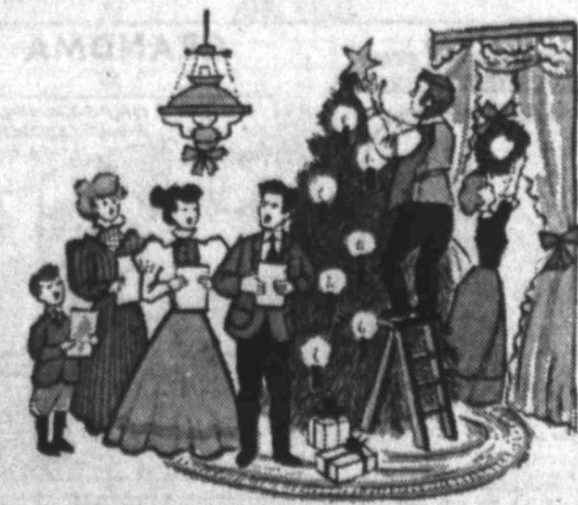


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