



On The BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

In a few days it will be Christmas. The author of this column would like to send greetings to friends everywhere. In this greeting I am joined by Mrs. King. Though Mrs. King is not active in publishing the paper she is our guide and counselor in many ways.

In our greetings we would like to say more than the usual Merry Christmas and Happy New Year but words are inadequate so we will just let it go at that. We would like to remind our readers, however, that Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Christ. Too often many of us forget the real meaning of Christmas. We think only in terms of giving and receiving gifts, sending and receiving Christmas cards, decorating, etc.—and too many of us, I am afraid, celebrate the birth of Christ in a manner that is not at all fitting to the occasion.

This Christmas let's all remember that the day is something more than feasting and giving and receiving gifts. There are millions of people throughout the world—thousands upon thousands of them right here in our own United States—who do not believe or accept Christ as the savior of the world. The task of convincing these people of this truth becomes ours and every other professed believer in Him.

George L. Scown Buried Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 4 p. m. at Kiker Funeral Chapel in Colorado City for George L. Scown of Amarillo. Lewis Musgrove of Abilene and Billy Gresham of Colorado City officiated.

Interment was in the Colorado City Cemetery. Mr. Scown died at Amarillo Sunday, December 18, while riding a horse showing a ranch to a prospective buyer. He suffered a heart attack and was dead when he fell to the ground.

Mr. Scown was born April 5, 1891, at the Scown homestead 12 miles south of Lorraine.

Survivors are 3 daughters, Mrs. Louise Musgrove of Abilene, Mrs. Wallace Heath and Mrs. Joe Clayton, both of Amarillo; his mother, Mrs. T. H. Scown of Lorraine; 2 brothers, John of Monahans and Gus Scown of Lorraine; 1 sister, Mrs. Etta Michael of Reno, Nevada; 5 grandchildren, Kenneth, Billy Don and Patsy Musgrove of Abilene; and 2 great granddaughters.

Palbearers were Virge Wimberly, Jess Lee, Frank Crownover, Alfonso Dunnahoo, Luther Anders and Wiley Walker.

Week end visitors in the Bennett Blair home were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blair and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Temple and daughters, Kermit, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harris, Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Temple, Sulphur Spring.

Mrs. W. M. Teeters will leave Friday for Port Arthur to spend the holiday week end in the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Rudd.

Niece of Lorraine Men Dies In New Mexico

Mrs. W. E. Robertson, 44 of Des Moines, N. M., a former resident of Mitchell County and niece of the Beights brothers and Mrs. Pearl Bruce of Lorraine, died at 3 p. m. Saturday in a Haton, N. M. hospital following surgery.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Hallman of Goodman, Mo. The Hallmans formerly lived in the Valley View community and later in the Conoway community. Mrs. Robertson was a member of the Westbrook Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Monday in the Kiker and Son Chapel, Colorado City.

Survivors include her husband; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hallman of Goodman, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Tommy Harwell, Big Spring and Mrs. J. C. Carruthers of Des Moines, N. M.; four brothers, Leonard Hallman, Neosho, Mo.; Ralph Hallman, California; G. B. and Fred Hallman, both of Midland.

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Crash Near Del Rio Fatal To Three Lorraine Men

Another Lorraine Man and a C. City Man Were Injured

Three Lorraine youths were killed, another injured, and a Colorado City man injured critically when the car in which they were riding overturned about 8:30 p. m. Wednesday of last week 22 miles north of Del Rio on Highway 277. They were traveling toward Del Rio.

Two of the youths, Edwin Lee Hall, 19, and his brother, William L. Hall, Jr., 21, were killed instantly and Robert May, 19, died at a Del Rio hospital.

Dale Hildebrand, 22, of Lorraine was hospitalized for shock and bruises and John Wayne Newby, 21, of Colorado City was in critical condition.

The Hall brothers are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hall, Sr. of Lorraine. A sister, Mrs. Joe F. Martin of Colorado City, also survives.

The brothers were both born in Scurry County, Edwin on September 20, 1936, and William on April 15, 1934. Both were single.

Edwin lived with his parents and farmed north of Lorraine. William was employed by a trucking company and was recently working out of San Angelo.

Robert May was the son of L. D. May, A. sister, Jo Ann, of Lorraine, also survives. His paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. May, of Lorraine, also survive.

Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hildebrand of Lorraine and John Wayne Newby of Colorado City.

CEMETERY FUND Contributions this week to the Cemetery Fund: Trent Simmons Odessa, \$10.

Mary Martha Class Hosts Banquet

The Mary Martha S. S. Class held their Christmas banquet at the Fellowship hall Friday night, December 16 at 7 o'clock.

Ray Preston, was Master of ceremonies and gave the welcome address. Rev. W. D. Green gave the invocation.

The tables were laid with white cloths and held centerpieces of red candles, greenery and red berries. Guests found their places at the tables by their names on the Christmas place cards.

The program consisted of a trio, composed of Meses Hubert Thomas, Woodrow Pratt and Buck Taylor, who sang "Winter Wonderland", accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Rex McDaniel.

Mrs. Raymond Wheeler lead a Christmas poem after which Rev. Jack Selcraig pastor of the First Baptist Church of Colorado City spoke to the group. Ken Haralson sang, Put Christ Back into Christmas, and Joe Vest led the group in singing Christmas carols.

Gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree and Ray Preston presented a gift to the class teacher, Mrs. Nash from the class members.

Members and their husbands present were Meses and Mmes: Ben Bowlin, Harry Hallmark, Woodrow Pratt, Buck Taylor, Ted Lefevre, Lester Webb and Linton Ray, W. H. Narrell, Frank Stewart, Evert Henderson, Roy Linder and James Delmar Haralson and Ken, Dexter Taylor, Hubert Thomas, L. G. Baker, Raymond Wheeler, Thomas Vest, Joe and Thomas Jr., Bud Shepherd and Beth, J. F. Nash, Gene and Pat, and Mmes Harold Hallmark, Pauline Smiley, Thelma Hacker, Moody Richardson, Laine McCollum and guests; Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston, Rev. Jack Selcraig and Mrs. Fred B. Leon and Mrs. Rex McDaniel.

Mr., Mrs. Jacobs Hold Open House On Anniversary

The Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jacobs was celebrated at their home in Lorraine with open house from 2 to 4 p. m. Sunday December 18. Mrs. Alva Bennett, daughter of the couple received guests and presented Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, the bride and groom of 50 years. Others in the line with the couple were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Euel Jacob and their son, Charles Lee Jacobs, the only grandson of the couple. Mrs. Willie Taylor, their other daughter, ushered the guests into the dining room where golden punch and white cake squares with golden rose buds were served.

In the candlelighting procession the congregation sang, O Come All Ye Faithful, and Rev. Morris read scripture from Isaiah and led in prayer.

At this time a Christmas love offering was taken for the Methodist orphan home in Waco by Charles Reed and George Granzin.

Members from Mrs. Dan Morgans class of Junior girls, Katrina Wells, Kitty Forsythe and Charla Mae Martin read Christmas poems.

Mrs. Troy Kegans was Reader for the Pageant. Background music was furnished by the choir. Members of the M. Y. F. enacted the tableau of the Christmas scene as found in Luke 2, the shepherds, wise men and manger scene. Members of the cast were Sonny Johnson, Stanley Martin, Billy Jay Long, George and Gerald Martin, Billy Dale Blair, Edward Beatty, Virginia Templeton, Frances Griffin.

Beverly Jean Johnson read a poem as Minta Jane Dobbs and Gaylene Taylor lighted candles for those at the end of each party and they in turn used their candle to light their neighbors candle, even as we should share the light that we have through our knowledge of Jesus to help lead others to a Faith in Him, whose birthday we commemorate at this season.

As each person in the church held their lighted candle the Christmas song, Silent Night, Heavenly Night, was sung and the Benediction given.

Members of the M. Y. F. went caroling after the service, calling on several shut-ins and later assembled at the Dr. Bruce Johnson home for refreshments.

Former Resident Buried Here Sunday

Funeral for Mrs. Myrtle Amanda Williams, 56, wife of Bert Williams of Sweetwater, was held Sunday at 1:30 p. m. at the First Baptist Church in Sweetwater, the Rev. George Wilson officiating.

Interment was in Zion's Rest Cemetery north of Lorraine directed by Patterson Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Williams died at 8:20 p. m. Friday in Young Medical Center, where she had been a patient for about two weeks.

Born as Myrtle Amanda Holley, in Little Rock, Arkansas, on August 8, 1899, Mrs. Williams was married in February 1938, and lived in Sweetwater since that time.

Several years ago the Holley family owned and lived on a farm on which Lone Wolf Mountain is located north of Lorraine.

Surviving are the husband; two step-daughters, Mrs. F. A. Deer of Abilene and Mrs. Kelly King of Big Lake; four sisters, Mrs. N. L. Tevis of Portales, New Mex.; Mrs. L. J. Tillison of Monahans, Mrs. H. H. Kirkpatrick of Sweetwater, and Mrs. Bill Ambrose of Oklahoma City; two brothers, C. H. Holley of Jacksonville, and C. T. Holley of Lorraine.

School To Have Christmas Holidays Supt. Don Robbins announced this week that the Lorraine school will close for the Christmas holidays on Wednesday afternoon, December 21, and resume classes Tuesday morning, Jan. 3.

Lions Host Annual Christmas Party

The annual Lions Club Christmas party was held this year in the club building that had been beautifully decorated on the occasion by members of the homemaking department of Lorraine High School. The building had been newly painted inside and out.

The Methodist ladies served the meal of chicken, dressing, gravy, green beans, English peas, fruit salad, sweet potatoes, rolls, coffee and individual pie topped with whipped cream from U shaped tables. The tables held decorations of Nandina branches and red berries, styrofoam candle holders that were adorned with pine burs, Christmas balls, cactus and held a red candle.

Guests for the occasion included ten members of the Hermleigh Lions Club and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Terry of Lamesa, Mrs. Vanda Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Pop Broughton and four of her pupils from Sweetwater, and wives of the local Lions. Seventy-nine were present.

J. W. King, president of the local club, was master of ceremonies. The Rev. Harold Morris gave the invocation.

The program for the evening included a welcome by Don Robbins, superintendent of schools, a response from Mr. Hanson, president of the Hermleigh Lions Club, and a program of accordion music rendered by four pupils of Mrs. Broughton, which included solos, duets and ensembles.

Dr. B. H. Johnson introduced Mr. and Mrs. Broughton. Following the program Otto Hackfeld and others passed out gifts from the beautifully decorated tree.

Lorraine Stores To Close on Monday

Monday, December 26, the day following Christmas will be a holiday. So far as we have been able to learn most all business places in Lorraine will be closed for the day or part of it.

Farmers Told How To Irrigate At Meeting Last Wednesday

Farmers in this section who are just starting in the irrigation of crops learned several things that are vital at the irrigation meeting held here last Wednesday.

Among other things they heard what to do in well construction, fitting of the pump and efficiency of operation; how to design the irrigating system; how to finance the operation; A. C. P. Incentive payments; soils and crops; and a discussion on irrigation or dry farming.

The part of the program worth more to those who are already irrigating was that of Soil and Crops discussed by Ralph Jones, field representative of Gifford Hill, Western of Lubbock. Mr. Jones told of the water holding capacity of different soils; how to irrigate; rooting zones of different crops; how much to irrigate; when to irrigate; and off-season irrigation.

In discussing the water holding capacity of soils per foot that is available to plants Mr. Jones said: Coarse sand, 1/2 to 1 inch; fine sand, 1 to 1 1/2 inches; clay loam, 1 1/2 to 2 inches; and clay, 2 inches and up.

In discussing whether to start watering and continue until the entire field is covered, regardless of whether the first part watered is suffering, Mr. Jones said it is better to stop and start at the beginning rather than water the entire field. "You'll make more cotton if you keep part of the crop from hurting and let the rest make what it will on pre-planting irrigation than you will if you try to cover the entire field when cotton is suffering," he told the farmers.

"There is no substitute for knowing your soil," Mr. Jones said when discussing when to irrigate.

Funeral Held for J. D. McDonald

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church at 2 p. m. Friday for J. D. McDonald, 82, who died at the Johnson hospital at 8 a. m. Thursday, December 15, after a lengthy illness.

The pastor, Rev. Harold Morris officiated, assisted by Rev. Jack Elzey, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Colorado City.

James Durham McDonald was born February 21, 1873, in Williamson County, Texas. He has been a resident in Mitchell County since 1887. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine; one daughter, Susan Elizabeth McDonald of Colorado City; one brother, R. L. McDonald of San Antonio, and one sister, Mrs. Ben Thorp of Dallas.

Burial was in the Colorado City Cemetery under direction of Kiker and Son Funeral Home.

Palbearers were Jim Hunn, R. R. Waggoner, Frank Crownover, Earl Hallmark, C. C. Hamilton, G. D. Foster, Marshall Bruce, J. E. Price.

Girl Basketeers Win Consolation

The Lorraine girls won consolation and the boys were beaten by Westbrook in consolation finals in the Stanton tournament recently. Last Friday the B boys and A girls won and the A boys lost in their games with Hermleigh, and on Tuesday night at Roscoe the girls lost to Roscoe 54-45 and the A boys won over Roscoe 56-45. The first winning game of the season for the boys.

Mrs. A. C. Taylor Honored on Her 88th Birthday

A highlight of the family of Mrs. A. C. Taylor each year is the family reunion and holiday dinner held on her birthday anniversary. This year was no exception, plans were completed and everything in readiness for the occasion to be held in the Lions Building at noon Sunday, December 18.

Mrs. Taylor was taken completely by surprise upon entering the building after attending S. S. and church, to find members of her S. S. class, "The Mothers Class" and their teacher, Mrs. O. C. Lucas gathered around the piano and singing Happy Birthday along with members of the family.

Mrs. Taylor and the honor guests were seated at a long table near the front of the building. The table was covered with a pink and white birthday decorated table cloth and napkins to match. Green cedar and red berries made a wreath around the large decorated birthday cake, which held the words, Happy Birthday — 88. The cake was baked by the wife of a grandson, Mrs. H. G. Tidwell, Jr. of Sweetwater.

Others present were seated at two long tables extending down the center of the building. After a dinner of all Christmas goodies, the group gathered around the Christmas tree while Mrs. Taylor unwrapped her birthday gifts.

The afternoon was spent in picture taking and visiting.

Mrs. Taylor and the late, Mr. Taylor came to the Indian Territory from New Port, Tenn. in 1904 with ten small children, the youngest being six weeks old when they moved. They moved into a two room log cabin, leaving an eleven room home in Tennessee. They sold all of their furniture and household goods at auction before leaving.

They lived there, which is now Calvin, Oklahoma for nearly three years.

One of the children, a fourteen year old daughter, died while there with malaria fever. In 1907 they left the territory and came to Lorraine settling at the place North of Lorraine where they lived and reared their family.

Willie Taylor was born here and occupies the old home place. Mr. Taylor died in September 1937 and the oldest son died in February, 1942.

Those present were Mrs. Taylor and her children and their husbands and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Cline Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mease, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miles all of Lorraine, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Taylor, Ralls, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Tidwell, Sr., Sweetwater, one son, T. L. Taylor of Houston was unable to come. Grandchildren and families present were Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Tidwell, Jr., and son Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bearden, Sherry and Shirley, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Norris Taylor, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Miles and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Mease, Colorado City; Mrs. Glen Bowlin, Eddie and Davy, Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mease, Mike and Jan, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Barron and Rita Sue Lorraine, Miss Rena Louise Taylor, Hobbs, N. M., and Miss Naomi Taylor, Waco, Tex., Gaylene Taylor, Lorraine.

Members of the class present were Mmes: O. C. Lucas, R. D. Lefevre, C. W. Hock, W. J. Coon, J. M. Meador, J. L. Pratt, Della Claxton, J. A. Shepherd, O. E. Albright, S. H. Hart. Other guests present were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton and Mrs. Vanda Martin and afternoon callers, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Forbes.

Decoration Entries To Notify Dr. Terry

Band Hosts Banquet After Xmas Concert

A good crowd attended when the Lorraine high school band presented their annual Christmas program Monday night, December 19 at the school auditorium.

Following the program the band members and band parents enjoyed a banquet in the Lions building.

At the banquet, cedar, mistletoe and miniature Christmas trees made runners for the center of the white laid tables. Plate favors were miniature Christmas trees.

Willie Taylor gave the Invocation and Miss Pat Brandt, director, was Mistress of ceremonies. Mrs. Dorothy Brandt of Sweetwater presented two of her pupils, Miss Peggy Barnes and Miss Betty McGinnis in dance and song numbers and Mrs. Brandt accompanied when all took part in singing Christmas carols.

The menu consisted of barbecue, beans, salads, coffee, iced tea, pecan pie and coffee.

The band members and Band Boosters club presented a gift to Miss Brandt.

Guests included Band mothers and their husbands, Messrs and Mmes: Woodrow Pratt, Tommy Mathis, Leonard Coldevery and Willie Taylor and Mrs. Brandt, Miss Barnes, Sweetwater, and Miss McGinnis, Roby.

At the band concert the stage was centered with a large silver star. The background walls held large musical staves and the edge of the stage was decorated with greenery.

The variety program was highlighted by the number, "The Christmas Festival", by Leroy Anderson and featured Gary Mathis, Baritone playing, O'Henry City. The girls trio, Maxie Shepherd, Linda Richard and Virginia Templeton sang two numbers and the informality of the program was emphasized when Miss Brandt asked all to take part in singing Christmas carols. Varicolored spot lights were focused on the stage and helped to make the Christmas scene more realistic as Joe Templeton read the Christmas story as told in Luke 2.

Mrs. Tony Snyder returned home Thursday from Shreveport, La. where she had visited several weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and little son.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Reddin of Midland were week end visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eulis Compton and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Coldevery.

Hosts 1950 Club Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner party for members of the 1950 club was held at the home of Mrs. Bessie Johnson Monday night.

The house was beautifully decorated in yuletide decorations. The buffet dinner of turkey and all the trimmings was served from foursome tables which held Christmas centerpieces.

After the dinner gifts were exchanged from the tree and games of Canasta played. Guests were Mrs. B. O. Mueller and Mrs. John Rogge. Members present were Mmes: G. A. Hutchins, Bessie Johnson, Elnora Baumann, Faye McCollum, Alfred Richey, Pauline Smiley, Lily Bennett, Cora Hall, Josephine Marshall, Thelma Hacker.

Santa Visited Lorraine Thursday

Santa Claus was welcomed to Lorraine last Thursday afternoon by Lorraine high school band playing several numbers and by a large group of enthusiastic children who swarmed around him to get a bag of fruit, candy and nuts which he passed out so freely.

The coming of Santa with his gifts was made possible by the Lorraine Lions Club.

THE JAMES STEWARTS HOST SUPPER

Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart were host at a supper Saturday night December 17. After the supper the group enjoyed watching T. V. and visiting.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Jackson, Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Ray Linder and Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Bowlin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Caswell, Myra and Lane and Roy McDougall from Snyder were guests in the Calvin Forbes home Sunday.

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(Taken from files of the Mitchell County News December 19, 1940.)

Old Santa Claus will be in Lorraine in person Saturday afternoon to greet the children and pass out small gifts.

Census showed that 21,381 bales of cotton had been ginned in Mitchell County this season. The Lorraine F. F. A. Boys placed Second in the FFA chapter conducting contest held in Roscoe Saturday.

Wayland Roberts won First place in the annual Westbrook swine essay contest.

Two of the 24 players lettered in football at ACC, Abilene were W. F. James, Senior and his brother, Robert, Sophomore. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. James, Sr. Lorraine.

Fredda Derryberry was introduced in the senior news. College students arriving home for the holidays included Ronel

Thomas, Truitt Butler, Al Simmons, Doris and Jane Meadows, Johnny Walker, Eldridge Trott from McMurry College; From ACC are W. F. and Robert James, Clista and Kenneth Hoover; from Hardin Simmons University, Ruth Ann Hall, Iris Riden, Margaret Jarratt, Doris Mahoney, Dell Johnson; From State University are R. L. Mahoney and Eldon Mahon; from Texas Tech are, Douglas Taylor, J. W. King, Jr., and Edward Baumann and Bo Brians from Howard Payne.

Next Wednesday morning is Christmas morning. In order for people to remember that we have Christmas because of the coming into the world of the Christ Child, the church bell at the Methodist church will ring hourly from 8 a. m. till 12 noon.

Drunken Driving Equals Disaster

"Drinking plus driving equals disaster!"

In those words Mr. E. C. McFadden of Dallas, Vice President, Employers' Casualty Company, and President, Texas Safety Association, Inc. today warned Texas motorists of the danger of driving after drinking.

"This is more than just a slogan," Mr. McFadden said. "It states a tragic truth that is proved repeatedly on our streets and highways."

Mr. McFadden spoke on behalf of the Holiday Hazards program which the Texas Safety Association, the Department of Public Safety and the National Safety Council are conducting this month.

"Among drivers involved in fatal accidents last year, one out of five had been drinking," he said.

According to Mr. McFadden, the drinking walker fares a little worse in traffic than the drinking driver. He said, "National Safety Council figures show about one out of four pedestrians involved in fatal traffic accidents last year had been drinking."

"The problem of the drinking driver and walker is a year-round problem," Mr. McFadden said. "But it becomes more acute during the holiday season when party-going is the order of the day."

He warned merrymakers to leave their cars and take a taxi home if they find they have imbibed too freely. He also advised taxi transportation for drinking walkers. "However," he said, "few people are good judges of their own sobriety, so it's wise to leave your car at home when you're going to any party at which you're likely to be drinking."

Mr. McFadden also had a word of advice for those planning office parties at which liquor is to be served. His advice was to arrange for large-scale taxi service to see guests safely to their doors.

CARD OF THANKS

We are truly grateful to the good friends and to the doctors and hospital staff for every kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. Your many expressions of sympathy were most helpful and deeply appreciated.

Mrs. J. D. McDonald and Susan and Brother and Sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Givens and little son, Alan Dale of Odesa and Charlotte Givens of Silver spent the week end with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Drew Givens.



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Our best wishes for a very joyous season.

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- Mayes Butane and Appliance Company
- Loraine Telephone Company
- Lorex and Dona-Lin Theatres
- C. M. Duke Phillips "66" Station
- Loraine Furniture Store
- Tartt Auto Supply
- Whiteway Cafe
- Loraine Drug Store
- Leaty Grocery
- Fay's Beauty Shop
- Loraine Cleaners
- Best Yet Cafe
- Henderson Grocery

May the Spirit of Christmas follow you throughout the coming year.

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FRIENDSHIP S. S. CLASS

Mrs. A. G. Furlow, Jr. was host at the annual Christmas party for members of the Friendship S. S. Class Thursday night, December 15.

The house was beautifully decorated in holiday motifs and refreshments of pecan pie, whipped cream, coffee and Cokes were served.

The meeting opened with a Christmas devotional by Mrs. Edgar Baumann. After games and Christmas carols directed by Mrs. George Mahoney, Pal gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree.

Present were Meses Atwood Sheffield, A. J. Schroeder, Edgar Baumann, Gene Britton, Lynn Hamilton, Bill Bowles, George Mahoney, Howard Tartt, A. J. Barron, and Rex McDaniel.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Holiday happiness to all our friends.
May joy and prosperity never end.

Gilbert Leach
County Clerk

Merry Christmas

During this Holy season may we extend our season's greetings.

Fay's Beauty Shop
Fay, Annie Belle, Lela

Season's Greetings

Eldon Mahon

MERRIE CHRISTMAS

With this, the greatest of holidays, before us, we join in the good wishes of the world to promote good fellowship in the real spirit of Christmas.

Sam Bullock
County Judge

IVAN M. RUTHERFORD PROMOTED

U. S. Forces, Alaska—Ivan M. Rutherford, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan M. Rutherford, 325 E. 16th St., Colorado City, Tex., recently was promoted to specialist third class while a member of the 71st Military Police Company at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Military personnel stationed in the Alaskan territory undergo intensive training while guarding the northern approaches to the U. S.

Specialist Rutherford, a military policeman, entered the Army in May 1954 and completed basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Mrs. Lee Dorn of Colorado City spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. W. J. Coon and Mrs. Coon returned with her and spent Friday night and Saturday

NAVY MAN TO SPEND HOLIDAYS WITH PARENTS

Lee Roy Buchanan, from U. S. Navy base, Miramar, California arrived home last week and will spend the holidays with his parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Buchanan and Terrell Ray. The family plan to spend the holiday week end with relatives in Lampasas.

LONGS ENTERTAIN WITH DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long entertained their family with a turkey dinner at noon Sunday, December 18.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rieburg, Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hodges and Neil, Rosece, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Rieburg and children, Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bob Long and Sherri Kay, Colorado City and Billy Jay Long, Lorraine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton visited relatives and friends in Abilene Monday and Tuesday.

MERKET FAMILY TO BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Merket are making plans for their six children and their families to be with them during the Christmas week end. They are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wall, John Ray and Mary Ellen, San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wall, Ricky and Ruby Ann, Mineral Wells; Mr. and Mrs. David McKenzie and Kay, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ragain and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Merket, Kathy, Jackie and Randy and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Merket and Becky, Lorraine.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett accompanied their daughter in law, Mrs. Deryl Bennett to Dallas where she boarded the plane Saturday for New York and from there to Germany to join Pfc. Bennett. While in Dallas the Bennetts visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Hickman and Mrs. Lena Henderson.

Mrs. Henri Gay Ison attended a Christmas cantata, "The Heavenly Message", at the eleven o'clock service of the First Presbyterian Church, in Abilene, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Spence from Texas Tech in Lubbock came in Wednesday and will spend the holiday college vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Teeters and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spence in Roscoe.

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FOR SALE

For Memorials and Markers made by Sweetwater Marble and Granite Works see Ed Hadden, Phone 2F12.

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For Sale—160 acres 3 miles Southeast of Colorado City, 135 in cultivation, good improvements, good land, \$135.00 per acre.

200 acres 4 miles North of Lorraine on paved road. Nearly all in cultivation. New three bedroom brick home, all large rooms. This is a choice cotton farm.

156 acres good land South of Lorraine on paved road, nearly all in cultivation. All good tillable land and in best part of water formation. Good irrigation wells on all sides of this farm. See Clyde Smith, Insurance and Real Estate, Phone 113. 211c

For Sale—Simplex Home ironer, Jones Laundry. 231c

For Sale—Good 7 room resident. Located on 3 lots. Close to school and church. On corner of Looby and Market St. See Mrs. Ida P. Dickenson. 2611c

For Sale—1951 Allis-Chalmers WD tractor and equipment butane gas, in good condition ready to work. See it at 1344 Locust, Colorado City. 29-41p

For Sale—Girls Bicycle, Table top Gas Range, Kitchen cabinet, Robert Mote 31-31p

For Sale—8 weeks old red pigs. See R. J. Hale, 8 miles NE, Lorraine. 31-21p

For Sale—Good used living room suite—Divan and two chairs. Will sell together or by the piece. Mrs. Edwin Hallmark. 31-1c

Leo Shultz of Lubbock spent Thursday night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shultz.

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For Sale—Boys all wool suit. Size 8 yrs. Good condition, \$5.00. Mrs. Martin Dobbs. 32-21c

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To My Customers: The Beauty Shop will close December 24th through 26th. Please make your appointment early. Fay's Beauty Shop. 32-11c

All kinds of sewing at my home. No alterations, please. Mrs. T. M. Ingram. 32-31p

We want to renew your daily paper for you. You get The News at \$1.50 when taken in connection with, daily. The Mitchell County News.

Sue Cox will leave today for Abilene to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hallmark and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler were shopping in San Angelo Monday.

Merry Christmas

AND
A
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One of the joys at Christmas time is greeting folks like you . . . we wish you health and happiness throughout the New Year too!

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Veterans News

Questions and Answers

Q. If I apply for disability compensation as soon as I get my discharge from service, will I be required to take a VA physical examination?

A. Not necessarily. As long as you file your claim within six months from your discharge, VA may give you an initial rating based on the records of your branch of service — unless it would appear that an error would result from such a procedure.

Q. If a veteran shows a lack of progress in his Korean GI Bill studies, would he still be

entitled to make his one-and-only change of course?

A. Yes, but only if he can show VA that the lack of progress was not due to his own misconduct, neglect or lack of application.

Q. I have just been discharged from service, and I am thinking of getting a Korean GI term insurance policy. I already have a \$10,000 life insurance policy with a private company. Would this bar me from GI insurance?

A. No. Insurance held with a private company has no bearing on the amount of GI insurance you are permitted to carry. A veteran may get up to \$10,000 worth of Korean GI term insurance, minus only whatever other forms of GI insurance he might have.

Q. I bought a house with a GI loan a few years ago. Our family has grown and we could use a larger house. My wife is a veteran, too. Would she be

entitled to use her GI loan benefit for another house?

A. Yes. The fact that you used your GI loan benefit would not serve to deny your wife the right to use hers.

Household Hints

Oatmeal on a dampened cloth will clean white paint.

When lemons become dry immerse them in cold water. They will soon become quite soft and ready to use. For the extraction of the juice easily heat the lemons. Stubborn rust stains sometimes can be removed by boiling the article for 10 minutes in a quart of water containing two tablespoons of cream of tartar then rinsing thoroughly in cold water.

SPICY APPLE SAUCE
8 medium-sized tart apples
Water
1 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg.

Wash, quarter, and core apples. Place in saucepan with just enough water to cover. Add sugar and spices, cover and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. Rub them through coarse strainer. Serve hot.

Hard-cooked eggs will peel easily if, as soon as they are cooked, their shells are cracked slightly and the eggs are dropped into cold water for five minutes. The eggs may then be chilled and used.

If you're having open house New Year's eve or during the Christmas season use a molded chicken salad as the main dish.

JELLED CHICKEN SALAD
Serves 8-10
2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup cold water
2 cups hot broth or water
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons sugar
One third cup lemon juice
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
1/2 cup diced pimento
1/2 cup diced green olives
3 cups cooked or canned diced turkey or chicken
1 cup mayonnaise, if desired.
Perfect accompaniment to a molded salad or for sandwiches make for entertaining is this fruit filled, frosted loaf:

When cooking oatmeal, cornmeal, rice or anything likely to stick to the pan, just before serving remove from the fire, cover tightly and let stand five minutes. The steam will loosen

the mixture from the bottom and the pan will be easy to wash.

Try peanut butter frosting for covering white or spice cakes. Add one-third of a cup of peanut butter to your regular uncooked white frosting. Blend in the peanut butter well before icing the cake. Decorated with a few roasted peanuts.

Pineapples may be used for holding salads or desserts. Use pineapples of uniform size. Cut them in halves lengthwise and using a fork, scrape out the pulp. (It may be used later) Wash and chill the cases. Stuff them with fruit, melon balls or berries.

Try making edible place cards for children's parties. A simple one may be made by cutting out cards of cooking dough 1 by 2 inches in size. Bake them carefully and then write the name of each guest on its card with thin liquid squeezed through a pastry tube. Animal cookie cutters may be used, used and the name on top.

ORANGE GINGERBREAD
(Serves 15)
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
4 teaspoons orange rind (grated)
2 eggs, beaten
3 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons ginger powder, salt and spices. Add to first mixture alternately with milk and molasses. Place batter in 2 greased 8 inch square pans and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 35 to 40 minutes.

SUGAR PLUM LOAF
1 cup milk, scalded
1/2 cup shortening and add sugar gradually. Add orange rind and beaten eggs. Mix well. Sift together the flour, soda, baking powder, salt and spices. Add to first mixture alternately with milk and molasses. Place batter in 2 greased 8 inch square pans and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 35 to 40 minutes.

1/4 cup shortening
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 cakes compressed yeast or 2 packages dry yeast.
2 eggs, beaten
4 cups sifted allpurpose flour
3/4 cup seedless raisins
1/4 cup candied cherries
1 teaspoon candied orange peel.

1/4 cup sliced citron
1 1/4 cups chopped walnuts
1 tablespoon cardamom seed.
Combine milk, shortening, sugar and salt. Cool to lukewarm. Soften yeast in this mixture. (Allow 5 to 10 minutes for dry granular yeast) Add eggs and mix thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients in order given and mix to a soft dough. Knead on light floured surface until smooth and elastic. Place in a greased bowl and cover with a damp cloth. Let rise in a warm place until double (about 2 hours). Punch down. Let rest 15 minutes. Divide dough into two equal parts. Shape each into a round loaf. Place in a greased cookie sheet and let rise until double. Bake in a moderate 350 degree oven for one hour. Brush with hot corn syrup. Sprinkle with granulated sugar or brush with confectioners' sugar icing.

Farmers Aware of Soc. Security Rights

"Self-employed farmers" in this district have become increasingly aware of their rights and responsibilities under the 1951 Amendments to the Social Security Act," B. R. Tuley, Jr., district manager of the Abilene office of the Social Security Administration, said today.

Tuley based his statement on the large number of farm and ranch operators who have been consulting representatives of the Abilene office on their regular visits over the sixteen county district.

About the most frequently asked question at this time of the year, when the cotton gins are humming, deals with the employer-employee relationship between the farm operator and the pick-

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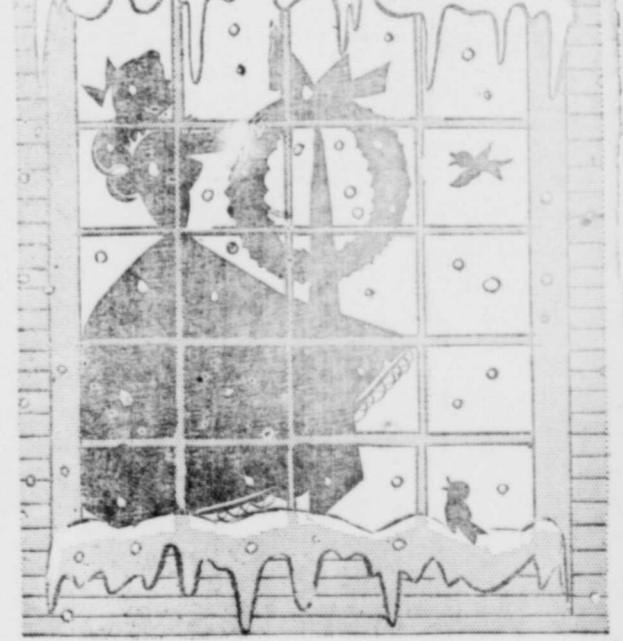
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GREETINGS at Christmas

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In bringing out a feeling that comes from the heart.
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Merry Christmas

Even Ole Saint Nick Couldn't be more sincere, In wishing you a Christmas Full of glad tidings and cheer.

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Teen-Age Road-o-o Gets Under Way In January

Detroit, December 8—Chrysler Corporation has joined the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and the American Trucking Association, Inc., as co-sponsor of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce's annual National Teen-Age Road-o-o.

This was announced today by John Whisman, National Safety Chairman of the Jaycees, following the first meeting of the 1935 Teen-Age Road-o-o in Washington, D. C.

"We all welcome the opportunity to work closely with one of the nation's leading automobile companies in carrying out a unique nationwide project

which encourages championship performance and skill in safe driving among America's youth," Mr. Whisman said.

The 1935 Fifth Annual Road-o-o will get under way in January with Jaycee chapters throughout the country planning community Teen-Age Road-o-o programs for March, April and May. State eliminations, also conducted by Jaycee chapters, are scheduled for June.

The state and territorial championships are expected to attract more than 375,000 teen-age motorists in more than 1,700 American communities. The 49 winners selected will go to the finals at the National Guard Armory in

Washington August 6-9. In local competition, contestants must pass written examinations on traffic rules and road courtesy in addition to demonstrating their knowledge in actual driving tests on obstacle courses. Cooperating with the Jaycees in the average community are law enforcement personnel, safety engineers, automobile dealers, local businessmen and high school driver training instructors.

The national finals include a comprehensive driving knowledge test in addition to road and skill performance tests. The state winners also must demonstrate their driving ability in Washington traffic. Other factors to be considered include the psychological attitudes of contestants as shown through personal interviews and on a machine which records driver reactions.

Chrysler Corporation's entrance as a co-sponsor was unanimously approved by the Board of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and the other co-sponsors after a formal offer from James Cope, Chrysler Corporation Vice-President. The company's representative on the

Teen-Age Road-o-o Committee, which makes all decisions regarding the contest, will be John Lindquist of the central public relations staff.

WELL THAT WISE MEN USED STILL EMPLOYED

"The Well of the Wise Men," where the Magi stopped to water their camels enroute to Bethlehem, stands at the foot of a hill on the mountain route from Jerusalem and is in use today.

It was the reflection of the Star on the surface of this well which told the Wise Men they had almost reached their destination, although the little village of Bethlehem still was hidden just over the hill.

YULETIDE COOKIES

(makes 60 cookies)

1/2 cup butter
1 cup light brown sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons of sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup seedless raisins
1/4 cup candied cherries, cut
1/4 cup citron, cut fine
1/4 cup dates, cut fine
1/4 cup pecans, cut fine

Cream butter, add sugar slowly and beat thoroughly. Add eggs. Mix and sift all dry ingredients and add alternately with cream and vanilla. Fold in fruit and nuts. Chill thoroughly; then break off in small pieces, form into balls, flatten, and place on greased cookie sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for about 12 minutes.

Holiday Feasting Calls For Timing

The ease with which you prepare and serve the Christmas feast lies in the planning.

Avoid the last-minute rush by doing much of your shopping the week before Christmas.

If you have a deep freezer, the turkey can be in the house well in advance, and so can almost everything else for the dinner—frozen vegetables, bread for the stuffing, and even mince pie, ready to reheat.

If you don't own a freezer, have the turkey delivered a couple of days in advance.

As soon as it is in the house, wash and dry the inside and rub with a garlic bud, getting into as many crevices as possible. Sprinkle lightly with salt, wrap and store in the refrigerator.

Cook or bake the giblets, and store them in the ice cube compartment or freezer section of the refrigerator, ready for use in the gravy on feast day.

Potatoes and canned goods can be bought the week before. If you have storage room, white onions, yams and fruits—other than grapes—will keep perfectly until Christmas. Then on the day before, you'll have only the perishables to buy.

Home economists at the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association say the turkey stuffing tastes better if it is not frozen. Stuff the turkey just before it's ready for the oven.

Garnishes can be made the day before. Celery fingers, carrot curls and marshmallows seem to have extra crispness if stored overnight in water in the meat section of the refrigerator.

Another time-saver: set the Christmas dinner table the night before, and cover the works with a plastic "cloth" to keep everything spotless.

TRAVIS COUNTY FARMER SOLD ON MECHANICAL COTTON HARVESTING

Austin, Dec. 15—David Samuelson, who farms in the Carlson and Kimbro communities of Travis county, is a firm believer in the 7-step cotton program and machine harvesting of cotton. Recently County Agent Elmo Cook asked him, "Would you go back to hand picking after using a stripper for four years?" His answer was "Never."

Here's his reasoning: During the past four years he has machine-harvested 334 bales of cotton. A labor shortage forced him to try a stripper. He has no labor problem with machine harvesting.

He has used each year pentane and kerosene to do the defoliation job. It is applied with a four-row sprayer—five nozzles in the row. Two nozzles on each side and one on top of the row. Last year it cost him \$275 an acre. The defoliant is applied when 75 percent or more of the bolls are open and stripping begins in from 7 to 10 days.

The grade of machine-harvested cotton he allows depends upon the proper adjustment of the machine, the defoliation job done, staying out of the field until the cotton is ready and stripping when the cotton contains moisture. And of major importance is taking the cotton to a good gin.

Here are his suggestions for machine harvesting: use successful. Plant the cotton in 40 inch rows; use a variety adapted to stripper harvesting; plant a thick stand—20 to 30 pounds of fuzzy seed an acre; early insect control; clean cultivation; good defoliation job; wait 7 to 10 days after defoliating before stripping; set the machine right and gin where there is a drier and proper cleaning equipment.

By following this program, Samuelson's cotton has made a good or better than hand-harvested cotton. And after four seasons, he sums it up this way: "I get my cotton out of the field sooner; get the stalks destroyed earlier; give the land a longer rest; have less trouble with insects and make more money."

HOLIDAY WORKERS NEED THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS NOW

With the holiday season at hand, more school students and housewives have found part-time and temporary employment. R.R. Tuley, District Manager of the Abilene social security office, stated that it is very important that such persons obtain social security cards before applying for work and that the names on their social security cards correspond with their present names—especially in the case of married women who have not had their names changed on their social security records.

Tuley said nine out of ten jobs are now covered by social

security and in most cases, this holiday employment will provide a quarter of social security to the account of the worker, thereby building toward a retirement benefit upon reaching the age of sixty-five. If these workers are paid as much as \$50 during October, November, and December, they will acquire a quarter of coverage.

Tuley went on to say that these workers and the employers have important responsibilities in seeing that the worker's wages are reported correctly for social security, and the only way this can be done is for the worker to have his correct social security card when he begins working. Application forms are available at all post offices.

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Now a fellow who writes a column along a particular line is supposed to be an expert in his field, especially when it's published in a number of newspapers. In acting out my part (as an expert) my wife many times accuses me of being a "know it all" so I want to hereby let it be recorded that I am somewhat perplexed by something I do not know or understand.

Among the many things I don't quite understand the most troubling is the misnaming of many organizations. This mysterious situation is really an odd one. It seems that people insist on calling these businesses by the name of the place they borrow money from rather than by their own name. That's one for the books, isn't it? If they did that to people a lot of us would go around with the tag of "First National" or "Farmers State" wouldn't we?

As I travel about the country very often I stop in a town and inquire about the location of the local electric co-op. Usually, I can't make myself understood until I reword my question to ask for the R.E.A.—which is entirely wrong. The letters R. E. A. stand for Rural Electrification Administration. The R.E.A. has never had more than one office. This office is now located in Washington, D.C., and is for the purpose of making loans to "persons, corporations, states, territories, municipalities, utility districts and etc." who furnish electric energy to persons in rural areas," so says the law. It is true that the R.E.A. loaned money to the electric co-ops, when they couldn't get it anywhere else, but there is no federal ownership or management over the cooperatives. The connection between the R.E.A. and the cooperative is somewhat like that of a banker who loans you money to build something. Of course your banker would be interested in your making a success, and would offer any assistance or advice he had, but he would not control or run your business. Such is the situation of each electric co-op, because they are completely individual businesses, incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. They are completely owned by the local people who use the electricity and are controlled by a board of directors elected from the membership. Each electric cooperative is completely separate from another and their function, loans, and business are as individual as two men in the same line of business in different towns. Therefore the electric co-op, in your area should not be called "The R.E.A." but rather by its own name. Of course I could be wrong, but if I am, I should change the make of my car to "Liberty National Bank and Trust Co." because they loaned the money for it.

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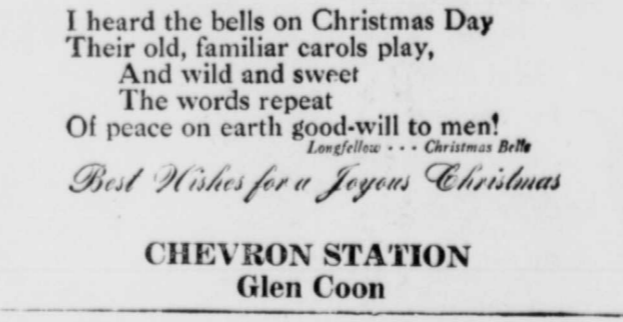
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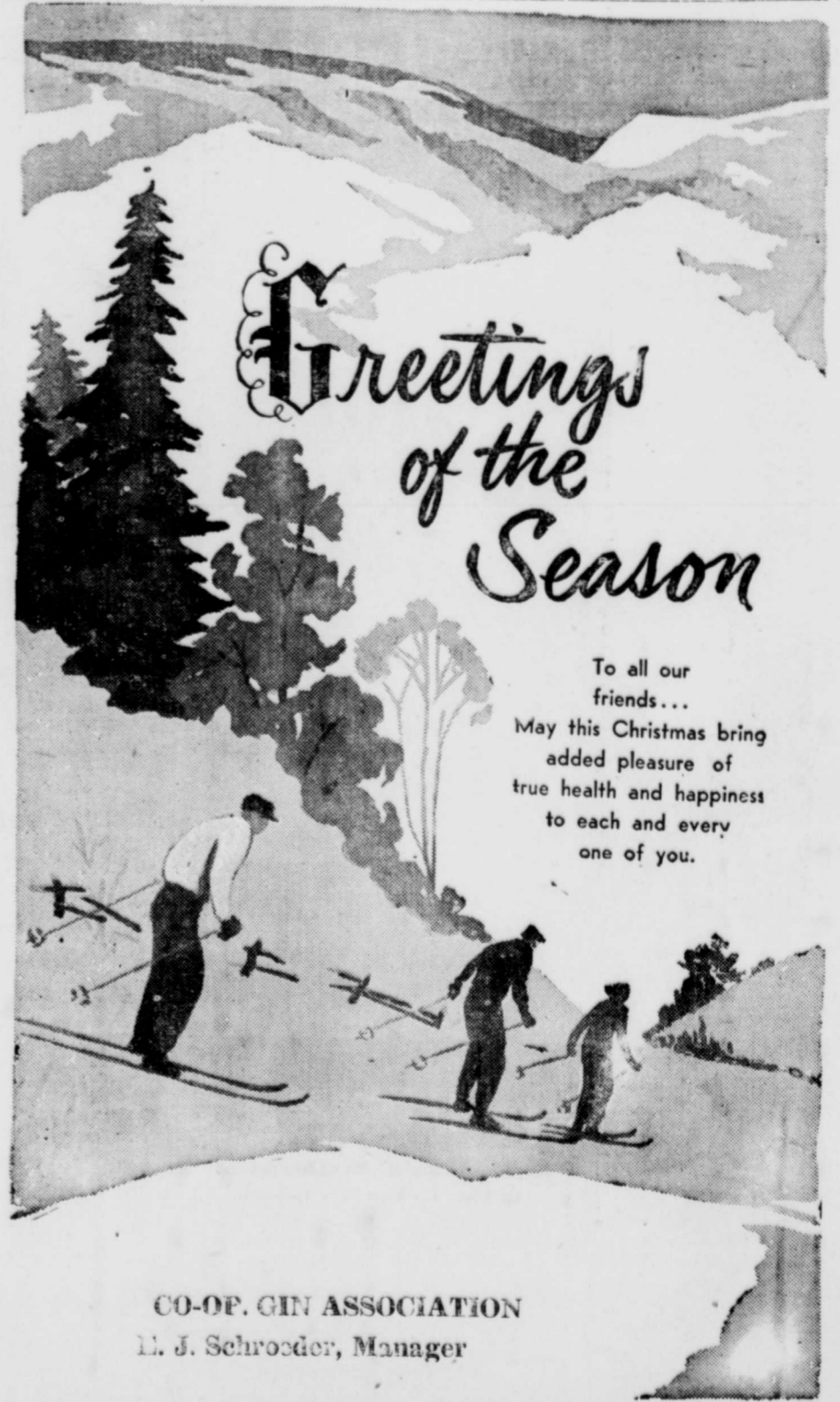
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By John C. White, Commissioner

A LETTER TO SANTA

Note: This letter was first published in the San Antonio Express during the Christmas Season of 1952. The writer was Miss Lois Weekes, then Society Editor, and now an Odessa housewife. It has a universal appeal and is especially fitting in these days when we sometimes tend to forget the real meaning of Christmas.

John C. White, Commissioner of Agriculture
 Mr. Santa Clause
 C/O Childhood Hearts
 North Pole
 Dear Mr. Claus:
 I hope you will remember me, wife. It has a universal appeal and is especially fitting in these days when we sometimes tend to forget the real meaning of Christmas.

spelled Bicycle with a "B" and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistake in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. It is we who bring your letters to my father to mail and its worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nicer to ME, then", from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but Dece-ber's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank you" for other Christ-mas news than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the "fat" old man you transplant a little of the feeling of holy, de-licious tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas tree, the "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" hymns, to those who are spreading their fest Christmas away from all that? And especially, to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all that it is a Birthday we are celebrat-ing, not just an expense respite from the rest of the year? Could you tell us that the cards and our packages, the messages sent in warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never grow up—that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll be staging it always?

I think you will because though you've seen central heat-ing replace the chimney you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christ-mas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechan-ized, Mr. Claus. Sincerely yours,
 Lois Weekes

Safety Important When Christmas Tree Is Erected

You feel that Christmas is really here when you start un-packing decorations and putting up the tree. For decorating the home with traditional or original fancies makes the season as full of Christmas as a holly berry.

Safety considerations should rate high when you put up your tree, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, the tree is Christmas' greatest hazard.

They suggest: Choose a small tree that will fit outdoors until a few days before setting it up. If you have land, pick a live tree—cover the dirt with foil and plant it outdoors. Saw the butt of a cut tree electrically and stand it in a tub of water; insert it away from a fireplace exit or radiator; avoid untreated paper or cotton ornaments. Use electric lights with UL (Underwriters' Labora-tory) mark. . . . never use candles! Don't run electric trains around the base and don't use outlets or plugs under the tree.

When your tree is set up, wire the top to the molding or window frame, using something like light aluminum wire which is incon-spicuous.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family isn't home. Check your tree regularly to see if needles near the lights are turning brown, and if they are, move the lights to another spot.

RESERVOIR WATER EVAPORATION UNDER STUDY BY RESEARCHERS

Texas is losing almost as much water from reservoir evaporation annually as it uses each year and a water evaporation confer-ence held at Southwest Research Institute Dec. 1 to discuss the problem resulted in organization of the Southwest Cooperative Project on Control of Evapora-tion of Water from Reservoirs.

Col. E. V. Spence of Big Spring, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, was appointed committee chair-man to seek sponsorship for a research project to check reser-voir evaporation. Representatives of leading river authorities and water districts of Texas and other water conservation leaders at-tended the organizational confer-ence.

Water conservation expert Dr. Louis Koenig, vice-president of Southwest Research Institute, told the group that Texas is losing about 7-million acre feet of water by reservoir evapora-tion each year. Total water usage in Texas is 8-million acre feet a year, he said.

Dr. Koenig proposed that fur-ther research be made on a thin (one-tenth of an inch) heavy chemical coating for reservoirs which would check evapora-tion. The thin film coating is non-injurious to aquatic life and has no effect on use of water for municipal, industrial or agricul-tural purposes.

Dr. Koenig said research ex-periments using this method have been tried out in Australia for the past several years with encouraging results. Southwest Research Institute engineers have estimated that water could be saved by this method at a cost of less than 80 cents per acre-foot—the cheapest water in reservoirs in Texas.

The committee endorsed an 18-month water conservation re-search program to be done at Southwest Research Center and on various bodies of water in the Southwest. Sponsors for the research will be sought by com-mittee chairman Col. E. V. Spence, P. O. Box 869, Big Spring, Tex.

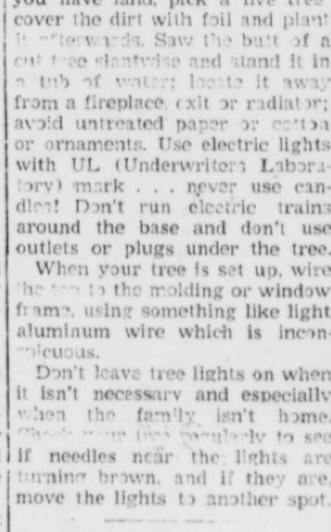
Attending the organizational meeting were John E. Babcock, development supervisor, Lower Colorado River Authority, Aus-tin; R. M. Dixon, chairman, State Board of Water Engineers, Aus-tin; Howard R. Drew, senior en-gineer representing the Texas Electric Service Co., Ft. Worth; S. W. Freese, partner, Freese and Nichols, Ft. Worth; Ed Felder, executive secretary, Texas Water Resources Commission, Austin; Henry Graeger, superintendent, Dallas Water Department; Aus-tin P. Hamrick, Abilene city man-

ager; C. R. Marks, vice-president, Water District, Big Spring; Uel Ambursen Engineering Corp., Stephens, director, Ft. Worth Brazos River Authority, Hous-ton; E. V. Spence, general mana-ger, Colorado River Municipal Water District, Big Spring; Uel Ambursen Engineering Corp., Stephens, director, Ft. Worth Water Department; A. T. Thomp-son Jr., engineer, State Health Department, San Antonio; R. A. Thompson Jr., manager, San An-tonio City Board; Sam L. War-rington, engineer, Texas State Department of Health, South San Antonio Station.



We really do hope this will be the merriest Christmas ever. May your life be filled with the joys of many friendships.

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Abilene (SPL)—Hotel Sudds Chairman of the Colt Club at Texas-Simmons University is Hal Haralson of Lorraine, Texas.

Mr. Haralson is a Junior student at the university. He is a member of the Life Service Band, BSU and Bronco Staff. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Haralson, Lorraine, Texas.

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7 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.

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

9 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.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I

bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this

day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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

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



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Co-Ownership For E & H Bonds Possible

The U. S. Savings Bonds Division today pointed out that many investors apparently are unaware of the co-ownership provisions of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds. In response to inquiries being directed to the Treasury Department, A. D. Leatherman, Acting State Sales Director, gave the following explanation of the provisions:

"Although individual purchases in any calendar year of Series E Bonds are limited to \$20,000 (\$15,000 purchase price) and of Series H Bonds to \$20,000 (purchase price), additional holdings by individuals are allowed under co-ownership provisions.

"For example, take the case of a family of four, none of whom are registered owners or co-owners of Series E Bonds. The husband can purchase \$20,000 (maturity value) in E Bonds in his own name, and if he wishes, he can also purchase an additional \$60,000 (maturity value) in E Bonds registered as follows: \$20,000 in his name with his name with one child as co-owner, and \$20,000 in his name with the other child as co-owner.

"In this example, the husband as the sole owner of \$20,000 and as a co-owner of \$60,000 in E

Bonds, can redeem all or part of the Bonds without obtaining the signature of any of the other co-owners. The same co-ownership provisions apply to Series H Bonds since purchase limits of E and H Bonds are applied separately. In the case of the H Bond, semi-annual interest checks on the full amount held individually and in co-ownership are mailed to the owner.

"Series E is an appreciation Savings Bond earning interest for as long as 10 years after original maturity of 9 years and 8 months. The H Bond is a current income Savings Bond paying interest by check twice a year and maturing in 9 years and 8 months. It is issued and redeemed at face value."

During the past two weeks Texas Highway Patrolmen have conducted a systematic District-wide Survey of Driver's Licenses on Federal and State Highways

in the thirteen-county Abilene District.

A total of 4,720 drivers were checked, of this number 4,239 were Texans.

The results of the survey disclosed that 114 or 2.7% of the Texas residents did not have a valid drivers license.

Captain G. L. Morahan, Commanding Officer of the Abilene District of the Texas Highway Patrol, said that 83 of the Texas Drivers had never been licensed and 31 more had either lost their licenses or were operating on expired permits.

Captain Morahan announced that the survey would be continued during the next two weeks. He said that road blocks are not being set up but that Patrol Units will continue to stop vehicles on selected highways for spot checks on driver's licenses.

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FRIDAY
Saturday
DECEMBER 30-31

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Tuesday
December 27

Leo Gorcey, Huntz Hall and The Bowery Boys as
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Merry Christmas

May this greeting bring you Enough Christmas cheer To last through every wonderful day Of a sparkling bright New Year.

PRODUCERS GIN COMPANY
R. R. Terry, Manager

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Laseter and little daughter from El Paso arrived Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hamilton have bought the Jack Walker home on Market St. and moved there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin and little son of Victoria Air Force Base, came in last week and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Martin and with her parents in Midland. Also visiting in the Martin home over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Martin and children from Odessa.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Baptist W. M. U. met Monday at the church in Royal Service Program, using the topic, "A Mighty Fortress is our God", with emphasis on prayer.

The Mewshaw circle conducted the program, with Mrs. A. R. Miles directing.

To open the program, Mrs. W. C. Rogers led the song, "O' Little Town of Bethlehem", with Mrs. Dexter Taylor at the piano. Following the devotional by Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Loyd Wiggins led in prayer. Mrs. Rogers led in reading the song, The Mighty Fortress is our God, after which Mrs. O. C. Lucas led in prayer.

Giving topics on the program were: E. O. Cleaver, O. C. Lucas, H. L. Leach, Earl Phillips, B. E. Lee, Loyd Wiggins and Price Hall.

Mrs. Dexter Taylor led another prayer preceding the singing of "Away in a Manger". The song, Joy to the World, and prayer by Mrs. J. W. King closed the meeting.

Refreshments were served to 12 members by the Jessie Glass Circle.

Following the program, Mrs. Wiggins presented a TV lamp from the W. M. U. to its president, Mrs. E. B. Lee.

Ablene (SPL)—As a member of the Hardin-Simmons University Life Service Band, Hal Haralson of Loraine, Texas recently appeared as preacher at the Glenmore Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

The university Life Service Band group is under the direction of Truett Sheriff, director of religious activities at Hardin-Simmons. It is organized for the purpose of serving both the campus and local and area Baptist churches. Prof. Sheriff explained Mr. Haralson is a junior student at Hardin-Simmons University. He is a member of Life Service Band, Baptist Student Union, Colt Club, Bronco Staff.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Haralson, of Route 1, Loraine, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Beights of Highland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lankford Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere Thanks from the depth of my heart to all our friends and good neighbors for the nice food, cards and flowers they made possible for me to enjoy since I have been sick the past four months. May God send multiplied blessings to each of you in our prayer. Merry Christmas to each one.

Mrs. Fred Lankford

Mrs. Minnie Fairbairn returned home last week after visiting her niece, Miss Richard Looby in Midland several weeks.

G. A. GROUP ENJOY PARTY

Mrs. Roy Linder, Intermediate G. A. Counselor, entertained with a hamburger supper for the group Thursday night, December 15.

After the supper games were played and all took part in singing Christmas carols and gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree.

Present were Golda Cary, Pat Nash, Bessie Miles, Treva Hays, Gene Kidd and Joyce Graham.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admitted — Freddie Bowlin, Dale Hildebrand, accident; Mrs. Lynn Hamilton, Neil Miles, Mr. M. V. Fowler, Ralph Lankford, Glenn Long, Mrs. Buen Claxton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Doggett, Roscoe a girl, Nedra Jean on December 15.

Dismissed — Mrs. Coy Wood-dell, Freddie Bowlin, Mrs. A. F. Doggett and daughter, Dale Hildebrand, Mrs. Willie Spurgin and daughter, Neil Miles, Mrs. Lynn Hamilton and Mr. M. V. Fowler.

STUDENT NIGHT AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Students from Colleges and Universities will have charge of the services at the Baptist church Sunday night, December 25.

Hal Haralson will preach both morning and evening services. Others who will take part are Jimmy Hall, Erma Hays, Zek Driggars and Dale Haralson from Hardin Simmons University and Richard Cary from Texas Tech.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barron were Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Madison and Day-

thon of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hallman of Goodman, Mo., Ralph Hallman from Pasadena, Calif. and Mrs. Ruby Compton from Memphis, Texas visited Mrs. C. T. Beights and other relatives here this week.

Santa Suggests --



FOR HER

- HOSE Nylon stretchables by Trellis 15 Denier with Lanolin \$1.49
- ROBES Quilted trim-rayon 5.98
- COATS Poodle cloth 19.98
- BEDJACKETS Pink and blue 2.00-4.49
- GOWNS Rayon Jersey 2.98
- Sleeveless 2.98
- With long sleeves 3.98
- HOUSE SHOES TV Metallic cloth 3.49
- FROCKS VH cottons 3.98-5.38
- Rayons 7.98-10.98

FOR HIM

- HOSE Lean Brand Shorties 89c
- Rayon 49c
- ROBES Blanket or Rayon \$6.49
- JACKETS Reversible gabardine 11.49
- PAJAMAS 3.29-4.29
- SHIRTS Gabardine sports by Paddle and Saddle 3.98
- HOUSE SHOES Brown leather 4.49
- LEVIS The original 3.59-3.79

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OCEAN SPRAY 2 CANS

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TO ARRIVE FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson will have their two daughters and their families, with them during the Christmas week end. They are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gates and daughters of Tania and Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Stafford and children, Colorado Springs, Colo. Also planning to be here are her nieces, Mrs. E. G. Schumpelt and

Mr. Schumpelt and children from Silver City, N. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hart from Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Britton and children attended a Christmas dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wallace in Colorado City for employees and their families of the Wallace Motor Company.

Merry Christmas

It is our pleasure to send this greeting to you with all good wishes for a pleasant Holiday Season.

Our Store will close at 11 a. m. Sunday Dec. 25, and be open from 1 to 6 p. m. Monday Dec. 26.

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Greetings

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JOY TO YOU

We wish for you and yours the very merriest of Christmases. And we hope our friendship will grow stronger throughout the coming year.

Green Gro. and Market

Dale Haralson Is Champion Reader

Winners in Hardin-Simmons University's annual Freshman Reading Contest were announced Tuesday evening by Prof. Emogene Emery, director of the fall event.

Champion reader in the girls' division is Ann Smith of San Antonio. Dale Haralson of Loraine won prime honors among

university male readers. Second and third places among the entrants went to Norman Crisp of Dallas and Wayne Blankenship of Artesia, New Mexico.

Two Abilene women, Mary Ann Harris and Clara Ann Bennett, ranked second and third among female campus entrants.

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Contest prizes were: first place, women, \$25; first place, men, \$25. Second and third place prizes were in the form of university scholarships and were given to the HSU speech department by an anonymous donor.

Of 30 original contestants for the reading prizes, 20 were women students, necessitating two divisions from the section of the contest, according to Miss Emery. Four entries were chosen from each division for final consideration.

Wednesday Club Holiday Party

Mrs. Wade Preston hosted the annual Holiday dinner for the Wednesday club last week.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old. This is my first year in school and I like it fine. For Christmas I would like very much to have a new bicycle with horn and carrier. My little sister, Jan, who is two years old, would like to have a doll buggy and a new d-ll. We would each like to have some fruit, nuts and candy.

family. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dwaine Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Smith and family all of Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Rankin and Mrs. Henry Yarr and Mrs. B. B. Lee and girls,

Loraine, Mr. and Mrs. Loal Brown and family, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Norman from Rankin and Mrs. Henry Yarr and Mrs. B. B. Lee and girls,

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Yams lb	.10
Oranges 5 lb bag Texas	.39
SOUR OR DILL	
Pickles Ma Brown Pt	.22
MIRACLE WHIP PT.	
Salad Dressing	.35

Crisco 3 lb	.79
Sugar Pure Cane 10 Pounds	.95
Flour Aunt Jemima 10 lb	.89
FOLGERS COFFEE lb	.89
Eng. Peas Green Giant No 303	.22
Green Beans Del Monte No 303	.22
Tomato Juice Hunts 46 oz	.25

Quality Meats

Loin Steak lb	.69
Pork Chops lb	.49
Lean Pork Roast lb	.39
MATCHLESS OR MIDWEST	
Bacon lb	.39
DRESSED CHICKEN	
Hens lb	.55
Hams lb	.49
1/2 OR WHOLE, GOOCH BLUE RIBBON	
Picnic Hams lb	.39

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OCEAN SPRAY No. 300	
Cranberry Sauce	.19
HIP-O-LITE	
Marshmallow Cream	.25
Borden's Eagle Brand Milk	.29
BAMA 20 OZ. TUMBLER	
Strawberry Preserves	.63
Raisins Del Monte lb	.19
BETTY CROCKER White, Chocolate or Yellow	
Cake Mix	.29

Theatre Group Feted at Pre-Xmas Party

Mrs. Fay McCollum entertained employees of the Lorex and Dona-Lin Theatres with a Christmas party after the show Wednesday night.

December 16 Loraine, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old. I would like a bicycle, walking doll, a set of dishes, fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget my sister and mother.

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PRIMARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The teachers of the Primary Dept. entertained their pupils Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 in the Educational Building of the First Baptist Church.

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FOR TYPING

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Carpenter returned home Tuesday after a two weeks visit with relatives in Plain Dealing and other points in Louisiana and with friends in Dallas.

MRS. D. R. SMITH HOSTS FAMILY DINNER

Mrs. D. R. Smith hosted a dinner Saturday at noon for her children and their families. Those present were D. R. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith and family, Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith and

Dear Santa Claus: I'm a little girl 7 years old. I would like a bicycle, walking doll, a set of dishes, fruit, nuts and candy.

Don't forget my sister and mother. With much love, Sandra Chamness

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CARPENTER FAMILY HAS EARLY CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Carpenter entertained with their annual dinner and tree Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Merl Carpenter and family of Andrews left after the dinner for Marshall, Texas where Mrs. Carpenter will spend the holiday week with her parents.

BROWNIE TROUPS PACK CHEER BOX

Members of the Brownie Troups prepared a Christmas cheer box and members of 23-2 Troop carried the box to the home Tuesday afternoon.

Children participating were

Carolyn Schroeder, Beverly Doyle, Charla Martin, Kitty Forsythe, Linda Claxton, Linda Chapman, Linda Cornutt, Linda Guber, Nancy Coffee, Rachel Beights, Rita Templeton, Vicki Baird, Norma Bennett, Sandra Chamness, Sherry Graham, Verle Hale, Nelda Lynn, Janet Sue Hall and Mrs. E. J. Schroeder, Mrs. Gene Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schroeder

and daughters will spend the Christmas week end with his mother, Mrs. A. J. Schroeder at Hondo, Texas.

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