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Merry Christmas



W. L. McConnell Dies Tuesday

W. L. McConnell, 95, a retired farmer at Bogata, died Tuesday at 12:30 p. m. in Red River Haven Nursing Home where he had been about two years. Born at Ladonia, Fannin County, July 4, 1875, he was a son of Clay and Lizzie Ann (Privitt) McConnell.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p. m. in First Baptist Church by the Rev. Arthur Bond. Burial was in the Cuthand Cemetery under the direction of Bogata Funeral Home.

Mr. McConnell married the former Anna Mahley at Cuthand Sept. 16, 1900, and she survives, besides 11 children: J. C. McConnell and Mrs. W. H. Banks-ton of Seymour, W. V. McConnell of Stephens, Ark., A. D. McConnell of Kilgore.

Also I. E. and Sam McConnell, Mrs. Iva Williams, Mrs. A. W. Harville and Mrs. Ennis Moore, all of Bogata; Mrs. Maggie Taylor of Stanton and Mrs. Naylor Ruth Jones in Alabama, besides a number of other descendants in three generations. Mr. McConnell was the father of W. V. McConnell of Stephens, Ark., former Talco residents.

Oscar W. Martin Death Dec. 9

Oscar Walter Martin, son of Mrs. Walter Martin and the late Dr. Martin formerly of Dallas, died December 9 at his home in Adam City, Colo. Funeral services were held in Dallas Dec. 11 at 10 a. m.

Survivors are his mother, one sister, Dr. Tom Shires and a brother, Dr. Wayne Evans Martin.

Martin was born Dec. 23, 1929 and lived most of his life in Dallas, where his father practiced medicine. He was a nephew of Mrs. W. O. Westbrook and Mrs. Clara Barham of Deport.

Baptist Youth Christmas Party

Friday evening at 6:30 the young people of the First Baptist Church will meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church for their annual Christmas party. Each person is to bring a gift to exchange, with the girls bringing a gift for a girl and the boys a gift for the boys.

The young people will present the play "Scrooge's Niece" under the direction of Mrs. Charlie Roberts, Sunday evening at 6:30. An all church banquet will be held at 4:30 p. m. Saturday in Fellowship Hall of the church.

Fellowship Meet First Baptist Church

The churches of the Fellowship Association met with the First Baptist Church Thursday night for their quarterly Baptist Training Service and annual church rally for the Texas Baptist Children's Home at Waxahachie. Each church brought love offerings and gifts of fruit, cookies, cakes, school supplies, etc.

Rev. Ted Stanley, president of the Home was guest speaker for the evening. After a short devotional he showed slides of the home, the children and their activities.

The next meeting will be March 11, 1971, with the Macedonia Church, Pittsburg.

Talco P-TA Has Xmas Program

The Talco Parent - Teachers Association met in the school auditorium Wednesday afternoon for their Christmas program. Mrs. Paul Miller Jr., president, presided during a short business session after which Mrs. Leroy Morgan introduced Mrs. Dorothy Long. Mrs. Long's elementary school music school students presented the Christmas program.

The second and third grade class mothers served refreshments of cookies, spiced tea and coffee.

State Capital NEWS

Austin. — Secretary of State Martin Dies Jr., as Texas' chief election officer, has urged complete overhaul of the state's primary election machinery and voter registration system.

Dies told the House committee studying election reform that Texas faces a crisis in election operations and must, with counties, assume financing and conduct of primaries.

Election fees, although already too high, said Dies, no longer adequately finance elections. Texas' chief election officer said he personally favors September and October primaries to concentrate the election period, ease the strain on candidates and increase voting voter interest.

Dies also strongly recommends the junking of annual voter registration and substituting the system of re-registration - by - voting used by most states.

Both early primaries (and January 31 voter registration cutoff) and annual registration are under court attack.

If Federal judges declare both unconstitutional, Dies told the committee, Texas will be unable to hold primaries or register voters until the Legislature orders changes.

LAND - BOND SALE — Veterans Land Program, in limbo for a year, got a new lease on life with the sale of \$25 million worth of bonds at a weighted average interest rate of 4.06 per cent.

Low bid was submitted by Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York and Salomon Brothers. Others ranged from 4.09 to 4.14 per cent.

Veterans Land Board apparently made low bids possible by offering the sale with eight to 18-year payoffs instead of the usual 25-year and longer-term bonds. Even though veterans have 40 years to pay off land purchases under the program, surpluses accumulated since 1949 make short-term bonds feasible, according to a land office spokesman.

Although the Board was authorized to sell some \$140 million more, bonds could not be marketed earlier because they were subject to the constitutional interest rate limit of 4.5 per cent.

Latest bond offering, to the surprise of nearly everybody, brought five bids below the rate ceiling.

Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler, Board chairman, said guidelines for applications by veterans under the revised program for purchase of land on long-term, low-interest loans soon will be released.

Applications, according to Sadler, must be filed by the middle of January.

Last bonds were marketed two years ago before interest rates took off on a long, steep climb

Christmas Party WSCS Monday

Twinkling Christmas lights greeted guests as they drove into circle driveway of the Alex Waddell home last Monday evening. The occasion was the annual Christmas party of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First United Methodist Church of Talco. Mrs. George Thompson was program leader using the theme, "What Christmas Means." Assisting with the program were Mmes. Frank Sloan, Louis Cunningham, L. G. Adams, Forest Blair, Carol Jean Diron, W. S. Richardson, A. E. Foster. The closing thought of the program was that the world's greatest need is that every day be Christ-mass, the celebration of Christ, the expression of His spirit in everyday life.

Secret pals were revealed with the giving of gifts. Then Santa Claus, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Dixon, distributed Christmas gifts to everyone from a gaily ornamented tree. The hostess, Mrs. Alex Waddell, served a delicious salad supper from a festive table. Other members present were Mmes. Herschel Kelly, C. C. Penn, E. W. Burks. Special

upward. About \$115 million in bonds authorized by voters still remain unsold. This new \$25 million sale is expected to meet the demands for four years.

DREDGERS ORDERED OUT — Parks and Wildlife Department ordered three shell dredge operations working offshore from the Aransas Wildlife Refuge to discontinue operations in north San Antonio Bay by January 1.

Area closed extends from McDowell Point on the west to about midway between Swan Point and Mosquito Point on the east.

PWD said dredges were disturbing the freshwater - saltwater balance in part of a 16,000-acre area. Survival of marine organisms below half an inch in length was threatened by salt water inflow resulting from the dredging. PWD spokesmen claimed.

COURTS SPEAK — In a major decision, the State Supreme Court affirmed lower court findings on U. S. water rights for the Rio Grande from the Falcon Reservoir south of Laredo to the Gulf Coast.

This fifteen-year old legal action affects nearly a million people and 850,000 acres of Rio Grande Valley farmland.

High Court reversed lower courts and held that a Dallas woman was entitled to a \$4,673 jury award for the death of her son in an automobile wreck due to negligence of the driver.

Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the life sentence given a Port Arthur man in a shooting, since no evidence backed up the testimony of an alleged accomplice.

AG OPINIONS — Discovery by the commissioners court on a tax collector's lists of "delinquent or insolvent taxpayers" having personal property in their possession subject to a delinquent tax levy is sufficient to warrant refusal of list certification. So held Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin in a recent opinion.

STATE GROWTH SLOWS — Texas growth slowed during 1970 due largely to the impact of the federal fiscal policy, Texas Employment Commission reported to Governor Smith.

TEC maintains that the whole picture is not bleak, however. Unemployment rose from 2.6 per cent to 3.7 per cent, highest closeout figure since 1965. (Several major areas were hit by defense spending cuts.)

Labor force continued to grow but at a slower rate and total employment was estimated at more than 4.6 million at the end of the fiscal year. This was up 1.5 per cent from the previous year. Hurricane Celia was blamed for the decline in agricultural employment to 4.3 million.

Calvary Baptist Presents Cantata

The choir of the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco will present the cantata, "The Carol of Christmas" on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p. m. The church is located on Farm Road 71, east in Talco. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beasley of Vidalia, La., visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fuller. Also visiting Monday with the Fullers were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Clark of Mt. Pleasant. Both couples are former Talco residents.

Mrs. Mattie Eberts received word of the birth of a new grandson, born Dec. 10, 1970 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Eberts of Houston. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs, and was named Christopher Wayne. Mrs. Eberts is the former Sylvia Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lewis of Texarkana. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis of Talco.

guests included Mrs. James Walker from Bogata, Mrs. Johnnie Crane from Hagansport and Mrs. Riley Gibson of Talco.

Rivercrest Girls Win Cooper 'B'

The Rivercrest girls "B" team walked off with the biggest trophy of the girls' tournament in Cooper Saturday night, as they defeated Savoy, 51-23.

Top shooters for the Rivercrest girls was Amelia Bolin with 20 points and Burris scored 25 points for Savoy.

Prairiland High boys "B" team won the boys championship as they defeated Mt. Vernon, 68-54.

Children's Choir To Present Music

This Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the worship service at the First United Methodist Church of Talco, will include music presented by the Children's Choir. The title of the sermon by the pastor, Rev. George A. Thompson, is "We Have a Story to Tell." Advent Coin folders will be turned in during the morning service and placed on a tree for Christ.

As several members of the church will be participating in the Christmas Cantata at the Calvary Baptist Church, the worship service this Sunday evening will be dismissed.

UMLF and Junior Fellowship meet as scheduled at 6:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Kirb Lowery of Bogata visited their sister, Mrs. Vivian Westbrook during the week end.

Traffic Crashes In Texas May Claim 87 Lives

Austin. — Colonel Wilson F. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, warned today that traffic crashes in Texas over the Christmas and New Year holiday periods may claim as many as 87 lives.

He said 52 deaths are expected in the 78 hours of Christmas from 6 p. m. Thursday, December 24 to midnight Sunday, December 27. He also estimated 35 traffic deaths during the New Year holiday from 6 p. m. Thursday, December 31 to midnight Sunday, January 3.

Speir said the Department of Public Safety will place all available patrolmen on the highways during both holiday periods to enforce the law and aid motorists. He added that many local law enforcement agencies will be joining in this all-out effort to reduce the number of holiday accidents.

The DPS director said a special "Operation Motorcade" would be in effect over both holiday periods, during which periodic tabulations of traffic fatalities will be made and given the widest possible dissemination in order to focus public attention on the added dangers involved in holiday travel.

"We urge each individual driver to join in these efforts and help us prove the estimate of 87 fatalities too high. Many holi-

Talco - Bogata Methodist Men

Officers of the Talco-Bogata United Methodist Men were installed in an impressive service at the First United Methodist Church of Talco last Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Bob Watters, pastor of the Tension Memorial United Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant, gave the installation charge which was climaxed by the officers kneeling at the altar for prayer. Rev. Watters then gave an amusing but inspirational talk. The following men were installed for 1970-71: President, Jackie Couch; vice-pres., J. A. Davis; sec.-treas., Ole Anderson; chaplain, Jack Troutt; program chairman, Kenneth Jeffery; food committee, H. E. Bryson, Max Mauldin, A. E. Foster, L. G. Adams. President, Alex Waddell, presided. Rev. George Thompson gave a devotional and led in prayer.

Preceding the installation service about fifty-five persons enjoyed a lovely dinner in the gala decorated fellowship hall. A. F. Bowman and J. A. Davis were the chefs. Dr. James Walker offered grace.

Mrs. Johnny Barrett and son are here with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper until she receives orders to join her husband who is stationed in Germany.

day accidents can and will be prevented if Texans will adopt "Drive Friendly" as their personal slogan while behind the wheel," Speir added.

Open House At Guaranty Bond State Bank

An open house will be held at the Guaranty Bond State Bank in Mt. Pleasant, Saturday, December 19 from three until six at which time our new NCR Century business computer and our newly remodeled banking facilities will be shown to the public.

Lunch Room Menu

Bogata - Talco and Rivercrest Schools, Dec. 21 - 22.

MONDAY
Turkey - dressing and giblet - gravy - green beans, sweet potato - casserole, cranberry salad, fruit - cup, 1/2 pt. milk.

TUESDAY
Hamburger patty, toasted bun, seasoned red beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and pickles, ice cream, 1/2 pt. milk.
School dismissed Dec. 22 for Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis of Howe, Okla., visited Sunday and Monday with his brother, J. K. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fussell of Dickinson brought her mother, Mrs. J. L. Perry, home Saturday after she had spent three weeks visiting them and other relatives there. The Fussells also visited Mrs. Fussell's sisters, Mr. Robert Reid and Mr. Reid and Mr. O. O. Hanks.



JOY AT CHRISTMAS

This Christmastide, may the peace and contentment that comes with love, understanding and good will towards our fellowmen prevail throughout the world. And for you and yours especially, may the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its hopes brighter than ever before.

TALCO STATE BANK

APPRECIATED GIFTS

Garden tools do not sound very romantic as Christmas gifts, but if you choose them with care and buy high quality ones you'll be doing a gardening friend a favor. In the medium price range are such conveniences as electric hedge-clippers and lawn edgers.

CHRISTMAS DAY — TWO DATES IN HISTORY

It was on Christmas Day in the year 1646 that the truculent and capable Peter Stuyvesant, with a fleet of four little ships, sailed for the new world to become director general of New Amsterdam. The long, rough voyage came to an end the following May.

On Christmas Day in 1775, Washington crossed the Delaware. December 23, 1783 he stood before Congress at Annapolis and resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the American army. He arrived at Mount Vernon on Christmas Eve, and the

next day was possibly the happiest one in his long and busy life.

DECORATING TREES

The gaily decorated tree so much a part of Christmas has its counterpart in trees adorned with colorful trinkets during the ancient feasts of the winter equinox.

This pagan custom of decorating evergreens became associated with Christmas observances, and legends link it to the birth of Jesus. One such story says that on the night of the Nativity, all the woodland trees burst into bloom and bore fruit.

FOR FEASTING

Traditional Christmas treat in Spain is a sweet pastry called "dulces de almendra." The ingredients are sugar, flour, egg white and almonds.

BRINGING THE TREE

Christmas trees were first introduced to France in 1837, when Princess Helen of Mecklenburg married the Duke of Orleans and brought with her to Paris the Yule customs of her native country.

In spite of this and many later efforts to advance the cause of the Christmas tree, Parisians still prefer the earlier tradition, which says that gift exchange time for French adults is New Year's day.

"YES VIRGINIA" NOW 80

Virginia O'Hannon Douglas — who at the age of eight made famous the question: "Is There A Santa Claus?" is now eighty.

It was her letter to the old New York Sun that brought the often reprinted reply: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love, generosity and devotion exists, and you that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy."

GIVING GIFTS

Like greetings, gifts are synonymous with Christmas as part of a custom that probably has its beginning in the Wise Men's presentation of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child.

Some researchers trace the gift-giving tradition to even earlier, pre-Christian times. During pagan holidays observed at about the same time as the modern Christmas, ancient Romans and Britons exchanged gifts in token of the season.

PICTURING NATIVITY

The Christmas crib or presepio is an especially treasured part of the Portuguese holiday celebration. Every home and church seems to have one, and some of those in the churches are masterpieces of art.

Especially famous is the presepio in Estrella Church, Lisbon. This Nativity scene depicts the people of Bethlehem, in terra cotta figures. Unique among the crowd are the figures of an elephant and a bagpiper.

SINGING CAROLS

With voices lifted in harmony for "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and other beloved songs, today's carolers carry on a Christmas custom that originated centuries ago.

In the fourth century A. D., St. Basil was praised with a musical poem in honor of the fight for Christianity over the Byzantine emperor Julian. Later in Greece, legends of St. Basil were set to music and sung at Christmas and the New Year.

St. Francis of Assisi led the villagers of Greccio in singing hymns of praise to the Christ Child when in the 13th century he created a manger scene in this Italian town.

CHRISTMAS BUDGET BEST FOR THE YOUNGER SET

Until children are old enough to earn their Christmas money, they should be given an amount to spend for gifts for friends and relatives. If they can, it is even better to make their own gifts.

It is important that they be encouraged to enjoy giving as well as getting, simple inexpensive presents. This is something that will help determine their future attitude toward money.

If children are old enough to earn their Christmas money, but failed to do so, it can be pointed out that they will have to plan better for the next year. Perhaps there was no warning beforehand this year.

CHRISTMAS PLANTS

Don't overlook a gift that almost everyone enjoys receiving — a beautiful foliage plant.

Costs can range from the inexpensive to a major gift. Some plants to consider: shefflera — dependable and glossy leaved; croton — showy and trouble free; philodendron — lush foliaged and easy to grow; Christmas pepper — crowned with bright fruits, and rubber plant — tall and waxy leaved.

Make gay gift containers by painting cardboard paint buckets or trim clay pots with gay colored felt and contracting bows.

Coral snake bites are fatal in about 20 per cent of the cases.



Our thoughts, like good angels, fly to you on Christmas to wish you every blessing of this happy season.

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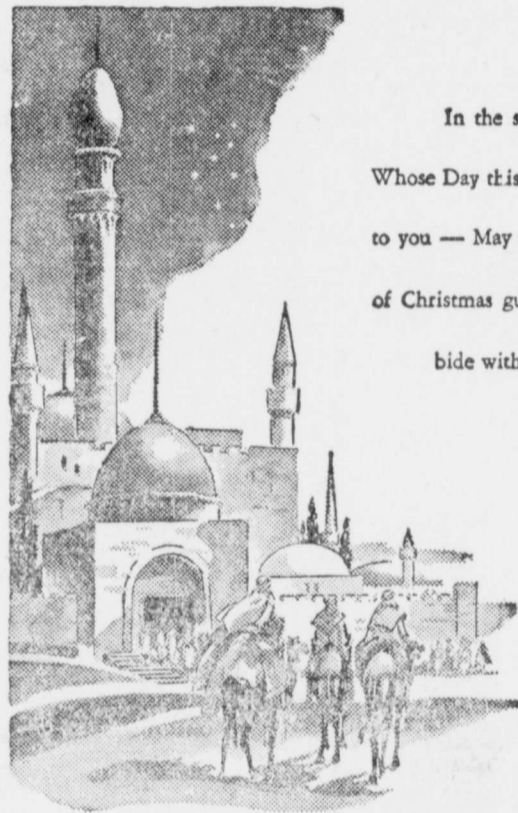
PARIS, TEXAS

IT'S TOO COMMON

In most of the United States, the poinsettia is a prized Christmas flower. In Hawaii, however, it grows so profusely that it is considered too common for such an important holiday. Potted orchids, anthurium or the orange-and-blue flower called "bird of paradise" are Hawaiian holiday favorites.

CARDS WERE GENERAL

Most of the popular Christmas cards of the later 19th century in Europe had no particular Christmas significance. There were some manger scenes and others of religious nature, but these were far outnumbered by landscapes, flowers, kittens, and similar objects.



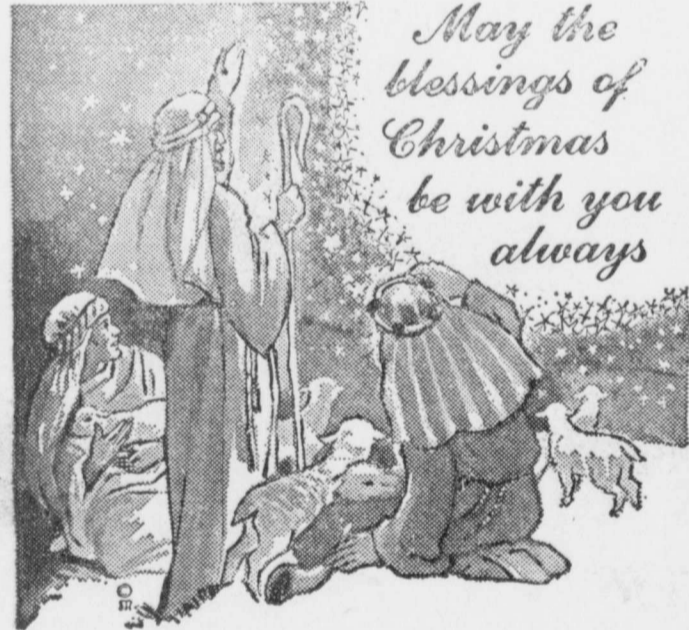
In the spirit of Him
Whose Day it is — we say
to you — May the blessings
of Christmas guide you and
bide with you, always!

DR. WM. C. RAGAN

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PARIS



May the blessings of Christmas be with you always

Christmas, 1970 years ago heralded the birth of the Christ Child.

Christmas today heralds the culmination of the holy season and the approaching new year. People have adopted the holy season as a time for exchanging gifts, family reunions and bountiful feasts in keeping with the great sacrifice the Master made for all — Too we have used this time to count our blessings—think of others — rededicate ourselves to principles for which the Master gave His all — for love, He gave His life for the sins of all —

No wonder that in every city and country today church steeples point to the sky continually teaching Christ's lesson of love.

May the joy of Christmas and the blessings of love be with you as you gather for the Christmas dinner with family and friends, and may this lesson of love permeate the hearts, minds and souls of all mankind — This is Deport Nursing Home's wish for you and our hope for the future.

Love for others will insure peace in the world — more powerful than armies, greater than kings, love is the present only friends will bring.

B. J. AND MARTHA CRAWFORD AND ALL THE STAFF OF

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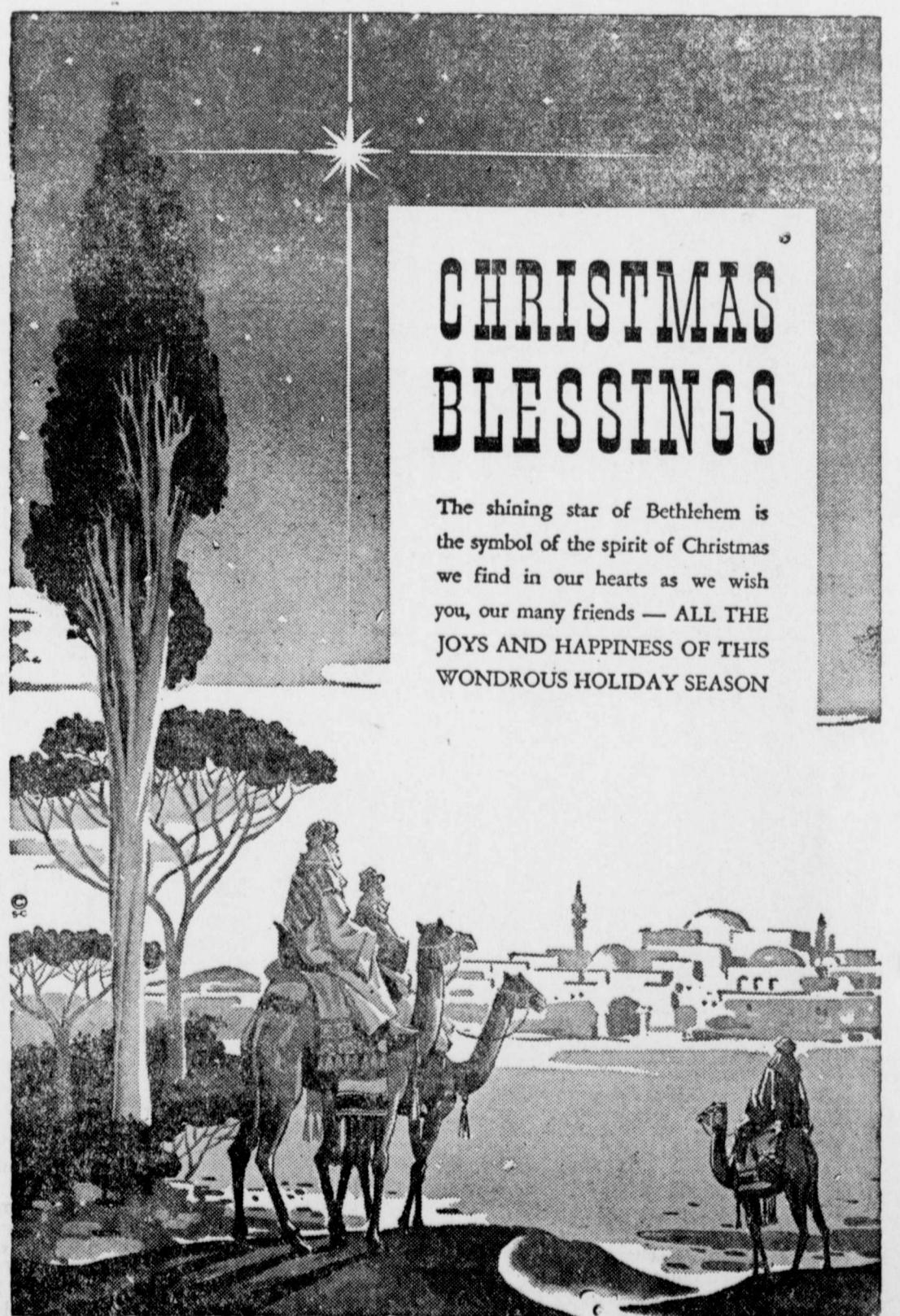
A Merry Christmas Greeting

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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RED RIVER HAVEN NURSING HOME, INC.

BOGATA, TEXAS

Community Greet Joyful Christmas

Throughout this community, the Christmas spirit finds expression, as once again, people are proving that this happiest of holidays is a time of tradition. A modern Christmas, just like a good old-fashioned Christmas, calls for gatherings of family and friends, with much merriment, fun and feasting. Gifts and Santa Claus express the mood of the season, especially for

the youngsters. Trees and other decorations, music and song, light and laughter set the scene. As a Christian holy day, celebrated in church services and private devotions, Christmas glows with the spirit of good will, and "peace and good will" is the wish and prayer, for all mankind.

All of these traditions of Christmas are wrapped up in one. The true spirit of Christmas is most happily expressed in the exchange of greetings. "Have a Merry Christmas." That says it all — the heartfelt hope for good things for others, the good feeling that prevails, the happiness of the season rising above problems and crises, the wish to give

and to share all the holiday joys and blessings.

As a special custom that symbolizes the spirit of Christmas, the exchange of greetings takes many forms. "Merry Christmas"

is said person-to-person, with smiles of gladness, wherever friends and family meet. "Merry Christmas" is the message of millions of greeting cards which travel across the miles. And

"Merry Christmas" is the theme of today's edition of this newspaper, in which businessmen of the community offer their special greetings and good wishes, their words of appreciation to patrons and friends.

chimney. According to this legend, when the Vikings of Norway celebrated the Yuletide or winter solstice in their great halls, a festive feature of the occasion was the appearance of the goddess Hertha in the fireplace.

As her name indicates, Hertha was goddess of hearth and home, and most appropriately arrived by way of the chimney, to deliver her Yuletide gifts of good luck and good cheer.

Still another explanation takes a practical point of view. Housewives of Northern Europe, cleaning house for the New Year, used to coax children to help with the chores by saying, "Let's clean the hearth. St. Nicholas will soon be coming down the chimney."

The children willingly set to work, and thus, says legend, a tradition was born. Even when he takes to helicopter or jet plane, Santa delivers his gifts by way of the chimney!

Capt. Ronald Amundsen located the magnetic north pole in 1906.

First use of jewels as bearings in watches dates back to 1700.

Promise yourself a Christmas of love, laughter and the joy of giving.

IT'S A MYSTERY

Mysterious things happen on Christmas Eve, say country legends of Switzerland. Young people may foretell the future, if they drink from nine different fountains while the midnight church bells chime. Then, if they hasten to the church steps, their future mates will await them there.

Somewhat less romantically, older folk seek to predict the weather for the coming year, using onion peels filled with salt.

TRACING SANTA

Santa's source, legend says, goes back to the fourth century, when St. Nicholas, a bishop of Asia Minor, was noted for his generosity and gift-giving.

In some countries St. Nicholas still retains his role as gift-bearer. His day is, traditionally, December 6th, and European children await him on St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th.

A gray horse and a white donkey have each been credited with the honor of transporting him on his gift-giving journeys.

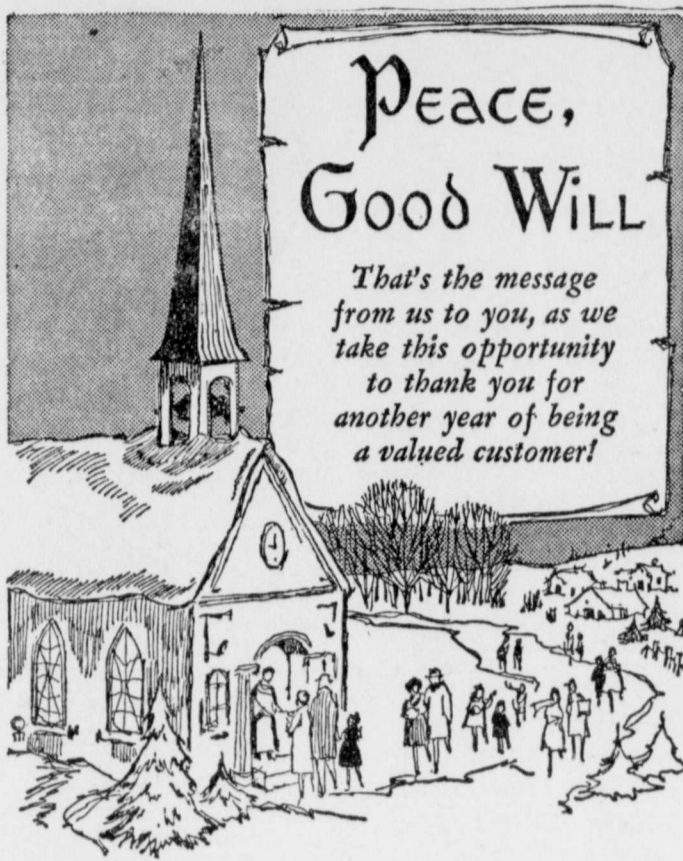
German beehives are painted bright colors to guide the bees to their own hives.

Merry Christmas

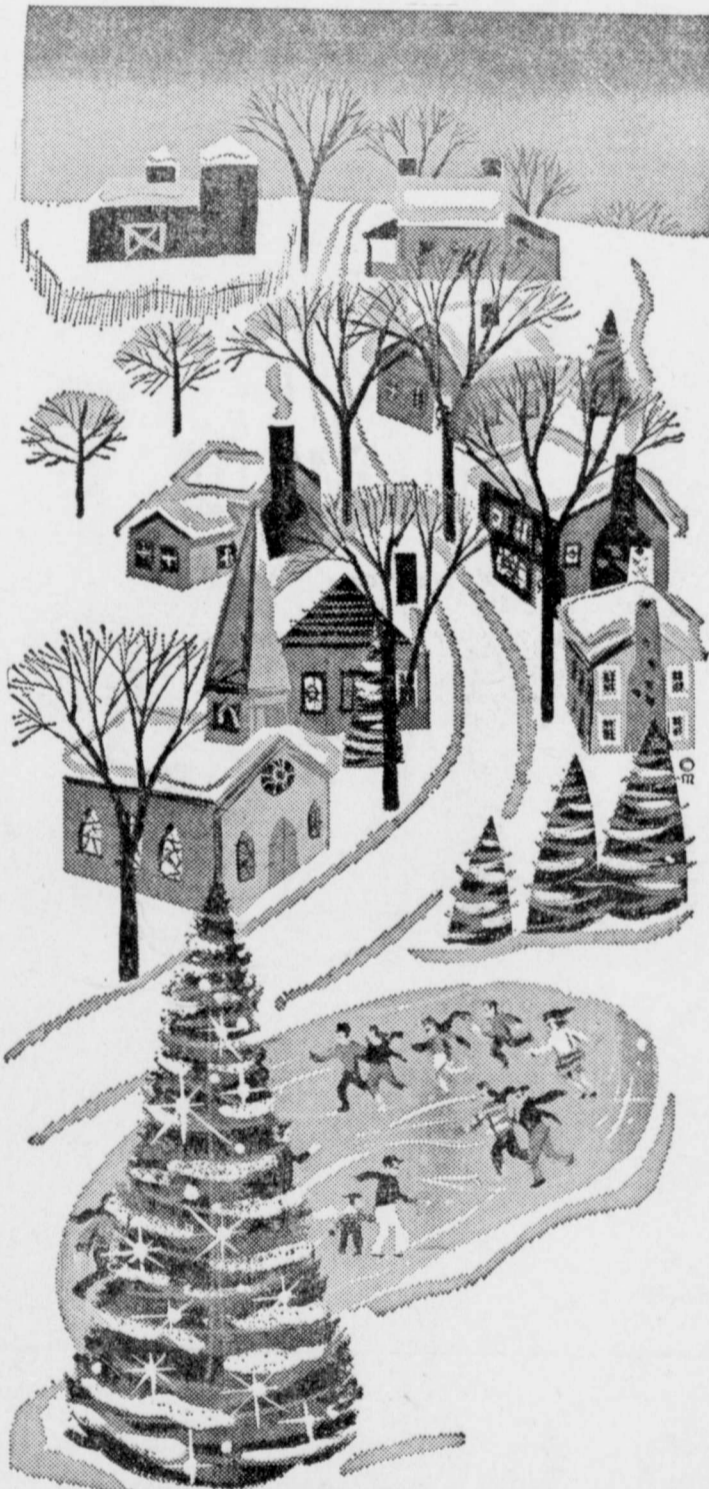
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MT. PLEASANT

Why Pick Chimney? St. Nick Has Reason

Why does Santa come down the chimney?

Of all the traditions connected with Santa, his unconventional mode of entry might seem the most puzzling. Surely the magical gift giver, who has the power to drive reindeer through the skies and who can cover the earth in a single night, could find an easier way to enter a house.

Like most of the lore of Christmas, Santa's choice of the chimney has several explanations. For instance, legend has it that the original Santa, St. Nicholas, presented three maidens with gift of gold for a dowry. Modestly concealing his generosity, he tossed the gold down a chimney, in secret.

Another theory claims that Santa copied a goddess, who was the first to deliver gifts via a



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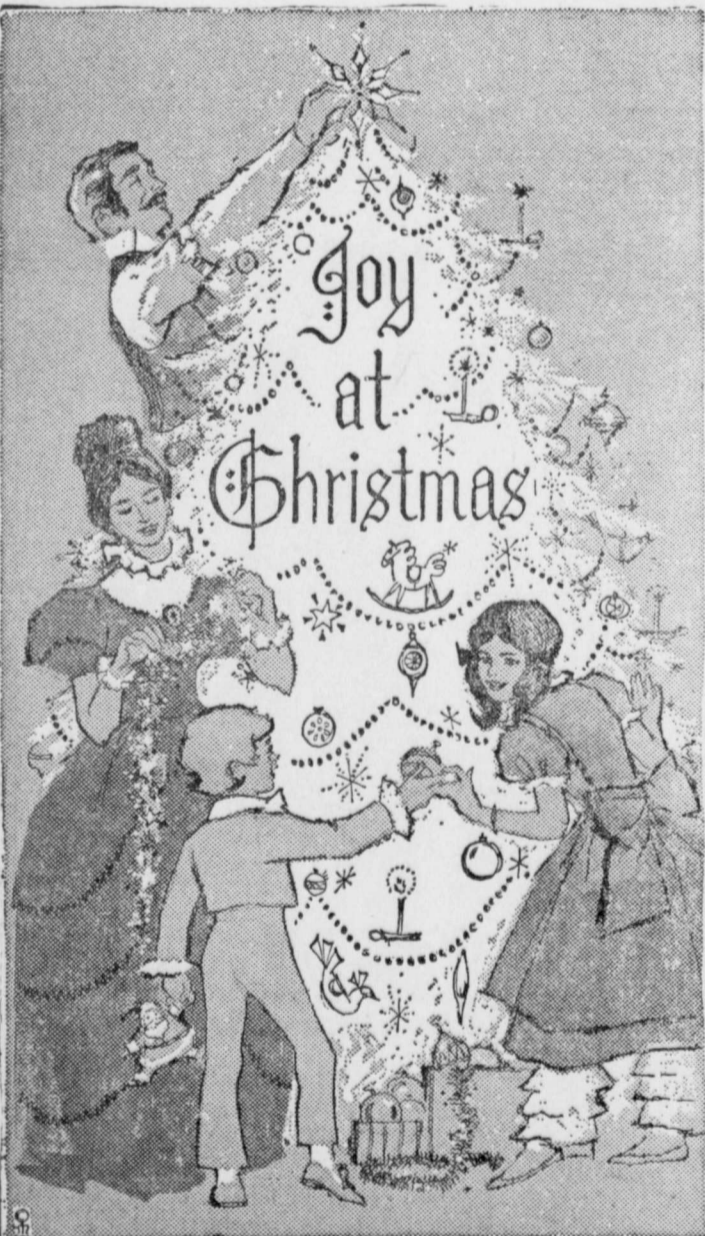


We wish you a Merry Christmas

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AYRES'

PARIS, TEXAS

WILKINSON
MRS. MORRIS BLALOCK
 Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock were Mr. and Mrs. L. Clark of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Barry of Hughes Springs and Mrs. Ada Duran of Pine Hill.
 Rev. Garnett Walker was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Phillips.
 Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blalock were Mr. and

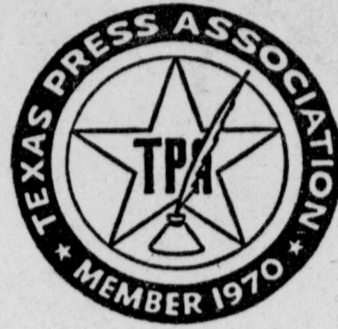
Mrs. James DeLaughter and daughter, Tracy of Irving and Elton Crabtree of Mesquite.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hall Riddle and Mrs. Winnie Bragg visited Mrs. Bragg's daughter, Mrs. Hugh Crooks, who is ill in the hospital in Longview.
 Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock were Mrs. Ada Duran of Pine Hill and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anschutz.
 Mrs. C. W. Hornbuckle and daughter of Dallas spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Moody Belcher, last week. Saturday dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock were Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Lenox and children of Liberty Hill community, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blalock and son and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blalock and girls of Mt. Pleasant.
 Mrs. Moody Belcher is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Hornbuckle of Dallas.
 Mrs. Brenda Neely of Marshall spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anschutz.
 Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dyke were Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Coates and daughter of Mt. Pleasant.

Aaron White at Bogata Sunday afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mayfield visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Horn at Bogata.
 Mrs. Julian Wilson and children of Waco visited over the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barnard.
 A tarantula has been known to live longer than 25 years in captivity.

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Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anschutz were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Anschutz and children of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McGee and children of Maple Springs community and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nixon and son of Mt. Pleasant.
 C. B. Harris returned home after a few days in the Memorial Hospital.
 Mr. and Mrs. Windol Anschutz and daughter of Mineola visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anschutz Sunday evening and also visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Blalock and his grandmother, Mrs. Cordie Phillips.
 Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dyke were Weldon Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Robertson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Robertson and children all of Mt. Pleasant, Kelton Smith, Raymond Smith and children of Maple Springs.

Mike and Keith Smith spent the week end with Thomas Dyke. Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Andrews and children of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harris and Mrs. Dean Brownlee of Mt. Pleasant were in Paris recently.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Haren were Leland Haren and children of Garland, Mrs. Jackie Carrington and children, Reba and Irby of Daingerfield.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anschutz were Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Hughes and children of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Ada Duran of Pine Hill community.

Rev. Garnett Walker of Mt. Pleasant visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harris.

Mrs. Alvin Blalock and Mrs. Morris Blalock shopped in Mt. Pleasant, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rommie Logan of Talco visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Byram Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bow Carlton of Oklahoma City spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Cordie Phillips and Saturday night visitor were L. C. Carlton of Oklahoma City.

OHNTOWN

MRS. FRANCIS POSTER

The community was saddened Sunday at the death of W. R. (Bill) Bain. Mr. Bain was a long time resident of our community. Our sympathy is extended to his entire family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hervey visited Monday at Naples with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller. Mrs. Miller underwent surgery a short time ago.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Hervey visited her sister, Mrs. Bale Stogner at Mt. Pleasant and also visited in Titus County hospital with friends, Mr. Cluster and Ralph Harkrider.

Mrs. Katie Pirtle visited Sunday in Bogata with her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Horn.

Mrs. David Hendricks and daughter, Stacey Lynn of Buras, La., arrived Sunday for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dodd Sr. and James Lyal.

Mr and Mrs. Charles Shockey visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs.

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Book Lovers Club Meeting Friday

The Book Lovers Club met Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ivy Smith for their Christmas party. The traditional red and green decorations were carried out in red poinsettias, holly and a silver Christmas tree with her and green shiny balls flickering by the blinker lights of many colors. On the mantle were tall red decorated candles and greenery, under which were two red and white stockings hanging over the fire place. The dining table was covered with a red and white Christmas cloth and centered with an arrangement of red poinsettias and golden berries in a green compote.

Each brought a hand made gift to be placed on the tree for exchange and it was very amusing to see the many unusual and useful things one can make. Mrs. M. E. Jones, president, opened the meeting and prayer was led by Mrs. Felix Jones. The roll call answers of "My Most Memorial Christmas" proved to be very interesting and amusing. Mrs. Smith brought the program on "Christmas." She was assisted by Mrs. J. W. Weatherall and Mrs. F. B. Haynes.

After the program, Mrs. Smith announced that since this is the

age of Aquarius and since she was born under the sign, she would direct a game on the zodiac signs. In the game done with zodiac cookies, Mrs. O. B. Hopwood was the winner of a prize, having a birthday in this month. Mrs. Felix Jones was the winner in the other game of Deselecting a Christmas Turkey.

Assisted by Mrs. Haynes, Mrs. Smith served sandwiches, cheese balls, nuts, pie and hot spiced tea. Red and white marshmallow snowmen were plat favors. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. M. E. Jones where she will direct a program on "What, When and Where." Mrs. Smith's napkins were imported from Denmark. She bought them in Little Denmark, the Danish capital of America in Solvang, California, while visiting there last summer.

Fuller Anniversary Reception Friday

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Fuller observed their golden wedding anniversary Friday with a reception at their home here. Mrs. Fuller, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Northern, and her husband, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Fuller, have four children: Mrs. Arthur Graham of Longview, Mrs. Joe Gibson of

Announce Marriage



After a honeymoon to Padre Island, Larry Dale Beard and his bride, the former Miss Sharon Lea Fereday, are residing in Arlington.

The wedding of the couple was solemnized Oct. 17 at Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Ft. Worth. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nolan R. Fereday, 3203 Ravinia and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan L. Beard of Fort Worth.

Reading the double ring ceremony was Rev. J. H. Ramsey Jr. and the bride was given in marriage by her father. An arch of candelabra, gladioli arrangements and greenery were used at the altar.

Honor attendants were Miss Shelia Beard, sister of the groom

Talco, R. T. Fuller Jr., of La-Marque and Thurman Fuller of Albany; fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The serving table was covered with a handmade lace cloth from the Bahama Islands, over yellow. with an arrangement of yellow roses, entwined with white miniature flowers, greenery and topped with three gold wedding bells, which was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haynes.

Mrs. Joe Gibson and Mrs. Floyd Haynes served angel food cake, pie, frosted punch and coffee. The coffee was poured from a silver urn. Those who called during the appointed hours were Raymond Allen of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Nickie Vandagriff of Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gray and sons, Tod and Timmy of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Fuller, Denise, Jenene, Keith and Lisa of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Graham of Longview, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Fuller Jr., Rennie, Becky and Guy of LaMarque.

Also Mr and Mrs. Henry Teague, Frank Sloan, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haynes, Mr. and Mrs.

Charlie Russell, Rev. and Mrs. Bob Williams, Mike, David, Steve and Andra, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson, Tim, Debbie and Ray, Mrs. Naomi Fitch and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fitch, all of Talco.

Those unable to come but sending gifts were Ruth Oliver, Bonnie Jaslea and Thelma Curby of LaMarque, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mackey and girls of Longview and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith, Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Luttrell.

CUNNINGHAM

By MRS. BERNIECE WYATT

Ms. and Mrs. James Nowwood entertained the gin hands with a fish supper Thursday evening at Winnsboro. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Darold Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Anderson, Cecil Oats and Mrs. Elizabeth Martir, Mi-

low Hunie and Taylor Ladd.

Mrs. C. E. Cooper was admitted to the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Sunday.

Ray Byers of Mesquite, spent two nights with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Baker last week.

Mrs. Berniece Bledsoe left Friday for Colorado Springs, Colo., to attend her sister, Mrs. Clemie Hart, who underwent surgery Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Deshazo of Houston, spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Joe Bailey Williams and Mr. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland Marshall of Dallas spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. Ethel Marshall.

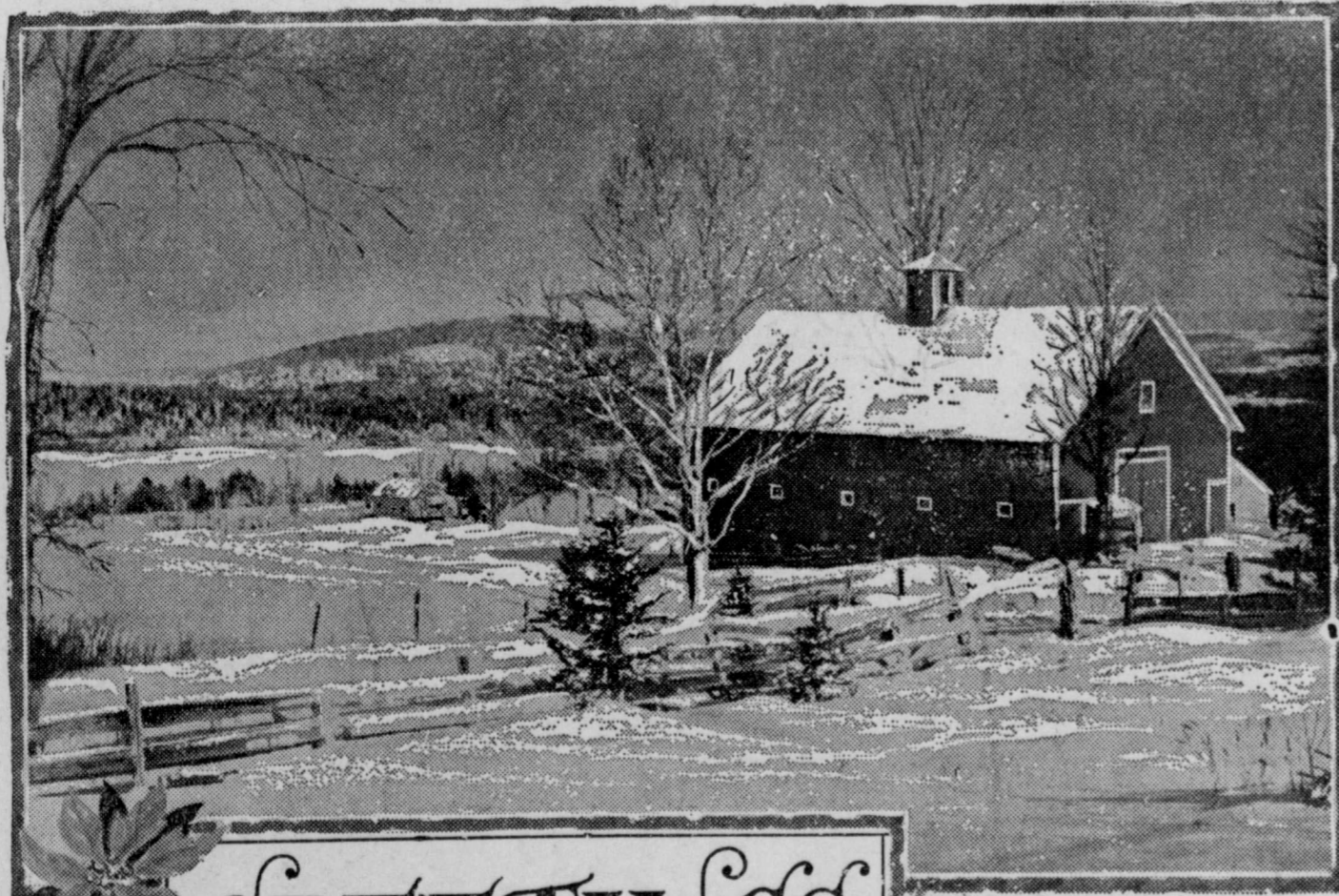
Mrs. Curt O'Neal had the misfortune of falling last week and hurting her hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Norwood, Frankie and Scotty, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Oats and Mr. and Mrs. Ronny White and Jonathan spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Norman of Edmond, Okla.



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Santa's Moving To Take Lead As Gift-Giver

More and more, Santa becomes the favored gift-giver in

countries around the world, replacing a host of legendary figures who were said to bring gifts at this same season of the year.

Gift-giving time, too, is now more likely to be Christmas Eve, although the traditional date in

European countries once ranged from St. Nicholas Eve, December 5th, to Epiphany Eve, January 5th.

Among the many who set the trend for Santa Claus is the German gift-giver, Kris Kringle. The name is a variation of Christkind — not the Infant Jesus himself, but his messenger who came to earth at Christmas-time.

Christkind was represented by a child dressed in white robes, with a crown and wings of gold.

In Japan, the traditional gift-giver is a native god, Hoteiosho. Represented as a kindly old man with a pack on his back, he is much like visions of the traditional Santa.

He is said to have eyes in the back of his head, the better to see whether boys and girls have been naughty or nice.

In Yugoslavia, Grandfather Frost — "Dede Mraz" — replaces Santa Claus.

The Yugoslavian trend is to combine Christmas and New Year holidays, and celebrate them together with Grandfather Frost Day.

Dr. J. R. Schwartz, a New York dentist, carries it as a hobby, using dental tools.

Chinese office buildings have statues of fierce dogs or lions the door to scare demons.

Ether was first used as a painkiller before an operation in 1842.

SOMETHING FOR MOM

Christmas is not the time to give Mother a needed appliance, no matter how practical she may be. She would much prefer to receive something frivolous — something she wouldn't ordinarily buy for herself. It need not be expensive, like mink or diamonds. Some utterly extravagant perfume or a frilly housecoat would be nice.

WRAPPING GIFTS

When German tradition is followed, unwrapping a Christmas gift can be an amusing but complicated process.

One gift may have many consecutive wrappings, each with a different name on it, and the final wrapping may reveal, not a gift, but a card telling where the gift is hidden.

Other cards in other hiding places lead to a treasure hunt, ending in the discovery of the gift.

LOG BURNING

Fireplaces today, though smaller than those of yesteryear, symbolize at Christmas the age old custom of burning the log.

The Yule log was adapted to holiday celebrations from the Scandinavian practice of building huge bonfires at the winter solstice. Fire represented the spring sun, soon to return.

STOCKINGS LEGEND

Legend says that St. Nicholas gave gifts of gold for the dowries of poor spinsters. He tossed the gold down a chimney on Christmas Eve, and on one occasion the gift landed in a stocking hung by the fireplace to dry.

The tangerine or orange in the toe of the stocking has come to be symbolic of the gifts of gold.

Trained elephants recognize 20 to 25 different work commands.

Rich pasture land yields about 700 pounds of cattle or sheep per year.

The bite of a tarantula is no worse than a hornet's sting.

While minister to France, Thomas Jefferson studied French cuisine and wrote a cook book for use in the kitchen at Monticello.

The fangs of the cobra are smaller than those of the rattlesnake, but its venom is more toxic.

Oraibi, a Hopi Indian village in Arizona inhabited uninterruptedly since 1540, is the oldest town in the United States.

Certain areas of the ocean produce about 1,000 pounds of shrimp per acre annually.

FESTIVE LIGHTS ALL OVER THE

All over the world, countries and people celebrate this radiant season with a festival of lights. Have a sparkling festival in your own living room. Hang an enormous crystal chandelier above the tree, its branches and the prisms reflecting light of Christmas time.

JAPANESE CRAFTSMEN

Japanese take the toy industry very seriously and excel in the production of mechanical toys. Toymakers study the craft in special schools.

The brain of the elephant is the biggest of all land animals. It weighs more than 13 pounds.

CHRISTMAS DECOR

Make ornaments such as snowmen, Santas, stars, lambs, angels and gingerbread men from aluminum foil. Paint them a variety of colors. These are gay for outdoors and weatherproof.

The Alamo Cenotaph, located in front of the Alamo, was erected in 1939 by the U. S. Texas Centennial Commission.

The first school of architecture in Texas was founded in 1904 at A&M College by F. E. Giesecke.

Chinese gold rush workers gathered jade at the diggings and shipped it to China, leaving the gold to the Americans.



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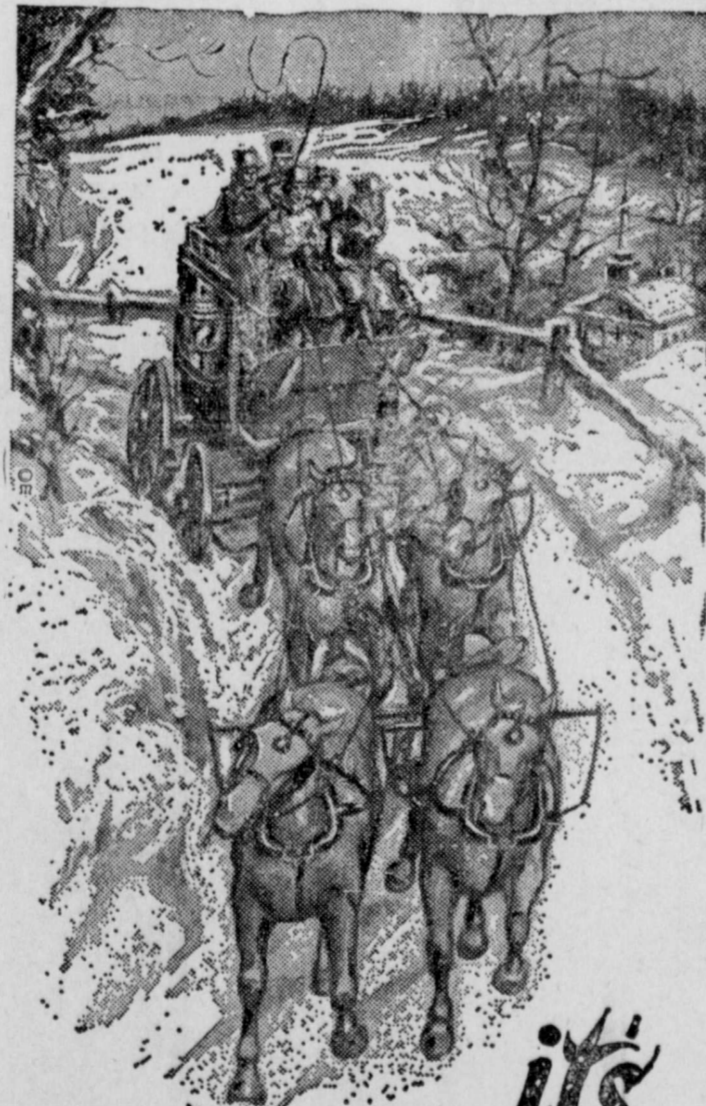


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Voices rise in songs of joy and praise. As the joyous season arrives, the vibrant sound of carols is heard in churches, at family gatherings, in groups going from house to house to celebrate with song.

Carols are as much a part of the Yuletide as the tree, gifts and Santa himself.

It all began with the first carols in the 13th century, says the Encyclopedia Americana.

The earliest English carols were composed anonymously, perhaps by clergymen or court musicians. Simple tunes and strong rhythms were characteristic, and the musical form featured a refrain, to repeat before and after each stanza.

Words were written, generally, in the English vernacular or in "macaronic" form — a combination of English and Latin.

The first printed collection of carols appeared in 1521. It included the "Boar's Head Carol," still sung during Christmas dinner at Queen's College, Oxford, England.

Even then, however, the practice of passing on carols orally, from generation to generation, continued. Among these were carols in ballad form, such as "I Saw Three Ships" and "The Cherry Tree Carol."

Caroling fell into disrepute in the 17th century, and carol singing was forbidden by the English Puritans. Those who colonized America carried this disapproval with them.

After the Restoration, in 1660, caroling was once again permitted and the custom slowly revived.

Some of the most popular carols date from the 18th and 19th centuries. These include "Adeste Fideles," possibly by Francis Wade; "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," with words by Charles Wesley and music by Felix Mendelssohn; "Joy to the World," with words by Isaac Watts, music by George Frederic Handel.

Probably the most popular of all carols is the 19th century "Silent Night," with words by Joseph Mohr, the village priest of Hallein, Austria.

Many stories are told about the way this carol came to be written. One legend says that on a snowy Christmas Eve in 1818, Father Mohr went to bless the newborn baby of a poor parishoner.

On that night he was so inspired by the beauty of the mother and child that he wrote the poem "Silent Night."

FLOWERS SPEAK LANGUAGE OF LOVE IN MODERN OR VICTORIAN ERA

Like holly, ivy and mistletoe, flowers share in the legend and lore of Christmas. In terms of the Victorian era, the floral legend is an especially meaningful one.

A Victorian lady who received a bouquet from her admirer could either smell it or read it as if it were a letter. Often, it was a

letter. Young engaged couples, strictly chaperoned, found a way to communicate words of affection via flowers. Each flower had a special meaning.

Flowers in sequence could be used to spell out a fervent pledge of love. To help in composing — and translating — these messages, there were numerous tiny dictionaries listing flowers and their meanings.

The flowering honeysuckle, for

instance, spoke of "bonds of love." A red rosebud told a lady that she was "pure and lovely." Red double pink meant "woman's love." And heliotrope carried a message, "I love you."

This Victorian language of flowers greatly influenced the design of Christmas cards of the time.

The lush summer blooms are typical of the Victorian admiration of flowers, regardless of the season.

Though sentiments may be expressed differently, flowers still bloom on modern Christmas cards. A current card offers one example. Poinsettias flower on a background of mistletoe, and the message reads, "Just for you, honey, all my love at Christmas."

"MELE KALIKIMAKA"

Wishing "Mele Kalikimaka" is the traditional way to say, "Merry Christmas" in Hawaiian.

CITIES PUT UP EVERGREENS

Comes Christmas, and cities everywhere renew the tradition of setting up a community Christmas tree — a custom which began early in this century.

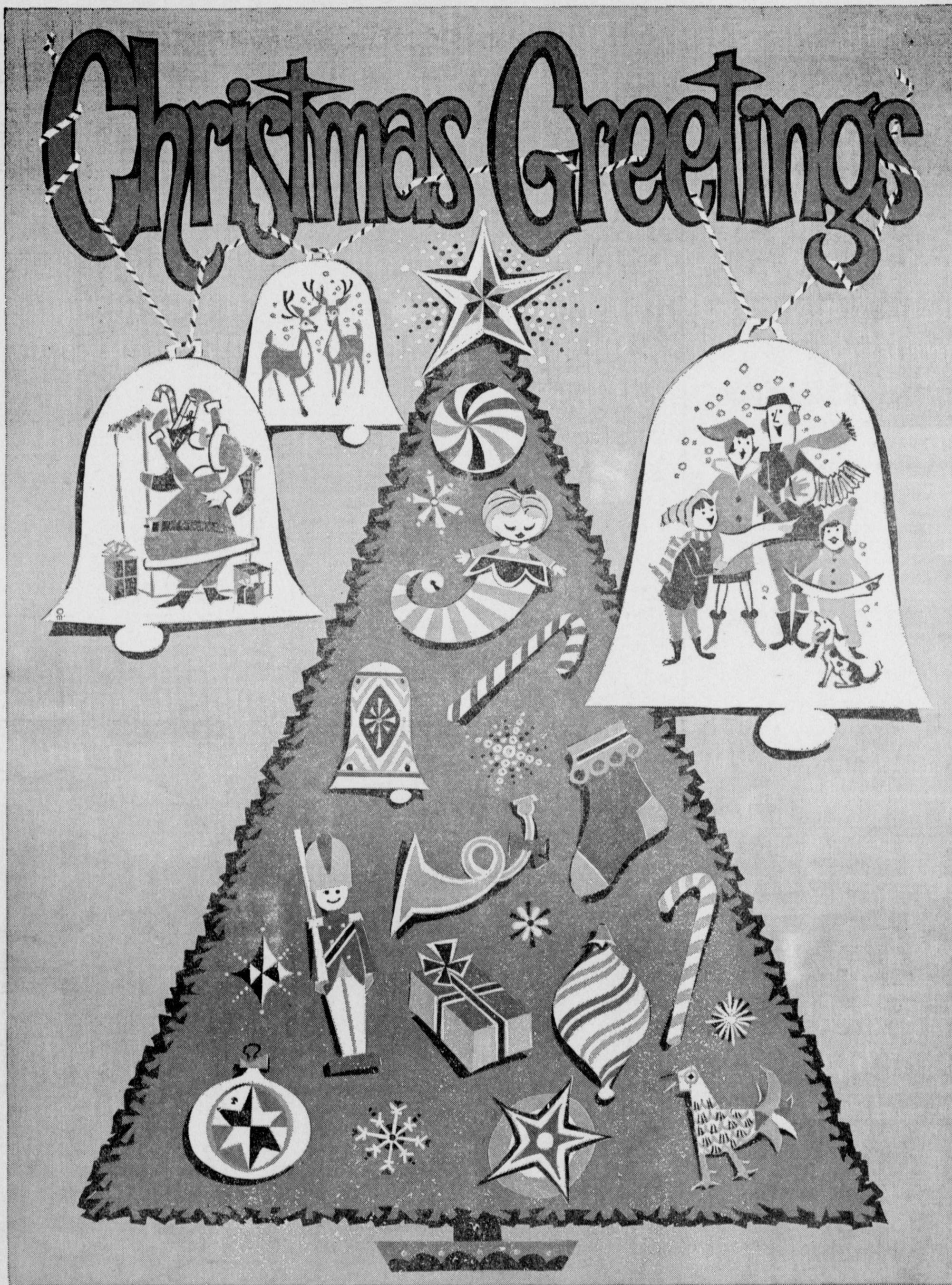
In 1909, citizens of Pasadena, Calif., decorated an evergreen on Mount Wilson as the tree of the city.

The year of 1912 saw community Christmas tree erected in Madison Square, New York, N.

Y., and on the Common in Boston, Mass. Independence Square in Philadelphia, Pa., showed off its first community tree in 1914.

President Calvin Coolidge inaugurated the custom of a national community Christmas tree in Washington, D. C., when he was presented with a large evergreen by the University of Vermont, in 1923.

Some tourists look at the scenery, others see it.



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LOCAL NEWS

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J. Sidden passed away Monday in the Red River County Hospital, Clarksville. He was the uncle of Grady Williams of Talco.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morse visited during the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Ben Marshall and family of Greenville.

Mrs. Berta Harrison of Detroit is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Bud Lewis and Mr. Lewis and other friends.

Mrs. Ed Bradshaw and children, Jennie and Bill and Mrs. Lorena McFerrin visited in Cookville Sunday with Mrs. McFerrin's mother, Mrs. Ella Davis.

Keiths To Note 60th Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Keith will be honored Sunday, December 20, at their home at Bogata, Route 2, with an open house on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Keith, the former Cumi Saunders, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paul Saunders and her husband whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. John N. Keith, were married December 23, 1910 at Hagansport, Texas. Honoring the couple will be

their four children and their families. Their children are Wilburn Keith of Austelle, Ga., Aubrey Keith of Winnsboro, Mrs. R. R. Jordan of Paris and Mrs. Neva Crump of Mt. Pleasant. The couple also has nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

All relatives and friends are invited to call at the Keith home, Sunday afternoon between 2 and 4 p. m.

Van Cato of Bogata visited with the W. E. Welches Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Moore of Winfield spent Wednesday with his sister, Mrs. Myrtle Keener.

Miss Katy Fry of Greenville, spent Wednesday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fry.

Mrs. Zela Neugent came home Saturday from the Red River County Hospital in Clarksville.

Miss Berenda Alexander of Forney spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayman Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith and son of Garland spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Smith.

Miss Bessie Gilliam of Mt. Pleasant is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Walker and Mr. Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Black were in Garland during the week to be with their daughter, Mrs. F. J. Harrell, who had surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paul Clark of Mesquite, visited during the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Clark.

Mrs. A. E. Foster visited her son, James Foster and family of Garland and her daughter, Mrs. Erac McDonald and family of Arlington during the week end.

Mrs. Brady Whitney returned here Friday after visiting in Lawton, Okla., with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack Wellington and Mr. Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Butler and Mrs. Vera Fry of Smackover, Ark., visited from Friday until Sunday with Mrs. Jewell Butler. Together they attended the funeral of Mr. Butler's uncle, W. L. McConnell of Bogata.

Fulbright Club Christmas Party

The Fulbright WHD Club met at the Community Center Thursday, Dec. 10 for their usual meeting, also a covered dish luncheon and Christmas tree and program. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Roy Legate. Opening prayer was by Mrs. M. B. Lee.

Mrs. Earl Legate and Mrs. Roy Legate had charge of the program. Scripture was read and a song sung that corresponded with it. Mrs. Beth Dannheim gave the story of the Little Shoe Cobbler. After the program, games were played until noon.

Lunch was served to eighteen members and four guests, the two agents, Mrs. Dannheim and Miss Flo Jasper, Mrs. Wheeler Embrey and the little grandson of Mrs. J. D. Alley. Mrs. Embrey was welcomed as a new member. After lunch the gifts were distributed from the tree.

First meeting of the new year will be with Mrs. Stella Ridens and Mrs. M. B. Lee as hosts.

RUGBY

MRS. VERA GROGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Alsbrook had as guests last week, Harley Vaughan and Melissa of Richardson and on Saturday Mrs. Lawrence Bell and Tesa of Clarksville.

Mrs. L. L. Stevens and Mrs. W. V. Bartlett and Joyce Bridges visited Mrs. Aleck Griffin Sunday.

Mrs. Francis Bailey spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Merl Simpson of Clarksville.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen and John were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dockrey and daughter of Faulkner and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen of Cunningham.

Mrs. E. W. Burks will leave Friday for Andrews, where she will spend Christmas with her son, Buddy Burks and family.

Week end visitors with Mrs. E. W. Burks were her son, Gilbert Burks and family of Irving, her daughters, Mrs. W. E. Miller and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. R. D. Crowston and family of Hagansport; her sister, Mrs. Johnny Crane, Hagansport.

Richard Hargrove is here from Tacoma, Wash., for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Hargrove and family.

Mrs. W. C. Fry and Mrs. Mack Black attended a Christmas party at the Red River Haven Nursing Home in Bogata Sunday afternoon.

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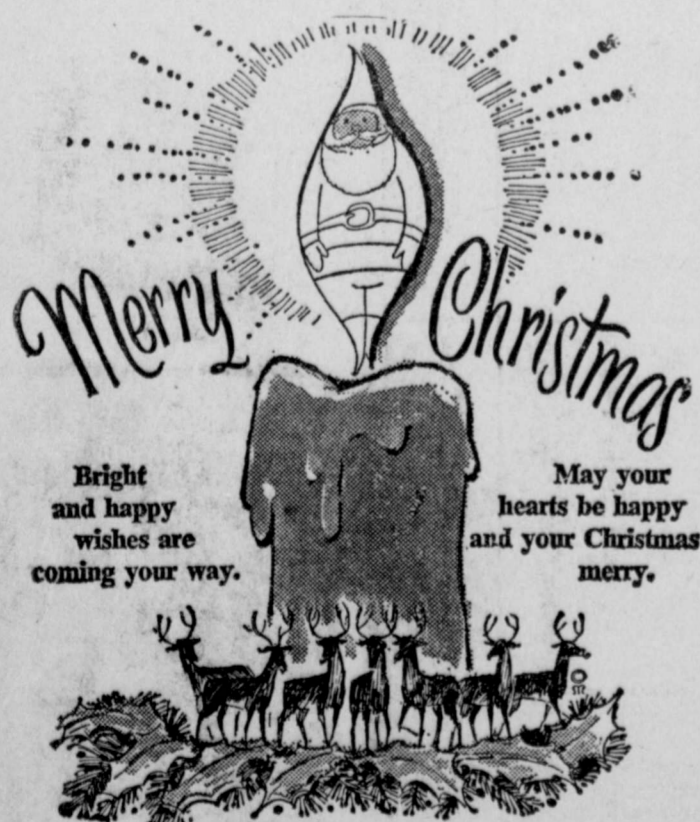
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