

Biggest U.S. Airline Transaction Looms

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board has before it today an official recommendation that it approve what looks like the biggest airline transaction in flying history.

In a 189-page report which bluntly assailed critics of Pan American Airways, CAB Exami-

ner Thomas L. Wrenn said the five-man board should permit the company to buy American Overseas Airlines lock, stock and barrel for \$17 million 450 thousand—in cash.

The resulting protests will be loud. Transcontinental & Western Air, which calls itself Trans World Airline in its advertising, sees the merger deal as a fore-runner of monopoly on the international airlines.

James M. Landis, former CAB chairman, who represents a group of AOA employees, also charges it would be against the national interest. He contends Pan American is big enough already and the deal is part of a continuing effort to drive out competition.

Wrenn brushed aside all the claims. He said President Truman and the CAB have made it crystal clear that they oppose air transport monopolies, and can be counted on to prevent them.

The merger was negotiated by Juan T. Trippe, whose Pan American is the world's most far-flung transportation company with services to every continent, and C. R. Smith, president of American Airlines, a domestic line which is the largest carrier of air passengers anywhere.

American controls American Overseas and wants to get rid of it in order to concentrate entirely on domestic business. AOA's routes span the Atlantic to Shannon and London and reach into Scandinavia and northern Europe. If Pan American acquires AOA, transcontinental & Western Air will be its only United States competition on trans-Atlantic routes.

Index Contest Deadline Moved

Because of a 48-hour extension by United Press in picking the ten names carrying the most impact on the world in the last 50 years, The Index likewise will extend its contest deadline.

The new deadline must show a postmark not later than midnight Monday, December 26.

All readers are eligible. Only one list may be submitted per person. The \$10 check will be given to The Index reader whose list of ten persons most nearly approximates the list to be published by the United Press. The UP is polling all of its client editors. One prize will be given.

A partial list of names was printed on page one of The Index of Friday, December 16. Other lists have appeared in other publications—notably Look magazine of this week.

Sorority Dance Set Tomorrow

The Christmas-Eve Beta Sigma Phi dance will begin at 10 tomorrow night at the Officers' Club at Childress Airfield.

*Tickets are available at \$2 each from sorority members and from the Childress Paint and Wallpaper Store. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Heart Association, sorority officers have said.

Eddie Camden and his orchestra will provide music for dancing.



COWBOY SUIT FOR IRISH YOUTH — J. Howard Payne, left, Dallas postmaster, hands package to airline stewardess at Love Field, for delivery to 7-year-old Sean O'Neill of Cork, Ireland. Sean wrote to Postmaster, Texas, USA; asking for a cowboy outfit. This package contains a complete outfit from Sears. Many other firms also sent suits to the Irish lad. American Airlines is expediting the shipment so it will arrive in Ireland before Christmas. (NEA.)

Reporter Feigns Drunkenness; Tells How Night Judge Metes Out "Justice"

HOUSTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—A Houston newspaper revealed today that one of its reporters had "staged" a drunk act and got himself arrested in order to find out what brand of justice was administered in a night court.

Houston Press reporter George Bugbee, 21, wrote, "I found that you don't get justice," an opinion hinted earlier by the Houston Chronicle in a series of front-page items on night court Judge Harold Allison, whose court currently is under investigation by the office of city attorney Will Sears.

Bright Christmas But Not White Is Due In Texas

A bright Christmas—but not a white one—appeared in prospect today for Texans.

A cold wave that hit the state earlier this week, bringing snow and freezing rain to the Panhandle, was losing its steam and blue skies and warming temperatures were slated for the Texas weather menu at the Yuletide.

Even as it was being deflated, however, the wintry bluster shivered a lot of timbers across the state. Dalhart, where the mercury never got above the freezing mark yesterday, had this morning's low, 5 degrees above zero. And in the width and breadth of West Texas, and into East Texas' northern half, sub-freezing marks were recorded.

Some of the lows included: Ozona, 13; Amarillo, 15; Junction, 17; Midland, 18; Clarendon, El Paso, Presidio, and Wink, 19; Guadalupe Pass, 20; and Childress 25.

As far south as Houston, where the low was 32 degrees, temperatures were uncommonly cold. San Antonio had a low of 24; Fort Worth, 27, and Dallas, 29.

But it was a dry cold that blanketed Texas. Official reports to the U. S. Weather Service said there was no precipitation, anywhere within the state's borders.

The idea to have the boy-faced Bugbee picked up originated with Vance Trimble, managing editor of the Press. Trimble smeared liquor on Bugbee's face and clothing, tousled his hair and sat him on a curb outside the Trimble home last night.

Then, he called police and reported "a drunk" in wandering through my shrubs." A squad car, with three policemen who assumed the call was authentic, was on the spot in less than five minutes.

Bugbee, acting on instruction, faked a "collapse" on the curb, and another when he was hustled into a jail cell. The last time, he lost his cigarette to anxious cellmates who rolled him.

The reporter was booked as "drunk," and spent the next three hours in what he described as "a stinking cell" with 30 other men and women.

Bugbee described Judge Allison as a "clock-watcher," who moved usually at a rapid clip. Most cases took only two minutes, Bugbee stated.

"When he decided a case, regardless of the plea by the defendant, he would say, 'Okay, that's all,'" Bugbee wrote. "Very few people knew their sentence or their fine," Bugbee's story read.

The reporter's brief stay before the bench, during which time Judge Allison promised to let him call a lawyer, ended when Allison slammed down his fist, exclaiming, "Boy, I'm going to run you clear out of town!" Bugbee said he then ordered the bailiff to take the prisoner away, back to jail.

Bugbee was out of jail today. But how he got out and what his fine was—that's another story to be revealed tomorrow, said the Houston Press.

Ex-POW's Have Little Time Left To Seek Claims

January 1 is the deadline for prisoners of war in World War II to submit applications for a claim for time spent in prison camps, VA Administrator L. T. Vance said today.

Claimants who will be eligible are (1) American prisoners (2) their dependents (3) civilian internees (4) their dependents (5) religious organizations.

Each prisoner and organization qualified to make a claim should write to the adjutant general, State Capital, Austin, giving serial number, inclusive dates of time spent in prison, and other pertinent data, Nance said.

The committee on payments estimates there are more than a thousand Texans who were prisoners of our enemies in World War II. Prisoners will be allowed \$1 a day for each day spent in the hands of the enemy.

Smothermon Service Held At Church Of Christ Today

Funeral services for P. F. Smothermon, 75, were conducted at 2 this afternoon at the Church of Christ by John J. Reese of the Vernon church, and Boyd D. Fanning, local minister.

The old-timer died early yesterday morning in a local hospital.

Burial was in the Childress Cemetery by the Newberry Funeral Home.

Christmas Party Kids To Watch Santa Fly Here

White And Colored Children Being Feted

The underprivileged children's annual Christmas party, sponsored this year by seven organizations, will open with the arrival tomorrow afternoon of Santa Claus by air at Childress Airfield.

Both white and colored children will witness his arrival. Cars will take the white children to the field, while the colored people will form a parade at 1 p. m. at the Rhoads school and tour through Main Street enroute to the field. Transportation will be furnished.

Santa will return to Elks Club to distribute gifts at the Elks Club where the white children will gather. Following that, he will give gifts at the Rhoads school where a brief program will be held featuring speeches by Superintendent Joe A. Gibson and Steve Cowan.

The Elks Club, usual sponsors of the party, are being aided this year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Disabled Veterans, 40 and 8, Dramatic Order Knights of Pythias.

Rev. C. G. Starks, pastor of the colored Methodist Church, is director of the colored program. Colored parents are requested to remain at the Rhoads school for the program, Rev. Starks said.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet at 6:30 tonight at the Elks Hall to wrap packages for the party.

VFW members are urged to be at Elks Hall at 6:30 tonight for the wrapping. Only children with invitations will be presented.

Father Would Destroy The Gun Which Killed Sons

COVINGTON, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP) R. F. Clements today asked authorities to destroy a .38 caliber revolver which two of his sons used to kill themselves and two other persons within the past six months.

Clements voiced the plea to Hill County Sheriff Charlie Garrison shortly after his 19-year-old son, George, was buried yesterday. The rites were held in the same church where only a day earlier services had been held for the childhood sweetheart George shot to death Tuesday.

It was the same weapon George's 27-year-old brother, Robert, used last June 13 to kill his father-in-law, Charles Avery, and himself at Itasca.

Meaneat Thief Steals Children's Holiday Gifts

DETROIT, Dec. 23 (UP)—Police today sought the "meaneat man of the Christmas season."

He stole 12 boxes of candy and 240 packages from the Rev. Doyle Vaughan's car. They were to have been Christmas gifts for the children of the minister's parish.



STRANGER TO LOVE—Although she has been married twice, Beverly Jean Turney, 19, of Los Angeles, told Gretna, La., police she is a "stranger" to love, because she didn't know her husbands long enough. She is being held by Gretna police as a material witness in an arrest involving three desperadoes who are accused of a large number of robberies around Gretna. Beverly denied any knowledge of the holdups. (NEA Telephoto.)

11 Fliers Killed In B-50 Crash As Plane Explodes In Georgia

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 23 (UP)—Eleven air force fliers including Rogers Hornsby, Jr., son of the famed baseball player, were killed last night when a four-engine plane crashed and exploded in a geyser of flames in coastal marshes near here, the air force announced today.

Chatham Air Force Base disclosed the list of crewmen aboard the ill-fated plane as the search for bodies proceeded in the muck and saw grass of abandoned rice fields seven miles northeast of Savannah.

Hornsby's famous father was

National League batting champion for six straight years while playing for the St. Louis Cardinals between 1920 and 1925. In 1928 he repeated the honor while playing for Boston.

The B-50—a modified version of the B-29 Fortress—crashed just five minutes after taking off from the Chatham base on a routine Christmas training flight to Texas.

The resulting explosion ripped a 75 square foot crater in the bog-lands.

The plane's fuel load of between 7000 and 8000 gallons of

high octane gasoline cascaded from the tanks when it plunged to earth and spread a river of fire over a wide area, hampering efforts to reach the wreckage.

The crew members, all married and looking forward to Christmas with their wives who were at the Savannah base with them, had expected to return here today.

The plane was almost demolished by fire and explosion and most of it was under water.

Men with machetes cut a swath through the nearly impenetrable knife-sharp saw grass that covers the area. Behind them came more men with heavy timbers. They built a makeshift road into the swamps over which what bodies are recovered will be trundled out.

High tide covered the scene at 11 a. m. but the search for bodies went on. Air force officers who supervised the operation were called from a Christmas party last night. One officer still wore his tuxedo beneath dungarees. Another had on his full dress uniform.

Wet air force men, soaking wet from struggling through murky swamp water up to their arm pits, worked through the night and morning.

Telephone Strike May Be Averted By New Proposal

LATE BULLETIN

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23 (UP)—Union leaders today agreed to postpone for at least 10 days a strike of 50,000 CIO communications workers in six southwestern states.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23 (UP)—Gov. Forrest Smith of Missouri today made an undisclosed proposal for averting a strike of 50,000 telephone workers in six southwestern states.

His proposal was offered at a conference with leaders of the Missouri CIO Council and Division 20 of the CIO Communications Workers of America (CWA) in the governor's office in Jefferson City.

Smith said the outlook "might be encouraging." Union leaders had no comment. They were to return to his office at 1:30 p. m. for another session.

Frank P. Lonergan, vice-president of Division 20, said employees of Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas were ready to walk out "within 15 minutes."

The threatened pre-Christmas strike resulted from breakdown of negotiations between the utility and the union which said it is seeking a "package of 15 cents an hour per worker." The demands include pay increases, reclassification of workers in larger cities and pension adjustments.

Last night the governor warned, the union he would invoke the King-Thompson law, which prohibits and provides heavy penalties for strikes against utilities, if they walk out.

Four Persons Injured, Two Seriously, In Three Childress County Accidents

A Negro man and woman were reported in serious condition in Childress County Hospital today and two white women sustained minor injuries in three accidents over the county in the past 24 hours.

Annie Lee Clark, Negro woman, and Sammy Clark, Negro man, were injured when their car reportedly veered off the side of the road, causing it to plummet about 15 feet below a bridge about a mile south of town on Highway 83 late last night.

Officers of the City Police Department arrived at the scene after a passing automobile had brought the Negroes to the county hospital.

Mrs. Jack Pittman and Mrs. F. M. Ray received slight injuries when their 1936 Ford touring, driven by F. M. Ray, collided with a 1948 Fleetline Chevrolet at Avenue B and Highway 83 intersection about 8:30 this morning.

Neither A. W. Burns, of California, driver of the Chevrolet, or Ray, was injured.

Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. Ray were released from the hospital shortly after admittance.

Ray's car was traveling east on Avenue B and Burn's car was going north on Highway 83 when they collided near the center of the intersection.

Minor damages to both cars resulted when a 1935 Ford coupe, driven by Buford Taylor, and a 1940 Ford touring, driven by Homer Cawthorn, collided at the Main Street and Highway 287 intersection.

Quannah highway patrolmen V. M. Johnson and James Shields, who investigated the wreck, said the accident occurred when the 1935 Ford traveling east, tried to make a left turn. The 1940 Ford, heading west, reportedly crashed into the left front fender of the other automobile.

Ex-Auto Thief Sees Great Future

MOLINE, Ill., Dec. 23 (UP)—Edward F. Moore, 33 an auto thief who spent four years in hiding, today had just about everything he wanted for Christmas.

Moore stole a car in Springfield, Ill., four years ago and then fled to Houston. But his conscience kept bothering him and he finally surrendered to authorities.

A federal judge gave him the lightest possible sentence, one day in jail and Moore served his time by tarrying in the U. S. Marshall's office long enough to put on his coat. A prisoner receives a day's credit for any part of the day he is jailed.

Moore's former wife, Viola, who divorced him during his long absence, then made the holiday complete by inviting him to spend Christmas with her and their 12-year-old daughter.

And there was at least a chance for a complete reconciliation.

Waterworks To Be Expanded

By W. S. Warren

Because over three and a half million gallons of water most likely will have to be provided in a single peak day for Childress through the city's water system within the next ten years, and almost five million gallons 20 years later, the Childress City Council has called for an engineer's report to determine what must be done to provide the water.

That report has just been received.

However, even with improvements to the system, the need for an additional supply beyond the Baylor Creek Dam now under construction west of the city, is foreseen within 15 years.

These facts, figures and forecasts are the work of D. T. M. Davis of Childress and Joe E. Ward of Wichita Falls, consulting engineers, who presented the report to the Council.

The additional work to the present system recommended in the engineers' report could run to \$308,750. It would include a new water treating plant, Baylor Creek Lake connections, elevated tank and connections, distribution system extensions, and reservoir covers.

However, the City Council, desirous of doing only that work

which can be accomplished with available funds, cannot do all the work recommended. It has approved detailed plans to be drawn up for an elevated 500,000-gallon water tank in northwest Childress and the acquisition of two two-million-gallon pumps and connections at the Baylor Creek Dam.

Erection of the elevated tank in northwest Childress will provide additional pressure which will insure water in the northwest area during periods of peak demands. With the present system, some residents in northwest Childress often cannot get water at all during hot summer months when air conditioners are operating, lawn sprinklers are being used, and women are in their kitchens preparing evening meals.

It was suggested that the tank be erected in an area just north of the end of Twelfth Street Northwest—the highest area in the city. It would have overflows the same level with the overflows of the two brick reservoirs near Childress Airfield. This would allow water to run by gravity near to the tank from the reservoirs during period of small demand. Then water from the tank could supplement the supply going into the city's water system when demand was high. It will thereby

provide fire protection in northwest Childress, and equalize water pressure over the city.

Cost of such a tank, with connections, was estimated at \$70,000.

The second improvement given Council approval—setting in pumps and making connections at Baylor Creek Lake—is estimated to run about \$130,000.

This work would call for two two-million-gallon pumps installed at the Baylor Creek Dam and possibly connected into the existing "62 wells" supply main running to the treating plant at Lake Childress. Included in this job, the engineers would increase the capacity of the pumps at the treating plant located below Lake Childress to two million gallons a day. This could be done, they say, with existing equipment.

Other work suggested in the engineers' report, but which the Council did not undertake at present, included construction of a second treating plant in the vicinity of the reservoirs near Childress Airfield; extension of numerous fire mains, especially in northeast Childress, and in southern and westerly parts of the city, with additional fire hydrants; and building steel-reinforced concrete covers over the two reservoirs near Childress Airfield.

Conservation Work Is Done

Childress farmers did a notable amount of soil and water conservation work under the county's Agricultural Conservation Program this year, PMA Secretary Doyle Thomas said today, and interest will probably pick up next year because of wheat and cotton allotments.

Eleven ACP conservation practices were used rather extensively throughout the county, Thomas disclosed, including two new methods.

By far the most popular conservation device used was the "standard terrace" practice, used primarily to keep land from washing and eroding, and at the same time holding water where it falls. A total of 2,696,140 feet of land was so terraced.

Thomas said all lands in the county, except the sandy variety, need terraces. He estimated that about 35 per cent of the land had been subjected to this treatment and urged more farmers to take advantage of standard terracing next year.

"Diversion terraces," an extra large terrace that turns away excess water, was used on 80,000 feet of farm land in the county. "Most all systems of standard terraces need a diversion at the top of the system," Thomas said.

About 301 acres were subjected to the "field strip cropping" method of conservation, a system Thomas thinks will "pick up considerably" since farmers will be planting small cotton crops next year. The practice has been especially effective on lands eroded by wind, Thomas said.

The "subsoiling" method was carried out on 1753 acres in the county. A first year practice, its purpose is to break up the hardpan just below the surface so water will go into the ground and not run off.

Although the practice is comparatively expensive, Thomas thinks it will become more popular next year "because specifications on depth have been lowered from 12 to 8 inches." Farmers using the practice said their yields were increased by 50 per cent, Thomas said.

"Deep plowing sandy land," used to bring up clay to the top of the land to stop wind erosion, was used on 686 acres. J. B. Johnson, county farmers who has used the method for several years, says it is worth the while.

About 2834 feet of "drilling wells" were run in the county. Primary purpose of this practice is to distribute grazing evenly on pasture land, thus avoiding tramp-

ling of grass and overgrazed areas. The "earthen dam" method was used on 94,442 cubic yards of land. The system has a dual purpose—to water livestock and control erosion—and is one of the more popular practices in this area because of the many flash rains and periods of drought.

"Elimination of mesquite and pears" took place on 2020 acres of county land. The rapidly increasing plants now stack up as one of the most expensive conservation practices, Thomas said, but new chemicals may solve the problem.

An over-used cropland which needed turning back to grass, the "seeding pasture grass" method was used to the tune of 15,000 pounds of seed. The practice was used rather extensively.

"Planting winter legumes," described by Thomas as one of the best conservation methods for this area, was practiced widely—24,705 pounds of legumes being used.

Thomas said legumes increase certain minerals in the soil, increase organic matter and help control wind erosion. Relatively new, the practice has caught on quick, Thomas said.

Application of "phosphate," another new practice for the area, (Continued on page Seven)

A nightgown of all Nylon—a Christmas delight—This exquisite gown is exclusively HENSON'S fashioned with deep lace yoke, form fitting, and comes in Blue, White and Pink.

Price \$10.95



Plan to attend Xmas Eve dance—sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi

Marvin Averetts Entertain Calvary Baptist Group

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Averett entertained intermediates one evening this week with an informal Christmas party and candle lighting service.

A fellowship hour followed the candlelighting, and the group enjoyed hot chocolate, cookies of red and green colors, cheese twists, mints and maraschino cherries. Gifts were presented from a decorated box. About 10 were present for the celebration.

The CWA destroyed more than 7,500,000 rats in Georgia, Texas, and Alabama within a three-month period of 1934.

Church Juniors Are Entertained

Juniors of the Calvary Baptist Church were feted by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lumpkin when the group met this week to go caroling and to distribute food provided by adults.

The party returned to the Lumpkin home for a short program of special songs, and two solos by Shirley Martin and Ruth Ann Henderson. A duet, "White Christmas," was given by Patsy Alexander and Mattie Ashley. A trio of Patsy Alexander, Kathleen Canada and Mary Howard sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The story of the birth of Jesus was told by the hostess, followed by a prayer by the host.

Gifts were distributed from a gaily-decorated tree, and refreshments served to about 10 persons.

Auxiliaries Of Legion And VFW Give Christmas Party

Auxiliaries of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars were hostesses to the Legion and VFW and their families for a yuletide party this week at the Veterans Building.

Santa presented gifts to guests and treats to the children. Allen Harp was master of ceremonies, presenting both auxiliaries \$50 checks from the posts.

Coffee, soft drinks and pie were served by the women.

Babe Ruth hit his 714 home runs during his major league baseball career.

Letters To Santa Claus



Your little friends
Mike and Steve
Spraggins

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 7 years old. Please bring me a carry-all and wind up Ford tractor, some fruit and candy.
Please bring my little brother "Mike" a wagon and a ball, also fruit, candy and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Billy Frank Smotherman

Dear Santa,
I want a little girl doll. My little sister wants a little girl doll, too.

Love,
Ann Beth Parr
Donna Kay Parr

Dear Santa Claus,
Please send me a table and chairs and a toy piano. Send my little brother a chew-chew train and a tricycle. Oh! and be sure to bring me a bicycle. Remember, my big sister wants a bicycle, too. Remember daddy and mother and all the poor children who don't have a mother and daddy to buy them things.

Merry Christmas to you and I hope Dancer and Prancer don't get sick. I am 5 years old.
From Judy Kay Rutledge
302 Ave. F, Northwest
P. S. I'll have a piece of cake and cup of coffee waiting for you.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a wagon, a train and a tricycle. Mother and daddy want something, too.

My sister, Judy, wants a toy piano and my little baby sisters a rattle and a pretty dress. Mother will fix you some coffee and a piece of cake. We don't have a chimney, but I'll leave the door unlocked. Our stockings will be beside the door. Merry Christmas, Santa. I am 2 years old.

Love,
Thomas Alva Rutledge
302 Avenue F, Northwest
P. S. I am a very good boy and haven't had a spanking in a long time.

Dear Santa,
We are two little girls age 5 and 7. We have tried to be good girls this year. For Christmas I (Darlene) would like to have a doll, zipper notebook and a doll-e bath. Louise wants a doll and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Lots of love,
Darlene and
Louise Collins
1207 Ave. E, Southwest

Dear Santa,
It has been a long, long time since I have written to you. I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

All the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone by are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained. Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had — the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the fankiness and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul; and the lodestar of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

In the years past, I realized I did not appreciate those priceless treasures, or care for them as I should have — but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

I will hang my empty heart right by the chimney, Santa, and please, this is what I want:
Give me a large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a large box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer; and please, Santa, leave quite a lot of plain old-fashioned faith, understanding, and unselfishness and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors.

Sincerely and thankfully,
A "grown-up mother"

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 2 years old.

Big Girl Writes Santa For Spouse

BRISTOW, Okla., Dec. 23 (UP)—"Dear Santa: I am a big girl 25 years old. I am 5 feet, six inches tall, weigh 122 pounds and have reddish blond hair and grey eyes. For Christmas please bring me a husband."

If Betty Tyler, who lives near here, were to write a Santa Claus letter, that's about how it would read.

Betty has a 2-year-old son, Eddie Allen, and she doesn't quibble.

"I want a husband with a home," she says.
Cupid threw her a curve on their first encounter. Just before her baby was born, she discovered her husband had been married before and had neglected to get a divorce from his first wife. She left him.

"Maybe I should be embarrassed coming right out and saying I'm looking for a husband," she said. "But I'm not. I'm hoping that I can get a lot of applications because then I can be a little choosier."

She said she isn't looking for just any man. "I'm just as particular as the next woman and the man I want must measure up to a high standard," she said.

"I want a home of my own where I can be at least a partner. In return I'm willing to work hard to make a husband happy and to keep a good house for him."

"I'm willing to go anywhere to live. All I'm interested in is finding a man who's sober and industrious and who doesn't gamble. And he must be a good father to Eddie Allen."

She said she wouldn't consider anyone under 25 or over 45. She'd also prefer a man who hasn't been married, but widowers are not out of the running.

She lives with her parents one mile south of here. Her address is Route 5, Bristow, Okla.

Eddie Allen also has a request for Christmas. No, it isn't a daddy.

"I want a little train," he said.

Mass Schedule For Saturday Is Announced

A schedule of three masses has been announced for December 24 by Rev. R. M. Schindler, pastor of the Holy Angels Church in Childress.

At 12 a. m., the Procession to the Crib, and Blessing of the Crib will be given. First Mass: Epistle Tit. 2: 11-15; gospel, Luke 2: 1-14; last gospel, St. John 1: 14; Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Second Mass of St. Anthony: at 9 a. m.; Epistle Tit. 3: 4-7; gospel, Luke 2: 15-20; last gospel, St. John 1: 1-14.

Third Mass: At Memphis, 11 a. m.; Epistle Hebrews 1: 1-12; gospel, St. John 1: 1-14; last gospel, St. Matthew 2: 1-12.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Potts, Mrs. Stephens, Give Party

Mmes. Boyd Potts and Alvin Stephens were co-hostesses to the primary and beginner classes of the Calvary Baptist Church. The Potts home was the setting for the party.

After a sing-song of carols, the children enjoyed a series of games, and received gifts from Santa. Refreshments were served to approximately 15 youngsters.

And I have tried to be a good little girl. For Christmas, I would like you to bring me a big doll, doll buggy, little red wagon and a rocking chair and lots of fruits, nuts and candy, and please, Santa, don't forget my grand-parents and all the other little kids.

Love,
Sandra Ann White
1103 Ave. D, Northwest

Duncan Coffee Company Gives Employees' Bonus



HOUSTON, Dec. 23 —For the 31 consecutive year, employees of the Duncan Coffee Company, roasters of Admiration, Maryland Club, and Bright & Early Coffees, have been given Christmas bonuses.

Herschel M. Duncan, president, announced today. Each employee's bonus this year amounted to 10 per cent of his wages or salary for the year. This bonus was given to employees at all Duncan plants, including two in Houston and one in Corpus Christi.

At the Yuletide season each year, the 453 employees of the Duncan Coffee Company are presented their bonus gifts by the president and his brother, Charles W. Duncan, vice president.

In addition to this Christmas bonus, a regular service bonus is awarded to all Duncan employees along with their monthly pay. This amounts to 1 per cent additional income for each full year of employment with the company. This monthly service bonus amounts to as much as 20 per cent above regular earnings for some employees.

The Duncan Christmas Party in Houston was held Thursday, December 22, in the Sons of Hermann Hall. A similar party will be held in Corpus Christi. These Christmas parties are annual events given by the executives of the Duncan Coffee Company as a further expression of their best wishes for a Merry Christmas for all the employees of the Company.

Xmas Travellers Flock Homeward In Great Numbers

By United Press

Holiday travelers sped by train, airplane, bus and automobile to their Christmas destinations today in what may be a record migration.

There is no estimate of the number of fares, but travel experts reported a terrific volume. One railroad official said it was the biggest holiday rush for his line since before the war.

The holiday traffic, which began in earnest last week end, accelerated this week and reached its peak today.

Since Christmas falls on Sunday this year, many wage earners were given Monday off. This provided a three-day week end for most of them and they took advantage of it by visiting relatives and friends.

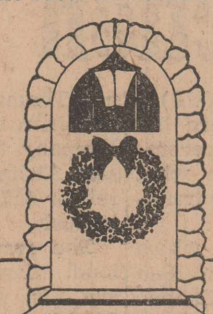
Their numbers added to the hundreds of thousands of college students who trekked home for their annual Christmas vacation.

Also, there were thousands of servicemen, some of whom were on their last leave before shipping overseas.

While all branches of public transportation claimed booming business, no railroad, air line or bus company reported their facilities were taxed beyond capacity.

Representatives of all three said extra equipment was being pressed into service and the Greyhound Bus Company said all the

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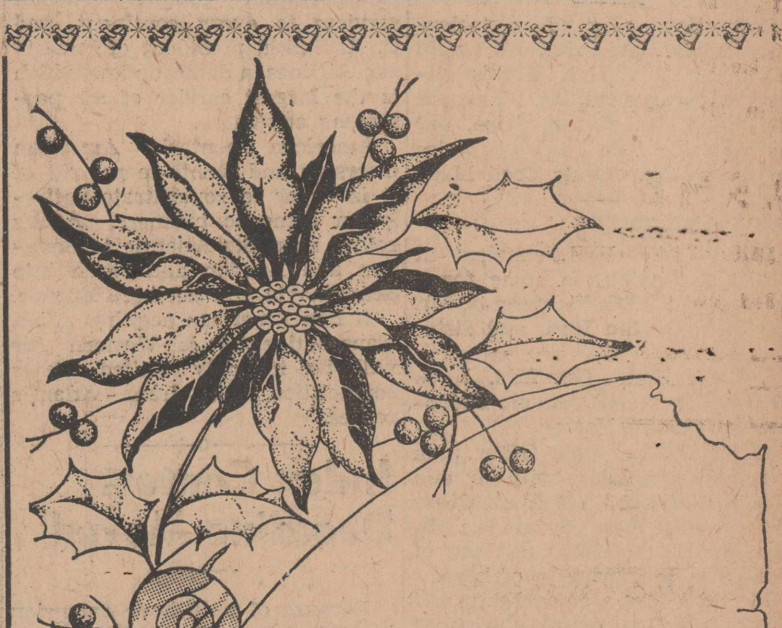
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buses available would be on the road today and tonight.



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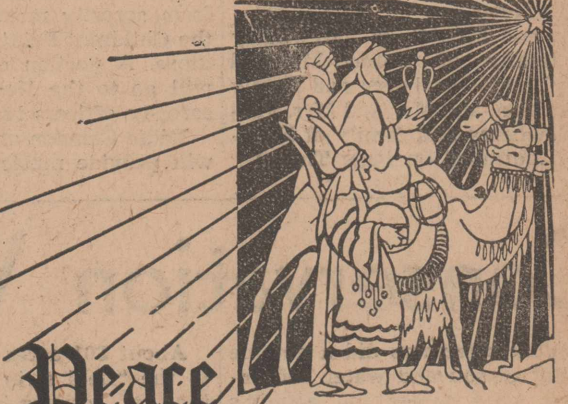
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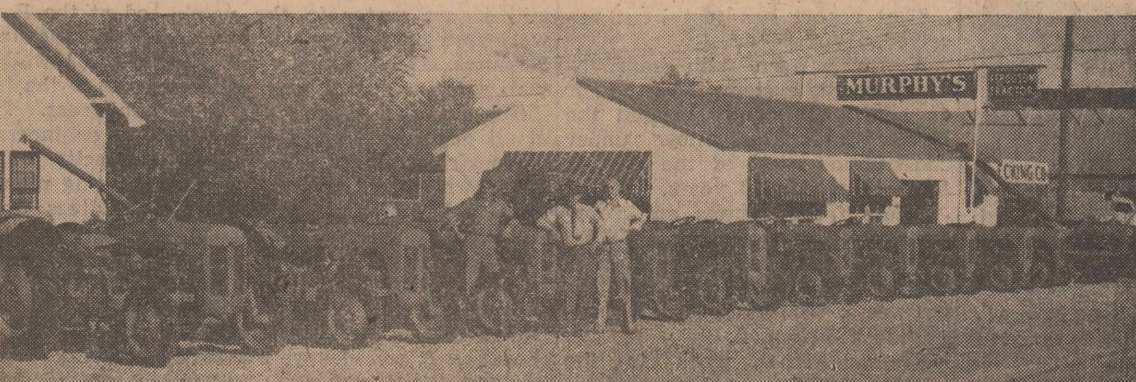
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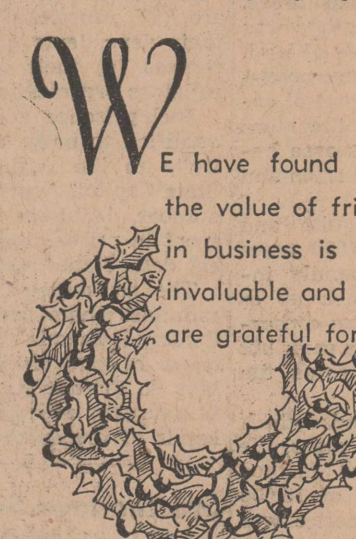
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Truck Runs Amuck In Business Area, Kills Two Persons

CHEROKEE, IA., Dec. 23 (UP)—A giant truck ran wild down a steep hill and killed two persons, injured five, and smashed 24 automobiles as it whiplashed through seven blocks of the town's main business district. The truck, its brakes useless and its transmission ripped out, scattered autos like tennis balls as it plowed through the street crowded with Christmas shoppers yesterday.

It was "almost miraculous," Police Chief Art Locke said today, that the toll of dead and injured was not higher. He said Property damage would total \$10,000 or \$15,000.

"I never saw anything like it," Locke said. "There were metal and auto parts strewn for a block and a half."

The truck driver, Bob Witte of Sac City, Ia., crawled out unhurt after his vehicle finally plowed to a halt atop the wreckage of the first car it struck in its wild rampage. It had shoved the wrecked car ahead of it for a block and a half, Locke said.

Dead in the wreckage of that car were Ray Hansen, 30, and Jeffery Barry, 40, both of Cherokee. They apparently died instantly, police said, when the truck—loaded with a seven-ton bulldozer—struck their car as it approached an intersection.

Hansen's wife, Maxine, 30, was removed from the twisted twisted heap of metal with serious injuries. She regained partial consciousness hours after the accident, but hospital attendants said her condition did not permit questioning.

An occupant of another car and three pedestrians were injured as the tractor-railer crunched down the street, swing from side to side against parked cars.

The truck driver said he was halfway down a hill north of Cherokee when the "hydraulic fluid in the brakes failed." He tried to shift into low, but stripped the gears.

"From there on," he said "I didn't have any brakes or any other means of stopping the truck."

He lost control of the vehicle completely, he said, when his truck hit the car in which Barry and the Hansens were riding.

Shivers Leaves For Holiday At His Mission Home

AUSTIN, Dec. 23 (UP)—Gov. Allan Shivers left today for a 10-day holiday rest with his family at his home in Mission, after which he'll return here to pitch into 1950's tangled problems of state.

Calling of a special session of the Texas Legislature was expected to be the governor's number one chore when he returns to his office on January 3.

He told reporters yesterday January 31 would be "a fairly accurate" guess as to when state lawmakers will be recalled to solve the state's money problems.

Shivers said he would go to Port Arthur, his legal residence, to pay his poll tax. His busy January calendar also called for visits to Waco and Fort Worth, where he'll join in a Junior Chamber of Commerce observance and visit the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show.

The governor long has been on record as favoring a special legislative session to consider a proposed multi-million-dollar electromagny building program, a project which enjoys his personal blessing.

Also, funds are needed to operate the state institutions next fiscal year, beginning September 1. Estimates of immediate money needs range from \$40 million to \$60 million.

Shivers repeated at yesterday's press conference he thought any new taxes should be spread over a broad base, "with no single industry single out to bear the brunt of new taxes."

The state's financial condition has become more acute with recent cuts in oil production allowable, chief source of revenue.

Signs were that some legislators might insist that Shivers crowd other issues into the special session, including a law "with more teeth in it" to combat the rash of sex crimes.

ment. Sammy Winkler was in Oklahoma yesterday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hix and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hix, Jr., and Mrs. Allen Halford are visiting during the holidays in El Paso. Mrs. Halford will remain with her husband who is stationed there in the army.

L. B. Lane will spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Forbus Blakemore, in Shamrock.

If you've tried the rest, now try the best... Mrs. J. G. McDonald's chocolates at Hood's News.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duncan of Lamesa and Peggy Powell of Amarillo are spending the holidays here with the Pat Powells and C. H. Duncans.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hash and Roberta plan to spend Sunday in Electra with Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Raney, formerly of here.

Men sometimes re-buy the same type of clothes and cars, but not women, they are going Studenbaker.

Quentin Fanning of Sundown will be here Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd D. Fanning, and friends.

Mrs. Boyd Fanning visited recently in Vivian, La., with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallace and daughter.

Sgt. A. D. (Bud) Petty, who is stationed at San Antonio, is expected to be here for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Petty.

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Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Copeland and family are leaving Sunday for a one-week visit in Munday, with their daughter, Mrs. Melton Thompson, and in McAlister, Okla., with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Copeland.

C. B. Sikes has just received a carload of Christmas Studebakers. Why not thrill the family with one now?

John O. Wood, who has just recently returned from Pelican, Alaska, is visiting here with his wife and his sister and family, Mr.

and Mrs. Roy Southern.

Ross Smith, student at A&M, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Courtney and daughter Joyce are spending the holidays in Amarillo with their parents.

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Miss Laura Jo Rhea of Sweetwater and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Reed of Fort Worth are visiting their mother, Mrs. Joe Rhea.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sally and children plan to be in Dumas to visit during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Boyd.

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Mary Ann Gill Named To Dean's Honor List

Mary Ann Gill of Childress, student at Baylor University, has been named to the dean's honor list for the 1949 fall quarter, according to Dean Monroe S. Carroll.

Miss Gill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gill, 1077 Avenue K, Northwest, is among 103 university students attaining the straight "A" record for work done the past three months. She is a senior business major working toward the bachelor of business administration degree.

Scrooge Judge Gives Mother Prison Term

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (UP)—Mrs. Lillian Gilyard, 38, mother of nine children, held her 7-month old son in her arms as she stood before Judge George G. Parry for sentencing.

She was accused of failing to report \$587.80 she earned working as a domestic while receiving public assistance checks totaling \$3000 during a 2½ year period.

She said that she took a part-time job to support her children because the relief checks weren't enough to feed them.

"That's too bad," Judge Parry said. "Nine months in county prison."

Deputy Sheriff James J. O'Shea, recalled that the law prohibits separating mothers from nursing children.

"What shall I do with the baby?" he asked the judge.

"Send him with her," Parry replied sharply.

Mrs. Gilyard, who is estranged from her husband, was led off to

Moyamensing prison with the baby. Her eight other children will be sent to homes.



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LOCAL NEWS

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lin are visiting here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Newberry.

A carload of new Studebakers has arrived at Sikes Motor Co., just in time for your Christmas selection.

Clifton H. Campbell, Jr., of El Paso is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gibbs. He is a brother to Mrs. Gibbs.

Mrs. Jim Clifford was admitted yesterday to the Wichita Falls Clinic-Hospital for medical treat-

FORD'S OUT FRONT

'Twas the night before Christmas, the children were dreaming,
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And the Ford dealer gave us a cheery "Hello,"
He wasn't the Santa type, for he appeared,
Without any reindeer, pack or a beard,
But when he drove up in that elegant car,
He was better than Santa, better by far,
"Merry Christmas" he said, with a smile so pleasant,
"The Ford in your future is now in your presence,"
Well, Mother was eager and I was agog,
So we took the new Ford out for a jog,
A jog? it was more like a journey on wings,
What zest in that motor! — What ease in those springs!
Queen size in comfort, King size in brakes,
We chortled, "Ford's in front with whatever it takes!"
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We glowed in the glory of owning a Ford,
And thought, "When you folks start on your holiday hunt,
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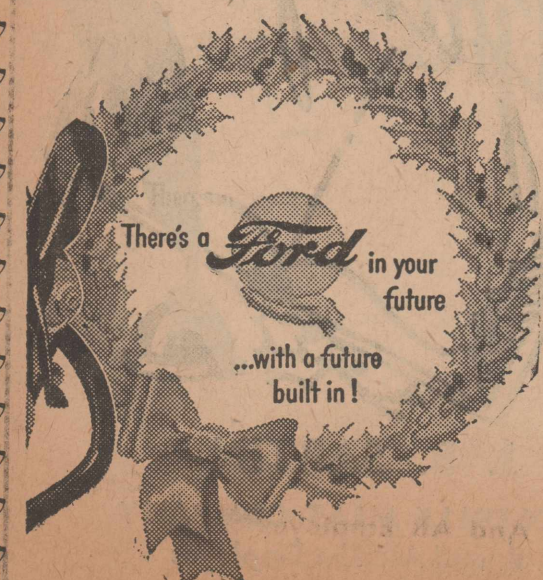
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BY DAVE LEWIS

Coach Don Ezell came forth earlier this week with the Bobcat football schedule for 1950 — apparently one of the toughest a Childress team has faced in a long while.

Amarillo, Borger, North Side (Fort Worth), Phillips Sweetwater and Pampa are included on the non-district agenda, while Vernon, Wichita Falls and Quanah are in on the family feud. Ezell will schedule one more tilt to make it a full ten-game season.

That's a long, uphill grind for a small school like Childress, but we've a hunch the Bobcats will be geared to take the climb in pretty fine fashion.

Ezell, somewhat less of a moaner than many mentors around the district, feels the lads returning next year are "capable" of becoming a first-class outfit.

A quick glance at the records for 1948 and '49, shows Ezell and his Texas Christian compatriot, Ralph Porter, have fielded almost 500 ball clubs over the two years. They entered both campaigns with a prayer and a handful of experienced hands.

Notoriously slow starters during both seasons, the Bobcats have usually doled plenty of misery to stronger opposition the latter part of the year. In 1948 the Bobcats were in contention for the title, and this year they were surprise third-place finishers.

So there appears little room to question the coaching competency at Childress High.

Childress, too small to be a constant pennant threat, will reach its pinnacle next year, as it does every third of fourth season.

A host of lettermen, including about eight lads who started at least part of the games this year, will flock to the gridiron come September.

True, these lads weren't champions in 1948, but indicated they have the ability to make high-caliber payers. In short, they should be heavier and a lot more football wise.

The average poundage on the starting eleven — considering natural growth for the fellows — may make Bobcat partisans anything but heavy of heart.

Consider an opening eleven averaging nearly 180 pounds per man — a line worth about 185 pounds a man and a backfield hitting slightly over 165 — and you just about have it.

That's just a beginning, true enough, but not a bad one. On past performances the starting stalwarts are apt to line up something like this:

Ends — Jarvis Michie, senior letterman, fine offensive end who crashed opening lineup early this year.

R. D. Bradshaw, junior letterman, towering all-around end who appears a "natural." Led wingmen this year in pass-catching.

Tackles — Kirby Galbraith, senior letterman, a part-time starter this year who should go over the 200-pound mark.

Herbert Revis — senior letterman, another 200 pounder plus who saw much service in 1949.

Guards — Earl (Sleepy) Smith, senior letterman, big, fast and one of the ship's top hands.

Sid Holland — senior letterman, perhaps the most aggressive lad in the middle of the Bobcat line at the end of 1949.

Center — Ray Howard, senior letterman, Ezell plans to switch the roughhouse guard to the center post.

Quarterback — Joe Powell, senior letterman, able passer and field general who should be "most valuable" again next year.

Halfbacks — Everett Jones, junior, may supply the power in Bobcat running game.

Perry Morren — sophomore, plans

TIL Director Suggests Overhauling Texas High-School Sports Program

AUSTIN, Dec. 23 (UP)—The athletic director of the Texas Interscholastic League's massive sports program has called for a drastic overhaul of the TIL's regulations governing assignment of high schools to various conferences and districts.

Dr. Rhea Williams, the director, expressed his displeasure with the current rules, cited examples of unwieldy situations and broached suggestions for a change in his column written for the TIL's newspaper, the Interscholastic Leaguer.

The state executive committee presently assigns schools to one of five conferences, according to the league constitution, on the basis of the following enrollments:

City Conference 500 and up; Conference AA, 500 and up; Conference A, 200 to 499; Conference B, 100 to 199, and six-man, up to 100.

"Up to this stage," Dr. Williams wrote, "the assignment procedure is specific and definite. But . . . (other sections of the constitution) . . . leave the gate wide open, and in (my) opinion, prevent this office from making assignments on a practical and edified basis."

His column pointed out the same condition exists in the other conferences as in Class A when the committee attempts to set up its temporary assignments for the 1950-51 school year, for example, in November, 1949. This early temporary assignment has to be done, he said, in order to facilitate schedule making.

In Class AA, Williams said, the committee had to assume that the 31 schools voted in would ask to compete in that conference in 1950 just as they have been for the past 10 years.

"We set up 16 districts, which is the number needed for an orderly state race," Williams said. "Just prior to the release of the 1950 tentative assignments, schools which have been applying for AA competition for years requested, and can demand, assignment to the conference where their enrollment qualifies them (Conference A)."

"This leaves several districts in AA competition with only three or four teams, and with this late notice the state office is unable to make changes to meet this situation without upsetting the entire state organization in Conference AA."

"A mandatory assignment rule, or at least one giving only a small leeway in voting in schools into a higher classification, is urgently needed. Until these suggestions become a reality the state office will not be able to make conference assignments on a scientific and educational basis."

Let the prospectus seem a bit too cheerful, leave us enter paths into the picture. Childress will need to pick up speed somewhere along the line, and they won't be particularly deep at most positions.

Ezell thinks a great deal of his team's success will depend on the backs and ends developing speed. If Powell and Morren come through as expected, the Bobcats will be pretty well set in the passing department.

But they'll need some fast backs, and not one on the probably starters could be branded a speedster. They may pick up a little speed by participating in other sports this year.

"The big line will have to learn to move and use more individual initiative," Ezell said. And he hopes to inculcate a vicious playing attitude toward opponents, a practice he has had much success with.

The "vicious attitude" means nowise that the affable Bobcat mentor sanctions dirty play. His deep desire to win is secondary to character building — which he does a great deal of as coach, school teacher, and Sunday-school teacher. And he's active in several civic organizations.

That's all the football for 1949 — now for '50.

Football Taken Out Of Baseball With New Rules

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (UP)—Baseball's rules committee told players yesterday to cut out the rough stuff they learned on the football field.

The committee completed a massive job of rewriting the entire baseball rule book on orders of Commissioner A. B. Chandler. He had said he wanted the complicated code chopped down to a size that any 12-year-old can understand.

This the committee did, and in the process made several minor changes — the most vital being those which eliminate as much bodily contact as can be foreseen.

For example, you've seen some beautiful football blocks on second base. There's a man on first and the batter raps the ball to second. That man on first, seeking to prevent a double, throws a block at the second baseman as he runs into the bag.

That's illegal now. If the runner tries to interfere with a play in the act of catching the ball, the batter will be called out. So it'll probably be a double play anyhow.

The fielder also got the word to lay off the rough stuff. If a fielder without the ball impedes a base runner, the umpire can give the base runner as many bases as he thinks the runner would have made anyway.

Another interesting change is the location of the strike zone. It used to be from the top of the batter's shoulder to the bottom of the knee. Now the batters get a break. The new zone is a little smaller. It's from the batter's armpits to the top of the knee.

The balk rule also has been changed. If the pitcher has his pivot foot on the rubber, the other foot on a line extending from the plate and the ball gripped by both hands, he cannot take his stretch without drawing a balk. However, he can stretch before he gets into that position.

The coaching box has been extended to 20 feet from the original 15, and the catcher's box will be extended eight feet back of the plate instead of 10.

Wichita Is Given Slight Nod Over Austin Maroons

PORT WORTH, Dec. 23 (UP)—Wichita Falls' mighty Coyotes and the Austin Maroons clashed today at Texas Christian University Stadium for the state Class AA schoolboy football championship.

The Coyotes took the field for the 2 p. m. kickoff as slight favorites, although the game could go either way without surprise.

Coach Joe Golding of the Coyotes and Coach Johnny Kitchen of the Capital City Maroons brought out teams rich with power and sparkling with speed.

Neither Golding nor Kitchen had ever produced a state championship team, thus additional personal prestige was attached to the game.

Wichita Falls has appeared in three previous championship games whereas Austin had been to the post twice. Each went into today's clash with one title in their possession.

.324 percentage while Dale Mitchell of Cleveland was fourth with .317 and veteran Bobby Doerr of Boston fifth with .309.

Dillinger, the demon of the base paths, paced the league in stolen bases with 20, making the third straight year he has taken that title. Little Phil Rizzuto of the Yankees was credited with the most sacrifice hits, 25.

It was strictly a runaway for the Red Sox insofar as team batting honors were concerned. Boston batted .282 and led the runner-up Yankees by 13 points. The Sox also led in homers with 131, in total bases, 2,237, and in doubles, 272.

The White Sox stole the most bases, 62, but pounded out the fewest home runs, 43.



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Missouri Defeats SMU, 62 To 61, In Overtime Fray

By United Press
Southern Methodist and Missouri, who put on a stirring double overtime battle last night, wind up the Southwest Conference's pre-Christmas schedule to-

night with a second battle in Dallas. It will be the only game on tap. Missouri managed to eke out a 62-61 verdict in last night's encounter as conference teams dropped all three intersectional tilts in a continuation of their miserable showing against outside foes.

In addition to SMU's setback, Colorado made it two in a row over Rice with a 64-51 decision at Boulder and Oklahoma A&M came from behind to trip Arkansas 44-36, at Little Rock.

Missouri led SMU throughout the first half and had a 28-26 halftime edge, but center Paul Mitchell — the night's high scorer with 21 points — led a last

JUST THINKING

BY FRANK HATT

I think it might be a good idea to establish a central committee next year to direct the Christmas relief work done in Childress.

This year a number of groups are helping families and there is always a possibility of duplication. Some families may get too much and others, perhaps just as needy be overlooked.

A committee of three, say one

from the ministerial group, one from clubs and one from the Red Cross, or a businessman, could meet in advance of Christmas and get the names of all families deserving Christmas assistance.

Then these names could be given to the various Sunday School classes and groups who would take care of them.

As an alternative suggestion, the Goodfellows might be enlarged to include some businessmen and they could plan the whole thing with all other groups donating clothing, food and money to them for distribution.

As it is now the merchants are asked to contribute to several organizations all doing good work. And they are glad to do it. But better organization would probably result in more good being done all around.

In all probability nothing will be done about it and next year will roll around with nothing being done. If some responsible party will promote the idea about next October, however, I think it will be well received.

Our state representative A. J. Rogers is home for the holidays looking fine. He is now a full-fledged Austin businessman. He has moved and his new address in Austin is 1414 Newfield Lane, Austin.

Most of you seem to agree with my remarks on a certain Mrs. Khan. I thought you would. She'll probably be back in pictures in a few months and the gullible public will knock themselves silly to see the pictures. Not for me, brother.

Fort Worth Tops Early Christmas Store Purchases

DALLAS, Dec. 23 (UP)—Fort Worth led the parade in pre-Christmas buying in department store sales among major Texas cities for the week ended December 17 compared with a year ago, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas said today.

Its weekly report noted a fat 10 per cent gain for Fort Worth over a similar period in 1948 and the district sales were up 7 per cent. Dallas trailed Fort Worth slightly with a 9 per cent gain followed by San Antonio with 7 per cent and Houston 1 per cent.

For several weeks past, department store sales in the state's four largest cities had lagged below those of a year ago, but last week's buying rush toppled sales for a similar period in 1948.

The report was based on a survey of 19 stores in the four cities. The reserve bank said sales for the three weeks ending December 17, 1948 showed a 1 per cent drop for the district but Fort Worth had a 3 per cent gain, Dallas 2 and San Antonio 1, while Houston had a 7 per cent decline.

The report for the four weeks period showed a 2 per cent decline compared with a year ago for the district with only Fort Worth noting a gain — 2 per cent.

Pope Speaks Of Dangers to Church In China, Europe

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 23 (UP)—Pope Pius XII said today in his annual Christmas message to 375 million Catholics throughout the world that he deplored the "grave dangers" to the church in Europe and "exterminated China."

The pontiff said he was comforted by the fact that since the 1925 holy year, the church had doubled the number of Christians in mission countries.

"But, with great sadness in our soul, we cannot remove the thought of the grave dangers which impend and which have already struck religion and its institutions in other countries of Europe and of Asia, as in exterminated China, where tragic revolutions have reduced flowing fields of life to cemeteries of death," the Pope said.

This was an obvious reference to the fight between the Catholic Church and the Com-

munist regimes of eastern Europe, where for the first time in modern history a cardinal is serving a life term in prison after a trial in Hungary.

The Pope, whose address lasted 35 minutes, made a fervent appeal for the return of dissidents to the Catholic Church.

The Pope said that the Catholic Church would welcome "all adherents of Christ's death" and added that he hoped during holy year to see the return of the "in-

ternational society of God to which the peoples in peace and not in war, in collaboration and not in isolation, in justice and not in national egoism, are destined to form a great human family."

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
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Rev. E. Wilson Cole, pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Morning worship at 10:40. Sermon subject will be "The Praise of Jesus."

Evening worship at 6. (No evening service will be held Sunday, December 25.)

Boyd D. Fanning, minister will deliver the morning message.

Tuesday through Friday, a morning broadcast at 10:45. Sunday morning broadcast at 9:15; and Saturday at 10:45, the international Sunday School lesson.

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Evening worship at 7:45.

Mrs. Pearl Robinson is pastor. Evening services at 8 during the week; prayer service on Wednesday night; young people's service Friday night.

W. H. Fowler will have charge of both services Sunday, December 25.

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning service at 11. Sermon subject will be "Do They Admit He was Virgin Born?"

Prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Evening service at 7:30. Sermon subject will be "The Tragedy of A Wasted Life."

The pastor, Rev. Bruce Powell, will deliver the morning sermon, and Tommy Leatherwood, from the Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, will deliver the evening message.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 10:55. Sermon subject will be "God's gift to Man."

MYF's meet at 6 p. m.
Evening worship at 7. Sermon

subject will be "Our Faith in Christ."
Rev. E. E. White, pastor, will bring both sermons.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 25.

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The time for the re-appearing of the divine healing is throughout all time; and who-soever layeth his earthly all on the altar of divine Science, drinketh of Christ's cup now, and is endued with the spirit and power of Christian healing" (page 55.)

Radio Program 8 a. m. Friday. Radio program 9:30 a. m. Sunday.

CHURCH OF CHRIST KIRKLAND

Bible study at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Evening worship at 7.

E. A. Sanders will bring both messages.

FIRST BAPTIST MISSION

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Training Union at 6:00 p. m.

Evening worship at 7.
Rev. Ira L. Parrack will deliver the sermons.

CHURCH OF GOD

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Evening worship at 7:30.

YPE Service at 7:30 p. m. Thursdays.
Pastor, Mrs. Gertrude Alexander.

SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, TELL

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Training Union at 7:30 p. m.

Evening worship at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday-Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.
Rev. A. L. Eubanks, pastor.

KING MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Robert Kiker is Sunday School Superintendent.

Youth Fellowship at 6:00 p. m.
Evening worship at 7:00 p. m.
Rev. C. R. Copeland is pastor.

Bible study and singing at 8 on Wednesday evenings.
Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

ESTELLINE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Robert Kiker is Sunday School Superintendent.

Youth Fellowship at 6:00 p. m.
Evening worship at 7:00 p. m.
Rev. C. R. Copeland is pastor.

Bible study and singing at 8 on Wednesday evenings.
Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Morning worship at 11.
B. T. U. Sunday evening at 7.
Evening worship at 8.
Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday.

W. M. S. at 7:30 Monday evenings.
Pastor is W. B. Grimes

METHODIST, TELL

The pastor, Rev. Percy Smith will be in charge of services.

ESTELLINE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Rev. Albert Cooper, pastor.

W.S.C.S. meets at 8:30 a. m. Monday. Mrs. Hulien Clifton is president.

A. D. Britt is Sunday School Superintendent.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 10:50.
Evening worship at 7:30.

Rev. Frank Crow, pastor, will bring both messages.

HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass schedule for the winter months is as follows:
Week days at 7 a. m.
Sundays at 9 a. m.

First Friday at 7 a. m.
Devotions at 7:30 p. m. Friday.
Rev. R. M. Schindler, pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Training Union at 5:45 p. m.

Evening worship at 7.
Rev. W. H. Colson, pastor, will bring both messages.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Evening worship at 7.

Rev. Virgil Sparks is pastor.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Training Union at 6:30.

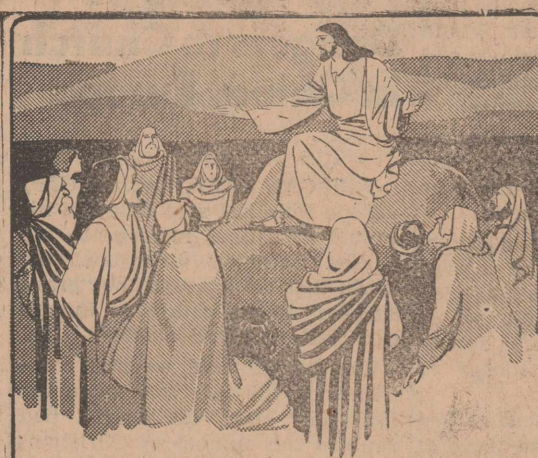
Evening worship at 7:30.
Rev. Marvin Averett will bring both messages.

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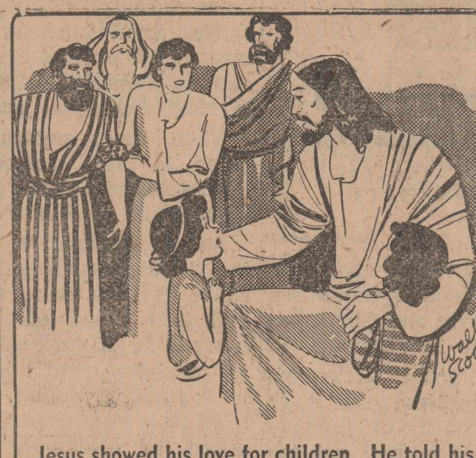
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11.
Training Union at 6:45 p. m.

Evening worship at 7:45.
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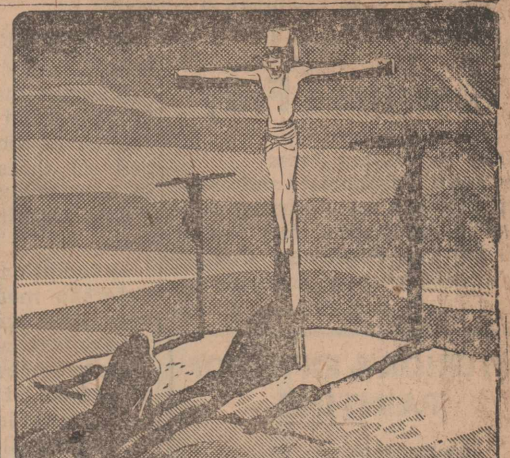
"The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28.)



Jesus showed his love for children. He told his disciples, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14.)



And Jesus healed the sick: "At even ere the sun was set, The sick, O Lord, around thee lay: O, with what divers pains they met: O, with what joy they went away."



To save mankind, He died on the cross.

Hark The Herald An

CHRISTMAS is preeminently a season of happiness. Then we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ. He is the supreme Joy-giver. He declared: "I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly." All are beneficiaries of His generosity. We can best honor Him by accepting His proffer, and following His example.

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IF such Christlike attitude, aim, and activity produce happiness for a few days; the preservation of the spirit would perpetuate the gladness. Long ago a wise man wrote: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Attend your Church. MERRY Xmas to ALL!



YOU IN THE CHURCH THE CHURCH IN YOU

Character is a by-product of the church. It is here that young and old alike are showered with benedictions that fortify and influence for a better citizenship and a stronger democracy. In the church the ministerial are molding religious character. Statutes today declare that the church alone can furnish leadership to handle the affairs of state in these perilous times. Then we with our children should go to the church of our choice on Sunday. "You in the Church and the Church in you"—form a combination for good.

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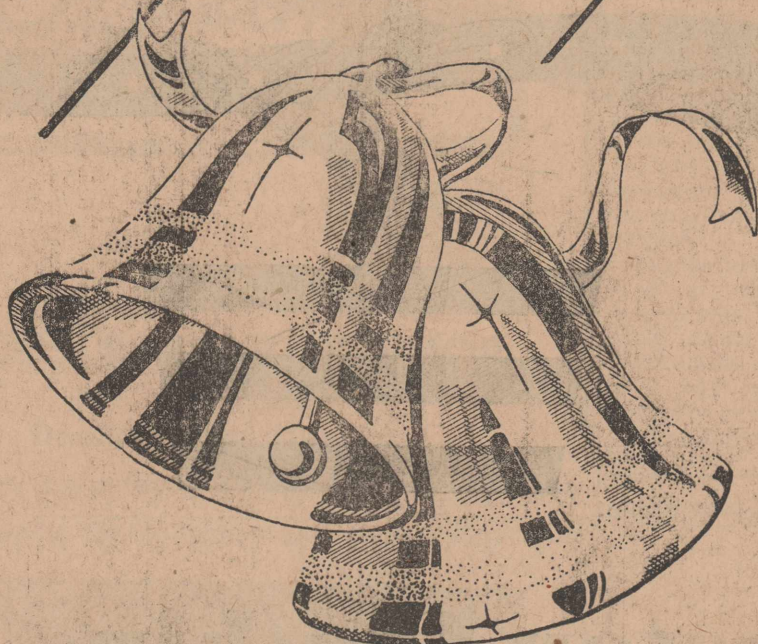
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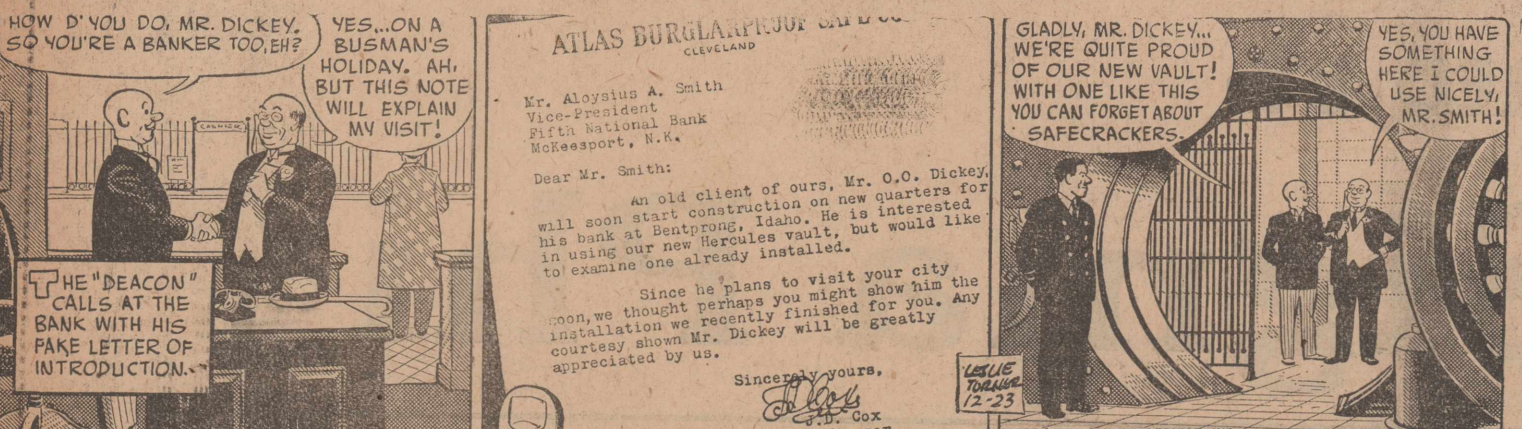
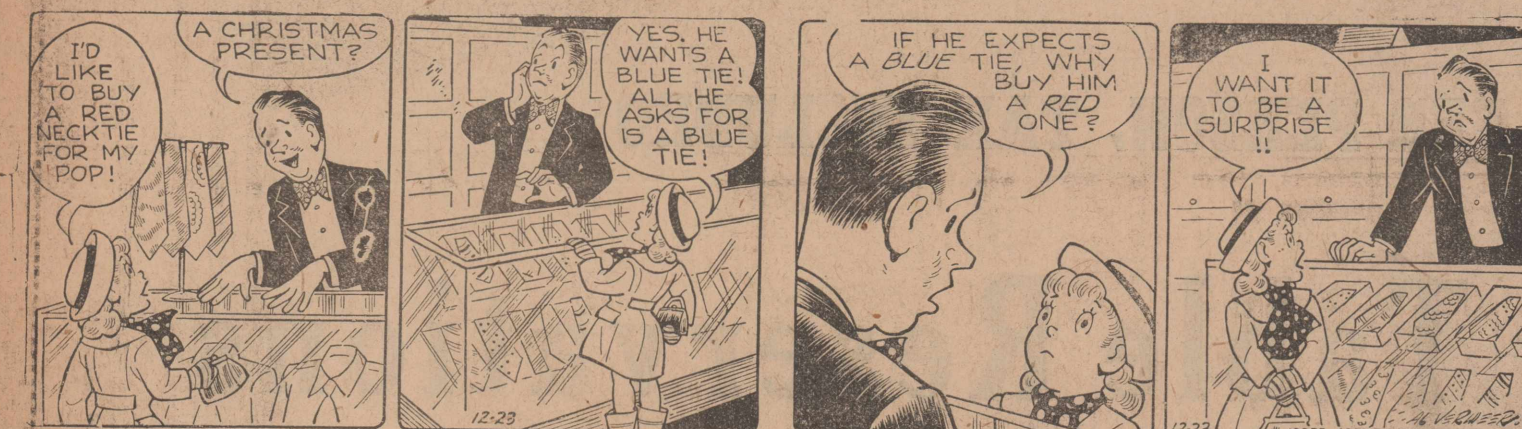
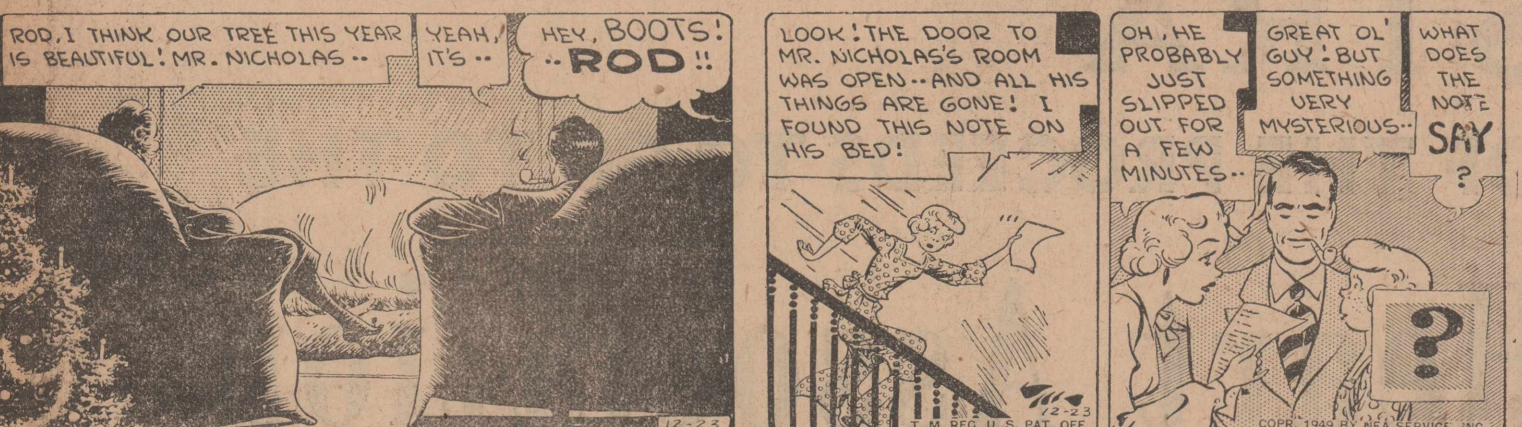
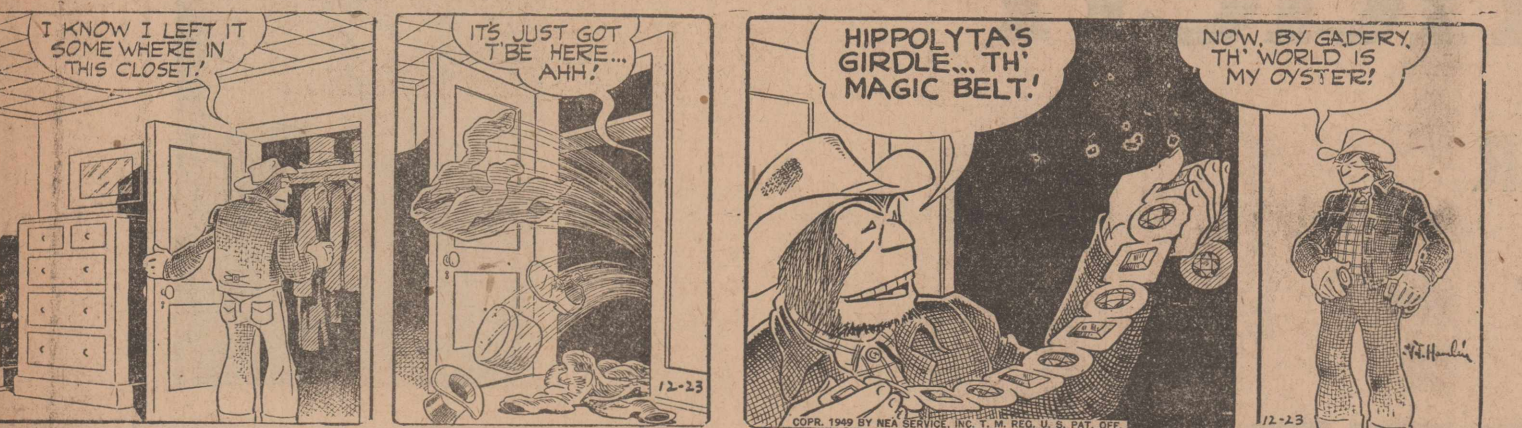
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Sunday and Monday--"The Great Lover" with Bob Hope and Rhonda Fleming.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday--"Always Leave Them Laughing" with Milton Berle and Virginia Mayo.

Friday and Saturday--December 30 and 31--"Hellfire" with William Elliott and Marie Windsor.

MONOGRAM
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 22-24--"American Empire" with Richard Dix.

Sunday and Monday--"Lost Tribe" with Johnny Weismuller and Myrna Dell.

Tuesday and Wednesday--"Sundown" with Gene Tierney and Bruce Cabot.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 29-31--"Bomba On Panth Island," with Bomba the Jungle Boy.

GEM
Friday and Saturday, December 23-24--"Lone Texas Ranger" with William Elliott as Red Ryder.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday--"Masterminds" with the Bowery Boys.

Wednesday and Thursday--"Arson, Inc." plus second feature, "Stagecoach War with Hopalong" with Hopalong Cassidy.

Friday and Saturday, December 31-1--"Riders of the Dusk" with Whip Wilson.

TEMPERATURE

The minimum temperature for the past 24 hours was 25 degrees at 4 this morning. The maximum was 47 degrees at noon today. Temperatures follow:

Hour	Temperature	Hour	Temperature
Noon	47	Midnight	29
1	33	1	29
2	35	2	28
3	37	3	27
4	40	4	25
5	40	5	26
6	38	6	26
7	32	7	28
8	31	8	26
9	30	9	27
10	28	10	34
11	28	11	38
12	29	12	47

Conservation-

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is needed on our mixed and sandy lands when applied to grasses or legumes, Thomas said. About 318,938 pounds were used this year.

These figures do not include conservation practices which will be used through December 31 of this year, Thomas added.

He commended county farmers for their "wholehearted cooperation" in conserving soil and water and urged an even greater effort next year.

The ACP operates under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture. The organization usually pays from 50 to 75 per cent of the cost of the conservation practice to be used, depending on the total cost of the project.

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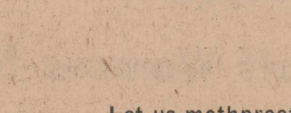
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CHILDRESS, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1949

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Childress Store Windows Light Up For Christmas

Lovely, fragile gifts, special for mother or daughter, are seen in an attractive setting of blue and white at the Classic Shop window. A base for the blue-lighted window is of silver celophane strips.

and the blue and white theme is accentuated by an unusual centerpiece of blue and silver balls built to resemble a tree. Tiny, white reindeer and Santa Claus figurines complete the scene.

Simple, yet one of the most attractive is the United Gas main window, where a large, silver tree stands on a base of "snow." Authentic cedar fence frames the small space.

One of the most original ideas about town was carried out at the Jackson Tire Snow window, with special credit going to the artist, Mrs. Ham Harrison. One window which has caused lots of comment is painted so that shoppers peep through two huge clear bells at a complete set of electrical equipment to resemble the making of a small train village. The other part of the window is painted green, and the bells are seemingly tied with red painted double bows.

Simplicity is the keynote in window adornment of the Petite Shop a few doors down. A fluffy blanket of white cotton contrasts pleasantly with the bright holiday colors of women's clothing — an invitation to Christmas shoppers. At night, the window is lighted by

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Jan the Cheery Fires of
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from
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Texas' Highway Patrolmen Will Work 24 Hours

AUSTIN, Dec. 23 (UP)—Christmas eve will start 24-hours of around-the-clock work for Texas' highway patrolmen, it was announced today.

Walter J. Elliott, chief of the patrol, said that every patrolman in Texas will be on continuous duty starting Christmas eve. The patrol will also be massed in force in New Year's and the following day in an effort to hold the holiday death figure to a minimum.

Department of Public Safety statisticians have predicted that 80 persons will die in traffic accidents during the holiday season, with 16 fatalities forecast for Christmas eve.

Reddest Face In Town—Lady Has It In The Bag

JACKSONVILLE, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP)—A Jacksonville woman held the dubious honor today of having the reddest face in town, acquired on a Christmas shopping trip.

She looked in almost every store for a large purse, a roomy one and yet attractive. Finally, in the last store on her list, she saw just what she wanted and told the clerk, "That's it." The clerk said, "Oke, but that's a diaper bag!"

Soviets Teach Jesus Didn't Exist

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (UP)—School children in the Soviet zone of Germany are being taught that Jesus Christ never existed, the official newspaper of the Berlin Catholic diocese said today.

The paper, Petrus Blatt, said ancient history in Soviet zone schools is being taught from a German translation of a Russian textbook written by Prof. A. W. Mischulin and containing the following statement:

"Scientists have proved that Jesus Christ never existed."

The book is published by Leipzig's "Volk und Wissen" (People and Knowledge) Publishing House and entitled "Geschichte des Altertums" (The Story of Ancient Times).

Even Bandits Get Soft During Christmas Season

ST. PAUL, Dec. 23 (UP)—Even bandits can get the Christmas spirit, cab driver Robert Johnson of St. Paul reported.

As Johnson pulled to a stop at the destination given him by two passengers, one of the men shoved a gun into the back of his neck and demanded his receipts. They got about \$17.

But when they asked for his billfold, Johnson said the \$11 in it was Christmas money for his two children. They let him keep it.

Christmas Season Finds Jerusalem Torn With Unrest

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (UP)—The advent of the Christmas season found in Jerusalem today more barbed wire than holiday tinsel, more seeds of strife than rivets of peace.

For the third straight Christmas the Holy City lay under the shadow of smoldering enmity. On either side of a narrow no man's land zig-zagging through the city, khaki-clad Israelis and Arab legionnaires in red kaffieh paced their posts.

The war which raged bloodily last Christmas and was shaping up the year before was fresh in memory. Scarcely a family had escaped its harsh demands of one kind or another.

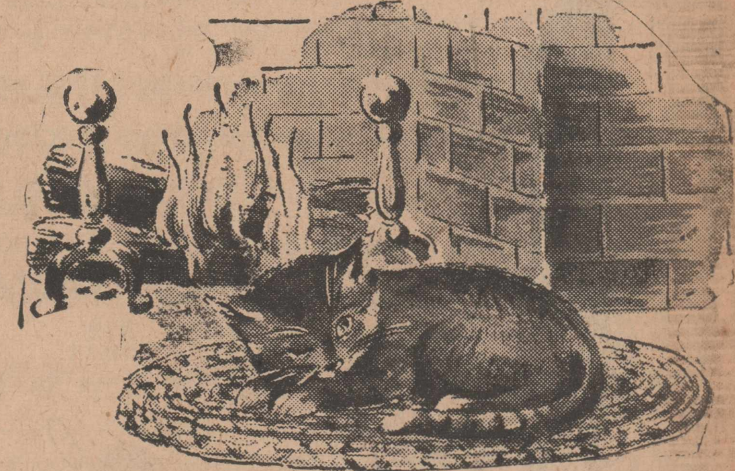
And the war-weary citizens, Christians, Jews and Arabs alike, had hoped that this Christmas would bring true peace on earth and good will — a time of quiet reconstruction and healing of wounds.

Ad Man Dons His Hat To Outfox Customers

FORT WORTH, Dec. 23 (UP)—C. R. Stall, an advertising man in a downtown department store, was constantly being interrupted in his duties by persistent Christmas shoppers buttonholing

him for a sales clerk. Today, he wore his hat on his inter-departmental rounds of business in the store.

"That way," he explained, "Christmas shoppers don't recognize you as a store employee and demand you wait on them."



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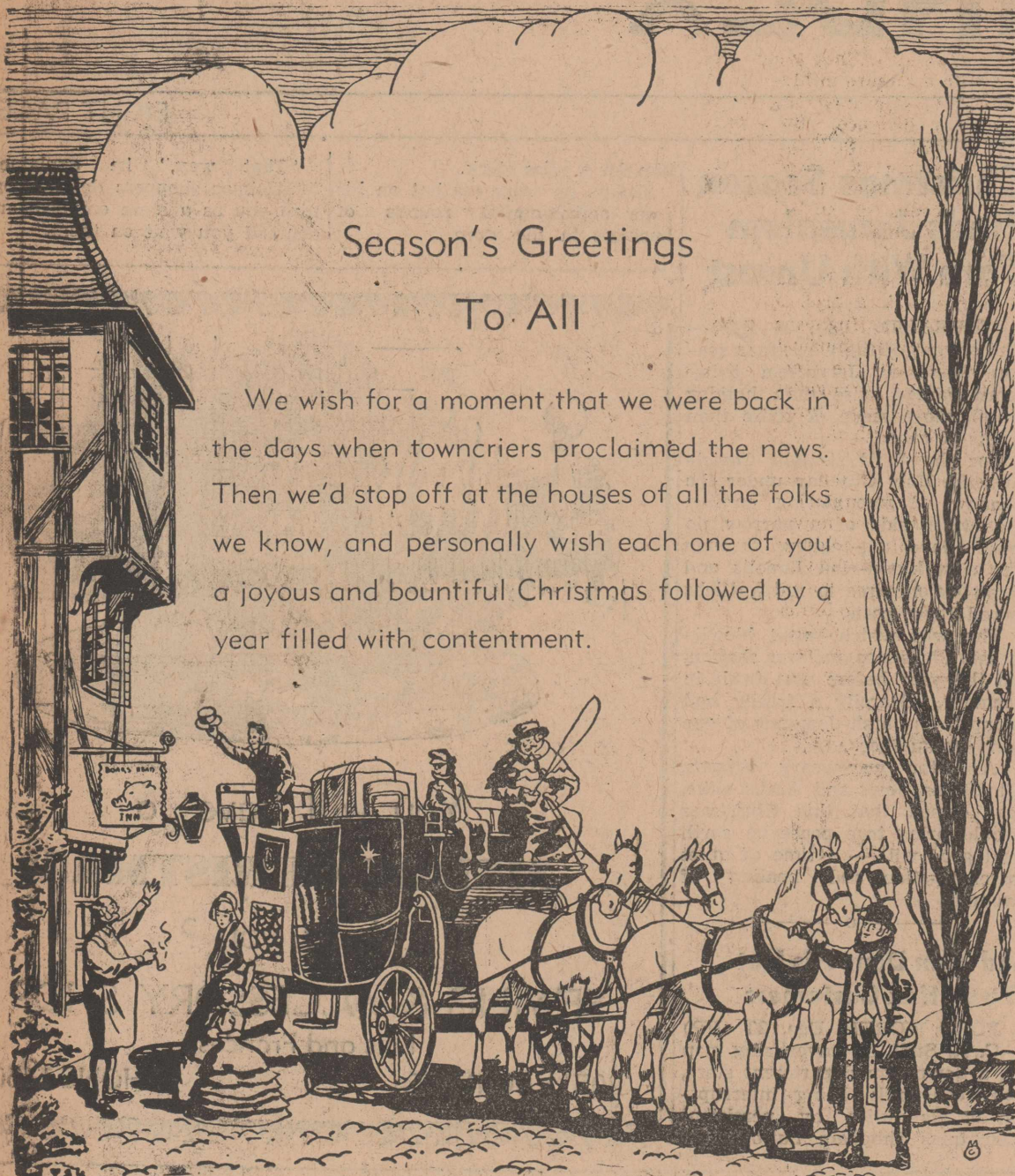
"His name shall be called the
Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6

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CHRISTMAS DAY

"CHILDRESS MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE"



Season's Greetings
To All

We wish for a moment that we were back in the days when towncriers proclaimed the news. Then we'd stop off at the houses of all the folks we know, and personally wish each one of you a joyous and bountiful Christmas followed by a year filled with contentment.

SAIED'S DEPT. STORE

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Irene Johnson Mrs. Sid Partain
Mrs. Bob Custer
Ben, Alex, George and Najla Saied

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Childress Stores-
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gaily colored bulbs on a small green tree in one corner. Blue-tipped, giant icicles hang from the top of the Boles Jewelry windows where a background is formed of sparkling silver cloth tied back with blue cellophane bows to show better the display of the large variety of gifts for all members of the family. A snow-white arrangement of pine leaves and cones, and red holly leaves are the center of interest in one panel of red and silver used as a background for the Hub's tempting display of frothy clothing-gifts for the holiday shopper. Imitation snow forms the base for a display especially for youngsters at the City News Stand. A small, decorated tree covered with fluffy "angel's hair" stands at one side of the window, and at the other side is a clever miniature fireplace with an attractive central arrangement to remind the young folks to hang their stockings. A scene which will greet many families on Christmas morning is re-created in one window at White's Auto Store. Underneath the ideal, tall green tree with the traditional trimming of icicles, is a circular track, on which is an electrical train, the subject of many Santa Claus letters. Intermingled are other mechanical toys, new dolls, building blocks, and a "real-looking" doll house. Something different in the way of gifts for children is the display set up at John's Cafe. Fireworks, miniature cabin, wind-up toys that dance or walk, and also practical gifts such as pen-sets are arranged on a white cover. A jolly cardboard Santa presides over hundreds of toys for children in Perry Brother's show windows, beckoning shoppers inside. "Angel-hair," sprinkled with "snow," is draped about the lower edge of the windows where handy, wrapped kits for mother are arranged. Saied's presents a pretty holiday window, with a lady's complete traveling ensemble laid out on real-looking snowflakes. The back space is all-white, accented with strips of green satin. Branches of pine, with gold-colored cones, and large, snow-covered leaves center the panel on the back wall. Large gifts and little gifts are wrapped in red and green ribbons in the Singer Sewing Center window, where garlands of red and silver are strung across from wall to wall. At the front, silver icicles hang over a display of household articles suitable for Christmas presents on cotton. A galaxy of colors greets the shoppers at Dakil's. In one window, a bright gold tinsel panel in

the center is flanked by white dotted with red and silver stars, with a centerpiece of silver holly leaf behind a big white bell tied with a red bow. Fluffy, imitation snow lines the bottom of the glass. Lovely feminine gifts take the spot-light in both windows. A ballroom effect is created in white at Penney's, with mannequins appropriately dressed in holiday attire and seated or standing. Small white trees decked with colored bulbs and round ruled paper ornaments hang from the ceiling over the various partitions and colored chains are hung from ceiling to floor of the window to complete the setting. A touch of color is added by sprigs of evergreen at the bottom. "Merry Christmas" is the cheerful greeting at the Paint and Wallpaper Store, in red lettering across one window where small reindeer march across a snowy field in an "evergreen forest" of cedar sprigs. Another greeting in silver is in the other window with products draped ready for the Christmas tree—an all silver, medium-sized tree lighted by vari-colored electric lights. Center of interest at the City Bakery is the large round cake having an archway of snow tied with a gay red bow and silver leaves at the top. The cake, on a raised dias of cotton, is decorated with multi-colored ornaments, and is dotted with tiny green trees and a miniature Santa, sleigh and deer. Smaller trees of white stand at either side on raised platforms of glass. Two all-white trees, formed of white Christmas rope and lighted by gayly-colored "bubbling" candles catch the eye at Harp Drug where gifts for men and women—cosmetic and shaving kits, jewelry and perfumes—are displayed. A white and red theme is noted here. A street-scene is viewed through a green, cut-out frame displaying popular women's gift items. Gifts of china and crystal or silver cascade over steps of filmy white "angel's hair" to form an attractive exhibit at J. M. Felt's Hardware. Sparkling silver drapes hang at the sides. Sheer curtains of cherry-red form the background at Prather-Williams Drug store where practical and novelty gifts are set in snow-covered cotton. A pale blue and white color scheme is featured in the other window which is similarly decorated and holding children's toys. A big jolly face of Santa peeps out at youngsters in the window of the Western Auto Store. White, spun glass envelops a tree traditionally decorated with electric

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We like to look back over the past twelve months on Christmas morning. It seems to accentuate the passing of another year, a year of work made a pleasure by associating with and serving people like you. We of this organization wish you a genuine Greeting of Cheer for the Holidays.

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Childress Stores-

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bulbs, icicles and colored bulbs.
Underneath are dolls for the girls

and guns and footballs for the boys.
The simply decorated window at Inman and Cline Appliance fea-

tures fat Santa figurines among electric gift suggestions on parade over a cover of snow-sprinkled cotton.

Strands of red and green rope, draped with silvery icicles, furnish a background for an array of kitchen appliances on "snow" at the Allison Electric Store. Another window shows a decorated tree surrounded by gifts for small children. At night, the arrangement is lighted by colored bulbs on the tree.

Children's toys provide a show at Firestones Store — a special attraction for youngsters. Looking inside the window, window-shoppers may see a border of Santas loading gifts for delivery. The holiday motif is further carried out by tiny green trees planted in cotton "snow" in the windows.

Window adornment at Norris Hardware consists mainly of a top fringe of small silver bells and wreaths suspended by silver chains along the top of the show case. Two bright red wreaths decorate the front entrance. Inside, cookware, china and other miscellaneous items surround a small silver tree.

Giant cedar or pine wreaths center all windows at Furr's Food Store. To add a holiday touch, red ribbons are tied at the bottom of each. Inside, "seasons greetings" are read on banners across the store.

A stage is set at Helen's Shoppe with a curtain of white streamers drawn and tied back to one side with a green, silver and red bulb and green holly leaf. Crystal "snow flakes" hang suspended in midair from the ceiling, and fringed red foil frames each section of the windows. The hat-bar inside was reconstructed to resemble a fireplace of red brick, with an almost-life-size Santa standing near. The mantel centerpiece is figures of Santa and his reindeer.

Especially attractive to lady shoppers is the Fashion Shop window where mannequins in lovely holiday attire are on parade. Pale green nosegays of foil paper are suspended about half-way from the ceiling. The green foil ruffle runs along the top of the window and edges the lower front edge.

Photography work is seen at Webb's on a snow sprinkled base. A ruffled paper curtain hangs in back, brightened by a deep red rope trailing out at each side from a large white bell tied with red and silver leaves in the center.

Cardboard reindeer motifs gallop across the back wall of green at Watkins, which placed its seasonal gifts on covers of white cotton. Electric lights decorate a cardboard tree of white in one window, and clusters of little red bells are fastened at intervals across the back wall.

A large variety of novelty gifts, games and toys for children are



SANTA GETS A TICKET—Part-time Santa Claus Vincent Dom-brose of Cleveland, O., ran afoul of a parking meter and got a ticket for overtime parking. Like any ordinary citizen, Santa is seen paying his fine to June Kelly, a traffic division clerk.

grouped under a single tree decorated with the usual trimmings of icicles, bells, electric lights, and colored balls.

F. W. Woolworth Store windows might be a scene in toyland, so numerous are the practical gifts and toys, displayed row after row between a pillar of imitation red and white striped candy sticks. Garlands of shiny silver rope are hung in scallops across the top of each window, tied at intervals with red bells.

Shining drapes of red and blue cellophane strips centered by big silver stars and a lighted candle are The Index's only ornamentation.

Red and green ropes on white cotton entwined among Office Supply articles and school supplies. A tiny church house surrounded by green evergreens was chosen

for the foreground decoration. The wise men in white silhouette journey toward the star in a blue desert in the window decoration at Roberson-Eubank Drug. The picture is set up behind the array of men's gifts on a red velvet cloth outlined by silver tinsel rope.

A light film of "snow" covers gift articles for men in the Jones and Damron store windows which are simply decorated in a red and white color scheme.

Single lighted red wreaths draw passers-by to the Writer Time Service store. Scallops of red and green ropes hung with clear red icicles from one side to the other, and lighted by a string of colored bulbs.

The West Texas Utilities window's holiday dress consists of a blue backdrop of cellophane streamers in one window, while a

red background compliments the other.

Half of the Fabric Shop window is filled with a picture in blue and white of the wise men sighting the star in a distance. Bolts of bright colored cloth contrasts pleasantly against a carpet of white cotton. Other traditional Christmas scenes of silver cut-outs against fuchsia form plaques for walls inside.

An "ice-covered" tree, bare of leaves, serves as a prop for a record display at Hughes Radio store. Other gifts for music-lovers are placed beneath the tree on a base of frothy white "angel's hair." Shoppers outside look through a window flecked with multi-colored "snowflakes."

In one section of the partitioned windows at Montgomery and Ward store, children may see a rosy-cheeked Santa holding tiny-tot's gifts with more shown in the foreground. Others, special for mother, are viewed underneath an abbreviated tree of curled green paper topped with a red star.

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Let us rejoice in the magnificence and glory of Christmas.

May we be happy in the associations of loved ones. May

each of us spend a Christmas unsurpassed in content-

ment and peacefulness.

MEACHAM GRO. & MARKET

MR. & MRS. O. A. MEACHAM

Wishing you

THE JOYS OF THE SEASON

Our pleasant associations inspire sincere appreciation.

May your Holiday Happiness and Good Cheer continue with you throughout the coming twelve months.

A. L. HARP DRUG CO.

AND EMPLOYEES

121 MAIN STREET

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The Christmas Season

brings to mind the

Many happy friendships

that we have

had the pleasure of

enjoying during the past

twelve months.

We trust that we may

continue to merit

Your trust and confidence

and that the season

will be one of

many blessings.

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PAULINE'S STYLE SHOP



J. C. Penney Co.

AND ALL EMPLOYEES

109 MAIN STREET

CHILDRESS, TEXAS

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Green leaves of the same shiny paper are strung across and back of clothing exhibits for all the family. Window decoration of bright green and red is repeated inside throughout the store.

Originality is noted at the Powder Puff Shop where pine branches overlap outside in front of window with electrically-lighted bulbs hid behind. Dainty cosmetics and miniature reindeer are placed along the window front. The main feature is an almost-life-size white deer standing in a mound of wrapped gifts. Circular-shaped branches centered with red balls and holly sprigs adorn the smaller

window.

A cardboard figure of Bugs Bunny, in a "borrowed" red Santa suit, beckons gift seekers to view the albums of records telling comic-book stories propped in a bed of cotton at the Record Shop.

Oliver Jewelry says "Seasons Greetings" with white-on-red banners against a snowy white background in the window. Flanking the central center attraction above a fine jewelry show are green velvet drapes. Beautifully-wrapped gifts add to the attraction.

Centering both windows at Cobb's Shoe Store are sprigs of green pine, flanked by printed ribbons suggesting gifts, and arrangements of silver and red leaf.

red ribbon and white bells tacked to the back wall.

The all-blue theme is repeated in the small Hood News window where a white, blue-lighted tree stands surrounded by novelty gifts and children's gifts. A frilled, blue net ruffle frames the exhibit, and fluffy, pale blue spun-glass covers the bottom of the show case.

Old St. Nick in his sleigh drives his deer across a snowy field toward a softly lighted yuletide tree in the Leverett Typewriter and Office Supply. The window is lined at the bottom with little colored balls.

Another famous Christmas scene of blue and white proclaims the Christmas season at Madden's

Boot Shop. The picture is of blue figures against a white background, banked by raised platforms for the leather articles. "Seasons Greetings" are extended by banners across the back walls.

Blue is the favored color again in the Robbins Electric window where a display rests on steps covered with light blue satin. At the top is a blue satin plaque reading "Merry Xmas." A happy new year greeting follows in the other window.

A polka-dot effect is noted in the Driskell Jewelry window where white curtains are studded with glowing red balls and tied at either side with red foil bows. A sparkling array of jewelry is attractively arranged in the foreground.

Loetta's Gift Shop front window brings forth many complimentary remarks — the space is snow-covered and lined with a forest of miniature trees of blue felt. At the left side is a small white churchhouse with miniature dolls going up steps to church, greeted by a minister doll appropriately dressed for services. Blue, sheer curtains with a tiny silver star design at either side emphasizes the blue and white scheme.

Lingerie gifts in soft colors circled a small white tree draped with white spun-glass at Pauline's Style Shop. Large gift packages in vivid colors are placed about the show cases. At center back hangs huge red cellophane bells knotted with large red bows and silver holly leaves touching the floor.

Preston Clothiers' front windows are simply decorated, having black curtains of red and silver in both. Gaily wrapped packages intermingle with the men's clothing on parade.

The Sewing and Accessory Shop boasts a show of tiny-tots clothing and practical toys on a blanket of white "angel's hair." Up in one corner is a tiny white tree light-



PASSION PLAY FIGURES—Anton Preisinger, left, was named to play the role of Jesus in the world-renowned Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany. Preisinger won by secret ballot of the Play Committee over Alois Lang, right, an alleged minor Nazi who played the Savior in pre-war plays. Oberammergau is completing plans for production of the first Passion Play since the war began.

Woman Needs Brains, Not Beauty For Spy Work

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (UP)—A woman doesn't need sex ap-

peal today to succeed as a spy, a former counter-intelligence officer said, but she can't make the grade without brains.

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Santas' Beards Are Now Being Made Fireproof

WILMINGTON, Del. (UP)—Santa Claus can rest easier now. Cigarettes no longer can set fire to his flowing white beard.

The DuPont Co., giving some thought to fire hazards besetting department store Santas, has come up with new beards and wigs made of nylon monofilament, the same material recently introduced for life-like hair on dolls.

The company said its new washable and combable, fireproof beards and wigs will not smoulder, burn, or explode in Santa's face. When exposed to flame, they simply melt.

The grape juice industry was founded by Dr. Thomas Branwell Welch in 1900.

IT'S A FACT

That we wish each and all of our friends and customers the very



MERRIEST CHRISTMAS

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And
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SEASON'S GREETINGS



STAHL'S SHEET METAL SHOP

112 AVENUE B, NORTHEAST

Bill and Pearl

WAKE UP SANTA!!



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to us has made serving them worthwhile, and

how we wish them the Biggest, Happiest, and

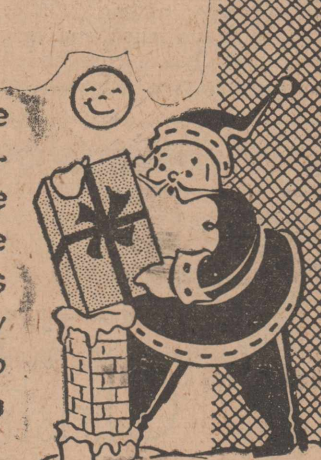
Merriest CHRISTMAS ever.

From The Entire Staff Of—

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As the years roll by, we realize more and more what it means to have the friendship of folks like you. That's why it is a pleasure to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.

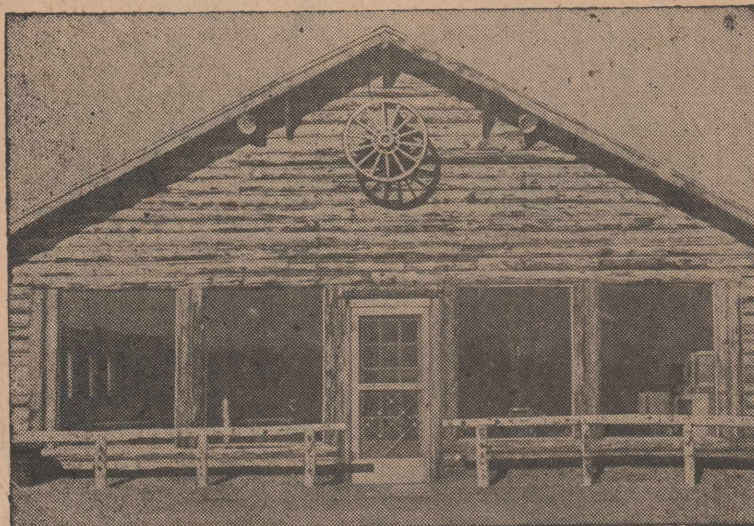


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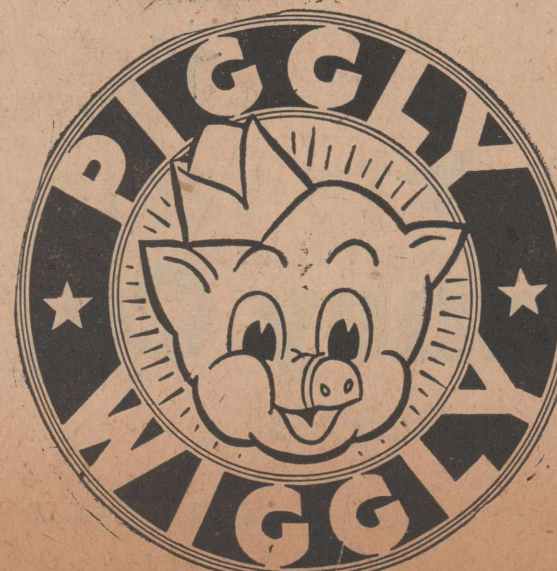
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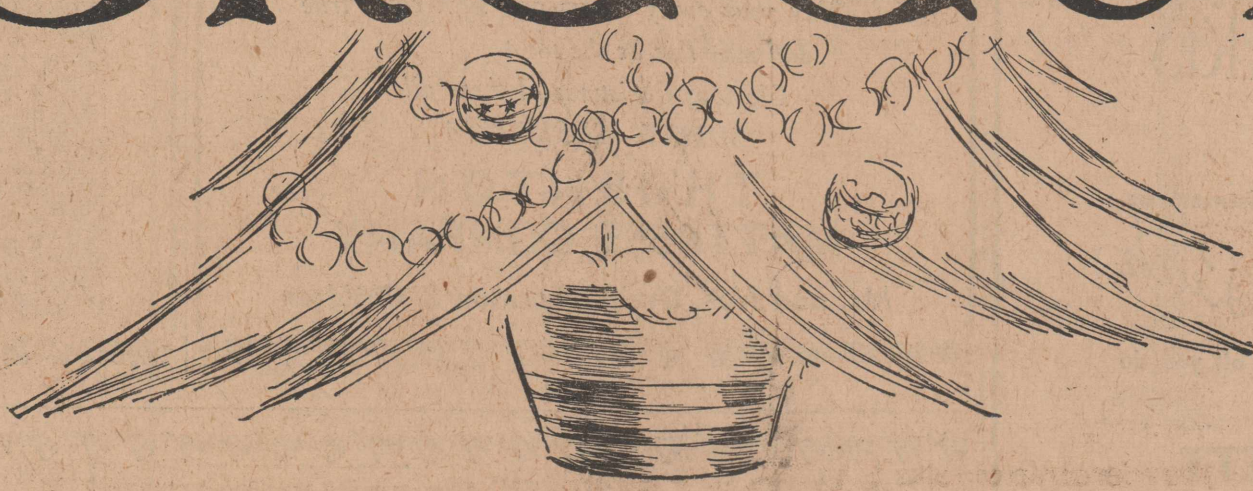


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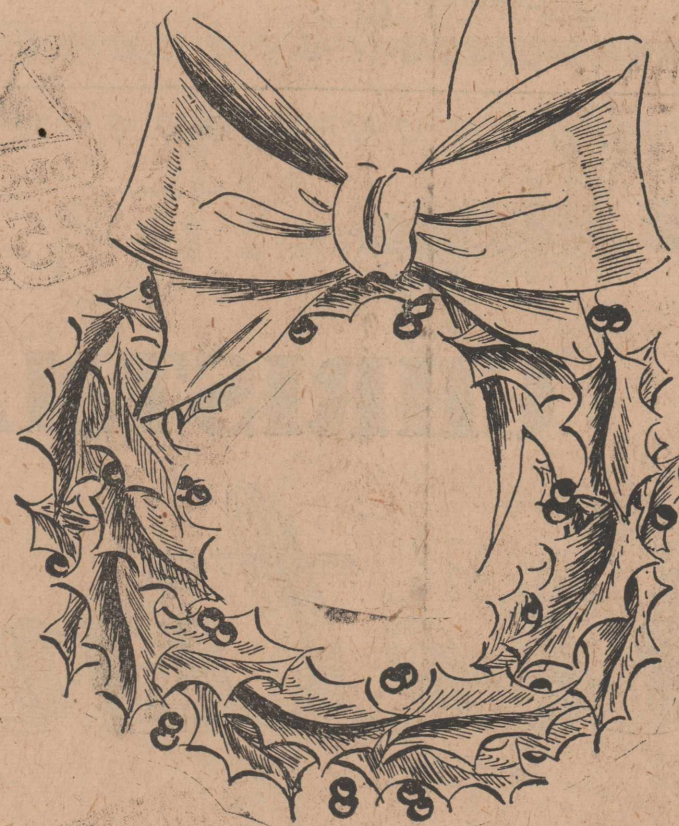
SEASON'S GREETINGS



Yes, it's true we've been wishing our friends and neighbors a hearty "Merry Christmas" for a long time. Each season's greetings seems to take on added significance because we find ourselves with new friends and new customers whom we wish to include in our list.

As we look about us and give serious thought to what has transpired the past twelve months, we welcome the Christmas season with even more enthusiasm than ever before. We have much for which to be thankful—a host of friends, a fine community, a spirit of loyalty that makes us proud to call this our home.

It is good to be among friends at Christmas and to send you our annual message of "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"



Panhandle Compress AND Warehouse Co., Inc.

CHILDRESS,

V. C. VISOR, Superintendent

TEXAS

Whall! The North Pole Never Heard Of This Guy Santa

MONTREAL, Dec. 23 (UP)—The land that Santa Claus made famous never heard of him.

"The north pole is a peppermint stick to everybody but Jack and Jill Eskimo," Col. P. D. Baird said today. "They never heard of the gent with the long white beard and fur-trimmed suit. But even so, Eskimos make a pretty big thing of

Christmas."

Baird, a member of the Arctic Institute of North America, has celebrated Christmas with the Eskimos in a one-room igloo at the roof of the world.

"The Eskimos throw a big community party and everybody goes formal—as formal as you can get in ice-coated animal-skins," he said. "There are no Christmas trees and the closest thing to Santa Claus is the agent at the Hudson Bay Company's outpost. They haven't much to give, but the real spirit of giving is there."

At the igloo party he once attended in Repulse Bay, Baird said, the presents for the men, women and children from the Hudson Bay

Company were stacked in three separate piles in the middle of the floor.

"The women and children were shy," he said. "They scooped up their gifts—candy for the kids and dress material for the women—and beat a fast retreat back to their own people."

But the men made quite a ceremony of receiving gifts, he said.

"They closely examined each gift—even though they were all the same—holding them up to the light and shaking them to guess what was inside. The gifts were either a pipe or some tobacco."

After the Hudson Bay Company's presents were handed out, he said, everyone exchanged some personal belonging, a hand-carved walrus tusk or the three most welcome gifts—tea, tobacco and ammunition.

"Eskimo Christmas presents aren't ever much of a surprise," he said, "everybody knows what everyone else owns right down to the last grain of tobacco. But when an Eskimo gets something that delights him, he says 'wah-kudlunga!'—which is just a harder way of saying 'Oh!'"

Japanese women have only four officially approved styles of hairdress.

Top Christmas Carol Owes Birth To Gnawing Mice

OBENDORF, Austria, Dec. 23 (UP)—Mice gnawed the bellows of the church organ 131 years ago, and it was a wheezy wreck when Christmas came around.

The mice did their mischief in the small Catholic Church of St. Nikolaus in the village of the Salzach Valley, and thereby hangs a tale. It is the tale of the best loved of all Christmas carols:

"Silent night, holy night,
"All is calm, all is bright . . ."

The parish priest, Joseph Mohr, 26, was desperate. He knew his parishioners wanted music for their Christmas. He took his problem to his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, a school teacher. Gruber was the organist in the little church. Together they went to work.

By Christmas eve the two had composed a simple carol. It was to be sung by the two men, a tenor and a baritone, and accompanied by Mohr's guitar.

They sang the carol for the little congregation that night at midnight mass. Everyone like it.

"People will sing your song long after we are dead," Mrs. Gruber told her happy husband.

Just before Christmas the next year, an organ builder came to check the church organ. Gruber, testing the repairs, played the carol. Mohr began to sing it, and Gruber joined in.

The organ builder, his name long since lost, copied the song and played it as he went from village to village. He carried the song from the rolling hills and Valley of Salzach near the German-Austrian border to Zillertal, high in the Tyrolean Alps. There two brothers and two sisters heard it.

In 1831 the Tyrolean singers sang the song at a church service at the Leipzig fair. They were asked to sing it again at the local concert house.

The carol was on its way around the world.

Mohr died in a tiny hamlet in the Alps in 1848, he did not leave enough money to pay for his burial. Fifteen years later Gruber

Train Crew Plans Christmas Party For "Miller Kids"

DCNGOLA, Ill., Dec. 23 (UP)—The Illinois Central's fast freight stopped here for the first time this week—for the three Miller kids.

Day and night, ever since their father built the house beside the right-of-way, the girls have cheered on the five round-the-clock crews of the Memphis-to-St. Louis train. With hard waves and big grins by day, with flashlights by night.

Crew members have chipped in \$26 to give the girls during their unscheduled, Christmas stop at their trackside home.

The girls, Lorraine, 4, Gloria, 11, and Vivian Miller, 12, will be repaid for the thousands of times they have appeared along the right of way to wave greetings to the tired train men as the big No. 81 roars by.

At night, regardless of the time. The girls answer the unfailing toot of No. 81's whistle with flashlights. When the trainmen notice the lights are dim, they drop off fresh batteries on the next trip.

"They mean a lot to you when you've pulled out at three o'clock in the morning and feel sort of grumpy," Brennan said.

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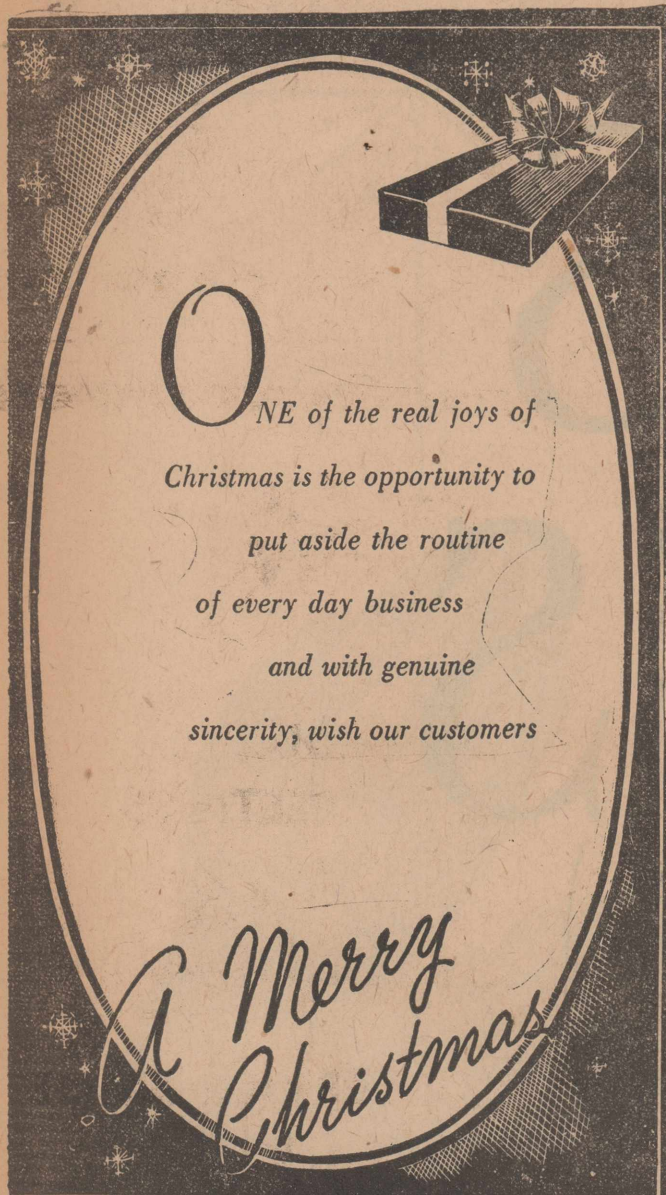
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At night, regardless of the time. The girls answer the unfailing toot of No. 81's whistle with flashlights. When the trainmen notice the lights are dim, they drop off fresh batteries on the next trip.

"They mean a lot to you when you've pulled out at three o'clock in the morning and feel sort of grumpy," Brennan said.



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A Merry Christmas

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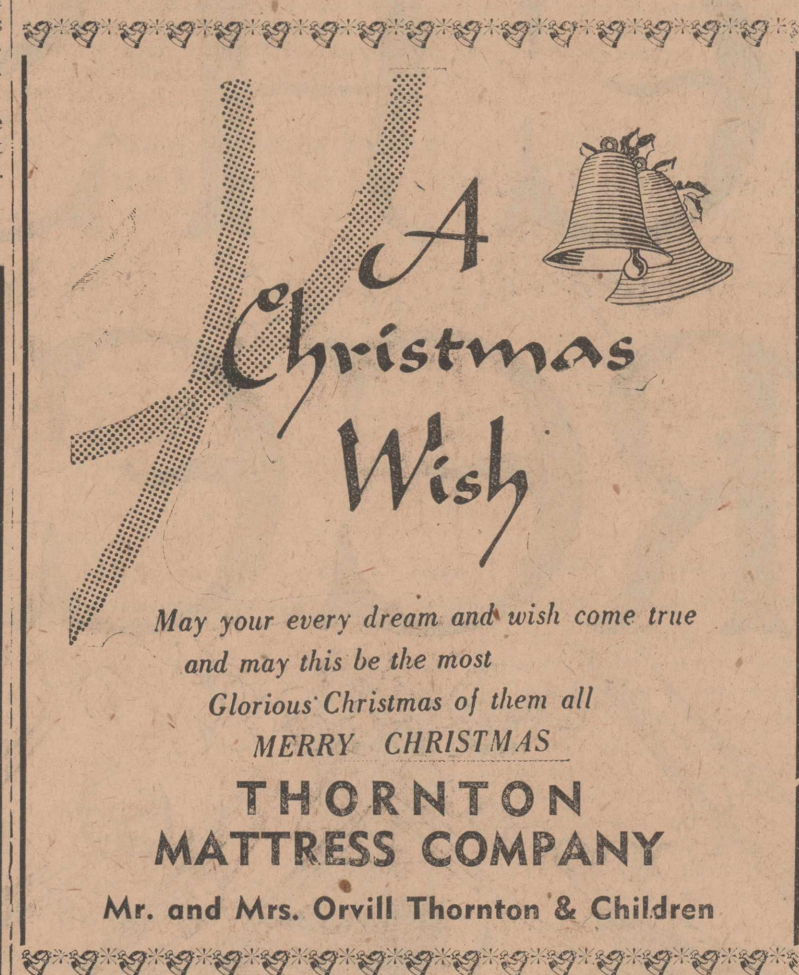


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We are thinking of you at Christmastime and wishing you

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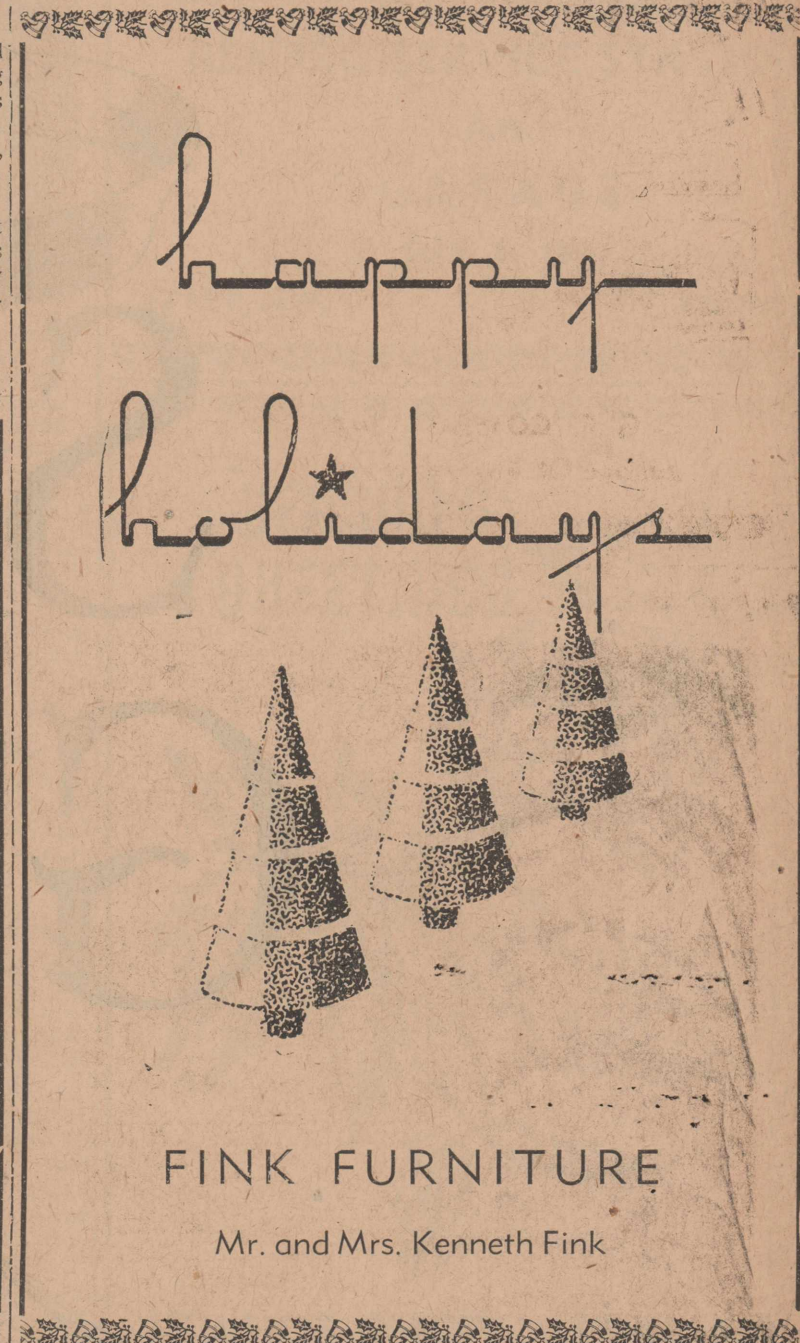
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May your every dream and wish come true and may this be the most Glorious Christmas of them all

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THORNTON MATTRESS COMPANY

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CHRISTMAS Greetings

About this time every year old Santa has packed his sleigh full of presents for everyone, hitched up his reindeer, and set off for all parts of the world to distribute a bit of Christmas Cheer everywhere. Our wish for the season is that Santa may give you a joyous Christmas.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

IS IT POSSIBLE . . . ? That another year has passed since the familiar sights of the Christmas season have greeted us at every turn? It seems that Old Santa just slips up on us a little faster each year, so we hasten to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

J. M. TINALL GIN

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Latin St. Nicks' Think U. S. Santa Too Commercial

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23 (UP)—The three kings of the Orient,

the Latin version of Santa Claus, met the American Santa today and pronounced him "too commercial." But he's winning Latin America away from them anyway, they admitted. The children think the jolly round saint is more fun than the staid, dignified kings from the

Bible. The wise men, who bring gifts for every south-of-the-border child on January 6, just as they brought gifts to the infant Jesus, were flown here from Mexico to meet Santa Claus.

"Santa is very jolly, but he is too commercial," wise man Enrique Ortega said.

"With us, Christmas is a time for fasting and prayers."

Ortega and the other two wise men, Juan de Domencio and Profrino Romay, Mexican vice-consul, had a date with Santa under the city's 105-foot Christmas tree.

They showed up in the flowing blue robes, draped hat and false beards that the Mexican gift-giver substitutes for Santa's red suit.

The wise men ride on flying camels, instead of a sleigh.

Mexican children write letters to the wise men, Ortega said, and leave them in department stores.

More advanced stores now have Santa Claus and a wise man side by side. A child who wants to be on the safe side can place an order with both.

"Families are trying to keep the old customs, but you can't blame the children for liking the jolly, laughing Santa better than a sober old wise man," Ortega said.

"Perhaps it will not be long until Santa Claus conquers the country and runs us out of business," the wise man said.

Santa And Troup Show Their Stuff For Denton Folks

DENTON, Dec. 23 —Santa and his reindeer, Jesus, Joseph and Mary and the Three Wise Men, along with other Yule characters, moved from the North Texas State College campus recently to make spotlighted appearances in downtown Denton for the Christmas season.

The life-sized characters were made by merchandising arts classes of the NTSC School of Business, along with 12 special holiday windows for as many downtown stores.

Included in the three Christmas scenes are Santa, his sleigh and eight reindeer, the eastward trip of the Three Wise Men, and the nativity scene with Jesus, Joseph, Mary and a kneeling shepherd, all transformed from wood, old newspapers, and wire mesh to natural, real-size characters through use of paint and hours of work.

Christmas trees, reindeer and baby angels for the store windows were made of pastel shades of spun glass, gold metallic bells and expanding silver metals.

Luther Burbank found more than 1000 plant species growing in the American desert.

The Old Master



Liar Club Prexy Forecasts Bigger And Better Fibs

BURLINGTON, Wis., Dec. 23 (UP)—A bumper crop of lies will be harvested this year, President O. C. Hulet of the Burlington Liars' Club has predicted.

The fabrications concocted for the club's national contest December 27 or 28 promise to be better than ever before, Hulet said.

Liars have been perfecting their technique since the club with a minimum of words.

As an example he quoted Mrs. James McQuaid of Tyler, Tex., who declared she had "never heard a Texan brag about Texas."

Editor Decries Santa Is Being Commercialized

WASHINGTON, (UP)—A leading Catholic editor has protested that "Santa the saint has been lost in Santa the sugar daddy."

The Rev. John Sinnott Martin wrote in the current issue of "Catholic Review" that under present standards "children are to be good or they won't get paid with presents—a fine specimen of unChristian morality."

He urged parents to take the lead in rejecting the commercialized version of Christmas in favor of a holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus.

Castor oil is used in the hydraulic brakes of automobiles.

Noel, Missouri, Has Xmas Show Befitting Name

NOEL, Mo., Dec. 23 (UP)—This southwest Missouri Ozark town of 515 persons puts on a spectacular Christmas show in keeping with its name.

High on a cedar-covered hill to the west of the town, a huge star shines brightly. It can be seen for miles across the wooded ridges.

The community lights itself up like one big Christmas tree, starting almost two months before the big day. Newcomers say they find more Christmas spirit here than in other towns in which they've lived.

That's what a name can do.

Several years ago, when Ed Rousselot was postmaster, he suggested that the postmark "Noel" should be right fitting on Christmas mail. Attention thus was focused on this town along Elk River, not far from the Arkansas and Oklahoma borders.

This year the Lions Club has a booth where it will stamp mail with the words: "Greetings from Noel, Mo., the Christmas city of the Ozark vacationland." The club secretary will handle the stamping.

At the postoffice, Kenneth Perry, now the postmaster, said he expected to handle more than 600,000 cards and packages, the number cancelled here last year.

Mayor R. C. Mott said that all churches and schools will have Christmas programs. The choral

society will present a program of Christmas carols. All women's clubs and organizations were busy on Christmas projects.

Homeowners and storekeepers had their decorations shining brightly in keeping with the town-wide spirit. Up above the city, on the star-lighted hill, there were several great cedar trees decked out with lights. Loudspeakers boomed carols along main street.

Mott said the Chamber of Commerce strung lights along main street on November 2.

Noel was named by the city's first postmaster in honor of Uncle Bridge Noel, an early-day settler in these parts.

Men are affected by diabetes twice as frequently as are women, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.



Wish we could deliver them all to you in person —

G. F. 'COWBOY' SANDERS
Justice Of The Peace, Prec. No. 1

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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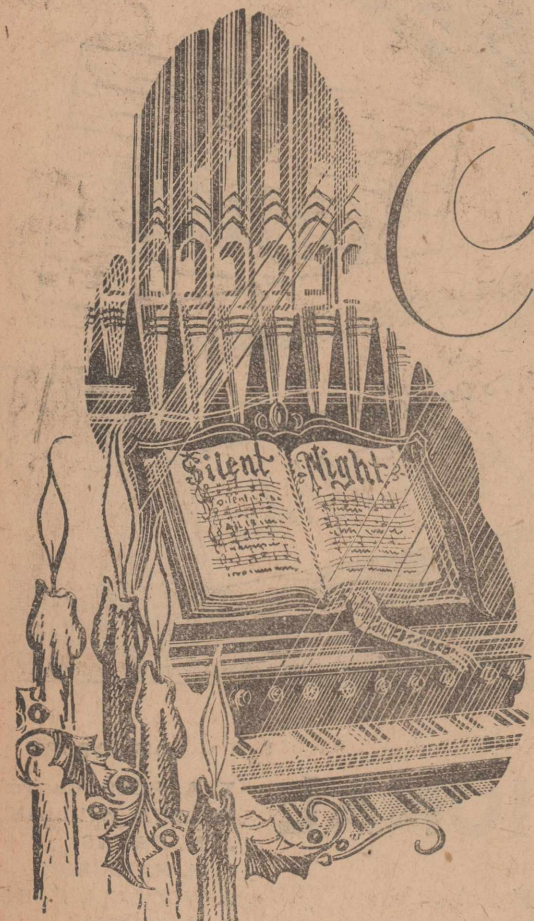
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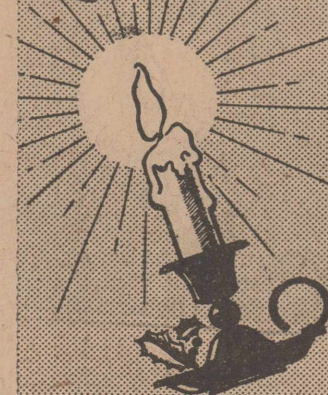


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Merry Christmas to you, one and all.

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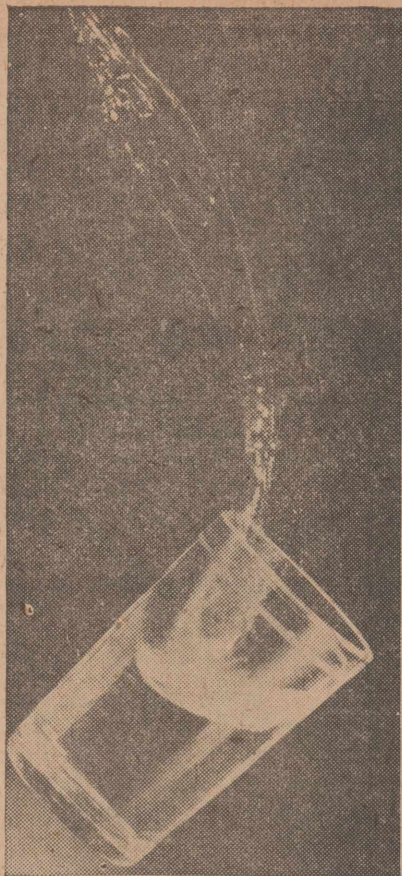
GEORGE STEWART

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Highway Patrolmen Get Drunk, Horse And All

HILLSBORO, Tex., Dec. 23 (UP)—The things a highway patrolman has to do when he arrests someone!

Patrolmen Ray Keating and Frank Jircik arrested for drunkenness a man they found standing by a horse. Jircik took the drunk to jail in the patrol car; Keating rode the horse to jail — a distance of two miles.



IT HAPPENED IN TWO-MILLIONTHS OF A SECOND—A super-speed photolight that throws a brilliant flash lasting only two-millionths of a second caught the unusual photos above. At left, a falling glass of water is snapped at the instant it struck the floor, sending up a graceful geyser. At right, a .22-caliber bullet smashes through a glass jar and then breaks an electrical conductor, which set off the high-speed photolight and took the picture. Engineer William Plant at the General Electric laboratory, Schenectady, N. Y., developed the ultra-fast photolight.

Elliott Roosevelt Delays Christmas Eve Date With JP

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 23 (UP)—Elliott Roosevelt has a Christmas eve date with a justice of the peace to answer his latest speeding summons.

Roosevelt was to have appeared before Justice of the Peace George C. Dietz last Saturday night, but won a week's adjournment when he telephoned it was inconvenient for him to be present. Dietz granted the delay until 7 p. m. this Saturday.

Roosevelt was arrested on a charge of driving 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile speed zone. The Christmas eve court appearance will be his second before Dietz, who fined him \$10 on July 13, 1948 after he pleaded guilty to driving 50 miles an hour through a 35-mile zone.



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JIM WOODS

"Peace on Earth
Good Will to Men"

May the shining star of Christmas shine forever in the hearts of mankind and may "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" remain with us forever.

NEWBERRY
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Jesus's Birthday Was Celebrated On Several Dates

By Paul F. Ellis
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—A look back into history shows that it was some 300 or more years after the birth of Jesus before the Christian peoples of the world accepted December 25 for the observance of his birthday.

There were numerous other dates including November 18, January 6 and March 25 or 28, a survey of the authoritative records in the natural history museum building of the Smithsonian Institution discloses. There is no authentic data fixing a definite date.

From the early historians, it appears that Jan. 6 was the most popular day until the year 353 or 354 when Pope Liberius in Rome set the date of December 25 for the observance of the birth of Je-

sus Christ and kept Jan. 6 for the feast of the baptism.

There are several theories why the change was made. One was that the days begin to lengthen on about December 25 and also that the date was beyond a series of days late in December when heathen feasts were being observed. Another theory is that January 6 was another pagan holiday and that the December 25 date may have been set deliberately by the early Christians to reconcile the different religious beliefs.

There seems to be two authorities on the history of Christmas day, December 25. They are identified as the German historian Herman Usener and the French historian, L. Duchesne.

Usener believes that the celebration of the nativity was originally held everywhere on January 6. But that date was displaced in Rome in 353 or 354 in favor of December 25 and January 6 was kept for epiphany or feast of the baptism. He further believes that observance of the December 25 spread eastward and generally was accepted.

Duchesne believes that January 6 was from the beginning the eastern date and December 25 the western date, and that East and West combined each other's dates.

There was one outstanding dissenter, Clement of Alexandria, who arbitrarily set November 18 as the date of Jesus' birth. Others set

it as March 25 or 28th.

The historians believe that the feast of the baptism was observed as early as the year 325, but that observance was not universal in the year 311. Some believe the Christians celebrated both the nativity and the baptism at the same time—on January 6 and continued to do so until Rome accepted the December 25 date.

The January 6 celebration by the heathen peoples may have been a rival observance too, the records indicate. On the eve of that day, the historians say, the heathens spent the night in singing and attending to the images of their gods.

THIEF BEATS SANTA CLAUS TO THE PUNCH

HILLSBORO, Tex., (UP)—A thief arrived at the Neal Finch home five miles northeast of here before Santa Claus could.

He took a new electric mixer intended by Finch as a Christmas gift to his wife.

May the peace and joy of Christmas remain with you always

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A Christmas Scene

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HOLIDAY VACATION TEA



Preparedness is your key to success in this era of casual entertaining. To be prepared to serve your friends who come to extend the season's greetings is as easy as reaching for your telephone. You may have on hand a supply of fruit cake, assorted cookies and pumpkin or mince pies purchased from your local baker or grocer.

With proper care, your fruit cake will stay fresh and tempting almost indefinitely. Until a fruit cake has been cut, it can be stored in its original wrapper in a covered container. This wrapper may be discarded after part of the cake has been served. A clean cloth makes a good covering for fruit cake. From time to time, a few drops of brandy or wine poured on the cloth will keep the cake moist and fresh.

An attractive tea service that requires no timely preparation can be arranged in a jiffy by the wise homemaker who has her larder stocked with ready-baked foods. The little extra niceties are up to the hostess, but a party atmosphere will prevail if cheese pumpkins, salted nuts and maple sugar whip topping are included as accompaniments. The Walnut Maple Sugar Whip Topping adds zest to either mince or pumpkin pie or fruit cake. A holiday tea can be a spur-of-the-moment event if you follow these suggestions.

Prepare Walnut-Maple Sugar Whip and Cheese Pumpkins as follows:

WALNUT-MAPLE SUGAR WHIP
¾ cup crushed maple sugar
2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
½ cup heavy cream, whipped
Fold maple sugar and walnuts into whipped cream. Serve with bakers' fruit cake and pumpkin or mince pie.
Yield: 1½ cups Walnut-Maple Sugar Whip.

CHEESE PUMPKINS
Shape soft yellow cheese into balls about 1" in size. Ridge each cheese ball with fork to resemble a pumpkin. Insert a clove or piece of green citron in the top of each cheese ball to resemble the stem.



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