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Merry Christmas

Rebels Take 2nd Place In Mount Pleasant Tourney

Mount Pleasant downed Rivercrest 34-33 in an overtime to take first place in the Mount Pleasant Tournament.

High scorer for the Rebels was Levene Norman with 12 points.

Leading the scoring for Mount Pleasant Tigers was Calvin Jonts with 12 points.

Rivercrest took the ball with 50 seconds remaining and were trailing 34-33 in the overtime. They decided to go for one shot but missed.

The Paris Wildcats were downed 66-52 in the consolation bracket by Texarkana. The Wildcats fell to Mount Pleasant in their first game of the tourney, 80-60, but came back to defeat James Bowie in the consolation bracket, 84-46.

In other preliminary games, Clarksville beat James Bowie 82-49. Detroit downed Texarkana 66-51.

Rivercrest defeated Hughes Springs 62-60. Levene Norman led the scoring for Rivercrest with 27 points and Danny Collins scored 11.

In one of the semi-final games, Rivercrest beat Detroit, 55-52, despite a last quarter rally by Detroit. Leading the scoring for Rivercrest were Danny Collins with 18 points, Levene Norman with 15 points and Lawrence Norman with 10 points. Detroit's Jackie Jones scored 20 points, Willie Washington had 12 and Greg Lampard had 11.

Rivercrest Wins 3 From Avery

Rivercrest won three games from Avery at Rivercrest Tuesday night.

Rivercrest girls' varsity won 57-25, the boys varsity 51-39 and the boys "B" team won 47-38.

Leading scorer in the girls game was Joan Walesiak with 15 points. Rosey Brown with 12 points, Marla Pittman with 11 and Freda Whitten had 10 points. Avery's June Keeling scored 15 points.

In the boys varsity game, Levene Norman led with 17 points for Rivercrest. Troy Brown had 15. For Avery, Byron Storey had 17 points.

In the "B" team game, Rivercrest's Ricky Franklin had 15 points and Roy Rodgers had 10 points. Avery's Doyle Wooten had 15 points.

Self-Employment Tax For Farmers

Dallas. — Texas farmers are subject to self-employment tax for 1969 if their farm income is \$400 or more, Ellis Campbell Jr., District Director of the Internal Revenue Service, advised today.

The self-employment tax rate is 6.9 percent with a maximum of \$38.20, and is in addition to income tax.

A self-employed farmer is one who operates his own business or farm. A farmer is also considered self-employed if he employs others to operate or work his farm even though he does not live on it himself.

A farmer must file a Federal Income Tax return and pay the self-employment tax due if his earnings from self-employment are \$400 or more, even if his gross income is less than \$600 and he owes no income tax.

The self-employment tax applies to a maximum of \$7800. But this figure is reduced by any wages from which Social Security taxes were withheld.

A special optional provision in the law enables farmers to acquire Social Security credits even if they have a loss after expenses are deducted.

"Farm" as used in the Federal tax law relating to Social Security and self-employment taxes, includes stock, dairy, poultry, fruit, fur-bearing animals, and truck farms, and also plantations, ranches, and nurseries.

"Farmer's Tax Guide," IRS Publication 225, furnishes more detailed information on this sub-

State Capital NEWS

Austin. — Even though the State of Texas has been given a year's reprieve by the federal government, and the new meat plant inspection law will not become effective here until Dec. 15, 1970, State Department of Health inspectors are making visits to all plants which process meat and poultry.

Since October, they have contacted 2,200 plants, including locker plants. Report is that only 916 of those had ever seen a health inspector before.

Each plant operator is advised of the basic cleanliness standards which must be met before a meat plant even can be inspected. Rules range from "keeping all pets and loose livestock out of the plant" to "remove all insecticides, pesticides or rodenticides" from the areas in which food products are stored, processed or retained.

Next year, the processing plants will have to pass inspections or be closed. So far, no plant has been put out of business, but some have folded up voluntarily when they saw the sanitary requirements they will have to meet.

So, if your favorite locker plant operator told you he couldn't process your deer this year because of the State Health Department, he was wrong. But he may be right in the future.

LOUISIANA — Texas Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin has filed suit in federal court against the State of Louisiana in a boundary dispute.

Question is where the Texas-Louisiana border is physically located on Sabine Lake and River, as well as Sabine Pass, from the Gulf to 32nd degree North longitude.

Louisiana claims the whole Sabine — meaning all the oil royalties — while Texas claims the boundary is in the middle of the lake. Texas would gain perhaps \$2 million in royalties if it wins the suit.

COURTS SPEAK — A Bexar County teenager challenging Texas laws permitting longer sentences for juvenile offenders than for adult criminals on similar offenses lost his appeal to the State Supreme Court. Court emphasized the civil nature of juvenile proceedings and that the aim is to train and rehabilitate rather than punish erring youngsters.

High court concluded that the Driscoll Foundation of Corpus Christi is not eligible for a tax reduction under a constitutional amendment permitting farm and ranch land on fringes of city to be taxed at agricultural value where farming is the owner's chief occupation.

Austin federal court has set the deadline for filing a brief in a case in which conservationists want to block construction of a golf course at Meridian State Park. Their purpose, to preserve the habitat of birdlife (the golden-cheeked warbler.)

Third Court of Civil Appeals in Austin reversed a Beaumont district court's ruling and reinstated

ed teaching permit of the Beaumont Barber College Branch in Beaumont. State Board of Barber Examiners had revoked the school's license since it didn't meet a law which requires 2,800 square feet of space and 20 of each kind of chair. Court said the law was not valid, and was "arbitrary, unnecessary and unreasonable and has no relation to the public health or welfare."

Bottle club operators have appealed to the Third Court of Appeals seeking an injunction to prevent the Texas Liquor Control Board from enforcing its new rule allowing guests in private clubs only where they are accompanied by or introduced by the member.

Bell County district court enjoined Central Texas Airlines from operating without a Texas Aeronautics Commission certificate but will permit flights from Killeen to Dallas until January 12 for benefit of Fort Hood GI's.

VOTERS — Nueces, Wichita and El Paso Counties presently have about the lowest voter registration figures among major Texas counties.

A survey on Dec. 4 of voter registration for 1970, compared with 1968, showed that Harris County already has re-registered 400,000 of its 590,000 — or 69 per cent.

By contrast Nueces County had registered 10 per cent, El Paso 25 per cent and Wichita about 5 per cent.

State law permits county tax assessor-collectors to mail out postcards which the previous year's registrants can sign and mail back to re-register.

Most major counties are following this permissive procedure. As a result, the big city counties of Harris, Dallas, Tarrant and Bexar have high percentages of their voters ready to vote in 1970. But counties where local officials do not choose to do so have re-registered only a few. Registration deadline is Jan. 31.

ATTORNEY GEN. SPEAKS — A trial court is not authorized to commit a criminally-accused person to a state mental hospital for examination with the consent of the hospital head, Atty. Gen. Martin said in a recent opinion.

In other new opinions, Martin concluded that:

- A Texas Tech University professor is eligible to serve on Texas Air Control Board and draw \$25 a day travel pay.

- A school bus driver who fails to see that his vehicle is properly marked with eight-inch letters can be fined up to \$200 and jailed up to 90 days.

- County commissioners can make administrative, but not final judicial, determination as to whether a road is a county road or has been abandoned.

- New law does not eliminate common law defenses against injury suits for counties which have not taken steps to subscribe to workmen's compensation insurance.

Employees Attend Annual CPS Party

In Sherman Friday night for a Community Public Service Company Christmas party at Holiday Inn were: Mr. and Mrs. George Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitten Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harville of Bogata; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burchfield of Deport, Mr. and Mrs. David Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Pittman of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. David Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Burks of Detroit.

William Belcher was dismissed from the Mt. Pleasant Hospital and Clinic, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Richardson visited their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, Chris and Jim in Carrollton and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. N. Taylor and Elizabeth and Nelson in Dallas.

The booklet is available without charge by sending a post card to your county agent or IRS District Office.

James A. Allen Buried Sunday

The funeral of James A. Allen, 82, retired farmer of Deport, was held Sunday in Paris. The Rev. James Elsom of Ramseur Baptist Church officiated. Interment was made in Highland Cemetery at Deport.

Mr. Allen, who died Friday about 10:30 p. m. in Deport Nursing Home, was born in Red River County, Feb. 25, 1887, son of Jeffery Allen and the former Jennie Kant. He married Ora Pearl Boren, who died in 1931.

He leaves four children: Maurice Allen and Mrs. George Mixon of Fort Worth, Mrs. H. E. Wilson of Lawton, Okla., and Mrs. V. L. Veteto, Paris.

Also 22 other descendants, and four sisters and brothers: Mrs. Neva Weete of Deport, Mrs. Roy Gullion and Gordon Allen of Bogata, and Charlie Allen, Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simmons moved to their new brick home on Highway 271 last Thursday.

Parade Held At Talco Friday

The Christmas season in Talco opened Friday evening with a parade at 5:00 o'clock. Santa made his appearance near the end of the parade, riding atop the fire engine and waving to his little friends as he passed.

The Talco Chamber of Commerce awarded first place prize of \$25.00 to Sulphur Bluff for best float; second place of \$15.00 to Talco Jr. Hi and the sophomore class of Rivercrest High School received \$10.00 for third place.

Public Invited Xmas Cantata

The combined choirs of the Calvary Baptist and the Methodist Church of Talco will present a Christmas Cantata Sunday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:30 o'clock at the Calvary Church. Jerry Russell, choir director of Calvary Baptist, will direct the music. Rev. C. G. Renfro will be narrator. The public is invited.

Mrs. J. H. Dickerson was dismissed from the Mt. Pleasant Hospital and Clinic Tuesday.

Mrs. Boyd Horton was hostess Tuesday evening at her home in Talco to the Talco-Bogata-Rivercrest cafeteria staff for a dinner. Chicken and dressing with all the trimmings was enjoyed by the group of ten attending.

Rebelettes Enter SWAAU Tourney

The Rivercrest Rebelettes will compete in Annual SWAAU tournament at Duncanville High School during the Christmas holidays.

The tournament will open Friday, December 26 through Wednesday, December 31.

Twenty-four of the top teams in Texas will be competing for trophies and individual awards.

Six teams which qualified for the State Meet last year are entered in the tournament: Spearman, Springlake-Earth, Canyon, Stratford, and Rivercrest. Other outstanding teams are Robinson, Duncanville, Comanche, Grandview, Carroll, Slaton, Tulia, and Klondike.

Rivercrest will play their first game of the tournament Saturday afternoon at 2:25 against Klondike of Lamesa. Klondike is the defending State Class "B" Champions. Rivercrest finished fourth in the state meet last year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burleson and children, Cathy, Clark Allen, Carey Joe and Mrs. Eddy Tamplin of Grand Prairie, visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Clark and his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Gauntt.

Mrs. Charles McDonald of Austin and Mrs. Roger Dale Simmons of Alpine, came to be with their father, James Gandy, who had surgery at the McCuiston Hospital in Paris, Monday. Mrs. Simmons is also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simmons.

Talco Churches To Give Xmas Programs Dec. 21

First Baptist Church will present its Christmas program at 6:30 Sunday evening during the Baptist Training Service hour. A skit, "Star Light, Star Bright" will be presented by the young people of the church under the direction of Mrs. Charlie Roberts. Rev. B. B. Hindman is pastor of First Baptist Church.

Annual Christmas cantata will be presented at Calvary Baptist Church, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p. m. The choir, consisting of members of the Baptist and Methodist Churches, will be under the direction of the Baptist choir director, Jerry Russell.

The pastor, the Rev. C. G. Renfro who will be the narrator, extends invitation to everyone in the community to attend.

LOCAL BOY NAMED SAILOR RUNNERUP

F. N. Michael R. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dured Hall of Talco, was selected as Hancock's Runnerup Sailor of the Month for November. He was nominated by his space supervisor as Division Sailor of the Month, selected for Engineering Dept. Sailor of the Month. He was given special liberty of two duty days off the next time in port. The Hancock is serving in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Vietnam.

Rebel Tourney Starts Thursday

The Rivercrest High School faculty and students will sponsor the annual Rebel Basketball Tournament this coming week end, Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 18, 19 and 20.

Play will open Thursday at 2:00 with four games scheduled for Thursday afternoon and night.

There are eight boys teams and eight girls teams competing for six trophies. All-Star teams will be selected at the conclusion of the tournament Saturday night.

Admission for sessions Thursday, Friday, and Saturday morning will be 25c for students and 50c for adults. Admission for the final four games Saturday night will be 50c for students and 75c for adults.

Teams entered are Mt. Pleasant, Clarksville, Roston, Detroit, Avery, Powderly, Deport, Blossom, and Rivercrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Eberts and children, Karen and Jeff of Houston, visited during the week end with his mother, Mrs. Martha Eberts and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Horton and their son, Pfc. Johnny Horton, visited in Dallas Sunday and Sunday night with their daughter, Mrs. Nancy Presley, and in Plano with their son, Larry Horton and family. On Monday Pfc. Johnny Horton left from Love Field, Dallas, for Oakland, Calif., where he will leave for Vietnam.



A Joyous Christmas

The glowing light of the wondrous star shone down upon a humble stable at Bethlehem, revealing to the Wise Men, and to all, the Hope and Promise of the world. We wish for you, on this Christmas Day, hearts happy and joyous as the Wise Men's.

TALCO STATE BANK

Fulbright Club Christmas Party

The Fulbright WHD Club met Thursday, Dec. 11 in the home of Mrs. Clyde Mitchell for their meeting and Christmas party and tree. The ladies visited before the bountiful lunch was served. Mrs. Curtis Hoover offered thanks.

After lunch the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. Worth Baker led Silent Nite; Mrs. Roy Legate gave the roll call which was answered with "An inexpensive gift you can make." She also gave the min-

utes of the last meeting.

There were two ten minute demonstrations. Mrs. Mitchell showed an afghan she had crocheted and Mrs. Roy Legate displayed a purse made from plastic milk bottles covered with black yarn.

Mrs. Mitchell thanked all the members for their cooperation and offered a prayer. Gifts were distributed from the tree to thirteen members and six guests: Mmes. Ben Wright, Curtis Hoover, Bob Carrell and Mattie Huddleston and the agents, Misses Flo Foster and Winola Smith. Mrs. Bob Carrell was welcomed as a new member.

CUNNINGHAM

by MRS. BERNIECE WYATT

Queens and Kings riding in the Christmas parade at Depot Tuesday evening were: High School — Debra Platt and Jimmy Smith; Grade School — Deborah Malone and Eddie Archer.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Norwood and Scotty, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Oats, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie White and son, Leslie Taylor and Frankie Norwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Ira Norman of Edmond, Okla., over the week end and attended the National Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Wyatt and Carol of La Porte, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Fodge and Mrs. Coleen Adams of Detroit, visited Mrs. Berniece Wyatt Saturday evening.

Mrs. Della Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. J. King of Texarkana, visited Mrs. Berniece Bledsoe Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Smith are entertaining a new daughter who has been named Laurie Beth.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sain and Mrs. Mae Posey of Talco, were visitors in the Ural Deshong home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Baker had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker Sunday evening.

Mrs. Barbara Brooks and children of Hugo, Okla., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. O'Neal.

Mrs. Ora Crump left Monday to spend Christmas with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Crump of Corpus Christi.

Murray Jackson, math teacher and coach, was absent from school Monday due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Turner of Arlington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Page Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. David Simms of Port Arthur, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cox. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Cox accompanied them to Hugo, Okla., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hester.

Mrs. Margie Byers and daughters of Mesquite, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Baker, last week.

Mrs. Berniece Wyatt met her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stewart of Texarkana, Saturday afternoon at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Fred King and Mr. King, for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Sloan of Dumas, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Page.

Having lunch and dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cox Sunday were Mrs. Kay Almor and Leslie of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. David Simms of Port Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Devlin of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Meadors and Brenda of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hester of Hugo, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Williams of Shady Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Devlin of Minter and Morris Cox of Grand Prairie.

Mrs. Berniece Wyatt visited Mrs. Hoyce Vickers in McCuisition Hospital, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Vickers fell in Paris a week ago and broke her kneecap in nine places. It was necessary to remove the kneecap.

Mrs. Cassie Bledsoe and Miss Becki Rosaria of Cooper, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pynes, last week.

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Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thomas of Deport have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Miss Janie Elizabeth Bachman, to Guy Jerry Joyner of Paris. Jimmy Bachman of Clarksville is the father of the bride-elect.

Parents of the bridegroom-elect are Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Joyner of Meridian, Miss.

Miss Bachman is a graduate of Clarksville High School and Paris

Junior College. She is an employee of UARCO Inc., Paris.

Mr. Joyner, a graduate of Meridian High School and Meridian Junior College and the University of Mississippi, holds the rank of captain in the United States Army. He is senior advisor of the 952nd Reserve Engineer Co.

A January wedding is being planned by the couple.

Mrs. Marshall E. Jones
David Whitaker Jr.
Mrs. Aubrey Harris
Mrs. T. W. Thomas
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James Gray
Bill Jones
Mrs. Cordie Fry
Mrs. Joe Palmer
W. T. Calloway
E. C. Clark
T/Sgt. Carl E. Smith

Nola Lee Savage
Jerry Caldwell
Mrs. T. L. Barton
Mrs. Stewart Hanson
John F. Cook
D. R. Harton
Paul Miller

Husband looking over bills, to wife: "Well, we're at the bridge we were going to cross when we came to it!"

Merry Christmas

With heartfelt appreciation
for your kind patronage,
this year, as always — we are
happy to send you our
Greetings of the season with
our sincere wishes for your
health, wealth and happiness
For the Holiday and long, thereafter!

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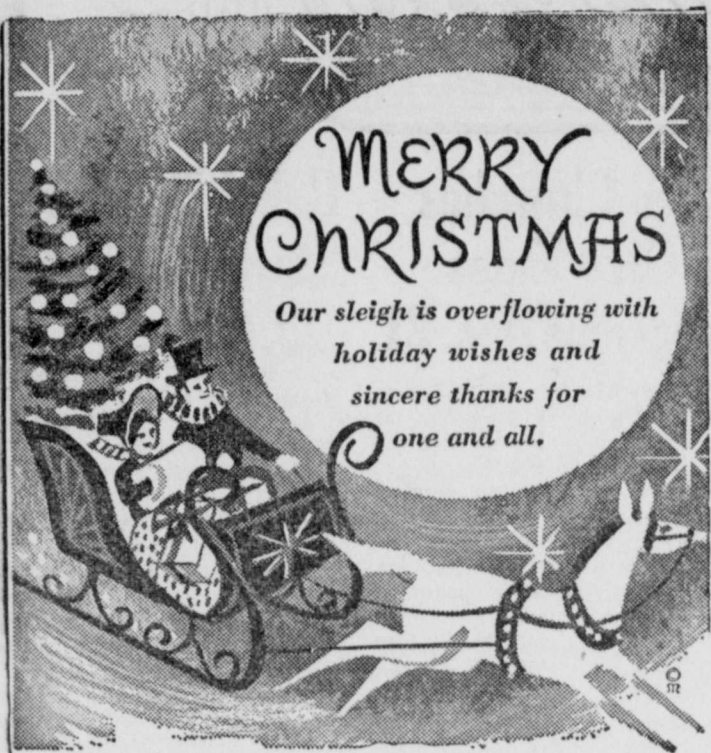
GREETINGS

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THE SNACK SHOP

First Decorations Were Quite Varied

The early types of decorations for Christmas trees were as varied and as characteristic as the nationalities of the people creating them.

The farm-folk in Lithuania designed windmills and bird-cages of straw; the fisher-folk used fish nets; some Scandinavians formed strings of small flags, and the Poles favored feathers, bright ribbons, and colored papers tied onto the trees.

Our use of tinsel stems from an enchanting legend of dingy cob-webs woven by a spider around a tree on Christmas Eve which miraculously turned to silver in the morning.

From the simple fruits and wafers, each generation added ingenious improvements to their decorations; red cranberry strings and gilded nut shells, colorful paper chains and sparkling stars, striped candy canes and spiced cookies shaped like animals, bells and gingerbread men. The apples wrapped in bright papers evolved into today's scintillating Christmas ornaments.

Befana's Search Ancient Legend

An ancient legend tells of Three Wise Men stopping to ask directions of an old woman, Befana. They invited her to go with them to worship the new-born King, but she would not leave until she had swept her house and baked her bread. So the Wise Men left without her.

When her housework was finished, Befana packed a basket of toys for the Christ Child and set out after the Wise Men, but she never overtook them. So every Christmas she searches for the Christ Child with her basket of toys, leaving gifts for the children in each house she passes.

The collectors were pressing down on Old Bill during a drive for church funds: "I can't give nothing he pleaded. 'I owe nearly everybody now.'"

"But," said one of the solicitors, "don't you think you owe the Lord something, too?"

"I sure do," said the old man. "But he ain't pushin' me like the other creditors are."



Psychiatrists say you're perfectly normal if you're feeling tense and a little dejected despite the spirit of the Christmas Season. Like practically everyone else, you have a Christmas neurosis. It is also known as the "Bah, Humbug!" syndrome.

Symptoms are easy to spot: In the middle of a Christmas party you want to go home; you argue over what color balls should go on the tree; and on Christmas Eve, as you rush to wrap the last of the gifts, there's a burst of tears.

One psychiatrist says, "Christmas puts an unusual strain on otherwise happy people." "It creates very high expectations, some so high that reality can never really match them."

It is inevitable, the realities of Christmas contrast sharply with the highly fantasized memories of childhood Christmases.

Inner conflicts arise when people try to act in ways they feel they should act. The worst thing in the world is to be told to be happy and loving when you don't feel that way.

Adults, particularly mothers, feel under some pressure to demonstrate their love for their families during the holiday season by giving lavishly of themselves, buying gifts, baking favorite foods and decorating the house.

"Mothers may also burst into tears because they're exhausted," says one doctor.

Use Color Scheme

If you choose one color scheme and stick to it, your packages will look more individual and you won't have ribbons and papers that don't match each other.

It is also much less expensive to buy one very large roll of paper, than to invest in costly packaged. Often the packaged papers turn out to have two square sheets which usually are too large or too small for your size package.

At the same time, it is wiser to buy large yardage bolts of ribbon and cheaper in the long run than ribbons measured in feet.

THE MANY SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

At about this time of year it becomes very apparent that caroling is about as much a part of Christmas as the exchange of presents. In fact, caroling is nearly as old as Christmas itself since it was in the second century that the bishop of Rome urged his people "to sing in the celebration of the birth of our Lord."

However, St. Francis of Assisi, who lived in the thirteenth century, is regarded as the father of caroling as we know it. The most familiar of the carols we sing today were composed in the 18th and 19th centuries.

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" — 1703
"Joy To The World" — 1708
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" — 1739
"Silent Night" — 1818
"Little Town of Bethlehem" — 1868

Safety Suggestion

Christmas Lights Indoor and Out

1. — Avoid frayed cords, cracked connections or chipped sockets
2. — Disconnect lights at outlet when not in use, or when family is away.
3. — Make sure all outdoor cords, plugs, sockets and bulbs are weatherproof.
4. — Mount bulbs so they won't touch foliage, cotton or paper.
5. — Keep connectors above wet ground.
6. — Avoid pressure or friction on cords. Hang with electrical tape or plastic hooks or attachments. Use insulated staples to hold light strings, not nails, tacks or brads.

During a lull in the doings at the discotheque, the girl impulsively declared, "Let's get married, George. I don't want to wait around until I'm 35 and have wrinkles, bags under my eyes and a pot belly."

"Well," George replied "I

that's the way you're going to look at 35, let's forget it!"

A speaker was talking to a group of teenagers about the Old West. He remarked that Billy the Kid had killed 21 men by the time he was 21 years old.

"Wow!" exclaimed one of his listeners. "What kind of a car

did he drive?"

"I notice that in telling about the fish you caught, you vary the size of the fish for different listeners."

"Yes, I never tell a man more than I think he will believe."

The treadle-driven spinning wheel was invented at the beginning of the 16th century.

Higher education in Texas began in 1840 with the founding of Rutgersville University in Fayette County.

The ship's rudder for steering large vessels was perfected in the 13th century, paving the way for long voyages.

Overheard in Washington, D. C. "The big money these days is in poverty."



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

GREETINGS! Our best wishes for a holiday that is chock-full of many, many good things — such as — happiness, good cheer and the wondrous joy and peace of a HOLY CHRISTMAS.

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- Loungers
- Bumpers
- Hampers
- Cribs
- Cradles

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- Bedroom Suites
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BUCK'S WELDING & MACHINE

Official Visits Made Talco OES

Mrs. Patsy Washington of Atlanta, deputy grand matron, OES District 1, Section 9, made her official visit to Talco Chapter Tuesday evening. She was accompanied by Mrs. Louella Nolte also of Atlanta.

The worthy matron, Mrs. L. W. Cunningham, presided, and Mrs. Washington instructed the members in the work of the order. The associate matron, Mrs. Frank Sloan, presented a gift from the chapter to Mrs. Washington in appreciation of her visit.

The birthday of Mrs. J. W. Via was observed, "Happy Birthday" being sung to her by the group.

After the chapter closed, cake, coffee, mints, nuts and cold drinks were served by Mrs. Dixon.

Methodist Men Have Dinner

Talco - Bogata United Methodist Men and their wives met Wednesday evening at the Talco Methodist Church for their Christmas dinner and fellowship. Invocation was said by Mr. Anderson of Bogata. The Youth Choir of the Bogata Methodist Church, presented several specials. Speaker for the evening was Mr. Hines, president of the District United Methodist Men's Fellowship.

During the business session officers were elected for the coming year. They were: A. C. Waddell, president, and other officers were Frank Sloan and A. E. Foster of Talco and Mr. Couch and Mr. Anderson of Bogata.

Shower Saturday For Recent Bride

Honoring Mrs. Ben Marshall, the former Miss Judy Morse, a miscellaneous shower was given Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Frank Sloan.

Mrs. R. G. Hood presided at the registry which held the bride's book and a white net umbrella. The serving table, laid with a white linen hand cutwork cloth, was accented with a sugar plum tree. Gold streamers and wedding bells hung from the chandelier above the serving table. Mrs. Robert Wright served punch from a crystal bowl. White cake squares decorated with red flowers and green leaves, green mints and nuts were served by Mrs. Bill Vickers. Mrs. J. H. Hill was in charge of gift display in the bedroom.

Hostesses were Mrs. James Gray, Mrs. H. J. Hill, Mrs. Clifford Jones, Mrs. Bill Vickers, and Mrs. Robert Wright.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Dorothy Harvey, Mrs. J. W. Shaw, Mrs. Truett Harlin and Mrs. J. B. Grotts, all of Mt. Pleasant, the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Stella Canavas of Greenville and the bride's aunt, Mrs. Sue Briggs of Garland.

Miss Berenda Alexander visited her sister, Miss Beverly Alexander at Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches and in Joaquin with Miss Martha Hutto, over the week end.

After the program the group met in the fellowship hall for a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Hall decorations carried out the Christmas theme. Seventy attended.

Dist. Fellowship First Baptist Ch.

The District Fellowship Baptist Training Service met with the First Baptist Church last Thursday evening at 7:30. After congregational singing, prayer was voiced by the Rev. Everett Ward, pastor of South Jefferson Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant.

Rickey Williams, president, presided during the business session. Officers for the ensuing year were elected: Donnie Hindman, First Baptist, Talco, president; David Hobbs, South Jefferson, Mt. Pleasant, vice-pres.; Debbie Mertens, Bethel, Pittsburg, sec.; Rickey Williams, Bethel, Pittsburg, treas.; Linda Marshall, Macedonia, Pittsburg, pianist.

After a prayer by the Rev. A. J. Henderson of Macedonia, Mrs. Wayman Alexander introduced the program, "The Most Unusual Christmas," a skit presented by the young people of the First Baptist Church. Dismissal prayer was said by the Rev. Clint Acker of Bethel, Pittsburg.

Talco State Bank Christmas Party

Officers and employees of Talco State Bank met on Saturday evening for a Christmas dinner party. The affair was held in the dining room of Gaunt's Cafe. The dining room was decorated in the traditional Christmas theme.

The bountiful Christmas dinner was served from a T-shaped table laid with a white cloth. Decorations were individual marshmallow snow men. Gifts were exchanged from a silver tree with gold decorations. Games of bingo were played with Mrs. Felix Jones, Mrs. Bill Vickers and Mrs. Harold Bonham winning the prize. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Bird Old, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jackson, all of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perdue, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winn, Mrs. Felix Jones, Mrs. Gaylen Johnson and Christelle Cato.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones attended the Guaranty Bond State Bank dinner party at the Alps in Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening. Gerald Ben Morris of Greenville, S. C., came to visit his mother, Mrs. Opal Morris, who was in McCuiston Hospital in Paris after suffering a broken ankle in a recent fall at her home. Mrs. Morris was dismissed from the hospital last week.

Shelia Beard Editor Yearbook



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Mrs. Mickey McKnight entered the Titus County Memorial Hospital, Saturday.

Mrs. T. L. Barton sends The Talco Times to Mrs. Stewart A. Hanson of Long Beach, Calif., as a Christmas gift. She has sent the paper to her since 1945.

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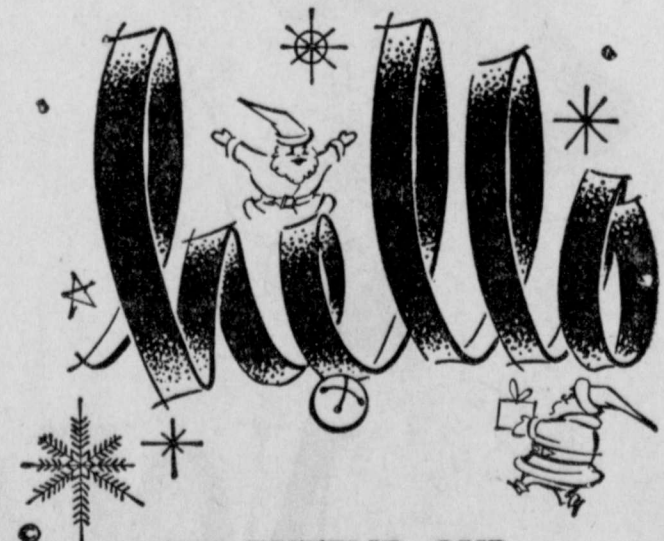


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A youngster, lunching with his mother told her that his new teacher is "mean, but fair." "How's that?" asked his mother. "Oh, she's mean to everyone." Teenager writing home from summer camp: "Send food! All they serve here is breakfast, lunch and dinner!"

In March, 1853, Congress ordered an exploration at public expense to find the best route for a railroad to the Pacific Ocean.

You would reach the Pacific Ocean sooner by traveling due south from Austin, Texas, than by traveling due west.

In the Middle Ages readymade wagon wheels were sold in England's markets like auto tires now are sold.

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Miss Shelia Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan L. Beard of Fort Worth and granddaughter of Mrs. Ben F. Wright of Deport, was editor of the Polytechnic High School yearbook, the "Parrot" for 1969. The Parrot received top honors December 6 in Class II (enrollment 1500-1999) yearbook competition at the Texas High School Press Association convention at Texas Woman's University in Denton. The theme of the yearbook was "wheels."

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Basketball Schedule Rivercrest School

Dec. 11-12-13 — Mt. Pleasant Tournament — Boys.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 — Avery boys and girls, here, 6:30.

Dec. 18-19-20 — Rivercrest Tournament, boys and girls.

Monday, Dec. 22 — Mt. Pleasant A&B boys, there, 6:00.

Dec. 26 - 31 — Duncanville Tournament, girls.

Tuesday, Dec. 30 — Clarksville, A&B boys, there, 6:30.

Friday, Jan. 2 — Powderly, A&B boys, here, 6:30.

Monday, Jan. 5 — Clarksville, A&B girls, there, 6:30.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 — Commerce, A&B boys, here, 6:30.

Friday, Jan. 9 — Mt. Vernon A&B boys, there, 6:30.

Tuesday, Jan. 13 — Winstonsboro boys and girls, here, 6:30.

Thursday, Jan. 15 — Powderly, A&B girls, here, 6:30.

Tuesday, Jan. 20 — Cooper, boys & girls, there, 6:30.

Friday, Jan. 23 — Clarksville, boys & girls, here, 6:30.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 — Powderly, boys & girls, there, 6:30.

Friday, Jan. 30 — Commerce, A&B boys, there, 6:30.

Monday, Feb. 2 — Cooper, A&B girls, here, 6:30.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 — Mt. Vernon, A&B boys, here, 6:30.

Friday, Feb. 6 — Winstonsboro, boys & girls, there, 6:30.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 — Blossom, boys & girls, there, 6:30.

Friday, Feb. 13 — Cooper, A&B boys, here, 6:30.

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Capucine Sauce — Make sauce first and set it aside, covered, to keep hot while steaks are cooking:

½ cup margarine or oil
1 large onion, thinly sliced
1 clove garlic, minced or pressed
1½ cups canned mushrooms, drained
1 large green pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
½ cup sliced celery
3 tomatoes, coarsely chopped
¼ cup cooking wine or tomato juice
1½ teaspoons seasoned instant meat tenderizer
freshly ground black pepper

Heat margarine or oil in skillet; brown onion, garlic and mushrooms. Add remaining ingredients and simmer over low heat 5-10 minutes; do not overcook — vegetables should be crisp.

Slash fat edges of steaks to prevent curling. Thoroughly moisten surfaces of meat with water. Sprinkle the seasoned instant meat tenderizer evenly over meat, like salt, using about ½ teaspoon per pound. Use no salt. Then pierce steaks deeply with a kitchen fork at about ½-inch intervals; turn steaks and repeat procedure. Place steaks in preheated broiler, 3 to 4 inches from source of heat, and broil until done as desired. Carve steaks and serve with piping hot Capucine Sauce on the side.

Mrs. John Miller has returned home after visiting in Irving with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Collins, with her brother, Odell Scruggs and family and her sister, Mrs. Edgar Miller and Mr. Miller, all of Hurst. In Ft. Worth, Mrs. Miller visited with her mother, Mrs. Arthur Scruggs and another brother, Oakley Scruggs and family, then back to Talco, where her son, Paul Miller and family spent the night

with her. Mrs. Miller returned to Marshall with them for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Miller of Talco met his mother at Marshall and carried her to Houma, La., where Mrs. Miller remained with her son, Rayburn Miller and family and another daughter, Mrs. Calvin Paris and Mr. Paris; also a nephew, Vester Miller and family, then back to Marshall, where she spent two weeks with her son, Paul Miller and family before returning home.

A policeman stopped a driver to check his license. "It says here on your license that you're supposed to wear glasses when you drive. How come you're not

wearing any?"
"I have contacts."
"I don't care who you know," growled the officer. "I'm giving you a ticket anyway."



Christmas Greetings

On that first Christmas, a special Star shone bright over the Mother and Child. May the Christmas star of peace, joy and happiness shine bright over you and yours for Christmas and all through the year.

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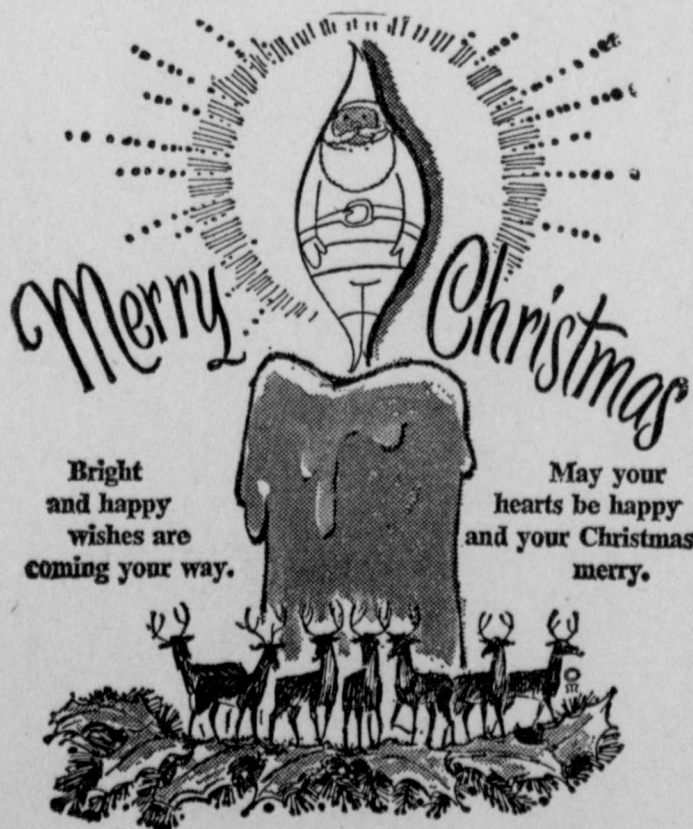
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May you have a joyous holiday season.



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Stockton - Green Vows Exchanged

Miss Glenda Gail Stockton became the bride of Charles Douglas Green in an informal double-ring ceremony Friday evening, Dec. 12 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Stockton. Rev. B. B. Hindman officiated.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Green of Paris. The bride, given in marriage

by her father, chose a crushed crepe street-length empire dress with matching ruffled jacket. Her bouquet was of white carnations. Her head dress was an organza bow with daisies attached to streamers. Maid of honor was Sherry Cates of Lufkin. She was dressed in yellow with black accessories. Best man was Jimmy Green, brother of the groom. Mrs. A. F. Bowman registered the guests.

A reception followed with Mrs. Bobby Brown and Mrs. Jewel

EGGLESS CHRISTMAS CAKE

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1/2 cup shortening | 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves |
| 2 cups sugar | 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 4 cups all purpose flour | 5 teaspoons cocoa |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | 2 teaspoons baking soda |
| 1 teaspoon cinnamon | 2 1/3 cups buttermilk |
| 1/2 teaspoon allspice | 1 cup seeded raisins |
| | 1 cup walnuts |

Cream the shortening and sugar to a very creamy consistency. Sift then measure flour. Add baking powder, spices and cocoa and sift again. Put soda in buttermilk and add to creamed mixture alternately with flour, and raisins and nuts that have been floured. Turn batter into a greased, lightly floured, 10 inch tube pan. Bake at 375 degrees for one hour, or until a test straw comes out clean. This is a very good cake.

Forsyth serving the three-tiered wedding cake and punch from a crystal bowl.

The bride is a graduate of Rivercrest High School, N. E. Texas Commercial College and is employed at Mt. Pleasant Hospital and Clinic. The groom attended Paris High School, N. E. Texas

Commercial College and is now with the U. S. Navy, stationed at Mayport, Fla. For her wedding trip the bride wore a green wool suit with black accessories. She will be at home with her parents until she can join her husband. Out of town guests were Mrs. Dean Green, Sue, Jimmy, Gay

and Greg of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cates, Sherry and Robert Lynn of Lufkin, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gable and Caryn Wilson of Bogata, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gishop of Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brown of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Austin and boys, Mrs. Rocky Williams and Mrs. Geneva Green, all of Paris, Mrs. Lela Cates of Lufkin.

In the middle of the night two safecrackers entered a bank. One approached the safe, sat on the floor, took off his shoes and socks and started to turn the dial with his toes.

"What's the big idea?" asked his pal.

"Be quiet. This'll only take me a few minutes longer — and we'll drive them fingerprint experts nuts."

Gunpowder, a mixture of saltpeter, charcoal and sulphur, was invented by the Chinese about 750 A. D.

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Santa Is Placed In Nativity Scene

In years, actually centuries, it has always been Joseph, Mary, the infant Jesus, a couple of sheep and perhaps the shepherds and three wise men who were depicted in Nativity scenes.

Last year the Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Port Angeles, Washington, added a new figure — Santa Claus.

It was explained that many Christians depend upon Christmas sales for their livelihood, "and they ought to be able to consecrate this part of their lives to God". A priest said, "We must get rid of this dichotomy, unless we're still laboring on the false idea that the body and the soul are separate." And a reverent Santa in the crib scene, he continued, follows the message that the church must incorporate the world.

Accepting Santa for the symbol of commercialization and then including him in the religious scene will help the church get its message across that man's whole life is permeated with religion.

Shower Honors Bride-Elect

Miss Janice Goss of Mt. Pleasant, bride-elect of Donald Ray Jones, was honoree at a pre-nuptial miscellaneous shower Tuesday evening.

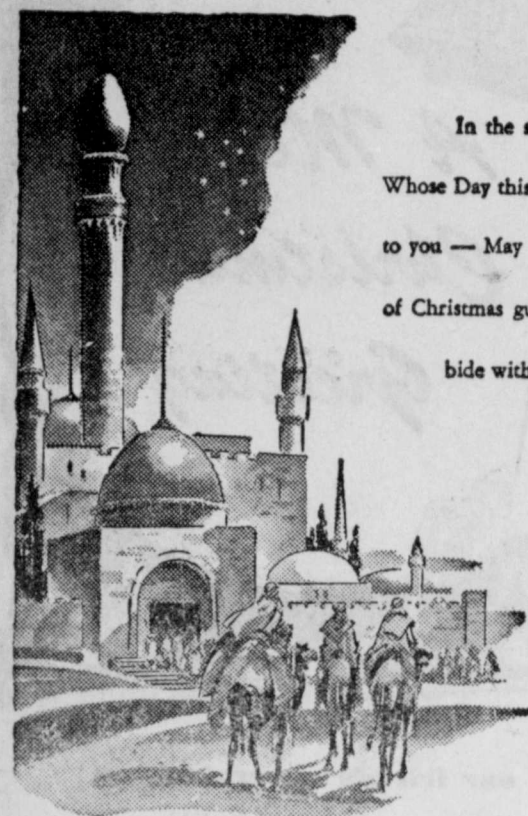
A white lace cloth over pink covered the serving table, which was centered with an arrangement of pink roses. A white cloth covered the gift display table and was centered with a beautiful Christmas arrangement. Pink punch, white cake squares

decorated with pink roses, and nuts were served by the hostesses.

Out of town guests attending were Mrs. Bill Goss, Mrs. Pat McGonagill, Mrs. Wayne Easley and Shirley Goss, all of Mt. Pleasant.

Hostesses were Mes. R. G. Hood, Melvin Easley, Elmer Harris, Gordon Simmons, Wayman Alexander, Bill Lock.

The light-gathering power of the 80-inch telescope at McDonald Observatory is about 150,000 times greater than that of the human eye.



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

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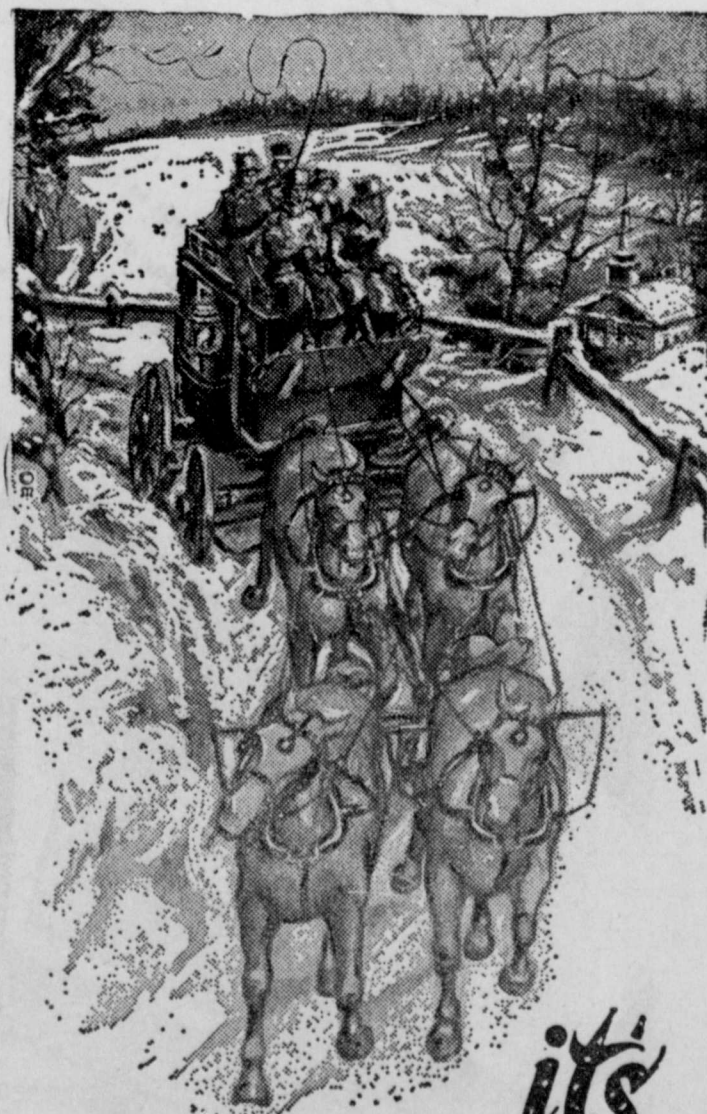


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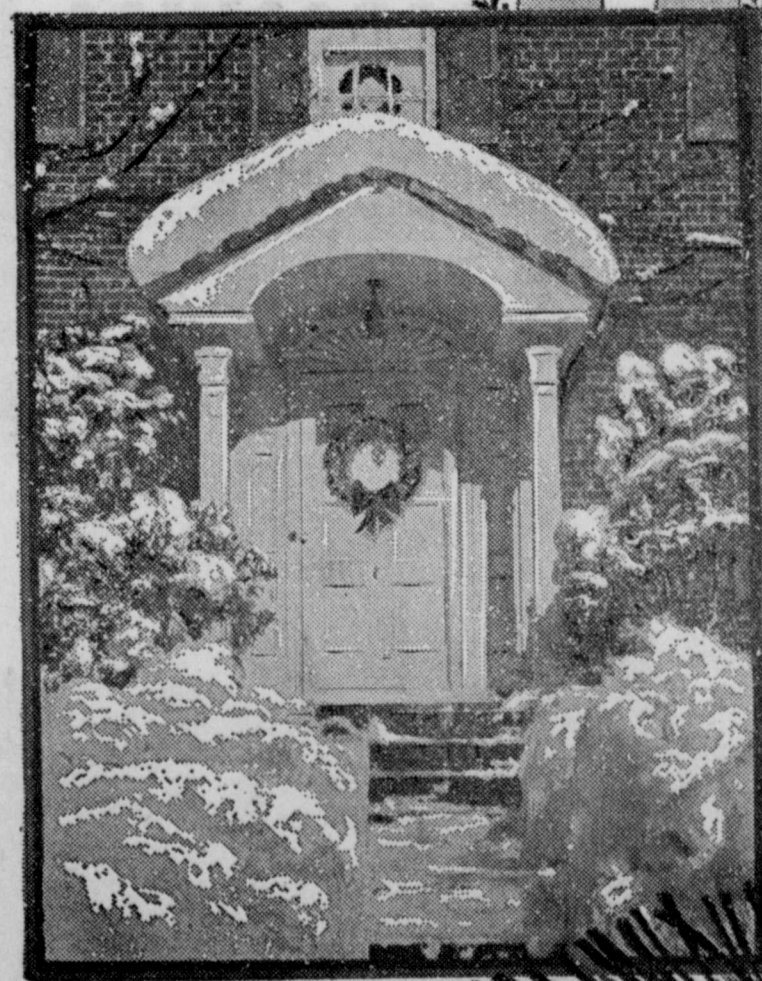
May Christmas bring you all the joys of
the season and all the warm satisfactions
of sincere friendships. We thank you
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Merry Christmas

Doorways wear garlands of
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Children are still interested in the guns, however, parents are not encouraging their young ones to "see how it works".

Interest has turned to basic games and educational toys.

Father (to teenage daughter): "This should make you feel more grown-up—your own phone bill."

Bag A Pretty Gift

Cellophane or plastic bags, which come in assorted sizes, make good see-through wrappings for difficult packages or for gifts that won't fit into boxes. Insert the item into the bag and gather the bag at the top into a rosette. Tie with tinsel or ribbon and decorate.

Psychology tells us that it is bad to be an orphan, terrible to be an only child, damaging to be the youngest, crushing to be in the middle, and taxing to be the oldest. There's no way out except to be born an adult.



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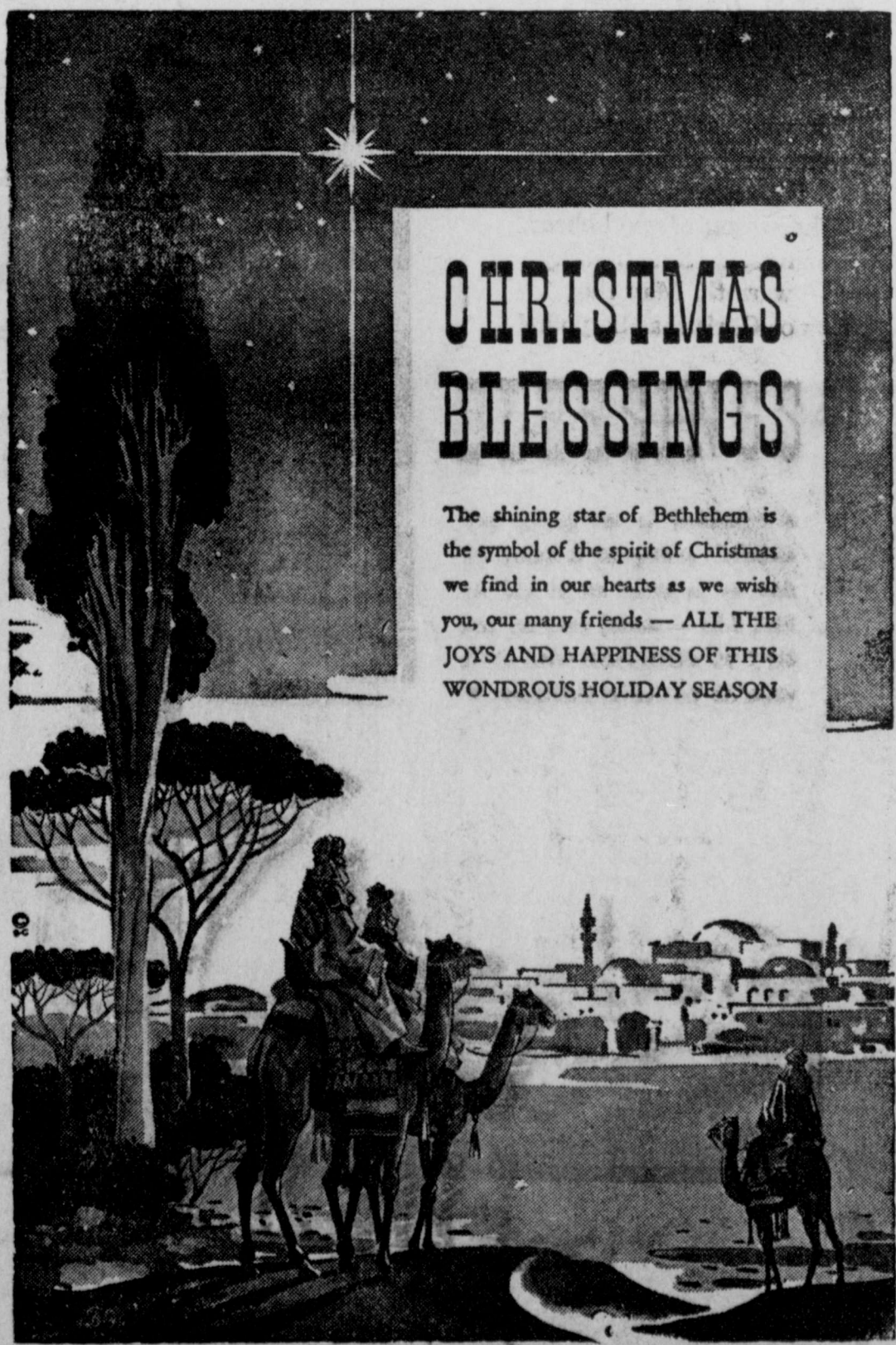
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MRS. MORRIS BLALOCK

Saturday night and Sunday visitors in the A. T. Blalock home were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Riddle and children of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Blalock of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. James DeLaughter and daughter of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGregor and son and daughter of Mt. Pleasant.

Saturday night visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blalock were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James DeLaughter and daughter

of Irving.

Friday visitors of Mrs. Winnie Bragg were Mrs. Jimmie Belcher of Maple Springs and Mrs. Martha Jackson of Talco and Mrs. Morris Deaton of Winfield.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Phillips were Rev. Garnett Waller of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Phillips and little daughter of Midway community.

Mrs. Marcus Dyke of Texarkana, visited her grandmother, Mrs. Winnie Bragg, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Alvin Blalock and Mrs. Morris Blalock visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blalock Thursday morning in Mt. Pleasant.

Little Rachel Blalock of Mt. Pleasant, spent Wednesday night with her grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Blalock.

Week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dyke were Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Pearson and son of Dermott, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. James Buchanan and daughter of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Goates and daughter of Mt. Pleasant.

Week end visitors of Mrs. Sally Haren were her son, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Haren of Longview.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anschutz were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Anschutz and children of Talco, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McGee and children of Maple Springs community, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nixon of Mt. Pleasant and James Taylor of Midway community.

Mrs. Jessie Elder spent Saturday night with friends in Mt. Pleasant and Sunday evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Penny and daughter, Debbie of Sulphur Springs and her sister, Mrs. Lena Penny of Dallas is spending a few days this week.

Mrs. Christine Harris spent Saturday with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Tuck and family of Omaha, and Sunday evening visitors of Mrs. Harris were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Berton Harris of Mt. Pleasant.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thompson were Mrs. Joyce Porter and girls of Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Connie Webb and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Randles and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thompson of Pittsburg, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thompson and children of Pittsburg, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Randles, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Logan and Ricky spent Saturday evening with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Akin Fain and family of Paris.

Mrs. Weldon Dyke and children of Mt. Pleasant, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noke Blalock, Sunday. They also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dyke Sunday afternoon.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith were their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Andrews and children of Mt. Pleasant.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harris were Mrs. Dean Brownlee and son, Harris.

Mrs. C. B. Harris and Mrs. Dean Brownlee visited Mrs. Virgie Parr, Sunday morning in Maples Springs community.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dyke were Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thompson of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Marcus Dyke and sons of Texarkana. Their grandson, Natie Dyke, is spending this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Hughes of Mt. Pleasant, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Randles and boys, Sunday.



HOLIDAY WELCOME . . . Outdoor decorations need not be elaborate to be effective. This cheerful doorway reflects the spirit of the season. Making your own decorations, if you have the time, adds to your own holiday enjoyment.



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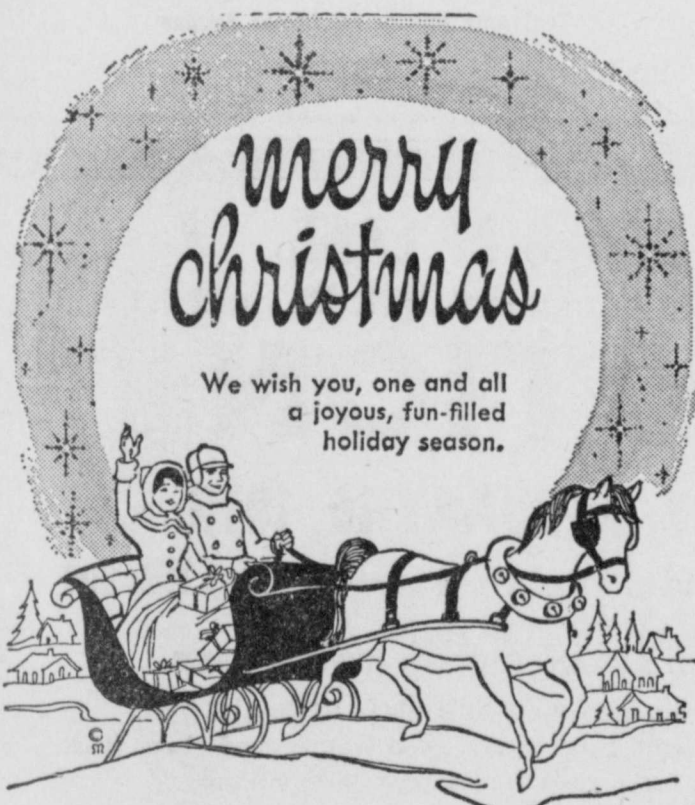
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GENE, THE JEWELERS

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Peace and Joy

May you enjoy the fulfillment of all your hopes and prayers, bringing you peace and contentment this Christmas season and always.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. (Buck) Raney
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Greetings

With lots of bustle and good cheer we merrily prepare for the pleasures of Christmas Day. May the holiday bring, in bountiful measure, many happy moments with family and friends for you to treasure.



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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nixon of Mt. Pleasant, visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Anschutz, Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Randles made a business trip to Longview, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Loyd Logan and son spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Logan of Mt. Pleasant.

One small child to another: "I have to go to bed at 8 o'clock. My mother is a half hour meaner than yours."

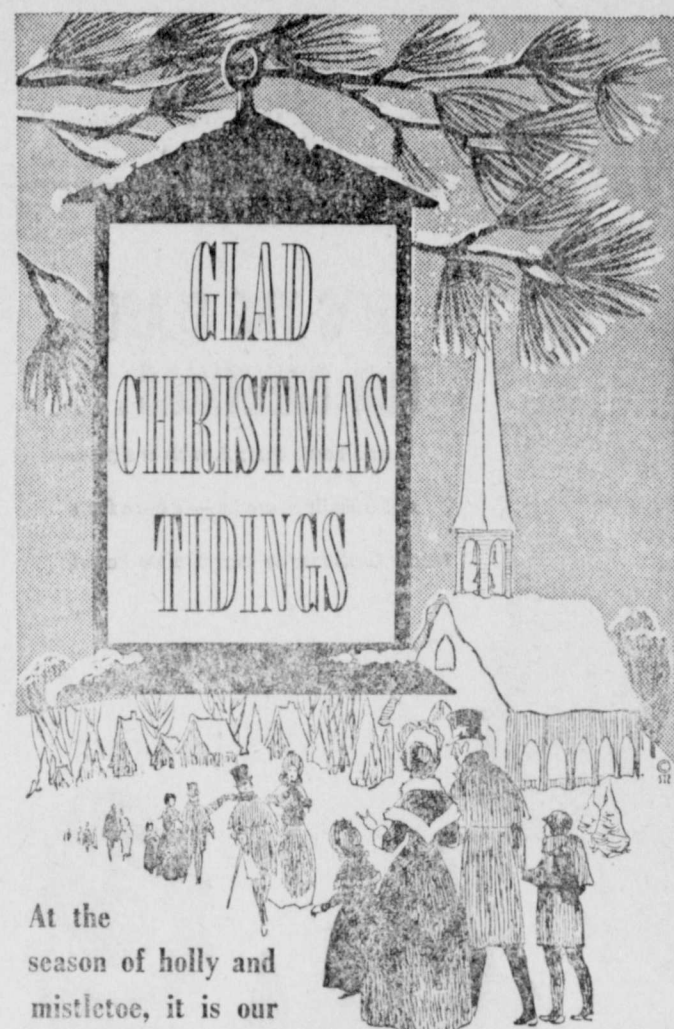
Joe Dodgin had just been appointed foreman at the shop so his name was not known to all the men. One day, while on his rounds, he came across a couple of men sitting in a secluded corner having a smoke.

"Who are you?" asked one of the men.

"I'm Dodgin, the new foreman," he answered.

"So are we. Sit down and have a smoke."

Engraved gems out of the earliest years of the Roman conquest of England show that Roman of-fered carved gems as a hobby.

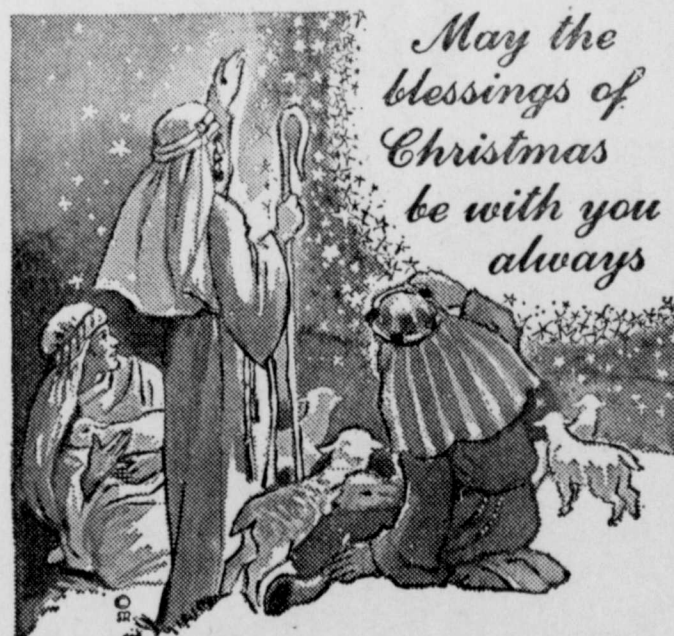


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Christmas, 1969 years ago heralded the birth of the Christ Child.

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

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

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

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

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

DEPORT NURSING HOME

LOCAL NEWS

MRS. WAYMAN ALEXANDER
Local Reporter

Phone 379-4445

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fitch and boys spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pool of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Hood visited her father, C. W. Jones and Mrs. Jones in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. J. L. Perry were her daughter, Mrs. Bill Smith and Mr. Smith, her grandson, Perry Smith, Mrs. Smith and baby of Paris.

Homemakers Hold Christmas Party

Rivercrest Young Homemakers of Texas met Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Home-Ec Department for a Christmas party.

The husbands were guests for supper. Games of bingo were enjoyed with each person receiving a gift. Blackout prize was won by Charlie Lewis. Twenty-nine people were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Johnson and Deborah of Redwater, visited Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Howard at Titus County Memorial Hospital on Dec. 12. She weighed 6 lbs. 14½ ozs.

Announce Engagement



Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Deborah Kay Whitney, to John David Currin, has been told by Mr. and Mrs. John Buford Whitney of Deport.

The parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Currin, also of Deport.

A semi-formal wedding is being planned by the couple and they will exchange vows at 8 o'clock the evening of February 7 in First Baptist Church, Deport.

Miss Whitney is a senior at Deport High School and her fiancé, a graduate of Deport High School, is employed in construction work.

IN THE WORDS OF THE OLD ENGLISH CAROL: "God rest you merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay; Remember Christ our Saviour, Who was born on Christmas Day."

THERE IS A MEMORY of boyhood Christmases that is even more fond today than the recollection of actual gifts, and that is the way they were wrapped. Crumpled paper and discarded ribbons at the foot of the Christmas tree can still be pictured as mute reminders of the thought and care and skill of hand with which family and friends made each gift a pleasure to open.

BIG BANKS YES — OLD FOLKS NO! As part of his holiday message, President Nixon has hinted he may veto a 15% increase in Social Security benefits as "inflationary." Earlier this year, I asked the President and his Secretary of the Treasury to take steps to "veto" increases in bank interest rates which have amounted to more than 36% over the past year. The President and the Secretary of the Treasury turned a deaf ear. Apparently income increases are OK for some of the world's most powerful banking institutions but not for our older citizens. In my opinion, we should have the increase in Social Security benefits and a simultaneous rollback of bank interest rates and high interest rates.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Mrs. Ruby Cogburn spent the week end in Garland, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bud Hanks and family.

Regular 3rd Sunday singing will be held at First Baptist Church Sunday. The public is invited to attend.

Miss Ronah Kay Mills of Mt. Pleasant, visited the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mills and Randy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burgin and family of Mt. Pleasant were Friday night supper guests of his mother, Mrs. Ella Burgin.

ABLE. Copies of the following publications will be sent free to constituents upon request to my office:

1) Two Small Business Administration booklets — "A Survey of Federal Government Publications of Interest to Small Business" (85 pages), and "Starting and Managing A Small Retail Camera Shop" (69 pages) — both very informative.

(2) The 1969 Yearbook of Agriculture, entitled "Food For Us All. This beautifully illustrated 36-page book will help every American get enough food, and the right food. Additional copies can be purchased from the Govt. Printing Off. at \$3.75 each.

1970 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NEXT JANUARY will see the start of the Second Session of the 91st Congress, and the beginning of my 42nd year of service to the people of the First Congressional District of Texas in the U. S. House of Representatives. As third in seniority among the 435 Members of the House, and as Chairman and ranking Member of important committees, it has been possible for me to give maximum assistance to all constituents. To my many friends who have elected me to Congress twenty-one consecutive times, I again express my deep gratitude, and my pledge to continue working as hard as I know how in their interest, and for the good of the nation we all revere.

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WSCS Christmas Program - Supper

Mrs. Frank Sloan was hostess to the WSCS Monday evening at 7 p. m. A very beautiful candle-light Christmas program was presented by Mrs. Lewis Cunningham and the group of ladies present. Each person represented the many spirits of Christmas. Mrs. A. C. Waddell read the Christmas scripture. Mrs. Andy Bowman closed the program with a prayer.

Following the program a salad supper was enjoyed by Mmes. A. C. Waddell, James Gray, W. S. Richardson, Andy Bowman, Earl Burks, A. E. Foster, L. G. Adams, Lewis Cunningham, James Walker, Pete Dixon and the hostess. Gifts were exchanged and Secret Pals were revealed. Games were played by the group. Mrs. Waddell won the Christmas surprise gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Blackburn of Longview, spent the week end at their home here.

Wright Patman's Weekly Letter

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TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS:

WE GIVE AND WE RECEIVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY, and the most meaningful of all is the Gift from On High offered to each of us on this earth. It is this spirit of generosity and good will towards others which is so strongly present in church and family groups during the Christmas season, almost like a tangible thing. Though there are some who spurn God's Peace, may we find it in our hearts to offer up our prayers for all mankind.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sloan had as a supper guest Saturday evening, Mrs. Truett Harlin of Mt. Pleasant.

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CHUCK
ROAST, Lb. 55c

SHURFINE — 19-Oz.
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