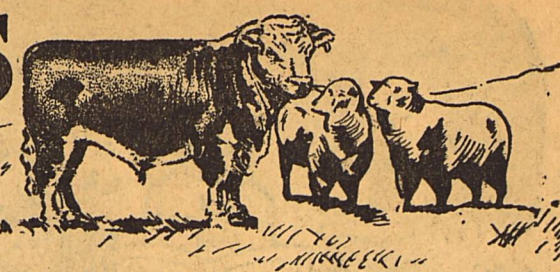


# DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

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TWELFTH WEEK



Old Santa Claus arrived, white beard and all, for Sonora merchants' first annual Christmas open house Monday night. Shown with Santa here is Johnny Martin, a member of the committee which welcomed Santa and drove him from the airport in the fire truck. Insert shows Seth Prater receiving his prize, a Mirromatic automatic coffee pot, which he received at the downtown affair.

## Large Crowd Greet Santa Attends Open House

### Claire Jones Receives Certificate As 1958 TSGRA Youth Award Winner

Claire Jones of Sonora was officially recognized as winner of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association's sheep, goat, wool and mohair contest at the organization's 43rd annual meeting in Dallas December 8-10.

Claire already has accepted her prize—an all expense paid trip to the recent National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

In Dallas she received a certificate from T. A. Kincaid, Jr., Ozona, president of the TSGRA, and appeared on a panel on which she described her 4-H Club work.

Claire, 17, has been a member of the Sutton County 4-H Club for five and a half years and has been a county, district and state contest winner.

A wool grower in her own right, Claire is the daughter of Mrs. Alice Jones and the late Cleve Jones, Jr., of Sonora.

### Funds Available At ASC Office

By Mrs. Marie K. Ellis

Money is still available for any producer who wants to carry out a practice between now and the end of the year. Additional funds were received for cost-share practices. Cost-share is offered on all practices in the handbook except deferred grazing. Any rancher wishing to carry out a cost-share practice should apply on a form 201-Aplication for Request at the local ASC office. All practices must be completed by the end of the program year which is December 31, 1958.

A crowd of from 1,500 to 2,000 persons was on hand in downtown Sonora Monday night to greet Santa Claus and enjoy an evening of Christmas shopping with merchants hosts to open house in the business district. Santa himself arrived by plane at Joe Berger Field and was driven in to town on a fire-truck with Chief Lee Patrick and John A. Martin, Jr., as official escorts.

Santa distributed fruit, candy

and prizes to small-fry who literally thronged the street in front of the First National Bank. Merchants served refreshments and color books were passed out to children at the bank.

During the evening, shoppers registered at a table on the sidewalk in front of the old Hamilton Building and prizes were awarded at intervals. Those winning prizes included: Edward Ortega, cultured pearls; Mike Bianueva, Cut glass dish; Edward Valliant, Make-up kit; Seth Prater, Automatic coffee maker; Lusk Ramos, bed spread; Mrs. Bill Savell, sheets and pillowcases.

Alma Fry, shirt; Billy Gonzales, Nylon gown; Jean Avery, Table lamp; Connie Chavez, Child's pool table; Mrs. Pat Brown, Set of club aluminum; Mrs. Robert Nicholson, stainless steel carving set; Sylvia Duran and Dan Carranza, long playing records; Mrs. Jesus Urias, tea cart; Mrs. Arthur Stewart, Portable steam iron; Mrs. A. D. Fincannon, Paper-Mate Pen, Foam rubber cushion and leather desk pad.

Mrs. Ruth Newton, Year's exterminating service; Mrs. Alice S. Taylor, six tickets to Bronte and La Vista Theaters; Mrs. Sam Adams, gallon anti-freeze; Mrs. J. W. Elliott, iron; Raymond Gonzales, ham; Mrs. Ernest McClelland, ham; Ofelia Rodriguez, ham and groceries; John Stanley Hamby, candy; Mrs. Jackie Sharp, Garbage bucket; E. B. Keng, two steak dinners at Longhorn Cafe.

### Fire Department Elects Officers For Year 1959

The Sonora Fire Department held their last regular meeting for the year 1958 Wednesday night, December 17, and elected officers for the year 1959.

New officers include: Lee Patrick, chief; Melvin Hearn, president; Jack Hite, vice-president; Gomer Minnick, secretary-treasurer; John A. Martin, Jr., first assistant chief; Wes Granger, second assistant chief; Rev. Alanson Brown, chaplain; and Mrs. J. H. Brasher, mother.

The Board of directors is Melvin Hearn, Gomer Minnick, Lee Patrick, T. E. Glasscock and C. W. Taylor. Members of the Retirement and Pension Fund Board are Alfred Schwenning, George H. Neill, Artie Joy, Lee Patrick and Mat Adams.

## 4-Hers, Parents Receive Awards At Achievement Banquet Saturday

Sutton County 4-H Club members and their leaders were honored Saturday night, December 20, at the club's annual Achievement Banquet held at the school cafeteria. Preston Love, president of the 4-H Parents Club, served as master of ceremonies and Dr. L. Eugene Harris of San Angelo was guest speaker. Dr. Harris was introduced by the Rev. Doyle W. Morton, pastor of the First Methodist Church here.

James Nicks gave the invocation and Gene Brodhead led the 4-H motto and pledge.

Claire Jones, recipient of the 1958 award of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, reported on her recent trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

Tommy Love, 4-H president, presented Adult Leadership awards to Mrs. Harold Friess and W. L. (Tom) Davis and the Adult Service Award to Cleve Jones, Sr.

Ralph P. Mayer presented Achievement Awards to Preston Neely, Freddy Fields, Cleve T. Jones III and George Robertson. Edwin Sawyer, president of the Chamber of Commerce, gave

Agricultural Awards to Dick McMillan, Joe Friess, Tommy Love and John Paul Friess.

Herbert Fields awarded the Hillman Brown, president of the Sonora Lions Club, presented Citizenship Awards to Tom Speaking Awards to Rodney Glasscock and Cindy Galbreath, Davis and Claire Jones. Joe B. and Ray Siegmund, Jr., made the



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4-H Leadership Award to Betty Jack Cooper and Gene Brodhead, Love and John Paul Friess.

Herbert Fields awarded the Champion Trophy to Tommy Love and presented Public Speaking Awards to Rodney Glasscock and Cindy Galbreath, Davis and Claire Jones. Joe B. and Ray Siegmund, Jr., made the



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Conservation Award to Jimmy Frank Richardson, Johnny Merck, Jessie Lem Johnson and Herbert Fields, Jr.

Jo Addah Johnson and Jack Baker received Gold Star Awards from Fred T. Earwood.

Completion certificates were awarded by Clayton Hamilton to Claire Jones, Cleve T. Jones III, Libb Mills Wallace, Tom Glasscock, Jack Baker, Anna Rose Gillit, Jack Wardlaw, Dick McMillan, Cindy Galbreath, Debbie Galbreath, Chris Berger, Phillip Chalk, Bobby Harris, James Hugh Harris, Gene Brodhead, Dick Swails, Kay Ellis, Mike Ellis, Ray Glasscock, Johnny Merck, Tommy Love, George Robertson, Alvin Beyer, Joe Friess, Herbert Fields, Jr., Johnny Fields, Martha Love and Jimmy Frank Richardson.

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Christmas dances will be given in Sonora at the Boy Scout Hall by Isadore Leaman and Raymond Barker on Thursday and Friday nights.

Keating's orchestra, of San Angelo, with Lamar Chapman, widely known concert pianist, will furnish music for the two nights.

### Firemens Dance December 31

Sonora Firemen will sponsor their annual New Year's Eve dance again this year at the Sonora Woolhouse. The event will begin at nine o'clock and Johnny Dutton and his Western String-billies will furnish music for dancing until one o'clock.

Tickets will sell for \$3.00 per man with ladies admitted free. Everyone is invited to attend this annual affair which is the organization's only fund raising event of the year.

### PASCAL ALLISON CHOSEN FOR TMI HONOR GUARD

Cadet Pascal Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lea Allison of Sonora, was recently named to the Honor Guard of Texas Military Institute, San Antonio, where he is a student. The guard, a precision drill team, is composed of 38 of the school's cadets.

At the close of the TMI football season Allison also received a varsity football award for outstanding work on the varsity team.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMENTS

H. V. (Buzzie) Stokes

We don't know why but people seem to be in better spirits this Christmas than in many years. Maybe its because we have grass on the ground, maybe its because we finally lofted the biggest missile, maybe people have more spending money? Well, this Christmas does promise to be a happy affair for many people.

If the objective of the Monday night Christmas party was to get the people out it was a grand success. From some angles it was disappointing. It seemed impossible to get the crowd to mill around and visit the various stores. They kept their eyes on Santa Claus and on the prize display. Even some eggnog went begging.

This party was for the children to visit Santa and was a gesture from the merchants to the public, an appreciation party. Most of those open offered refreshments and were host for the evening. From the Chamber of Commerce angle this party was a guinea pig event. The merchants

are already planning their Christmas party next year.

And speaking of planning, your Chamber of Commerce is doing just that. On our planning board to date a dozen projects are planned, all possible and all of great importance to our way of life. These projects are coming from the minds of local citizens and can be completed with cooperation of our people. Coordinating your planning and civic thinking is our business. There is strength in unity.

Sonora lost one of her best friends this week in the tragic passing of Fred Jeffers. Few men had more friends in Sutton County than Fred Jeffers. His was the eighth death at the Pecan creek bridge, not to count many other wrecks there.

May we, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, wish for all of you, the fine folks of Sutton and adjoining counties, a Christmas of happiness and one not marred by accident. May Santa Claus shower you and yours with good health.

## SONORANS TO GET HALF-MILLION IF DAM EASEMENTS OBTAINED SOON

Sonora citizens have been offered a \$500,000 Christmas present, in the form of additional flood prevention construction on Dry Devil's River, provided necessary easements can be obtained from landowners.

Fred T. Earwood and Joe B. Ross contacted H. N. Smith, SCS State Conservationist, in Dallas last week and were told that approximately a half million dollars additional money could be made available-if easements can be obtained at an early date.

This construction money is in addition to the \$566,721 now ear-

marked for construction of five dams on Lowrey Draw. Construction of these dams is expected to start in February or March. The new money will build three large dams or possibly five smaller ones on Dry Devil's River.

"The additional money offered us will mean that we might get complete flood protection in 18 months, rather than in five or ten years," Fred T. Earwood, vice-chairman of the Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District, stated, "If we can obtain this money now, a new appropriation will be made by July 1,

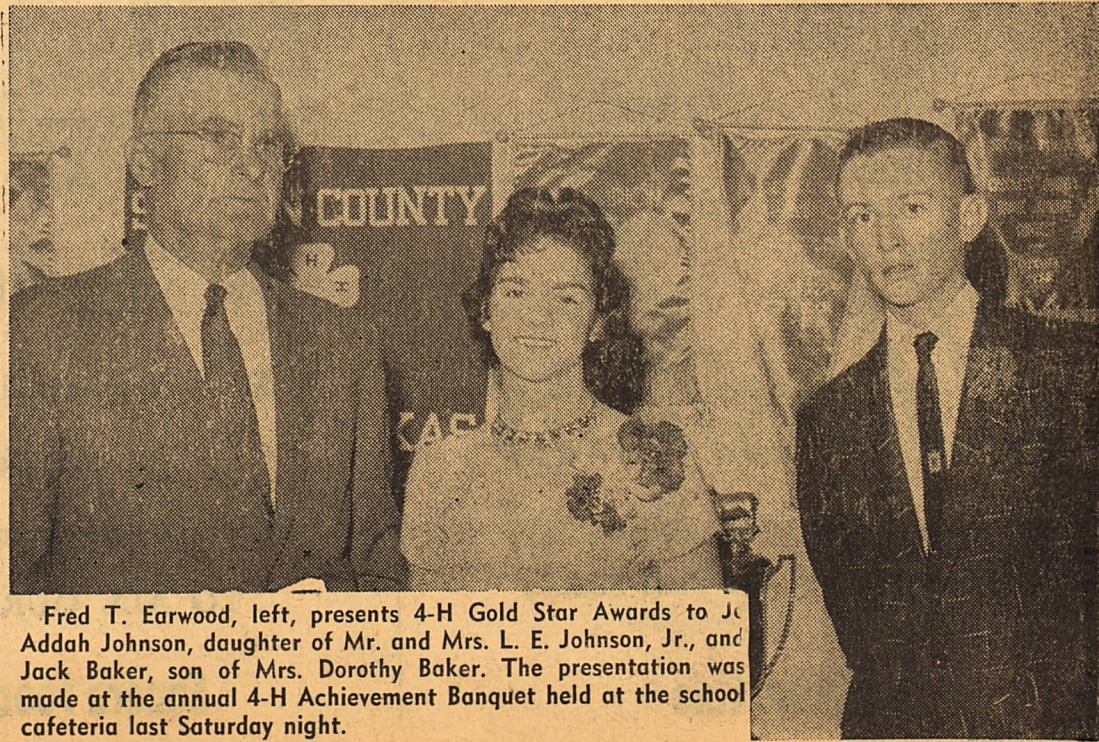
1959, and Sonora's share might be enough to build all remaining structures," he added.

As a result of serious floods, many communities are now in process of developing and requesting approval of flood prevention plans. As the number of these plans increases the amount of funds available to any particular project will decrease, and the work will be spread out over a much longer period. Since Sonora citizens started planning some two years ago, raised local money to finance development of a work plan and obtained Con-

gressional approval, they are now in position to get the project completed quickly—provided easements can be obtained from an additional four or five landowners and one pipeline company.

It has been many years since Sonora had a serious flood. Damaging in 1932, 1936 and 1938—but not of the Ozona or Lampasas caliber. With a 130,000 acre watershed above, and Sonora situated in the flood plain at the junction of the two draws—our time could be run-

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Fred T. Earwood, left, presents 4-H Gold Star Awards to Jo Addah Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Johnson, Jr., and Jack Baker, son of Mrs. Dorothy Baker. The presentation was made at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet held at the school cafeteria last Saturday night.





## YULETIDE GREETINGS!

Hardegree Gulf Station



**A JOYEUX NOEL**  
TO OUR MANY GOOD FRIENDS  
AND LOYAL CUSTOMERS!

Smith Electric



# Merry Christmas

May the Joy of the Holiday Glow  
Brightly for You and Your Family

Longhorn Cafe



**CULINARY ARTISTS**—Army Mess Stewards Frederick W. Landon (left) of Mountain Lake Park, Md., and Winestord Crum of Sharples, W. Va., will return to their Nike units with skills learned in eight weeks from Anthony Macerello, head chef of Washington's Mayflower Hotel. The Statler Hilton Hotel also participates in the Military District of Washington course.

## OFFICIAL RECORDS

Justice Court  
Alfred Cooper presiding  
December 20, 1958  
Laprelle Martin paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Albert A. Staruska paid a fine of \$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Billy H. Lowrey paid a fine of \$26.50 plus costs, total \$42.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
William Killip, Jr., paid a fine of \$15.50 plus costs, total \$31.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Johnny Schaefer paid a fine of \$15.50 plus costs, total \$31.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Fritz Leo Lacina paid a fine of \$11.50 plus costs, total \$27.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Benny McWilliam was charged with speeding and fine set at \$15.50 plus costs, total \$31.00. Pending. Highway Patrol.

\$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Melvin Maxson paid a fine of \$16.50 plus costs, total \$32.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Johnny Carl Reiley paid a fine of \$13.50 plus costs, total \$29.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
William Thomas Gaylor paid a fine of \$15.50 plus costs, total \$31.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Donald M. Frilot paid a fine of \$29.50 plus costs, total \$45.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Kelley Hamilton, Jr., paid a fine of \$23.50 plus costs, total \$39.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Harry Thomas Parker paid a fine of \$28.50 plus costs, total \$44.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Alfred Flores paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Julian C. Hillerby paid a fine of \$17.50 plus costs, total \$33.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Peggy L. Powell paid a fine

of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Sam Hall paid a fine of \$15.50 plus costs, total \$31.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Moses Brown paid a fine of \$23.50 plus costs, total \$39.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Antonio Garza paid a fine of \$16.50 plus costs, total \$32.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Dorothy Jean Danials paid a fine of \$15.50 plus costs, total \$31.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Isaac Wilson paid a fine of \$18.50 plus costs, total \$34.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Lowell F. Credle paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Ralph E. Sader was charged with speeding and fine set at \$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00. Highway Patrol.  
Walter L. Busby paid a fine of \$15.50 plus costs, total \$31.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Henry N. Berry paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Charles H. Mercer paid a fine of \$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
William James Gideon paid a fine of \$20.50 plus costs, total \$36.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
James MacMurray Holston paid a fine of \$14.50 plus costs, total \$30.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Carson H. Floyd paid a fine of \$21.50 plus costs, total \$37.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
John C. Calhoan paid a fine of \$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Wayne C. Smith paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Theresa Dean Good paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Thomas Ray Anderson paid a fine of \$7.50 plus costs, total \$23.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
B. L. Murphy paid a fine of \$7.50 plus costs, total \$23.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Peter Kinnard Turk paid a fine of \$16.50 plus costs, total \$32.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Max Warren paid a fine of \$11.50 plus costs, total \$27.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
December 21, 1958  
Samuel Albert Bungier paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$31.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Roy P. Beemel paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.  
Richard Austin Smith paid a fine of \$5.50 plus costs, total \$21.00, on a charge of passing in a no-passing zone. Highway Patrol.  
Melvin Watson paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.



## At This Holy Time

May the spiritual meaning of  
the season be with you this  
Christmas, and bring its blessing  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Sonora Food Locker



From all of us to all of you

SAUNDER'S FLOWERS



**MERRY  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**  
May the gifts of  
health, wealth and  
happiness be yours!

Sonora Motor Co.



Once again, the wonderful  
story of our Savior's Birth  
is noted...Merry Christmas!

The Jerry Shurleys



Rex Merriman Texaco Service Station





It's the season for carol singing, for gay wreaths of holly, glowing candles, and sugar plums. It's Christmas! Time to wish you all the **HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS**

**Sonora Drug Company**

## OFFICIAL RECORDS

William Paul Reinhard was charged with speeding and fine set at \$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00. Highway Patrol.

Allen Tom Groves was charged with speeding and fine set at \$7.50 plus costs, total \$23.00. Highway Patrol.

Lacy Harold Williams was charged with speeding and fine set at \$7.50 plus costs, total \$23.00. Highway Patrol.

December 9, 1958

Bert Hardin was sentenced to one day in jail in lieu of fine on a charge of drunkenness. Sheriff's Dept.

December 11, 1958

E. J. Turner was charged with speeding and fine set at \$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00. Highway Patrol.

J. B. McCain was charged with speeding and fine set at \$25.50 plus costs, total \$41.00. Highway Patrol.

Sammy Lee Hunter was charged with speeding and fine set at \$21.50 plus costs, total \$37.00. Highway Patrol.

Charles Edward Hall was charged with speeding and fine set at \$7.50 plus costs, total \$23.00. Highway Patrol.

Vincent Allen Sherrod was charged with speeding and fine set at \$23.50 plus costs, total \$39.00. Highway Patrol.

Jewell Quinn Verner was charged with speeding and fine set at \$11.50 plus costs, total \$27.00. Highway Patrol.

December 13, 1958

Horace Hill paid a fine of \$5.50 plus costs, total \$25.00, on a charge of disturbing the peace. Sheriff's Dept.

Jerry Goble paid a fine of \$5.50 plus costs, total \$25.00, on a charge of disturbing the peace. Sheriff's Dept.

December 14, 1958

Ronald Stone paid a fine of \$11.50 plus costs, total \$27.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.

R. H. Gomer was charged with speeding and fine set at \$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00. Highway Patrol.

Alfred Burns paid a fine of \$9.50 plus costs, total \$25.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.

James B. Havener paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.

Harrell D. Tanner was charged with speeding and fine set at \$12.50 plus costs, total \$28.00. Highway Patrol.

Palmer Parson Willis was charged with speeding and fine set at \$20.50 plus costs, total \$36.00. Highway Patrol.

Larry Giles Kiser was charged with speeding and fine set at \$11.50 plus costs, total \$27.00. Highway Patrol.

Normal W. Rousselot was charged with speeding and fine set at \$14.50 plus costs, total \$30.00. Highway Patrol.

Carl Harrison Straps was charged with speeding and fine set at \$15.50 plus costs, total \$31.00. Highway Patrol.

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Carroll and Yvonne Davis, University of Texas students, will be at home to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Emily and Bub of Princeton, New Jersey, will arrive in Sonora December 19, to spend the holidays with Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken, Jan and Jo Bess.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Cook and family of Junction visited friends and relatives in Sonora and in San Angelo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Turney Friess of Lubbock will be in Sonora this weekend for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Friess and Mrs. Dorothy Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glasscock and family, who reside on the Rowe Morris ranch near El Limon, Tamps, Mexico, will spend the holidays in Sonora with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Glasscock and Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips.



To all our friends and many patrons...  
We wish the very best during the coming year!

**Elliott Chevrolet Co.**



**A** joyous carol sends our Greetings!

May your Christmas be blessed with  
the joys you love best, and may all your  
days, too, be most happy for you...

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell and Family**



**Oh Holy Night...**

...with "tidings of great joy!" Again the  
Savior is reborn in the hearts of all  
mankind! May love and peace light  
your way this Christmas!

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**Commercial Cafe.**





Sonora Feed and Supply

## SANTA'S ON HIS WAY!



Have the  
merriest, most  
wonderful  
Christmas ever!

Bill Smith's Service Station

## Letters To Santa

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are your reindeer? How are you, Mrs. Santa Claus? I hope you are fine. Would you please bring Mother a long gown? Please bring my father some Old Spice. Please bring my little sister a real pretty doll. Please bring me a black and white kitten, and bride dress with a veil and flowers.

Love,

Shelley Morriss

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you have a good trip. How is your family?  
Please bring me an electric train. My daddy wants a pair of ten-power field glasses.

I wish you a Merry Christmas. Your friend,

Cliff Merrill

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is your family? I hope you have a good trip. Please bring me a chemistry set, b.b. gun, electric train, and please bring mother some china and silverware.

Love,

Al Elliott

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring my mother and daddy a film projector.  
How are your reindeer? I hope you have a good trip and, I hope you have good weather.

Please bring me a bicycle 24, I want a bicycle light and I want a b.b. gun. Gil my brother wants a chemistry set.

Your friend,

Mitch Trainer

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a pair of Wellington boots. I am good. How are Rudolph and the other reindeer? Last year we got a dog but he is too much trouble. My brother wants a gas airplane.

Love,

Lee Bloodworth

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing? Please bring me a bride doll. Please bring me a tea set. Please bring me a pony. Please bring me a dog. Please bring my mother a dress. Please bring my father a new hat. Please bring my sister and me a pair of high heels. Please bring my mother a pair of high heels. Please bring my daddy a handkerchief. Please bring by sister a bride doll. Please bring my mother a new brush. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,

Kathy Berry

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a doll. Please bring me a buggy too. Please bring my mother some clothes that will fit my mother.

Please bring my father some work clothes. Merry Christmas! Love,

Sandra Swails

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you a good trip. Please bring me a game, a b.b. gun, teen-ager doll, and clothes for her. And some dog and horse books.

Love,

Susan Jo Prugel

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a desk doll, four dresses for Betsty McCall co-ed dress, a Sunday best dress, a riding outfit, and a town and country coat.

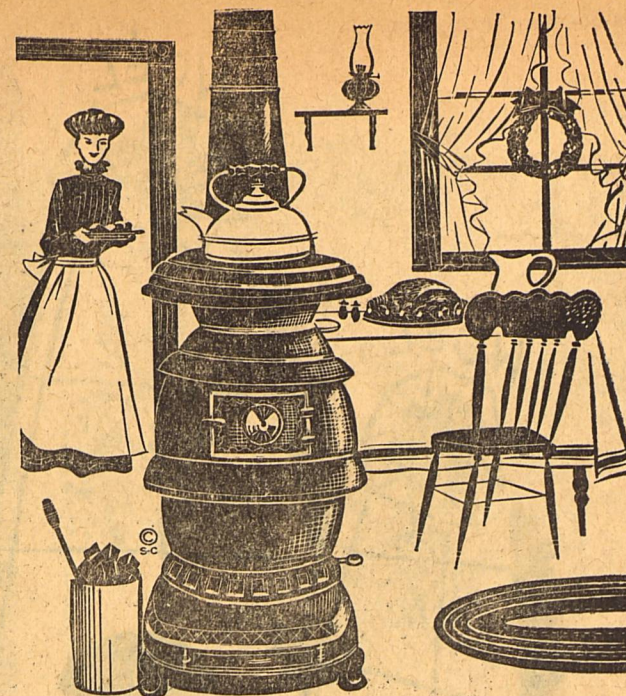
For Mother I want to give her a blouse, size 34 or 36.

For daddy a pair of under wear.

Love,

Mary Lena Greenhill

P.S. I forgot to put Black Beauty Book.



OUR VERY BEST WISHES  
FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Jay's Loan Service



## Corral Trading Post



## Western Motel



SEASON'S  
Greetings

A wish to join the others  
That are being sent your way...  
May all the greatest blessings  
Be yours on Christmas Day...



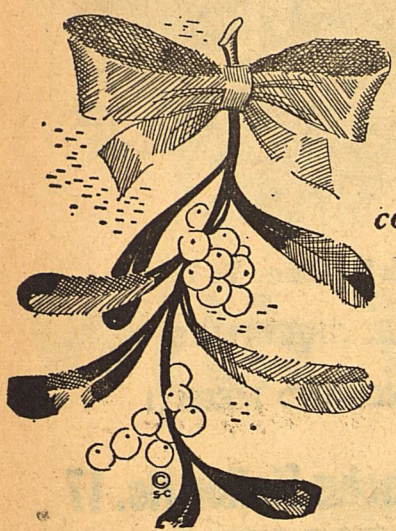
THE SONORA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





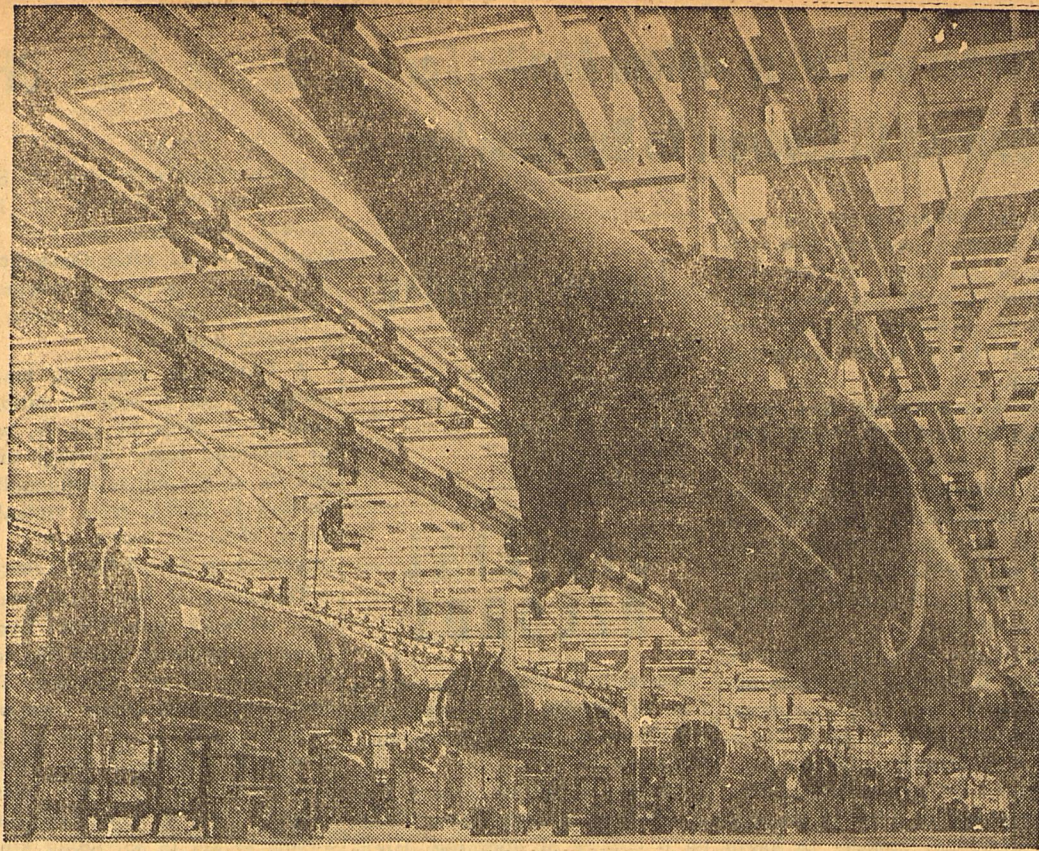
*Merry Christmas*

W. A. Carroll, Texaco Consignee



*May all  
your hopes  
and dreams  
come true this  
Christmas!*

Nellie Allen



**MASS PRODUCTION**—Army Nike Hercules air defense missiles move down the assembly line at Douglas Aircraft Company's Charlotte, N.C., plant. Washington, Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles are among areas guarded by Hercules.

### Happy Birthday

Friday, December 26,  
Mrs. C. D. Wyatt  
Lewis Roueche  
Mrs. Charles Baker  
Saturday, December 27,  
Mrs. Harold Scherz  
Melinda Eileen Earwood  
Mrs. Jerry Shurley  
Sunday, December 28,  
None  
Monday, December 29,  
J. B. Renfro  
George Lindon Hearn  
Charles W. West  
David Lee Wuest  
Tuesday, December 30,  
Mrs. Lewis Roueche  
Stanley Harris  
Mrs. Ellen Ray  
Wednesday, December 31,  
Mrs. W. R. Cusenbary  
Mrs. Earl Merck  
Gay Copeland

### Devil's River Philosopher Comes Out Once Again For His Plan To Equalize Christmas Gift Giving

**Editor's Note:** The Devil's River Philosopher on his bitter-weed ranch on Devil's River has discovered Christmas is here. If he has found it out, it must indeed be here.

Dear editor:  
Along about this time of the year, every year, a lot of people pull up short and declare time sure does fly, here it is Christmas again and it seems like only a month or so since the last one.

This is because people live fast. That is, they think they're living too fast, although actually of course everybody lives at the same rate, only instead of living from one hour to the next, or at the most one day to the next, most people try to live in gulps, say 12 gulps to consume the whole year.

Now me, I take things a little easier. You try to consume a whole year too fast and you wind up with indigestion.

Also, I notice that some people get to wishing they could skip Christmas, they say it's too strenuous, it's too much trouble, it's too commercial. Generally though when people say Christmas is too commercial, they mean it's not commercial enough for them, it's the other fellow

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell, Jr. and son of Detroit, Mich. will arrive early in January to spend their vacation here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell and in Big Spring with Mrs. Howell's parents.

that's profiting by it. Commercialism generally is considered bad only when you're on the wrong end of commerce, when you're spending instead of selling.

This is the reason I have been proposing for years a new plan which I think the government ought to consider. Under the present system, a man never knows whether he's going to come out ahead or behind when his Christmas giving and his Christmas receiving has been totaled up. Here's where the government ought to step in. The government ought to agree to make up the difference between what you spend and what you get. A sort of Yuletide Equalization Bureau. All a man would have to do under my plan would be to keep a list of the gifts he gives in one column, a list of what he gets in another, and if the second column is shorter than the first, the government would make up the difference. Of course, if the first column was shorter, and you got more than you gave, the government should forget it. What's Christmas for? What's the government for?

I don't think this plan will work, but that's no argument for the government's not trying it. If the government tried only things that will work, Santa Claus would sure fail to see a lot of people.

Meanwhile, Christmas is here, whether it's liked or not, although me and you and a lot of other people sort of like it. Consequently, until the government gets its Gift Equalizing system working, I will hereby get rid of all my Christmas obligations by saying: Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully,  
J. A.



Stockmen's Feed Co.



C. G. Morrison's Variety Store



### Season's Greetings

It's such a pleasure to say thank you to our many friends and customers at Christmas. May this Yule be filled with wonder and happiness for everyone. . . .

Live Oak Super Service Station



*Have a heavenly Christmas! We hope that it is merry and gay — one to recall as a heavenly day!*

Bell's Cash-Way



We'd like to gaily-bedeck your Christmas tree with ornaments of Health, Wealth, and Laughter!

Sonora TV Company



## Hospital Notes

### ADMISSIONS

Bessie Vander Stucken  
William Robbins, Roswell, N.M.  
Elisa Vargas, Ozona  
Juanita Mancias  
Terri Lowe  
Maysie Brown  
Lisley Morris, Hobbs, N.M.  
P. J. Taylor  
David Griffin, Eldorado  
Ruth Hext, Eldorado  
W. A. McCoy  
Mary Badillo  
Doris Rousselot  
Angelita Samaniego  
Dorothy Cusenbary  
Lydia Galindo  
Peggy Trainer  
Enemencio Perez  
Libby Preston, Eldorado  
Myrtle Wagley  
Rita Valencia  
Myrtle Bridges  
Tina Whitehead  
Florentino Noriega  
Etta Ruth Dannheim, Eldorado  
Juanita Sotelo, Del Rio  
Ella Parrent, Eldorado  
Jose Lopez  
V. Ona Goss  
Debbie West, Eldorado  
Darlene Drew  
Frances Templeton  
DISMISSALS  
Jose Lopez  
Dorothy Cusenbary

Etta Ruth Danheim  
Florentino Noriega  
Juanita Sotelo  
Tina Whitehead  
Doris Rousselot  
Angelita Samaniego  
Myrtle Bridges  
Myrtle Wagley  
Libby Preston  
Peggy Trainer  
Lydia Galindo  
James Trainer  
Maria Badillo  
W. A. McCoy  
P. J. Taylor  
Morris Lasley  
Maysie Brown  
Terri Lowe  
Mankin Stokes  
Judy Nickelbur  
David Griffin  
Elisa Vargas  
William Robbins  
Juanita Mancias  
Jimmy Smith  
Charles Carroll  
Dorothy Harris  
Dolores Salinas  
Bessie Vander Stucken  
Ranee Fawcett  
Dominga Berral  
Emma Campbell  
John Alexander

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken, Jan and Jo Bess will spend part of the Christmas holidays in Menard the guests of Mrs. Vander Stucken's mother, Mrs. Ed Mears.

## Pioneer Gathering System Applies For Approval Of Contract To Buy Iron Gas

An application for the approval of a contract covering the purchase of gas in the Mertzon area of Iron County has been filed with the Federal Power Commission by Pioneer Gathering System, Inc.

The announcement was made Friday by Burton P. Smith, President of the company.

The proposed contract with The Atlantic Refining Company will provide for the purchase of gas from wells which have been heretofore flared for lack of an available market.

To tie the wells to its system, Pioneer Gathering has made application to the FPC for approval to construct seven miles of three-inch high-pressure pipeline.

Pioneer Gathering System, Inc., a subsidiary of Pioneer Natural Gas Company, expects to begin construction of the line early next year.

Out-of-town guests who spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Luckie were their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Luckie and children of Eunice, New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Luckie and children of Crane.

## Happy Birthday

Thursday, January 1,  
Juliette B. Boughton  
Vernon Cook  
Leslie Fambrough  
Mack Cauthorn  
John Lee Nisbet

## OFFICIAL RECORDS

Edward X. Dunn, Jr., paid a fine of \$11.50 plus costs, total \$27.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.

Thomas E. Brady paid a fine of \$10.50 plus costs, total \$26.00, on a charge of speeding. Highway Patrol.

K. E. Andrews paid a fine of

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Jr., Emily and Bub of Princeton, New Jersey, have arrived to spend Christmas with Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vander Stucken, Jan and Jo Bess.

## IN THE YEAR OF

1931

Santa Claus will arrive in Sonora Thursday evening for his annual Christmas eve visit to good boys and girls throughout the town. None will be overlooked, St. Nicholas has promised in a special message.

A Christmas, which to many people, is one of meager outlook because of impaired income, will be rendered more cheerful thru efforts of the entire community. Letters to Santa, from virtually every child in Sonora, will be answered by a kind Kris Kringle.

Toys, lots of them, are available through the West Texas Lumber Company, which has collected them to be repaired by Sonora carpenters. Other toys will be purchased. Goods will be donated and purchased. The Ladies Missionary Society has given twenty jars of preserves and sweets to aid in spreading kindness. Lions Club luncheon money for one week will buy food.

Woolen clothes, provided with money derived from a banquet held here during National Wool week, will also be bought and placed in the stockings of deserving boys and girls.

Christmas, 1931, will be a merry one for Sonora.

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1931

Miss Beverly Reiley, who is a student at the Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, was accompanied home for Christmas this week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reiley, of Owensville Community, and her sisters, Misses Floreine, Patricia and Winnie Lynn, all of whom drove to San Antonio to get her.

1931

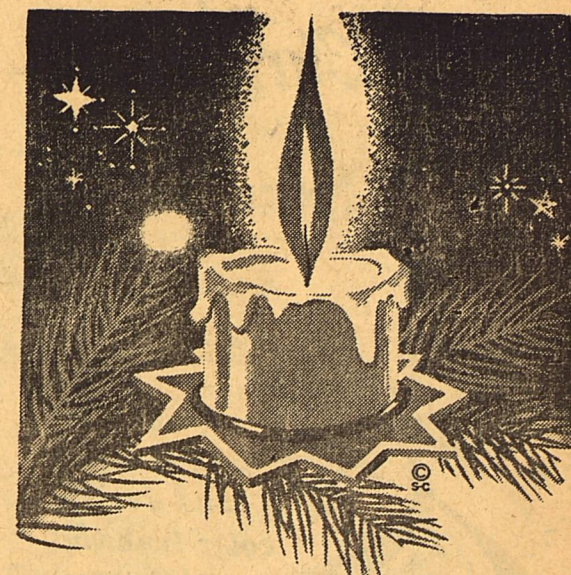
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Newby and little son, Hi Eastland, of Brackettville, arrived this week to spend Christmas here with Mrs. Newby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hi Eastland.

## LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Joe Thomas Friess was accompanied by Jack Schults of Rising Star when he arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Friess.

Alfred L. Markham and Herbert Persky of Alington spent last weekend in Sonora the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken, Jan and Jo Bess.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Renfro will spend the holidays in Austin visiting their children, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Loeffler and children.



This Bright Wish We Send To You...

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS

BE GLOWING AND MERRY!

Artie Joy's Cactus Station No. 17

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

mattresses made to order or re-conditioned. Leave order at News Office. Western Mattress Co. tfn 2.

SPECIAL NOTICE- The Service Master Carpet Cleaning Service will be in Sonora 2 days each month. For appointment call Western Motel. tfn 6.

FOR RENT- Furnished Bedrooms and apartments. All bills paid. Weekly rates. Castle Courts, phone 21301. tfn 9.

### Too LATE To CLASSIFY

FOR RENT- 4-room unfurnished apartment. Private entrance. Available now. See Manila Trainer. tfn 11.

I would like to have your paper shelled pecans to shell for half. Call 26681, Ben Rode. 2 tp 11.

SPECIAL SERVICE- Wheels balanced on your car. \$1.50 per wheel plus weights. Call 27191, Live Oak Super Service Station and your car will be picked up and delivered. tfn 10.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY MAN OR WOMAN- Responsible person from this area, to service and collect from cigarette dispensers. No selling. Car, references, and \$592.50 to \$1,975.00 investment necessary. 7 to 12 hours weekly nets excellent monthly income. Possible full-time work. For local interview give phone and particulars. Write International Sales & Mfg. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1236, Oklahoma City, Okla. 1 tp 12.

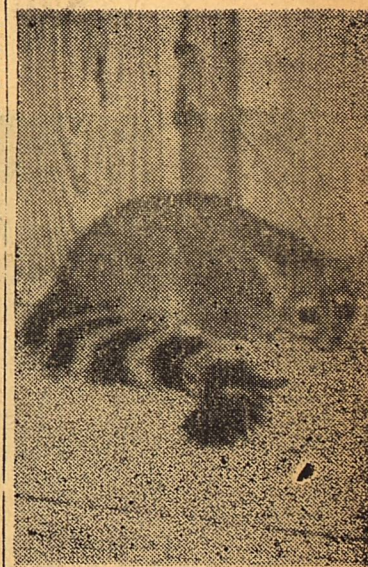
### LOST & FOUND

LOST: Bedroll. Lost between Rocksprings and Camp Fawcett Saturday, December 13. Finder notify Mrs. Alice Jones. tfn 11.

### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the good people of Sonora and Sutton County for their thoughtfulness and consideration during the absence of our Postmaster and also during the Christmas rush. Our special thanks to Hillman Brown and Joe Turner - "Boys, we would never have made it without your help." We wish everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. James Wilson, Reggie and Jr.

## NOTICE



WE BUY FURS AND DEER SKINS AT TOP PRICES, AT THE VICK CASTILLO BLDG.

Leonard Sutton

## NOTICE

A game warden is on full-time duty on the E. S. Mayer and Son Ranch and all trespassers and violators will be prosecuted. 6 to 7.

### BID NOTICE

Bids will be received in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, Menard Independent School District, Menard, Texas until 7 p.m., January 13, for the sale of one 1950 model 24-passenger GMC school bus, not in running condition. Bus may be seen at Luckenbach Motor Co. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 2 to 12.

THE SERVICE MASTER CARPET CLEANING SERVICE OF SAN ANGELO

WILL BE IN SONORA 2 DAYS EACH MONTH

Service Master is recommended by Robert Massie's, Shepperdson's and Jeffers Interiors.

For Information Call Western Motel.

Service Master, Box 3003, San Angelo, Texas. tfn 38.

# UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

As we observe this happiest of days in the  
Christian year, we wish for each of our  
friends peace, happiness and all the joys  
of the Christmas Season.



# DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Bundy

Roy Cooper

Mrs. H. V. Morris

Santana Norriega





OUR  
BRIGHTEST  
WISHES  
WE SEND  
TO YOU!

Sonora Men's Store

# CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S With The Firemen

DANCE FROM NINE TO ONE  
TO THE MUSIC OF JOHNNY DUTTON  
AND HIS WESTERN STRINGBILLIES

SONORA WOOLHOUSE

DECEMBER 31, 1958

\$3.00 PER MAN, LADIES FREE

At Christmas time... it is natural that we should think of our reasons for celebrating Christ's birth. One is that HE helps us to find peace of mind, surely one of the greatest blessings of this life.

I have long observed people who have the gift of inner peace, and have asked their secret.

Most often their answer is a reference to Christ's words, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you... let not your heart be troubled."

We find quiet peace in the fellowship of loved ones. Beautiful music brings peace to troubled minds and hearts. So does the beauty of nature, dew sparkling in the grass at dawn, or the silvery moon shining on rippling water at night.

But this peace which the world gives passes away, while the peace that HE gives abides forever.

From the writings of Norman Vincent Peale



"Hope you have a Merry, Merry Christmas... and that you and your loved ones enjoy many Electrical Gifts."

Reddy Kilowatt

West Texas Utilities  
Company

College students arriving for the holidays include Jan Keng, Tom Elaine Espy, Nancy Wilson, Martha Jean Valliant, Rodney Davis, Freddie Fields, Pascal Allison and Nancy Hunt.

John Stanley Hamby of Kingsville arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamby.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sykes have as holiday guests Mrs. Annie Meachan of Midkiff, Ore. and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Simons and Clarence of La Junta, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Joy and family of Denver, Colo. are spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Artie Joy.

Col. Savell Lea Sharp of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, has arrived to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Annie Sharp.

## Hospital Notes

### ADMISSIONS

Nora Dominguez, Ozona  
Ola May McDonald, Eldorado  
Gail Odom, Eldorado

Francis Archer  
Margaret Thomas  
Emma Campbell, Eldorado  
Adelina Mata  
Amelia Ramos  
Bobbie Fawcett  
Amparo Bianueva  
Juliet Driskell

### DISMISSALS

Rita Valencia  
Avelina Mata  
Amelia Ramos  
Margaret Thomas  
Gail Odom  
Nora Dominguez  
Enemencio Perez  
Ruth Hext  
Ola May McDonald  
Darlene Drew  
V. Ona Goss  
Frances Templeton  
Debbie West  
Marva Jackson  
Jose Lopez  
Dorothy Cusenbary  
Etta Ruth Dannheim

### MRS. STITES ENTERTAINS THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. C. E. Stites entertained the Thursday Bridge Club in her home last week. The party rooms were made festive with potted poinsettias and Christmas decorations. A salad and dessert plate was served.

Mrs. R. B. Kelley and Mrs. W. B. Hutcherson won high score prizes and Mrs. Karen Peterson won the consolation prize.

Others attending included Mmes. Nellie Allen, Robert Rees, Auther Simmons, Rose Thorp, Lee Labenske, Maysie Brown, Nancy Sandherr, J. W. Trainer, and Mae B. Sawyer.

### Most Aliens Must Register During Month Of January

Harlon B. Carter, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, stated that aliens in the United States will be required to report their addresses to the Attorney General within the near future.

All aliens, with few exceptions, who are in the United States on January 1 each year must report their addresses by the end of that month. Only the following classes of aliens are excused from this requirement: (1) Accredited Diplomats; (2) Persons accredited to certain international organizations; and (3) Those admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers.

Forms with which to make the report can be obtained from any Post Office or Immigration Office during the month of January.

Carter said that the law provides severe penalties for failure to comply with the reporting requirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Blake of Farmington, New Mexico have arrived to spend the holidays with Mrs. Blake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and family of Perryton will be the guests of Mrs. Allen's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Howell during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Berger and Mrs. Berger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Christie of San Marcos, will spend the holidays in Lubbock with Jack Christie.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB MEETS IN RATLIFF HOME

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ratliff were hosts for the Wednesday Night Dinner Bridge Club in their home in Eldorado last week. The Christmas theme was carried out in decorating and a turkey dinner was served.

Dr. J. F. Howell and Mrs. Joe B. Ross won high score prizes and Frank Bond won the bingo prize.

Attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Ben Cusenbary, W. T. Hardy, J. F. Howell, Bryan Hunt, Frank Bond and Joe B. Ross.

### FRIENDSHIP CLASS PARTY HELD AT SHURLEY HOME

Mrs. Collier Shurley was hostess for the Friendship Sunday School Class in her home Thursday night. The party rooms were decorated for the Christmas festivities and punch, sandwiches, cake and nuts were served.

Mrs. J. P. Smith led the opening prayer and Mrs. Louin Martin presided during the short business session. After the closing prayer, led by Mrs. Germany, Mrs. Joe Hull sponsored games and gifts were exchanged during a social hour.

Attending were Mmes. Alfred Cooper, Roy Valliant, R. G. Nance, Louin Martin, Alvie Brewer, J. P. Smith, Jack Drennan, W. R. Drennan, Olen Padgett, Bill McGilvray, T. L. Harrison, Joe Hull, Vernon Griffin, Bob Odom, R. M. McCarver, Leo Bishop, Germany, W. L. Brown and H. V. Morris.

### Highway Dept. To Spend \$39,000 In Sutton County

The Texas Highway Department will spend \$39,000 for improvements on a highway in Sutton County during 1959, D. C. Greer, State Highway Engineer, has announced. This is in addition to the regular construction and maintenance program.

The State Highway Commission has approved this appropriation to improve already existing highways in this county, and there will be no additional right of way requirements, Greer said.

The project for Sutton County is: U. S. 290 from Sonora, East; Approximate length 18.9 miles; Seal coat.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelley and Bobby are spending Christmas in Beaumont the guests of Mrs. Kelley's mother, Mrs. Harry Pearson.

### MARTIN'S PLUMBER



Martin Plumbing  
Plumbing-Heating  
Electricals  
Appliances  
5281 SONORA, TEX.

## Alleluia

Unto us a child is born; O come, let us adore him.

## Alleluia

All Christians Worship their Lord and Saviour on the Day of His Birth!

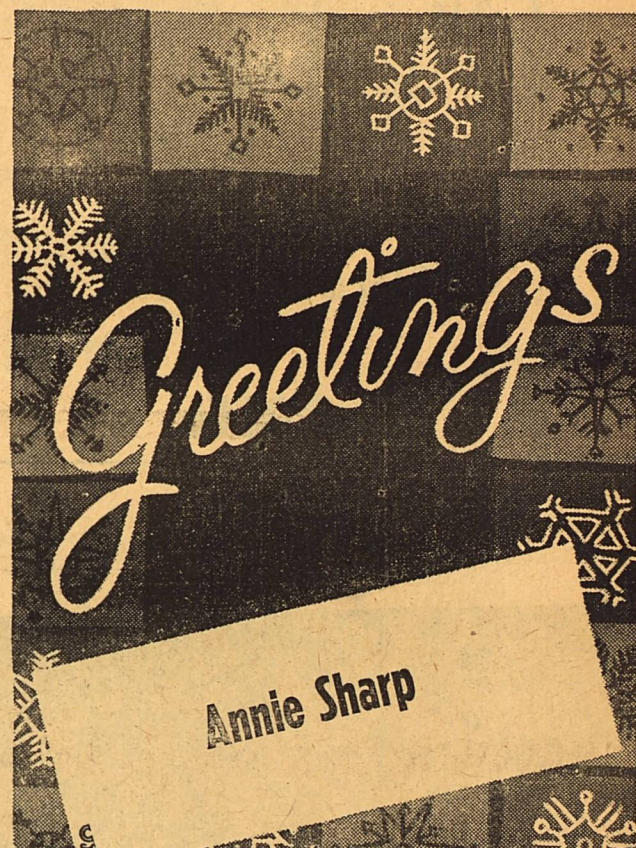
St. John's Episcopal Church welcomes you  
11:30 P M, Dec. 24, Holy Communion  
10:30 A M, Dec. 25, Holy Communion

# THE WOMEN'S PAGE

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Frosty Fred's



Instead of cards, a gift in my friends names to the Methodist Home

## Church Notices

### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Alanson Brown, Rector

Each Sunday

Holy Communion 7:00 a.m.

Family Worship and Children's Chapel 10:00 a.m.

First and third Sundays each month Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.

Each Thursday

Holy Communion 8:00 p.m.

Final Sunday Each Month

Healing Service 8:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (South Side)

Farm Road No. 1691

T. R. Chappell, Minister

Services Each Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

"He that hath an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the Churches." (Rev. 2:17).

FIRST MEXICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Training Union 6:45 p.m.

Worship Service 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Brotherhood Meeting 7:30 p.m.

W.M.U. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. William Mitschke, Pastor

Meeting At Sonora Woman's Club

Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

### Worship Service 10:30 a.m. THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Rev. Allan Guthrie, Pastor

Fellowship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Doyle W. Morton, Pastor

Church School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m.

Evening Service 7:30 p.m.

If you do not worship at some other church we will be very glad to have you worship with us.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. L. Brown, Pastor

Bible School 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

W.M.U. Each Wednesday

Deacon's meeting first Monday each month.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

E. T. McKelvin, Minister

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Services 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Ladies' Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

St. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Godfrey Blank, O.F.M.

S. Plum St. Phone 21861

Weekday Mass 6:30 a.m.

Sunday Masses 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Holy Days Masses 6:30 a.m.

8:00 p.m.





Merry Christmas,  
Everyone!

Ramirez Boot Shop



*Greetings*  
Our Sincere Best  
Wishes for a Happy  
Holiday to Each of You!

R. S. Teaff Oil Co.



**FIELD EXPEDIENT**—Shelter halves, carried by every infantryman, available sticks, a half hour's time, and know-how imparted by veteran sergeants resulted in the foot bridge being crossed by these trainees at Fort Hood, Tex. The recruits quickly learn to make do in the absence of engineers.

### Trapping For Furbearers Gets Under Way

Furbearer trapping season begins December 1 through January 31, according to the director of law enforcement of the Game and Fish Commission.

With some exceptions furbearers may be taken with traps, guns or dogs. Game animals may not be trapped at any time nor may their pelts or hides be sold, except deer hides when legally taken.

It is suggested that your local game warden be contacted to ascertain if there are local laws affecting trapping.

Those animals classified as furbearers are wild beaver, wild otter, wild mink, wild ring-tail cat, wild badger, wild polecat or

skunk, wild raccoon, wild muskrat, wild opossum, wild fox, nutria, and wild civet cat. They should not be confused with such game animals as wild sheep, javelina, bear, and squirrels.

Exceptions, other than special county laws, apply to mink, beaver and muskrats. Mink may be taken November 15 through January 15, and they may not be hunted with dogs. Muskrats may be taken November 15 through March 15 with traps only, except by persons on their own premises at any time and by any means.

Fur trappers and buyers are required to have special licenses. A resident trapper's license cost \$1; a nonresident trapper's license is \$2.00. There is a \$50 fee to trap beaver and other outside the county of residence. Permits for "live sale or propagation" cost \$5. Buyer's licenses are \$5 for retail and \$25 for wholesale buyers.

### Your Driving To Traffic Pattern

As Texas enters the final quarter of 1958, increasing pressure is being applied by safety organizations in urging consistent traffic safety habits on the part of the general public.

The keystone in any safety program is the responsibility of the individual. Each man is his "brother's keeper." This Christian principle goes hand in hand with the natural instinct for self-preservation. If the carelessness of an individual provokes an accident—to himself or another—he is a moral transgressor just as surely as if the act had been intentional.

Too many pedestrians take their safety obligations lightly, thereby adding to the alarmingly high traffic toll each year.

It is much easier to prevent an accident than to experience one. So, today is the time for each of us to take a critical look at our own traffic safety habits.

The following safe walking rules are offered as a guide to sensible pedestrian behavior:

1. Cross streets carefully and only at intersections, or in a specially designated crosswalk.

2. Never walk into the street from behind parked cars.

3. Obey traffic signs and signals; cross on Green or Walk lights only.

4. Wait on sidewalk, not in street, for light signals to change.

5. Look left and right for traffic while crossing. Beware of turning cars.

6. Do not go around a bus, front or rear, after alighting from it. Wait until it leaves before crossing a street.

7. Do not rely on a driver seeing you on poorly lighted streets or in roadways at night. Carry a flashlight and wear light-colored or reflective clothing.

8. Always walk so that you face traffic in areas where there are no sidewalks.



Peace  
on  
Earth

May the spirit  
of Christmas  
be with you  
always.

George Barrow Jewelry



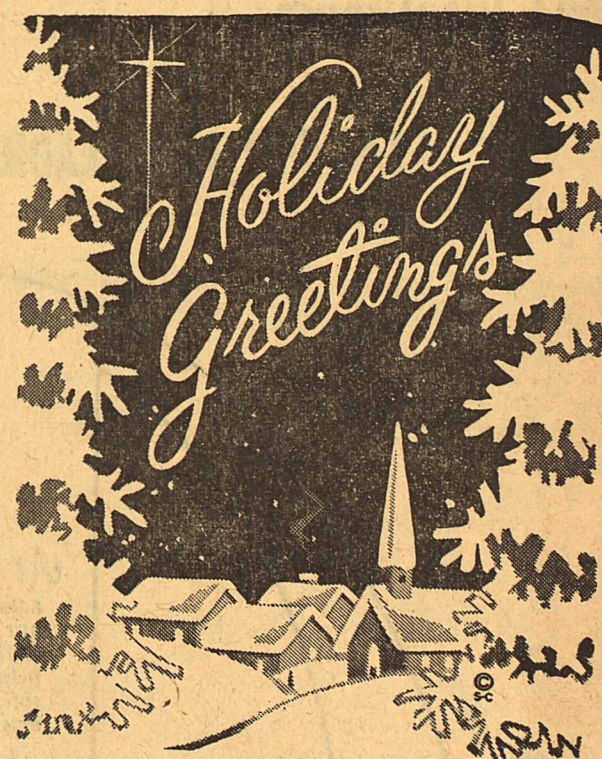
Beauty is in many things—  
a snow-covered countryside  
...the bright Northern Star,  
In the meaning of Christmas!

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.



JOLLY ST. NICK  
IS HERE AGAIN!  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!

Modern-Way Grocery



Sonora Electric Co.



Merry Christmas

Sonora Steam Laundry & Dry Cleaners



## Letters To Santa

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a German Police dog named Rin Tin Tin. And my mother and daddy want a film projector. Daddy wants a pony and .22 and I want a play rifle and I want a football suit.  
Love,  
James Germany

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bicycle for Christmas. I want a toy gun and a scabbard. Please bring me a machine gun. Merry Christmas. Mr. Santa and Mrs. Santa.  
Your friend,  
Ray Tolliver

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a colt 45, lights for my bicycle, and a rack to go on the back of my bicycle. My little brother wants a Roy Rogers' set.  
My big brother wants a sleeping bag.  
Love,  
John K Wilson  
(Note: K is a name, not an initial.)

Sonora, Texas  
December 9, 1958

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a tool set, an electric train, an electric baseball game, a pop gun, a Popeye Punch-Me toy, a sky scraper, and a football helmet.  
In my stocking I want candy, a camera, and baseball cards.  
I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Dick Hamilton

## 30 YEARS AGO

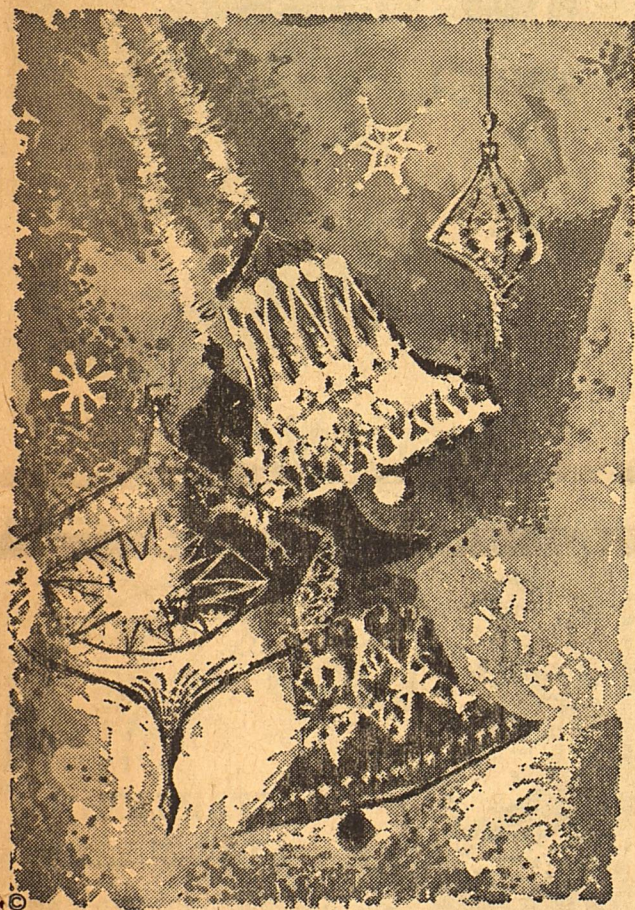
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis honored the football boys at one of their ranch windmills last Friday afternoon with a barbecued chevon supper. Sixteen letter men of last season's team were present.

Others who enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Davis' hospitality were Superintendent and Mrs. White, Coach Joe Berry, Misses Phillips, Gertrude Babcock, Harva Jones and Ruth Lee Hoggett, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Lightfoot. Hillman Brown, a member of the Bronco team last year, was also present.



Old St. Nick will soon be coming down your chimney and we'd like to "present" you with our best wishes for a joyful holiday!

Cahill Construction



## TO OUR FRIENDS

May your Christmas be merry, gay, and bright as the twinkling baubles that bedeck your tree!

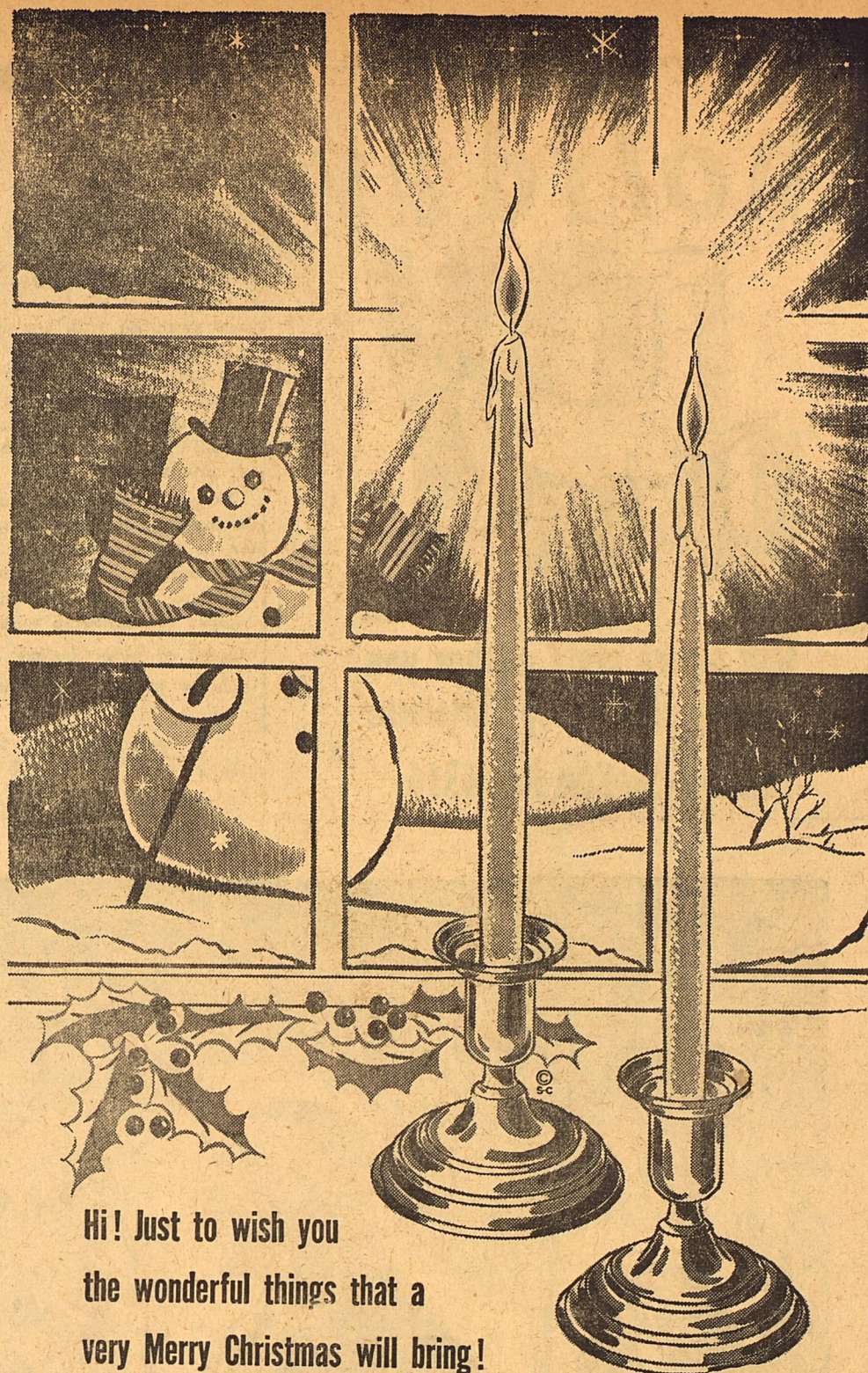


## Our Christmas Wishes

Like the star that guided the shepherds and wise men, may the love and glittering light of the Season make this Christmas your happiest!

Granger and Johnson Motor Company

Home Hardware and Furniture Co.



JOYOUS HOLIDAY GREETINGS

WESTERMAN DRUG



# Merry Christmas

This olden greeting, we send to you,  
For its meaning to all rings ever-true...  
And so sincerely we mean what we say,  
We will repeat-have a Happy Holiday!

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK





Our entire staff wishes you  
a very merry, merry Christmas  
Humble Station No. 6316

## Health Department Suggests Flu Vaccination

About this time last year, Texas and most of the United States were swamped with the so-called Asiatic Flu.

In fact the inroads of the Asian strains of influenza were so widespread that its effects were felt all over the world with varying intensity.

There is no doubt that influenza was a contributing factor in the slight rise of death rates during the winter months. Influenza may weaken an individual's resistance so that he is subject to more serious illness such as pneumonia which may result in death.

The two most studied outbreaks were the highly fatal pandemics of 1889 and 1918

when hundreds of thousands were killed as a result of the disease. Since then attention has been directed to the epidemic of mild disease that have been yearly occurrence with varying intensity.

Fortunately, although there was not great. The epidemic as measured by excess influenza pneumonia mortality was only slightly more severe than the influenza "A prime" epidemic of 1953.

Although there are no indications at the present time of another epidemic of the Asian strain of influenza, there undoubtedly will be some influenza.

For this reason the U. S. Public Health Service and the Texas State Department of Health recommended consideration of vaccination against influenza for certain groups and individuals.

Influenza vaccine is indicated for groups wishing to guard against absenteeism in their professions or occupations, and among those to whom the disease might be an added health risk.

There are now ample supplies of influenza vaccine of the polyvalent type, containing immunizing material against the important strains of influenza, including the Asian strains.

Groups which should be considered for vaccination include hospital staffs whose services are necessary to the care of the sick; groups subject to exposure and quick spread such as in institutions; and individual patients who have a special risk because of chronic illness, pregnancy and age.

Practicing physicians should be the judges of whether or not to vaccinate individuals.

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Mrs. Edith Bond has been in California for several weeks, the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. E. LeMin. Mrs. Bond will spend the winter there before returning.

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## O, HOLY NIGHT...

When Bethlehem's Star shone e'r so bright

Both Kings and Shepherds knelt at the sight

Knowing it as Herald of Our Savior's Birth,

106 XG Form 7 Signifying the deliverance of Peace On Earth.

# EVAN'S FOOD WAY



The Wesley Sawyer Jewelry



Our gift to you —  
many best wishes  
for a very bright and  
Happy Holiday!

Sonora Abstract Office



Hi!  
It's time  
to send  
greetings  
your  
way...

Martin Plumbing



STAR-LIGHT,  
STAR-BRIGHT!

Shine down and  
Cheer each child,  
Each home,  
This Christmas Night!

Greenhill Service Station

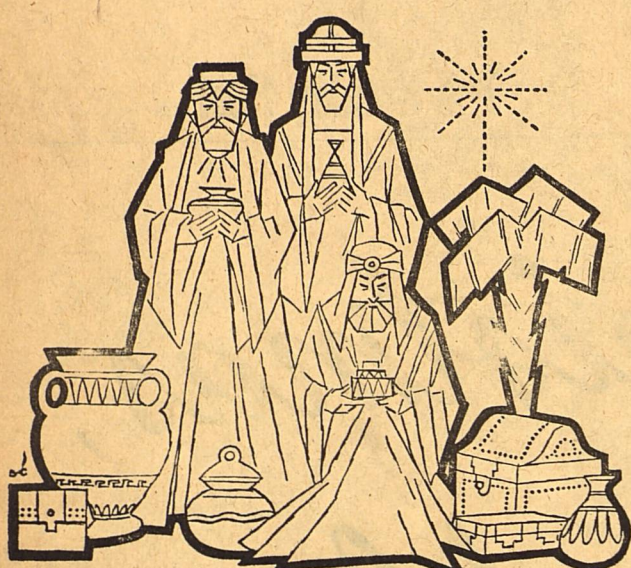




# noel

May this Holy Season bring  
you an abundance of happiness!

Castle Courts



**Christmas Greetings!**  
Like the Wise Men of old,  
may you find treasures of the  
heart and the spirit this Noel!

Labenske Style Shop



**ONLY 28 POUNDS**—The Army's new 7.62mm machine gun could even be fired this way as shown by Jim Murphy of the Springfield, Mass., Armory. The new weapon will eventually replace all Army .30 caliber machine guns, some models of which date back to World War I.

## Bids On Post Office Building For Sonora Due To Be Opened February 20, 1959

Bids are solicited, to be received in the office of V. E. Bell, Real Estate Office, at P. O. Box 1386, Lubbock, Texas not later than February 20, 1959, to furnish leased space suitable for postal purposes for a rental with renewal options as the bidder shall offer.

Enclosed net space of 3,139 square feet is desired.

Platform space of 216 square feet is desired.

Driveway, parking, and maneuvering area of 4,074 square feet is desired.

Area of 1,200 square feet is desired for off-street parking.

Important factors include location, good daylight and ventilation, accessibility to rear or side entrance for mails, service considerations, economic factors, and overall operating costs.

Construction Requirements For Leased Post Office Facilities, and

form of Bid (Agreement To Lease), form of Post Office Department Lease, and additional information may be obtained from the undersigned or the local postmaster.

Bidders must submit with the bid a plot plan showing location, land dimensions, and location of buildings hereon, adjoining ground, if any, for light areas, driveways and parking areas, abutting streets and alleys and widths thereof together with a diagram of the interior space offered, showing dimensions, offsets, doors, windows, etc.

A correct legal description of the entire ground area to be leased must accompany the bid. Bidders may also submit photographs of their property and its surroundings if they so desire. If new construction or major remodeling is proposed, a drawing of the front elevation shall accompany the bid. If an existing building, photographs of the front elevation shall accompany the bid.

The Postmaster General holds an assignable land option of 9,000 square feet, located at Southwest corner of Water and Oak Streets; it is requested that all bidding be confined to this site. All of Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21, Block E, Original Town, being a rectangular tract of land 100 feet wide by 90 feet deep. The price of the land will be

\$5,750.00, and it is owned by two different parties.

The lease will be for a term of ten (10) years, with two consecutive five (5) year renewal options.

Any award made under this advertisement will be made to that responsible bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. The Post Office Department reserves the right to negotiate further with bidders for better terms, or to secure offers on suitable properties, in addition to those submitted in response to the advertisement. The Post Office Department reserves the right, after the closing date, to reject any or all bids, or to negotiate with bidders for clarification of ambiguities or other desirable modifications in the proposals.



Christmas is a gift that  
belongs to us all... but in our  
merry-making, let us not  
forget the true meaning of the day!

Taylor And Moore Stock Medicine Co.



**CLOSEST TO HEAVEN IS A CHILD**

New arrival on this earth,

So soon from Him at his birth,

Does, in his heart, God extol

Not in reason, but of soul—

Thus he knows what was meant

When The Child to us was sent.

Sonora Wool And Mohair Company

## More Americans Are Learning About Lamb

Americans are learning more about lamb, thanks to a program of advertising and promotion which the sheepmen of the United States are sponsoring with their own funds.

Many of the misconceptions about lamb are being disproved as lamb producers seek to build up the market for their products through their own promotional organization, the American Sheep Producers Council.

G. N. Winder of Denver, Colorado, President of the Council, said much has been done to combat the false impressions many consumers have about lamb. He cited the mistaken impression that many veterans received overseas. "What they were eating was not lamb as it is produced in this country, but some kind of meat prepared under the worst possible conditions," Winder declared.

Another condition which the Council is attempting to correct is that almost 70 percent of the lamb consumed in his country is eaten in the New England states, New York, and California. "There are many areas of this country," Winder declared, "where lamb is not available." We hope to broaden the demand so that many of these short supply areas will begin to use lamb, thus giving the sheepman a broader outlet for lamb.

"This, in turn," Winder said, "should improve returns to sheep growers and stabilize prices, which is a goal of the sheepman's self-help program."



White and light and

lovely is the day. There's peace! And we

pray it will always stay. The bells ring clear in the new

crisp air, and with every true note falls a care.

The day is Christmas and it's lovely.

WM. CAMERON & CO.



## Pioneer Gathering System Entertains Employees With Christmas Party Here

Over 25 persons gathered in Sonora's Gulf restaurant Thursday night as one of the youngest companies in the area held its first Christmas party.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McLaury were hosts to employees and their wives or husbands met with Pioneer Gathering System's officers. Pioneer Gathering a subsidiary of Pioneer Natural Gas

Company, Amarillo, will be one year old January 1.

Burton P. Smith, president of the company, was present from the firm's general office in Amarillo. Other officers of Pioneer Gathering attending the party from Amarillo included G. E. Stahl and C. W. Pankratz, vice-presidents, and W. N. Lampe, secretary.

## Odds And Ends

This is the time of year when we all begin to wish we had been a little more thorough in our bookkeeping records and we think it offers an excellent opportunity to throw bouquets to our city and county accounting departments, both of which have received outstanding recognition for jobs well done.

Following the recent annual city audit, the accounting firm of Rodgers, Charpening and Jungmann of San Antonio offered the following comment: "The accounting records are, in our opinion, well kept and the City Secretary (Mrs. Davie H. Taylor) and her assistants are to be

commended for an excellent job done." The auditor further observed that Sonora has the best set of books of any town this size he had ever seen and better than most large towns and cities.

And those of us who have dealings with tax forms (and who hasn't?) will appreciate the fact that Mrs. A. H. Adkins and Mrs. Zilpha Wheelis in the Sheriff's Department recently received a letter from the state comptroller commending their unusual accuracy in the keeping tax records "It is indeed a pleasure", the letter read, "to deal with an office like yours."

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Scott and family of Arlington will spend the holidays in Sonora with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Street and children of Monahans have arrived to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dantes Reiley and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

College students arriving home for the holidays include Addah Wardlaw, Kay Kiser, Roger Fawcett, Pat McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward, Roy Jean Pope, Ann Morris, Carlos Loeffler, and Tommy Ray Adams.

## LIONS ROAR

Pre-band students from Central Elementary School provided a musical program for Lions at their regular Tuesday luncheon meeting at the Methodist Church this week. Under the direction of A. C. Hart, three groups played selections of Christmas music.

The fourth grade song flute band played "O Come All Ye Faithful", "Music In The Air", "Away In A Manger" and "Silent Night." The fifth grade band played "My Country Tis of Thee", "Country Gentleman" and "Winter Sports". The sixth and seventh grade group played "Christmas Parade", a medley of Christmas songs.

E. B. Keng introduced guests Wayne Parkhouse of San Angelo, Billy Scott of Fort Worth and Capt. Frank L. Bond of Fort Hood.

It was announced that the Lions will sponsor an all-district basketball banquet and award presentation later in the season.

There will be no meeting of the club next week and weekly dues will go to the Welfare Council.

Prizes in the home decorating contest were announced as follows: First, \$15.00, Col and Mrs. J. M. Adamson; Second, \$10.00, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Nevill; Third, \$5.00, Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Minnick.

## Sutton Bond Sales Almost Double 1958 Quota

During the months of November the citizens of Sutton County purchased \$6,377 in Series E and H Savings Bonds.

This announcement was made recently by George H. Neill, chairman of Sutton County's Savings Bonds Committee.

"Sales for the first 11 months of this year totaled \$113,547," Neill reported. "We have now achieved 195.8 percent of our 1958 goal of \$58,000."

Sales in Texas during the first 11 months of 1958 were \$157,642,990 which represents 90 percent of the 1958 goal of \$175,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Archer and children of Boise, Idaho, are the guests of his mother, Mrs. G. W. Archer, Sr., and family for the holidays.

Mrs. Edith Phillips of El Paso and Tom Cooper of Glendale, California, are spending the holidays in Sonora the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper and family and Mrs. Pat Cooper and children.

## Herbert Fields Receives Award At Scout Banquet

Sonora Scoutmaster Herbert Fields was one of six outstanding Boy Scout leaders honored at the Concho Valley Council Twin Mountain District annual banquet in San Angelo Monday night, December 15.

Fields received the Scoutmaster Key for four years of scouting service as head of Sonora's Troop 19.

Officers for the district installed at the banquet are James F. Lane, chairman; Lt. Col. Wilfred R. Atterbury, vice-chairman, and J. Fred McCleery, commissioner.

Awards were presented to Fields and to Mrs. Charles Kimball, Mrs. Marcus Taylor, Andy Hoelle, Presley Smith and John Slover, all of San Angelo.

Mrs. Della Hallum and her brother, Tom Hardin, of San Antonio will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hallum.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stephen have as their guest during the holidays their son, Ernest Stephen of Detroit, Mich.

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The time consuming spadework and planning for the \$1,662,000 project has been completed—and at an opportune time to obtain construction funds. Most landowners have been very cooperative in granting easements—realizing that they were making a definite contribution to the protection of life and property in Sonora in addition to any personal benefits they might receive. Sutton County, the City of Sonora, and the Edwards Plateau SCD have cooperated fully on the project. Our neighbors—Schleicher County and the Eldorado Divide SCD—have actively cooperated in helping obtain protection for Sonora. El Paso Natural Gas Company, Lone Star Gas Company and Humble Pipeline Company have given full cooperation. Only one pipeline company, affecting one site, has not yet granted an easement—and it is expected that they will grant one soon.

Through continued cooperation of landowners, oil and gas companies, and the Sonora leadership involved, all structures might be completed in the next 18 months. The completed flood prevention system will give Sonora protection for many, many years to come.

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COME LET US ADORE HIM...

let us reserve a part of our joyous holiday for thoughts of Him Who is The Christmas Spirit.

The Holiday Host

## Rev. C. S. Dunn Talks Of Old Days In This County

One of the oldest Masons attending Grand Lodge at Waco last month was Rev. C. S. Dunn, a Methodist minister who served as Pastor of the Sonora church about 1916. Bro. Dunn told E. B. Keng of an interesting experience that happened to him a few days after moving to Sonora.

Bro. Dunn was visiting on the ranch of a member, R. H. Chalk. Pointing to a fat hog Mr. Chalk said "Preacher, if you'll help me dress that hog I'll give you half of it." The deal was quickly made, and in the process of scraping the hog Mr. Chalk cut off the ears and tossed them to a couple of waiting hounds.

The dressed hog was split down the middle and half of it stuck into a sack, with the head exposed, and placed in the back of Bro. Dunn's Model-T. As soon as the preacher started to town Mr. Chalk telephoned Sheriff Sam Merck.

Sheriff Merck and a bunch of heavily armed deputies stopped Bro. Dunn at the edge of Sonora and the sheriff inquired "Who are you, stranger?" "Oh, I'm the new Methodist minister here," Bro. Dunn replied. Peering into the back of the Model-T Sheriff Merck said "What is that back there?" Bro. Dunn explained that it was half of a hog given him by R. H. Chalk. The Sheriff examined the head and asked "Where are the ears?" "Mr. Chalk cut them off and the dogs ate them," explained Bro. Dunn. "Yeah, that's what all these hog thieves tell me," replied the sheriff "and I'll have to lock you up."

The Sheriff's posse had a good laugh and let Bro. Dunn proceed home with the hog. He recalls the incident now as a good joke, but said it sure had him worried at the time.



# Merry Christmas, Neighbor

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