CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Lynn County News

"I wholly disaprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it."—Voltaire.

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Christmas Carols Play Important Part In Holiday Observances All Over World

AGAIN at this Yuletide season the strains of Christmas carols are floating into the hearts and homes of millions of people, carrying the spirit of Christmas. It is at this holiday season that the impulse to sing grips everyone, from the crooning infant to the oldest and most confirmed "monotone."

There are many kinds of carols, some for every mood and taste. Hymns or chants celebrating the Nativity have been sung since the earliest days of the Christian church. Some of the carols, like "Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly," "Good King Wenceslas" and the wassailing songs, have no direct relation to the Nativity, yet they are fully expressive of various phases of the Christmas spirit.

Best loved and most frequently sung of the carols is "Silent Night." It was Christmas time in the hamlet of Obernsdorf, South Germany, in 1818 that this beautiful song was composed. A young priest, Father Josef Mohr, was returning from the bedside of a parishioner when he looked down upon the sleeping hamlet surrounded by snow. It lay there silent in the dark night, lighted only by the bright stars and a few glimmering candles. That first Christmas, he thought, must have been like this and there came to him these words:

"Silent Night, Holy Night!
All is calm, all is bright . . ."

In his study he finished the verses, then took them to Franz Gruber, the organist, who caught the spirit of a hymn. "Silent Night" was sung for the first time in the little wooden church in Obernsdorf that Christmas Eve. Later a group of Austrian Tyrol mountain folksong singers introduced the carol to other parts of the world, including America. Published in 1840, it has been translated into almost every language and is a favorite throughout the world.

"Oh, Come All Ye Faithful" or "Adeste Fideles" is another hymn of the ages which apparently is destined to live for centuries. It has been translated into 76 languages.

The words are sometimes ascribed to St. Bonaventura, bishop of Albano, in the thirteenth century. It is most commonly believed, however, that it was not written until the seventeenth or eighteenth century. The hymn often is called the Portuguese hymn because it was sung in the Portuguese chapel in London about 1785 to the tune now inseparable from it:

"Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Oh come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem . . ."

An American song which carries the spirit of Christmas is the sweet and beautiful carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The poem was written by Edmund H. Sears, a New England minister, in a religious journal. The music is by the American composer, Richard S. Willis, who was struck by the unusual beauty of the poem and "just set down the notes that fit the words":

"It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old . . ."

One of the most popular Yuletide hymns, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" follows the traditional carol style. The first two stanzas depict the angels hovering over the earth and singing their joyous song, the third brings words of comfort to the weary and the fourth prophesies the happy days when all the world shall join in the angel's song.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," another American contribution to the famous Christmas songs of the world, was written by Phillips Brooks, a Boston minister. On a trip to the Holy Land, Brooks stood on the starlit hills on Christmas Eve and looked down upon the little city of Bethlehem lying still and peaceful in the night. On the next Christmas, back in America, he wrote the song that was to become famous:

"O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie . . ."

Written for Sunday school singing, the song at first was anonymous but, when the hymn gained immediate favor, Brooks admitted authorship. Many musical settings of this beautiful poem have been made, the two most commonly used being by the English composer, Joseph Barnby, and the American composer, Louis H. Redner.

Charles Wesley, younger brother of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist denomination, shares with Isaac Watts the honor of being the greatest producer of hymns. His "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," first published in 1739, is among the most popular Christmas carols although it has undergone many changes.

"Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King . . ."

The music is by that distinguished composer, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and hence was written long after Wesley died.

Watts' principal contribution to the world's holiday joy is the carol, "Joy to the World." The tune, "Antioch," is an adaptation of Handel's oratorio, "Messiah."

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King . . ."

Watts, too, was a minister. While officiating as pastor of Market Lane church in England his health failed although he was still a young man. He turned to writing verse and became a great poet.

"The First Noel," meaning the first Christmas, is one of the oldest songs about the coming of Christ. One of the ancient medieval carols, it probably is about 400 years old. The poetry is crude, merely a peasant's attempt to present the New Testament story in rhyme (thus making it easy to remember) but thoroughly sincere and devout. The music likewise is simple, being practically one little strain sung three times, but it is vigorous, joyous, fresh and virile.

"The first Noel the Angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay . . ."

Caroling or wassailing is an old English custom. The original words of this traditional English Christmas song began "Here we come a-wassailing" and continued in the chorus, "Love and joy come to you, and to your wassail too."

The old song commonly was sung by groups of revelers, particularly young women, who went about offering a hot drink, a merry song and a pretty curtsey in exchange for a small gift. The word "wassail" comes from the Anglo-Saxon "Waes-hael," meaning "Be in health."

And, of course, Merry Christmas would be less merry to both children and adults without that little jingle, "Jingle Bells," to jingle all the way through the Yuletide season with its mythical one-horse sleigh—which in most parts of America belongs to another day. But, sans the sleigh bells and the sleigh, who is there, child or adult, who does not love that gay and rollicking Christmas ditty to which dear old Santa claus comes skimming into town or to isolated country homes behind his eight reindeer.



January 15 Is Income Tax Deadline For Many Of Nation's Taxpayers

Here's a reminder for taxpayers: Jan. 15, 1948 is a deadline on 1947 income taxes for one out of every five taxpayers.

It's the deadline for those who haven't had the full tax, or any tax, withheld from their 1947 wages or income.

In 1947 most people's income was from wages. And most of them had the full 1947 income tax withheld from them.

If you're in that group—the group from which full tax has been withheld—don't worry about Jan 15. You'll have to make your final return March 15.

But—

Jan. 15 is the deadline—if it effects you—for filing, changing and paying your declaration of estimated tax for 1947.

(Some people think that deadline is Dec. 15. It isn't. It's Jan. 15).

Here are the people who must do something about their income tax by Jan. 15:

1. Farmers. In 1947 they have not had to do anything about the tax on their 1947 income. They must do it by Jan. 15, 1948.

2. Those from whose 1947 income no tax has been withheld, such as professional men like doctors, or landlords, and so on.

3. Those who had wages from which no tax was withheld, such as servants or farm workers. They must pay their full tax by Jan. 15.

4. Those who had full tax withheld from their wages in 1947 but received more than $100 in outside income which no tax was withheld.

5. Those who had some tax, but not all the tax due, withheld from their 1947 wages.

6. Those who have been making quarterly payments for the past year but under-estimated their tax by more than 20 per cent.

If you're one of those, you must make the correction and pay off by Jan. 15. There's a penalty, if you don't.

Assembly of God Starts Revival

A revival meeting will begin today, Christmas, at the Assembly of God Church, according to Rev. Leon Quillin.

Mrs. Jacqueline Miller of Modesto, Calif., will be the evangelist. She is a niece of Mrs. Quillin. Everyone is invited to attend the services which begin at 7:00 p. m. each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and their son, Billie Don, will spend the Christmas holidays with the Quillin family.

CONFERENCE TO MEET AT CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Announcement has been made that the Workers' Conference of the Brownfield Baptist Association will meet with the Central Baptist Church eleven miles east of Tahoka on Tuesday, December 30.

The program will begin at 10:00 a. m. In addition to local ministers, Dr. W. H. Coulton, head of the Bible department in Wayland College, will speak during the morning session.

The sermon for the day will be brought by Rev. E. E. Strickland, the new pastor at New Home.

Rev. A. A. Brian of Brownfield will bring the inspirational address in the afternoon.

Others on the program are Rev. A. T. Nixon, Rev. W. T. Sparkman of Brownfild, and Rev. G. H. Isbell of Petty.

TAHOKA NEGRO CHARGED

Two indictments were returned Friday at Claude against Hugo Shelton, Tahoka Negro, employed by an Amarillo cattleman. He is charged with assault with intent to rob and a felony offense of driving while intoxicated.

Lee Hickerson Dies At Waco

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hickerson and son Cecil, Marcus Edwards, and Lubbock relatives returned last Friday night from Waco, where on Thursday afternoon they had attended funeral services of Mr. Hickerson's brother, Lee Hickerson, 84.

Lee Hickerson was a native Texan, having been born in Bosque county but he had spent practically all of his life in McLennan county.

He passed away on Wednesday afternoon before the kinfolk and Lubbock county relatives arrived.

Sheriff's Christmas Business Is Good

The Sheriff's office had a busy week end taking care of the holiday trade.

Friday night Deputy Tom Hale and Ngihtwatchman Tom Reid arrested three Mexicans and two white men on charges of drunkenness. All of them paid fines in the Justice Court.

Saturday night, a local citizen was arrested and fined on the same charge.

On the same night Deputy Hale arrested a Mexican, who had in his possession six cases of beer and three half-pints of whiskey. Monday Judge Tom Garrard assessed him a fine of $100.00 and costs on a plea of guilty to possession, and a fine of $75.00 and costs and cancellation of his driver's license on plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated.

Sunday afternoon, a group of Negroes in a drinking party east of town imbibed too freely, got into a free-for-all fight, and ended up in jail. Monday, one Negro was found guilty in County Court of aggravated assault and fined $25.00 and costs as a result of having cut his brother on the arm with a knife during the fight. In the same fight, three other Negroes were fined for affray and two for drunkenness, $1.00 and costs each, in Justice Court.

Sunday night, Sheriff Sam Floyd took into custody a Lubbock Mexican transporting 29 half-pints and three pints of liquor. Monday, the Judge in County Court fined him $100.00 and costs.

CLEANERS CLOSING

Both Tahoka cleaning establishments will be closed Friday and Saturday, as well as Christmas day, to give their employees a longer holiday. The News is informed.

W. L. (Bill) Burleson was released from the Lubbock Memorial Hospital, where he has been under treatment for some time, in order to spend Christmas at home. His numerous friends here are wishing him a most happy Christmas together with an improvement in his health. As is well known his condition has been very serious for some time.

News Out Early For Christmas

The Christmas edition of The Lynn County News is out early this year, being mailed on Tuesday, but is date-lined Thursday, December, 25, 1947.

Due to the fact that the News will be mailed two days before Christmas, it will take the Christmas Greetings of the merchants of Tahoka into the homes of their customers and friends, in town or on the routes in time for Christmas day. It will also afford the News force a couple of extra days vacation in which to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—The News Gang.

Bulldog Team Wins First Game

Last Friday night the Tahoka Bulldog basketteers defeated the O'Donnell Eagle cagers 33 to 15.

This was only a practice game and was Tahoka's first game of the season while the game was O'Donnell's fourth encounter this season.

The Bulldog cagers are coached by Jake Jacobs, former WTS star basketteer, who is coaching his first years since leaving college.

The Eagles are coached by Gano Tubbs, former coach of Levelland, who has turned out several championship basketball teams prior to accepting the coaching position at O'Donnell at the beginning of the school year.

Joe Minor was high point man for the evening with 10 while the Bulldog captain, Finis Botkin trailed with nine points and Kenneth Pearson of O'Donnell scored 8 points.

The Bulldogs held a 13-11 lead at the halfway mark, but in the final periods the Bulldogs began getting the range and moved into a commanding lead at the same time tightening up on their defense and allowing the Eagles to score only four points in the last half.

The first half of the game was rough and frequent fouls marred the play as the teams seemed to be having trouble in playing basketball instead of football, but in the last half the game smoothed out and the Bulldogs showed better team work and smoother ball-handling which no doubt was one of the main reasons that they won by such a large margin.

Last Friday the Bulldogs suspended their workouts and will resume their workouts next Monday.

In the curtain raiser, the Bulldog junior team lost to the Eagle junior team by a score of 38 to 20.

PICK-UP RUNS OVER NEW HOME MEXICAN IN LUBBOCK

A 7-year-old Mexican boy from New Home was run over by a pick-up truck in Lubbock at 5 p.m. Saturday. He was carried to a Slaton hospital but was released when it was found he had only minor scratches and bruises. Officers are looking for the hit-and-run driver. The Mexican lives on the Aubrey Smith farm.

Congratulations . . .

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Billingsley on the birth of a daughter in an Amarillo hospital. The mother is the former Miss Virginia Montgomery, formerly of Lynn county.

Lubbock-Tahoka-O'Donnell Road Will Be Improved

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Two projects on US 87 estimated to cost $259,000 ordered by the State Highway Commission Wednesday will assure smoother riding for Lubbock and Lynn County motorists.

The old concrete pavement on US 87 on the 12 mile section between Lubbock and the Lynn County Line will be leveled up, the roadway made 34 feet wide and three-lane traffic provided. The new surface will be Skid-proof asphaltic concrete. Its cost was estimated at $182,000.

South from Tahoka to the Dawson County Line, the 14 mile section of cracking and deteriorating asphalt pavement will be given a new lease on life. It will be made smoother and its deterioration checked by a similar asphaltic concrete treatment. Cost of the Lynn County improvement was estimated at $77,000.

The work will be financed with state funds which the Commission has been holding in reserve since the construction holiday during the war years.

State Highway Commission Chairman John S. Redditt explained the Lubbock and Lynn construction was part of a general statewide move to modernize and rehabilitate 1,456 miles of state roads.

"We have ordered jobs estimated to cost $6,330,500 to protect our investment in present roads and to give greater comfort and convenience to the people using them," Redditt said.

The projects ordered Wednesday cover all areas of the State. They include reshaping and widening many narrow "razor back" roads, new surfaces for asphalt pavements, widening bridges, building stable shoulders, eliminating sharp curves, and other work to improve a great many of the highway system's bad sections.

The work will be done in the Spring and Summer months of 1948 when the next construction season brings favorable weather conditions.

Sessions' Kinsman Dies In Plainview

Jess Sessions and son Jess Jr. attended the funeral Thursday in Plainview of their brother-in-law and uncle, respectively, John Sherman, 60, who died Dec. 17 after a long illness.

Mr. Sessions and Mr. Sherman married sisters, and formerly were partners in business at Plainview.

Mr. Sherman was a prominent Plainview business man, and had taught a Sunday School class at the Methodist Church there for 25 years.

Sgt. H. B. McCord Jr., of Scott Field, Illinois, arrived home Sunday on a 15 day furlough for the Christmas holidays.

Cotton Ginnings 83,257 December 1

Lynn county had ginned a total of 83,257 bales from the 1947 cotton crop up to December 1, according to J. C. Womack, local government cotton census enumerator.

At the same date last year, only 15,063 bales had been ginned.



Listen to the beautiful melody of the bells. To one and all—they bring good cheer, happiness, health. To the world, they sound the call:—"peace and good will towards men."

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Jo Belle — Echo

Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son, acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

TO SPEAK JAN. 9

LUBBOCK, Dec. 23.—Dr. W. M. Whyburn, president of Texas Technilogical College, will speak on "Contributions of Colleges to a Stable Agriculture," at a dinner Jan. 9 in College Station during the 21st annual meeting of the Texas Agricultural Workers association.

Program for the meeting, scheduled Jan. 9 and 10, is centered around the general theme, contributions to a stable agriculture, and will feature prominent speakers representing educational institutions, business firms and other agencies interested in agriculture.

Mix together 1 pound box of graham crackers rolled fine, 1 cup chopped maraschino cherries, 1 cup chopped marshmallows, 1 or 2 cups nuts, and one-half pint of heavy whipping cream. Chill in a long refrigerator dish. You'll have ice-box fruit cake.

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Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch come to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.



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JUST IN TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's feet as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

'The Messiah' Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation



was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

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NOWLIN FAMILIES GATHER HERE FOR XMAS

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood are having as guests on Christmas, members of the Nowlin family in this area, including Messrs. Claude and P. A. Nowlin and their families from Lamesa and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nowlin of Tahoka.

Carl Nowlin and family of Tucumcari, N. M. spent a few days here during the Armistice holidays.

Miss Doris Jane Roberts arrived Thursday night from Mary Hardin Baylor College, Belton, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Roberts.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We wish you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous Christmas, and a successful New Year.

We trust we have met with your hearty approval in the past and that our efforts to serve you have not been in vain. May we continue to serve you in the future.

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Communion	11:45 a. m.
Young People's meeting	7:30 p. m.
Mid-week Service Wednesday	8 p. m.

O'DONNELL
Arthur Golden, Minister

Bible Study	10:00 a. m.
Preaching	11:00 a. m.
Communion	11:50 a. m.
Young People's Meeting	6:15 p. m.
Evening Worship	7:00 p. m.
Ladies Bible Study, Tues.	3:00 p. m.
Mid-Week Worship, Wed.	7:00 p. m.

NEW HOME
T. L. KIMMEL, Minister

Bible Study	10:00 a. m.
Preaching	11:00 a. m.
Communion	11:45 a. m.
Bible Study	8:15 p. m.
Wed. evening Bible Study	7:30 p. m.
Preaching	7:30 p. m.

GRASSLAND
Price Bankhead, Minister
Preaching every 1st & 3rd

Lord's Day	11 a. m. & 8 p. m.
Bible Study every Lord's Day	10 a. m.
Communion	11 a. m.
Mid-week Service Thursday	8 p. m.

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RODNEY HECK WEDS ABILENE GIRL

In a double-ring ceremony read by Dr. Millard A. Jenkens of the First Baptist Church of Abilene at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, in the home of the bride's parents, Miss Marjorie Marie Weatherby became the bride of Rodney Fern Heck of New Home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Blakney Weatherby of Abilene and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heck of New Home, Lynn county.

Only relatives and a few select friends witnessed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Miss Alice Williams, a very special friend of the bride, was her only attendent. The bridegroom was attended by Lloyd McCormick of New Home. The wedding music was given by Miss Gloria Woodward of Plainview and Mrs. Malvern G. McDonald of Odessa, cousins of the bride.

Following a reception, the couple left on a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N. M. Upon their return the couple will live in Abilene, since both are students in Hardin-Simmons University. Mrs. Heck doing graduate work. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Baylor University in 1947, following which she was a student in the University of Colorado at Boulder. This fall she has been doing further graduate work in Hardin-Simmons. Before her college days she graduated from the Abilene High School.

Mr. Heck is a senior student in Hardin-Simmons. He entered the University in 1944 and served as sports editor of the Brand. Then his college life was interrupted by service for eighteen months in the Navy in the Pacific area. Before going to college he had graduated from the Wilson high school.

Lynn county relatives attending the wedding were his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heck and their daughter Greta, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cook and children, Nancy and Dan, of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Heck of Wilson, Mrs. Lloyd McCormick Sr. and Mrs. Joe D Unfred of New Home. Other relatives and friends present were from Ballinger, Odessa, Anson, Amarillo, Quanah, Plainview, Waco and Boulder, Colorado.

ATTENDS MEETING

LUBBOCK, Dec. 22.—Dr. Alan Lang Strout, professor of English at Texas Technological College, will attend a meeting of the Modern Language Association in Detroit Dec. 29-31. Dr. Strout is secretary of the association Wordsworth group.

TRAINING UNION TO MEET AT REDWINE

The Associational Training Union will meet with the Redwine Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon.

Rev. T. L. Pond is the Redwine pastor. He and the Church there are expecting a large number to be present.

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CHILD GUIDANCE CLUB

A Christmas party was given for the members of the Child Guidance club, on Monday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Everton Nevill.

A Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," was told by Mrs. G. M. Stewart, after which the gifts were exchanged and a box of food and toys for the needy was packed.

Refreshment plates decorated with lighted candles were served by the hostess to the following members: Mesdames, Stuart, Robinson, Hegi, McWhirter, Huffaker, McGinty, Nelms, Smith, Jones, McElroy, Brown, Gibson, Miller, Williams, and one guest, Mrs. Stewart.

STATED MEETINGS of Tahoka Lodge No. 1041 the first Tuesday night in each month at 8:30. Members urged to attend. Visitors welcome.
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to you Merriest CHRISTMAS

In Colonial times Christmastide was the gayest and happiest season of the year . . . and so it is today. It is our sincere wish that during this Chrismas of 1947 the warm, sweet joys of this blessed season may fill your hearts to overflowing.

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TO GREET YOU AT *Christmas*

If we could—

we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't, the next best thing is to put our greetings in print.

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Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good.

The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

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• IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

Steele Garage

MR. & MRS. CLARENCE STEELE



★ No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere . . . in France, in Holland, in Sweden . . . and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

B & M Welding Company

BALL — MORRIS

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

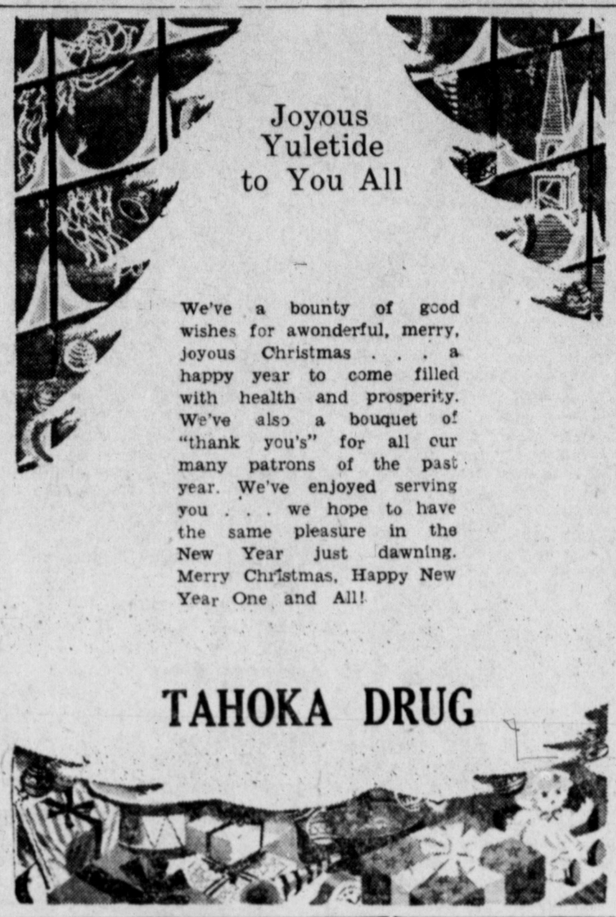
Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Billings of El Paso are here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Willetts. Mr. Billings is with the American Air Lines and is being transferred to Dallas.

Crystallized orange, lemon and grapefruit peels are easy-to-make, healthful and delicious Christmas candies that may be made in advance and will keep for long periods.



Hearty Christmas Greetings

AND

Best Wishes

FOR THE

New Year

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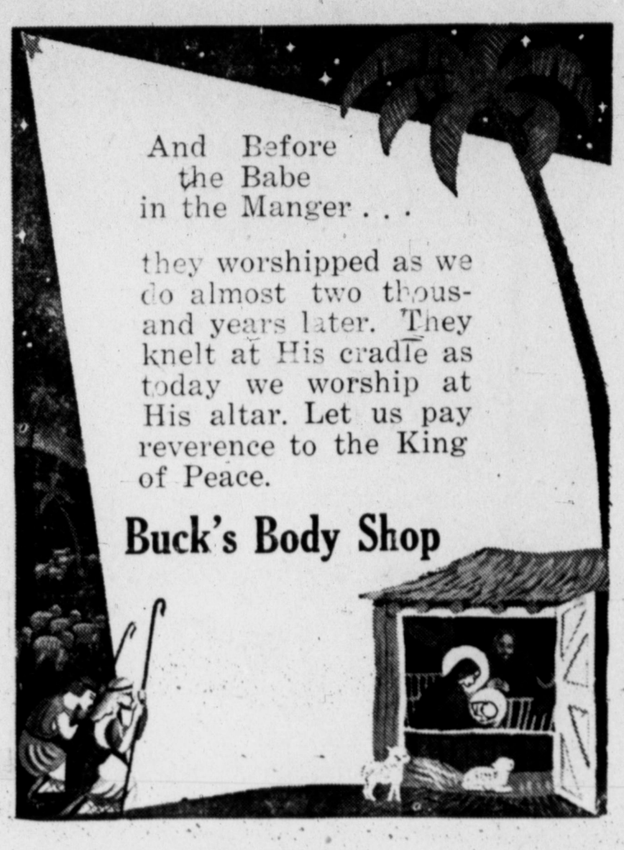


Season's Greetings!

A real, old-fashioned Christmas abounding with joy and happiness is our wish for you and yours this Christmas Season!

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WE WISH YOU
AT CHRISTMAS
MANY HAPPY HOURS
AND TRUST
WE MAY SERVE YOU
IN THE FUTURE.

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LUMBER



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

Mrs. S. H. Woods and Frank are expecting as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Jim D. H. Woods and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cox and little son John William, all of Dallas They expected to come in Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Short arrived from Port Arthur Sunday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Short and Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Server.

Pay State and County Taxes in December and save 1 per cent.—Frank McGlaun, Jr., County Tax Collector 10-tfc



We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.

It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamoured with the wonder of the night.

He cut a small snow-laden fir tree, and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars

It was not until 1604 that, in Strassburg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.

LEVI PRICE SAYS, "THANKS"

To my many friends who expressed their sympathy for me last week when Wichita Falls lost to Odessa 27-0, I express my deepest concern for them over the 18-6 victory of Highland Park over Odessa, remembering that Wichita Falls defeated Highland Park by a 48-0 score..—Levi W. Price.





Merry
Christmas

For One And All!

Wynne Collier
DRUGGIST

DEATH CLAIMS L. F. GOAD OF PLAINS

(Brownfield Herald)

L. F. Goad, 60, died Wednesday of last week, after a lingering illness, at El Paso, where he had gone for his health.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church there, last Friday week at 3:30 p. m. Burial made in the Plains Cemetery directed by the Brownfield Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Joe Curry at Plains, with whom he was living, two other daughters, Mrs. Robert Culwell and Mrs. Velma Plumlee both of Los Angeles; a son Ernest Goad of Slaton, his mother of Waco. He was a retired farmer, moving to Plains from O'Donnell.

The Texas Safety Association warns Christmas shoppers that Death waits for you in the middle of a block. Cross only in the crosswalk and with the lights.



ROVER WAITS FOR CHRISTMAS . . . He knows that Santa is not going to fail him, and that before long the genial saint will drop down the chimney and leave presents for all good boys, girls and dogs.

ARE YOU AN AMATUER?

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 22.— It's easy to spot an amatuer landscape gardener.

He does two things that give him away. First, he plants too close to the house, especially when the shrubs are small. They look better there, he thinks, and he forgets that when several feet tall, the plant will be crowded and its shape spoiled. Long limbs will scrape paint from the house, too.

Two, the amatuer landscaper will often plant too many shrubs. In his enthusiasm, he wants every kind of shrub he sees. The well-planned landscape will look rather barren for the first few years. After that, the shrub growth will fill out the bare spots.

Sadie Hatfield, extension landscape gardening specialist for Texas A. & M. College, says that large growing plants, such as arizona cypress, wax ligustrum, cherry laurel and evergreen privet, need ten feet or more of spac. Other plants and shrubs need space in proportion to their full growth

An overplanted yard, like an over-crowded home, lacks neatness and symmetry. A well-developed landscaping plan, prepared before planting, will pay dividends in the end.

There are 461 million acres of commercial forest area in America, of which 75 percent is privately owned and 25 percent by the federal government, states and municipalities.

$420 OFFERED IN PRIZES FOR TEXAS HISTORY PAPERS

Austin, Dec. 23.— Texas State Historical association has announced a first prize of $100 for the winner of the 1947-1948 Junior Historian Writing Contest. Seventeen papers will receive awards totaling $420.00.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Some suggestions are elatedto hevrhvo suggestions for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depdedations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economics, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under 21 years of age may become eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of the Junior Historian, the magazine of the association.



• Now, when Santa Claus is so busy making children happy and dispensing cheer all over the world, we want to extend a warm and friendly greeting to our friends. Accept our very best wishes for a Christmas season of unalloyed joy and happiness.

ROBINSON READY-TO-WEAR



To you and yours this Yuletide season, we extend our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness— that is our wish for you this joyous holiday season.

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Happy New Year

Thompson Cleaners



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Greetings at CHRISTMAS

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And when the day is gone
Our wishes for our friends
Continue on and on and on!

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This Merry Christmas
is to you.
There is no wish
we can give more true
than this jolly
old fellow
is now bringing
to you.

South Side Service Station



May
this Christmas bring
happiness as true,
as that
we have known
in our relations
with you!

Paul Howell Garage



In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words "Stir up." The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready on Christmas.

This indispensable old-time English Christmas dish was furmety, or frumenty, which according to old-time recipes was "wheat boiled until the grains burst, then strained and boiled again with broth or milk and yolks of eggs." Frumenty was the forerunner to plum pudding.

Alms Giving Custom A Christmas Charity

Giving alms at Christmas originated in the belief that the Christ came sometimes to the door disguised as a beggar during the holiday season, and it was feared that he might be turned away unrecognized. There is an old legend that tells of the Christ child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in search of those who were kind, and deserving. His test was to plead for aid and often he was turned away from the door. This story led to alms giving on Christmas Eve and it was rare that a beggar was refused.



Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
Two whom God's angels did appear,
Which put the shepherds in great fear,
"Prepare and go," the angels said,
"To Bethelehem, be not afraid;
For there you'll find this happy morn,
A princely babe, sweet Jesus born."



Death's Christmas shopping spree for pedestrains is at its peak three hours after sundown, according to State statistics. The Texas Safety Association urges motorists to drive cautiously and watch for the pedestrian who isn't there!

The Texas Safety Association warns motorists that Death rides your fenders when you window-shop while driving. Don't Do It!

Forty-one statewide groups are backing Governor Jester's appeal for an accident-free Christmas season. The Texas Safety Association urges you to do your part as a motorist and drive within your safe stopping speed at all times.

Pay State and County Taxes in December and save 1 per cent.—Frank McGlaun, Jr., County Tax Collector 10-tfc



Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

R. & R. FOOD MART



The Season's Cheer to Everybody

Because we are proud to number you among our friends we send you these Christmas Greetings. May this Christmas bring added pleasures of true health and happiness to every one of you.

May the coming New Year bring you every happiness, and the fullness of success reward your efforts in all your undertakings.

Curry Gin Co.



J. K. Applewhite Co.



WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE RECEIVING, BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

Happiest Christmas Ever!

C. N. WOODS, JEWELER



A·MERRY·CHRISTMAS

WE KNOW OF NO BETTER TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY TO OUR SUCCESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

FROM ALL OF US ONCE MORE TO YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE OUR CUSTOMER OR NOT . . .

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WALKER'S SPECIALTY
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JUST A FRIENDLY WAY OF EXPRESSING TO YOU OUR MOST SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THAT IT MAY BE AN ESPECIALLY JOYOUS ONE FOR YOU.

ELECTRIC & RADIO SHOP
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LYNN COUNTY FARM WORKERS UNDER T. E. C.

The placing of farm workers in Dawson, Lynn, Garza, Kent, Borden, and Gaines counties will be handled by the Texas Employment Commission after January 1, 1948, C. Raymond Jones announced here today.

Jones said cooperation of all farmers, workers and farm groups was now being actively solicited by his office and that within the next sixty days he hoped to be able to explain the Commission's aims, objectives, policies and methods to interested groups.

"Our farm labor problems are largely restricted in this area to cotton and gain sorghums," he said, "and labor demands are usually highest during harvesting seasons. We are now compiling the total acreages planted and this will be reduced to the number of workers needed and checked priodically for seasonal changes."

Jones said any farmer requiring hands or any farm workers looking for jobs should get in touch with the employment sevice office at 320 North Austin, Lamesa, Texas at the earliest possible moment. He pointed out that accurate demand and supply information in advance of actual needs would help to prevent confusion and disappointment when the big rush begins.

Jones has already met with the Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, P.H.A., and County Agent, and working agreements on the handling of farm placement problems are now being worked out.

"Our office will make every effort to serve both farmers and workers satisfactorily and if we are given the confidence of both, I am sure we can deliver the goods," he concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Weaver left Friday for Dallas to visit her parents. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Reddell who attended a golden wedding celebration of her brother and wife in Fort Worth Sunday. They returned to Tahoka Sunday night.

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ANOTHER FIGHT LOOMS

In the midst of another Christmas season and while we are hearing the message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" proclaimed in song and story from every quarter of our country, we are startled when we stop and ponder for a moment recent events that portend continued international strife and other recent events that portend the imminence of another momentous struggle within our own country to overthrow and discard some of the principles of government written into our own Constitution.

Most of us have long believed that the principle of Separation of Church and State had been so clearly and so indelibly written into our Constitution and so thoroughly established in the minds and hearts of our people that any attempt to destroy or nullify it would be met with the indignant and undying opposition of the American people.

But an examination of our Constitution will disclose to the layman that the only clause in our Constitution pertaining to this matter is found in the First Amendment thereto and is as follows:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Is that provision of our Constitution sufficient and adequate to guarantee and maintain complete and unquestionable separation of the functions of the Church and the State?

Under that provision, can a public school board, which is an arm or agency of the civil Government, constitutionally appropriate public funds for the transportation of children to a Parochial school?

The Supreme Court of the United States has held by a vote of five to four in a recent case that it may do so.

What probable results may be expected to flow from that decision?

Here are some of them: In every city and school district in the United States containing a comparatively large Catholic population, efforts will be made to induce public school boards to furnish transportation, reasonable or nominal, to Catholic children attending parochial schools.

In many cases this may entail the purchase and operation of additional buses by public school boards.

In nearly all such cities or school districts, the tension and ill will that may exist between Catholic and non-Catholic patrons, Will be aggravated and increased. Frequent rows as to whether a local school board shall or shall not furnish such transportation for a given charge will result all over the United States.

This is no criticism of the Supreme Court majority which so interpreted the Constitution, for it may be right in its interpretation, but we are merely expressing the opinion that it will stir up a lot of trouble in this country.

Any one who read a Washington news dispatch published on Thursday of last week on page 5 of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram respecting a school fuss that had developed in the North College Hill district in the suburbs of Cincinnatti will have amule reason to suspect that such fusses may become common hereafter.

In that district, the question as to whether or not the school board should take a Catholic school into the public school system and support it with tax funds had been an issue for several years in school board elections. Finally the Catholics succeeded in electing three of the five members of the board whereupon the other two members consented to take the Catholic school into the system. But bickering as to the selection of teachers followed, and last spring the majority of the board refused to reemploy the superintendent. A prolonged student strike, a riot and arrrests at school board meetings, mass resignations of teachers, and finally resignation of the board, including the three Catholic members, we are told, followed in the order named. A condition of chaos now exists in that school.

The National Education Association, which claims to represent 900,000 tearhers, made an investigation of the situation and gave a report in which it condemned the three majority members for conducting the affairs of the board in such a way as to cause division in the district on religious grounds.

Catholics claim to have gained much ground numerically in the United States in recent years and it is everywhere apparent that they have also become much more aggressive in presenting their doctrines and pressing their claims for public favor and for public favors. In fact, they have made it clear that they are already launched upon a campaign to eventually dominate America. To that end, they seek to gain control of as many of the public schools as possible and to wield an influence in all the schools. They still claim, as they have always claimed, that the education of the children is not a proper function of the State but that it is the rightful function of the Church, by which they mean the Catholic Church.

The Catholic hierarchy well knowing that this religious-freedom amendment to our Constitution stands in the way of their purpose to re-assume their alleged sole right to educate our children, have determined by devious ways to nullify if they can not accomplish the outright repeal of this amendment.

If our people do not come to realize soon that the greatest political fight of our lives is on to save the religious-freedom clause in our Constitution, they will wake up to the fact some day that the horse has already been stolen from the stable.

CHRISTMAS remembrance



It would be difficult, indeed,
to forget our friends,
particularly at Christmas.
We want you to know
how close we feel to all
of you, and how sincerely
we wish for each
of you the choicest
blessings of Yuletide.

W. H. Fulkerson
Cosden Agent



At Last - - Peace on Earth

...good will toward men. This year as we celebrate our Lord's birthday, we give thanks because He has sent us the most precious gift of all—Peace. It is in this spirit of world peace and friendliness that we wish you the blessings of the season—much happiness and beautitude in the New Year.

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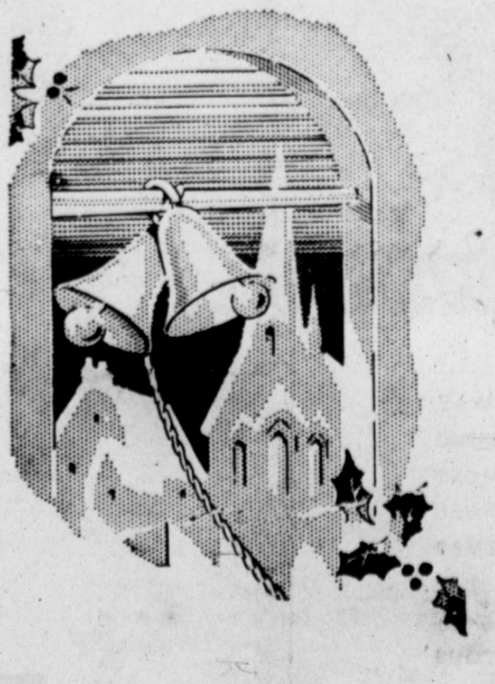
Never a Christmas morning,
Never an old year ends,
But that someone thinks of someone—
Old days, old times, old friends!

Jones Grain & Seed Co.
Tahoka, Texas

CORDIAL GREETINGS

For One And All!

Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

The First National Bank
of Tahoka, Texas

The Texas Safety Association warns that gasoline and alcohol are a deathly brew! If you drink, DON'T DRIVE!

Last year, farmers in the U. S. raised only about 50,000 mule colts and 205,000 horse colts, the smallest total since at least 1920.

The Texas Safety Association warns Christmas drivers that wherever you drive, some harebrain may suddenly erupt from a blind driveway or dash at you on the wrong side of a curve, to wreck your car, perhaps cripple you or kill some member of your family. The Association warns you to be alert to these hazards and be sure YOU are not that harebrain!

Many head-on colisions during the deadly month of December can be prevented by the simple courtesy of dimming your lights, according to the Texas Safety Association. Remember that Your Greatest Gift May Be A Life!

EDITORIALS CONTINUED . . .

A Washington news story a few days ago stated that Congressman Ed Gossett of Wichita Falls plans to press this coming year his proposal to change the method of electing a President of the United States. His proposal is for the President to be elected virtually by popular vote instead of by the present electoral college method. The News carried a discussion of the proposal in our editorial columns for a number of succeeding issues of the paper the past summer showing the many far-reaching advantages to be derived from the change, one of which is that under that system a vote in one state would count for just as much in the final result as would a vote in any other state. A small block in any state would not be able to throw the entire vote of that state to any one candidate, as can be done and is often done under the present system. The change should be made by all means, both in the interest of democratic government and of justice. Mr. Gossett claims that seven of the eight members of the committee having the matter in charge have expressed themselves as favoring his proposal and he hopes that the full committee will report the proposed resolution out favorably some time during this next year. It will be necessary for Congress to submit the Resolution to the states for ratification before the change in the Constitution can be made, and three-fourths of the states must ratify it.

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Merry Christmas!

Christmas is the time of year when we are happiest to furnish you with telephone service. This year our wires will be carrying a record number of messages of joy and good cheer. So we suggest you spread your calls in the week between the holidays.

We take time out now to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you—from all of us.

Southwestern Associated Telephone Co.



TALLYHO!

Due to a shortage of reindeer this season we send you our Christmas Greetings in this conventional way!

In this season of gift-giving may we say that your friendship is our choicest gift, and we appreciate it beyond words to express. May your Christmas be a merry one, indeed!

The House of Flowers
Phone 330
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Billman



A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community . . . the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

Hamilton Auto & Appliance
WESTINGHOUSE APPLIANCES
Phone 17-J Ed Hamilton



Santa Won't Forget —
You can take our word for it — old Saint Nick won't forget such good people as you. Somehow we just know that you are going to enjoy a happy Christmas and we are glad. We sincerely hope that everything you desire may come true and that the New Year will be one of real happiness for you.

W. M. HARRIS
Hardware & Furniture

PRIZE TO BE GIVIN IN WRITING CONTEST

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—The Texas State Historical Association has announced a special prize of $50 in the Junior Historian Writing Contest for 1948 for the best paper based on a personal reminiscence. The winning paper will also be eligible for the $100 prize in the statewide writing contest. This special contest is intended to make Texans conscious of the wealth of historical material available through interviews with "old-timers" in their communities.

Contest entries may deal with any phase of personal experience. Some suggestions of subjects are: Pioneer days, Indian fights, cattle driving, early politics, war experiences, or biographical sketch of any outstanding pioneer of a Texas community.

April 1, 1948, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Defective brakes causes 12 percent of all accidents, according to the Texas Safety Association. The Association urges you to check the brakes on YOUR car before starting on that Christmas holiday trip.



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The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buene, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly:

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.



It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

Reduce Christmas Hazards With Care

To avoid tragic Christmas accidents in the home, the Fire Protection institute issues these precautionary tips:

—Use a flame-proof compound to spray wreaths and other pine decorations.

—Use materials marked flameproof for tree trimmings and home decorations if they are obtainable.

—Inspect Christmas tree lights, and repair frayed wires or loose sockets.

—Never leave Christmas lights burning unless someone is around.

—Never unwrap gifts near an open fire or flickering flame. Dispose of paper and other inflammable wrappings immediately.

Frozen baked apples are among the newest cooked fruit desserts to appear in frozen food stores.



Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

Carmack Gin

Merry CHRISTMAS 1947

BEST WISHES *and* GREETINGS

In weal or woe, under all conditions, the cheery Merry Christmas comes to the surface. It's natural in mankind. Everyone appreciates a hearty Yuletide greeting—and so, to all our friends, we add our wish for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

QUALITY CLEANERS

Tahoka, Texas



Santa is at the throttle and good fellowship has the right of way. Full speed ahead for the

Merriest Christmas

of them alli

Times have changed since we started business in this community many years ago, and we have seen a great many changes. But one thing always remains the same. We continue to serve in the best possible manner the very best people it is possible to serve. We could ask for no finer list of customers, no better group of friends.

And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.



Holiday Season

Christmas 1947

In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

John Witt Butane Gas Co.

The birth rate on farms in 1946 was apparently the highest since 1929. There was an increase of 2,360,000 in farm population in 1946 over 1945, and of this number 773,000 were babies born during the year.

Renew your subscription to The Lynn County News now.



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

Bennett's Variety

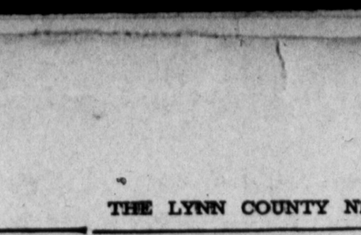
Holly Now Grown In Many Parts of Land

Grown on the hillsides of the coastal states from Maine to Texas and up the Mississippi valley to Missouri, holly is a pretty but slow-growing plant.

Leaves are evergreen, the margins of which are provided with rather widely separated spines. Weak and close-grained, the wood is exceptionally white, making it highly desirable in the manufacture of woodenware, cabinets and interior finishing.

As a result of scientific discoveries holly cuttings will take root quickly when they are treated with hormonelike substances. Christmas holly has been converted into potted plants. These plants can be set out as a permanent ornament for landscapes.

Growth regulating substances—indole butyric acid and naphthalene acetamide—are on the market in liquid or powdered form under various trade names. The chemicals are applied to plantings of fresh cuttings kept moist, cool and well shaded.



Santa Claus is the American version of St. Nicholas, the bearded Saint of Europe who, on Christmas Eve, carried a basket of gifts for good children, and a bunch of birch rods for the naughty ones.

St. Nicholas was transformed into Santa Claus by the Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, and he became the fat, jolly, rosy-cheeked old fellow he is today.

Wheat is a good export food because it is easily shipped and stored and has a high calorie value in relation to its cost.

Texas leads all other states in the production of wool, with an average annual production in excess of 100 million pounds.

Go to Church every Sunday.

People living on frams owned an estimated $22,077 million of currency, bank deposits, United States Savings Bonds and stock in cooperatives at the beginning of 1947, in comparison with only $4,975 million early in 1940.

Pay State and County Taxes in December and save 1 per cent.—Frank McGlaun, Jr., County Tax Collector 16-tfc



● Again gay carols ring out with their cheery message of holiday joy.

● In the old, old spirit of Christmas, voices of the carolers echo the message of "... tidings of great joy." Thus, too, do we join the carolers in wishing for you the blessed gifts of Peace on Earth, Joy, Good Will to Men.

West Side Grocery

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Waldrep
Bill Bradshaw Cleo Stice

Merry Christmas



"There's a song in the air!"

There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer,
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire
While the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
Cradles a King!

Karl P. Harrington

West Texas Gas Company



TIME TO HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children on this day of days.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

Pettigrew's

Don't let the milk wait on the doorstep or on the kitchen table after delivery; delay in refrigeration robs milk of food values and hastens spoilage.

Between 1930 and 1946, inclusive, the highest average weight of cattle slaughtersed under fedral inspection was 961 pounds, the lowest average 909 pounds.

MAY JOY THIS



CHRISTMASTIDE

attend you and may new found blessings make the New Year more bright.

We gratefully acknowledge your consideration during the past and solicit your continued thoughtfulness.

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Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellied, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served; and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, something like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.



During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniky go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.



19 Our wish 47
for you at
Christmastide

THE QUIET JOYS OF HOME AND FIRESIDE

. . . the family gathered around the heavily-laden table . . . turkey and dressing, mince and pumpkin pies . . . the Christmas tree with its tinsel . . . the toys beneath . . . May you enjoy these deep sweet pleasures this Christmas of 1947.

Tahoka Grocery



The bells ring out joyfully our message to you this Christmas. May it be the merriest, happiest, most wonderful Christmas you've ever had—may the New Year see your hopes and prayers fulfilled.

Stanley Funeral Home

Office of the Stanley Burial Association



Cordial Greetings!

Christmas greetings come straight from the heart. Please accept our sincerest wishes for a Bountiful Christmas and a Joyous New Year

Carter Grocery

and Market

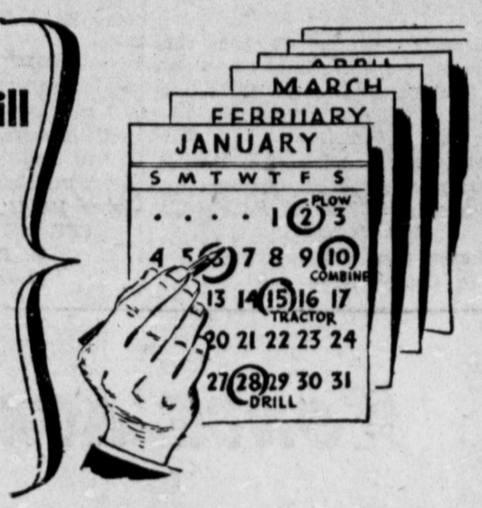
Section Three

TAHOKA, TEXAS

THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1947

There's still room for YOUR name on this calendar



● Not only in one place, but several. Actually, we mean your name along with your farm machines that need checking over and repair work before they go into the fields next season.

You see, this calendar is our Early Bird Service Schedule. And by getting a date on it now, we can both be sure that anything from a checkup to a complete overhaul will be done during the months your machines are idle.

That's the *best* way for both parties concerned. We'll have plenty of time to do a satisfactory, Blue Ribbon Service job. You'll be insured against breakdowns or lost time during busy weeks ahead. See how it pays to be an "Early Bird"? Line up necessary service work with us now!

J. K. APPLEWHITE CO.

East Side of Square, Tahoka
PHONE 14

BE AN EARLY BIRD! Don't Be Late in '48!

Christmas With the Pioneers Held Deep Religious Meaning

CHRISTMAS on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wildernesses, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the Wise Men crossed, this the Night and yon sleeping village, Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the Wise Men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or schoolhouse where children recited their pieces and sang songs about the birth of the Christ Child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange or an apple to each one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.



HOME-MADE sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say "Mama," go to sleep and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slate pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there might be a bag of candy.

IN THE isolated cabins it wasn't so easy to gather with one's neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobsled ride or perhaps a square dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter—the Star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withall these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

MISS VIOLA ELLIS WEDS EL PASO MAN

Friends here were delighted to learn a few days ago that Miss Viola Ellis, who was reared in this county and who served as county treasurer for a number of years but has recently been employed in Austin, was married in El Paso at 8 p. m. on Monday of last week to Paul Bleimeyer Sr. of that city.

The wedding vows were taken in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in that city, and the couple are making their home there. Mr. Bleimeyer is employed by the City Rexall Company of El Paso.

An ideal beverage for Christmas open house or tree-trimming party is mulled cider. Drop a cheesecloth bag of spices—1 teaspoon whole cloves, 4 small cinnamon sticks, 6 allspice—into 2 quarts cider and bring to a boil for 3 minutes. Remove spice bag and serve hot.



The Star Over Bethlehem

almost two thousand years ago still shines ever-bright over every village and hamlet welcoming another joyous Christmas. Let us enter our Church this Christmas with a prayer on our lips for Peace and Good-Will to the World.

Woodworth Barber Shop

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ROSE
OPEN ALL DAY XMAS
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
"Magic Town"
—with—
JAMES STEWART
JANE WYMAN
—Also—
CARTOON & SHORT
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THE OVERLANDERS
with CHIPS RAFFERTY DAPHNE CAMPBELL
—Also—
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"I WONDER WHO'S KISSING HER NOW"
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Special Show . . .
New Year's Eve

WALLACE
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
"Fighting Vigilantes"
—with—
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—Plus—
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Frank McGLYNN
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—In—
"Wide Open Faces"
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
MARLENE DIETRICH
JAMES STEWART
—in—
"Destry Rides Again"
—LYNN—
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
'Whispering Smith Speaks'
—WITH—
GEORGE O'BRIAN
Attend The
WALLACE MIDNIGHT SHOW
Every Saturday at 11:15 P. M.



BEST WISHES

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

For you and all those dear to you, may this Holiday Time be one of great joy and happiness.

And for next year, we say,

"Best of luck to all!"

McKaughan Blacksmith



● We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

Tahoka Bakery



from . . .

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Classified Ads Save You Money.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS — To our Customers and Friends: With Santa Claus peepin' around the corner, and everybody thinking about everybody else, we want to pause long enough to extend to you our very best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Sinclair Service Station

REID PARKER

NOTABLES INVITED TO SPEAK AT TECH

LUBBOCK, Dec. 23. — Harold Stassen, former governor of Minnesota who served as assistant chief of staff to Adm. William Halsey during the war, has been invited to address students and faculty of Texas Technological College at a special convocation Jan. 20, Pres. W. M. Whyburn announces.

In keeping with the college policy of inviting outstanding persons to speak on the campus, Dr. Whyburn extended the invitation on recommendation of the faculty committee on convocations and public ceremonies and of the council of academic deans. Among outstanding speakers who have recently appeared at the college are Attorney General Tom Clark, Gov. Beauford Jester and Con. George Mahon.

UNUSUAL XMAS CARDS

LUBBOCK, Dec. 22.—Unusual in the Christmas card field are the fabric greetings woven by senior textile engineering students at Texas Technological College.

Fashioned of white cotton warp with rayon filling in shades of red, green, gold and blue, the design shows a shuttle and bobbin with thread from the bobbin forming the script words, "Merry Xmas." The fabric squares measure about eight inches on a side.

All students are using the same central design, but each threads the complicated Jacquard loom to weave his own name at the bottom of his personal greeting cards.

Go to Church every Sunday.

Gifts That Will Suit Everyone

THE old saying that it isn't the gift but the giving that's appreciated may be true, but just the same a good gift quickens the heart so much more.

In being able to draw upon the abundance of the country, farm people are in a position to present especially valued gifts at comparatively small cost. For instance, a box full of spruce, fir, pine, holly, cedar or balsam is always welcomed as a decorative source by city friends.

City people, like everybody else, also appreciate good things to eat, and home canned country fruits and vegetables or some fowl can be expected to make a big hit. Gardeners



in the big town will gladly welcome a packet of seeds gleaned from an expansive country garden.

Handy home-makers can convert old articles into attractive gifts. An old felt hat can be made into a beanie for some young girl merely by using the crown and adding yarn stitching for decoration. The best part of an old fur coat beyond repair will make a rich carriage robe for a new baby. Pot-holders, dusting mitts, bath powder gloves, shoe bags are some of the items which can be salvaged from small scraps.

And, O yes! what could be more useful to a young bride than a home-made cook-book containing the home-maker's favorite recipes? Not only will such a book provide for tasty eating but it can also be expected to guide the young wife over some rough moments in the kitchen.

FIRE DEPT. MAKES TWO CALLS IN PAST WEEK

The Tahoka Fire Department made two runs the past few days.

Last Friday they were called to a small fire which had started in an old clothes trunk in a garage. The small blaze was extinguished with very little damage having been done.

Late Saturday afternoon the fire department made a run to the Farmers Co-op Service station where a can of oil and old rags had been ignited, but the blaze had been extinguished before the fire department arrived. No damage was caused by the fire.

"STUCK NECK OUT"

Not so awful long ago one of our loyal subscribers to the News asked us why we never did predict the outcome of any of the State's important football games, so last week we stuck our neck out and got it chopped off along with a lot of other people.

We guessed Odessa would defeat Highland Park 40-13, but Highland Park turned in the biggest upset in Texas high school football and defeated Odessa 18-6. We had also picked Longview to win over Brackenridge of San Antonio 7-0, but we knew that was a bad prediction, but we thought we had the other game "cinched"

Anybody that can beat Odessa is good enough for us, so we pick Highland Park over Brackenridge for the State Championship. The score: 34-7.

MINOR GAINS BERTH ON ALL-STATE CLASS-A TEAM

In a poll which was conducted in Fort Worth recently, Joe Don Minor, Bulldog backfield star, was named to a halfback slot on the fourth team of the mythical all-state football team.

Val Jo Walker, Seminole made the first team. Gene McCanlies of Littlefield made second team, and Bobby Hart, Levelland, made the third team.

Dr. Bob Caveness of Dallas is here spending the holidays wiht his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Caveness.



THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT is with us again and we have good wishes and appreciation in our hearts for you and yours.

Fleming Shoe Shop

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

The News is prepared to take a few new subscriptions to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram if sent in before January 1.—The Lynn County News.

Lawrence Sanford, a long time resident of Lynn county has moved to San Angelo and the News is to follow to his new address.

Mrs. Omega Hensley of Draw is visiting relatives at Cameron and Chriesman.

Renew your subscription to The Lynn County News now!

The Texas Safety Association warns motorists that skidding on the highway is a sign of "speed too fast for conditions." Slow down for bad weather and heavy Christmas traffic—Your Greatest Gift May Be A Life!

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NEW HOME CAGERS DEFEAT POST FRIDAY

The New Home basketteers, strong contenders for the class-B championship this season traveled to Post last Friday night and defeated the Antelopes by a five-point margin. The score was 25-20.

The Post Antelopes are in class-A competition and Tahoka will meet them in conference play in the next few weeks.

The New Home boys are coached by A. L. Pace who always puts a very fine team on the floor every year.

Wade Holland, who moved to Mineral Wells several months ago to operate a service station, has sold his station there and moved back to Tahoka, accompanied by his wife and son and mother-in-law, Mrs. J. H. McCoy.



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Associated With Many Christmas Symbols



HOME FOR SANTA CLAUS . . . Many cities in the United States, even those which do not have names associated with Christmas symbols, erect Santa Claus villages during the holiday seasons.

EACH year, thousands of letters in the U. S. are mailed from Bethlehem—Bethlehem, Pa.; Bethlehem, Md.; Bethlehem, Conn., and Bethlehem, N. H. These towns were named many, many years ago, and imaginative Americans the country over send in letters to be remailed bearing the symbolic postmark of Bethlehem.

The story associated with the naming of Bethlehem, Pa., is especially moving. On Christmas Eve in 1741, it is said, Moravian pioneers who had come to the new world in search of religious freedom gathered in a log cabin in the snow-swept Pennsylvania countryside. Thankful for their new refuge, they sang carols joyfully; then Nicholas Louis, Count Zinzendorf, took up a taper and led the gathering into the stables where a few cows and horses stirred.

"Let us call our village also Bethlehem," he said, and all agreed. From a humble beginning over 200 years ago, Bethlehem, Pa., is now a thriving industrial city of 62,000.

Santa Claus also has been honored in the naming of American cities. The story of the christening of Santa Claus, Ind., contains an awesome note in keeping with Christmas Eve.

The government had turned down the request of a little settlement in southern Indiana 100 years ago because an older town in the state bore the same name of Santa Fe. As the villagers gathered in celebration of Christmas Eve, they pondered a new name, finding each suggestion unsuitable as they turned it over in their minds in order to select the right one.

In the midst of their deliberations, a blinding light was seen outside. Rushing to the window, they saw a flaming star crash against a distant hill, leaving a crater that still can be seen today.

Awed by the spectacle, the residents of the settlement considered the event as a special omen, and they gave their community the name of Santa Claus to commemorate Christmas.

LAMESA PASTOR RESIGNS

Announcement was made a few days ago that Rev. Clarence Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Lamesa, had resigned and would hold his last service there on Sunday preceding Christmas. He has accepted the call of the Church at Gatesville to return there as pastor, having served in that capacity there a number of years ago.

Rev. Mr. Morton had been at Lamesa about three years, and was well known throughout this area. As a girl, Mrs. Morton resided in Tahoka a few years.

Mrs. Mary L. Fenton accompanied by her son, Frank, left Monday for Kent, Texas to visit with her sister, Mrs. P. R. Wingo, who works for the Railroad in that city.

Read the Classified Ads.

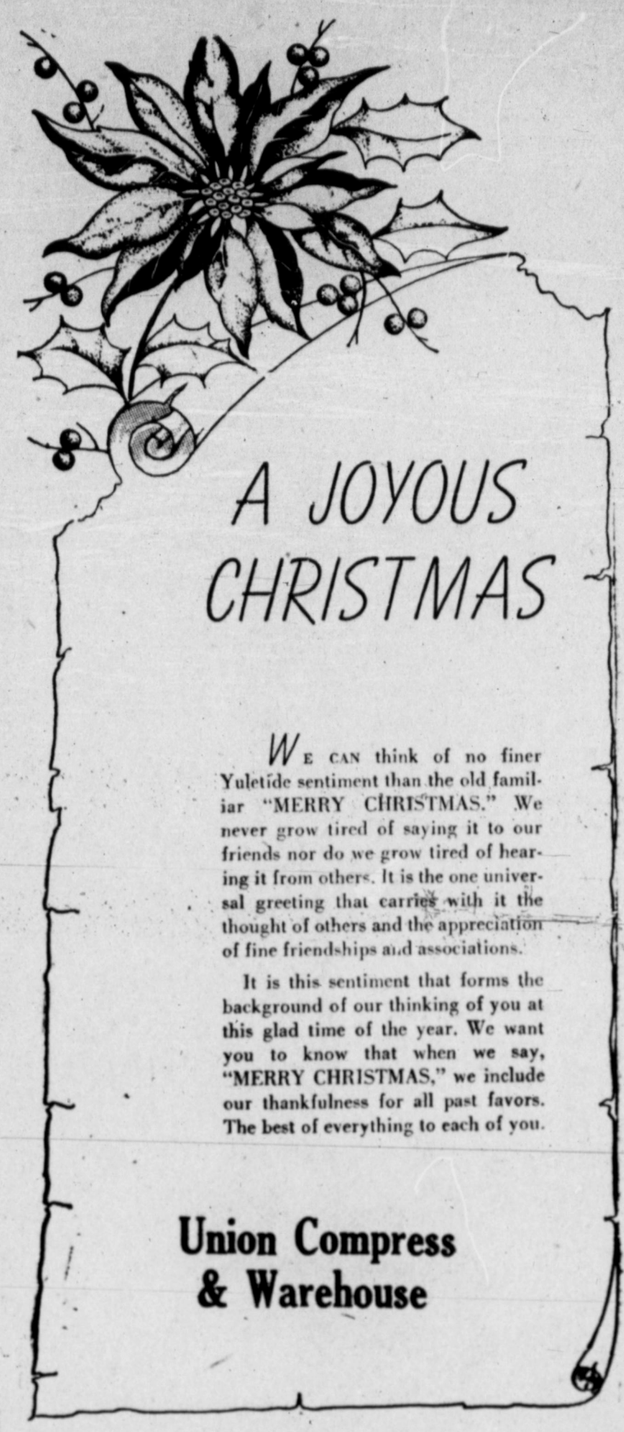
Mr. and Mrs. Grady Howard of Hot Springs, N. M., visited his sisters, Mmes. Harley Henderson and Frank Hill, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. E. S. Davis has gone to California to spend an indefinite period with her daughters, Mrs. Ruby Fields at Vista and Mrs. Mildred Schooler at Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Tankersley and family left early Sunday for Tulsa, Oklahoma to spend Christmas with Mrs. Tankersley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Taylor.

J. Harvey King of Portales has been greeting his many friends here while visiting his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur King.

Miss Lou Nelle Peters of the high school faculty left Friday night to spend the holidays with her parents in Rogers.



We can think of no finer Yuletide sentiment than the old familiar "MERRY CHRISTMAS." We never grow tired of saying it to our friends nor do we grow tired of hearing it from others. It is the one universal greeting that carries with it the thought of others and the appreciation of fine friendships and associations.

It is this sentiment that forms the background of our thinking of you at this glad time of the year. We want you to know that when we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS," we include our thankfulness for all past favors. The best of everything to each of you.

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