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A Brief Review Of 1968

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There were a good many changes noted for the Olton area and the nation as well, as this was election year. Printed below is a brief summary of the goings-on in and around Olton for the past year.

JANUARY

District 3AA Champion Mustangs were presented jackets in a special high school assembly Jan. 3rd.

Building permits for 1967 were announced with construction on both new and moved in buildings valued at \$180,586. This amount topped the 1966 total by \$104,936.

First baby of 1968 born in Olton Community Hospital was a nine pound son born Jan. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Elias Jalamo of Hart.

Thomas Neal Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brewer of Gainesville, former residents of Olton, was killed in action while serving with the 26th Marines in Vietnam.

Three Olton Mustangs were named to the 1967-68 All-South Plains Class AA Team by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. Benny Akin was named to the offensive unit; Charles A. McClain and Eddie Hooper to the defensive unit. Coach Don Beck was named Coach of the Year.

Olton City Councilmen adopted a new city health ordinance requiring owners or occupants to keep property free from weeds, rubbish and unsightly or unsanitary matter.

A light heavyweight Angus steer belonging to Gary Dickenson copped the Reserve Grand Champion title at the Lamb County Junior Livestock Show in Littlefield. Top swine awards were picked up by Sel Sanchez, Patrick Britton and Eddie Hooper.

Suspicious of a check taken in his store, quick action on the part of businessman Walter Struve resulted in the apprehension of a suspect whom officers believed had passed checks in Olton amounting to \$117.

Entry was made through a small opening in a window where an air conditioner was installed and \$98 taken in a pre-dawn break-in at the school lunchroom.

FEBRUARY

For the fifteenth year, Olton Volunteer Firemen elected Tom Smith to serve as fire chief. Harold Jordan was named assistant chief.

A host of friends, neighbors and hired hands with 19 tractors lent helping hands

to work land farmed by Harlan Carson, whose small daughter Kondi was in a Houston Hospital.

Percy Parsons was named manager of Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture on a part time basis.

Sam Watson, band director, was notified this week that the Olton High School Band had been chosen to represent District 272 of Lions Clubs at the International Lions Convention in Dallas this summer.

G. T. Sides was sworn in Feb. 19th as Lamb County Judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of O. J. Mangum.

Sherry Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Moss, was named Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Olton High School. Announcement was made at the annual FFA Sweetheart banquet.

The Enterprise award for "Outstanding Homemaker of OHS" was presented to Teresa Thomas. Rita Graham was winner of the Crisco Award, a new award presented to an outstanding freshman homemaker.

An All-School Play, "Seventeenth Summer" was presented Feb. 26 in the high school auditorium. Proceeds were contributed to American Field Service to pay the expenses of a foreign exchange student for the 68-69 school year.

MARCH

Southwestern Public Service announced the transfer of manager Ralph Glover to the Dimmitt post. He will be succeeded by Melvin Rape, manager at Abernathy since 1948.

Kenneth Johnson, Pat Bodkin and Charles A. McClain were named to the All-District Basketball Team. Selection was made by District III coaches.

Cheryl Latimer exhibited the grand champion steer at the 23rd annual FFA, FFA and 4-H Livestock Show. Reserve champion steer was shown by Gary Dickenson.

Johnny Fenton showed the grand champion barrow. Reserve grand champion barrow was exhibited by Sparks Redinger.

Olton school board adopted the 1968-69 school calendar. The new calendar is unique in that the first semester will be completed before the Christmas holidays.

Board members also approved a retirement policy to become effective Sept. 1, 1969. The plan stipulates that the School District will not employ or re-employ any teacher, administrator or other professional personnel who has reached the age of 65.

Olton High School Girl's Choir and Mixed

Choir each won a Sweepstakes award at the Regional University Interscholastic League Contest in Lubbock.

Junior High Choir received a 1 in sight reading and 11 in concert in the competition.

Charles A. McClain and Steve Spain set new school records in high hurdles and pole vaulting at the Wayland high school and college track meet.

APRIL

The Olton Enterprise was informed that it would receive one of the top three awards in the General Excellence division of the 1968 National Better Newspaper Contest.

Incumbents Jimmie Jenkins and Charles Sullivan and newcomer Leon Noack took the oath of office after being elected councilmen in balloting April 6.

Approximately 350 attended the All Sports Banquet and heard an address by Grant Teaff, assistant football coach of Texas Tech.

Olton Grain Co-Op announced the appointment of E. W. "Fritz" Richards as manager. Honor students were announced at Olton High School. Shirley Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ershel Johnson, was named valedictorian. Salutatorian was Jackie Harrod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Harrod.

High Point Senior Boy was Steve Spain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Spain. Teresa Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas, was High Point Senior Girl.

Olton High School Choir presented their spring concert. The program was recorded and choir members will use proceeds from record sales to purchase additional choir robes.

MAY

Olton's Future Farmers Dairy Products team and Dairy Judging team placed second in region competition and become eligible for state competition to be held at Texas A&M University.

Danny Dial and Sherry Moss were crowned Junior-Senior King and Queen at the annual Junior-Senior banquet. Theme of the banquet was "Roman Holiday".

Sandee Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gregory, won first in feature writing in Class AA division at the Texas Interscholastic League state journalism meeting in Austin. She also won second place in editorial writing and took fourth place honors in total individual points.

Junior High honor students were announced with Glenda Holladay, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Holladay, as valedictorian and Sheree Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Coleman, as salutatorian.

Sixty seniors received diplomas at Commencement exercises May 17. Commencement address was given by David Ray, pastor of First Baptist Church in Lubbock.

A. R. Bostick, local high school math teacher announced his retirement after completing his 44th year of teaching.

Sue Cannon, managing editor of the Enterprise, was in Los Angeles, Calif. to accept the third place trophy in the General Excellence division of the National Newspaper Contest.

Danny Dial, nephew of Mrs. Dan Daniel, was chosen to play in the Greenbelt Bowl football game later this summer.

Olton Baseball Association sponsored a three-act comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace".

Wayne Bodkin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Bodkin, was appointed assistant to the president of Texas Farmers Union.

Superintendent Ray Schultz announced that Fred Stockdale, a former band director here, would return to Olton to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sam Watson.

Mamie Lambert was the winner of the Junior-Senior Bowler-of-the-Year tournament. Second place winner was Pat Trotter. Mike Trotter and Guy Ballard finished third and fourth.

JUNE

Widespread damage was reported by farmers as hail and high winds accompanied heavy rain.

A new business, Olton Furniture, opened for business. Owner-operator, Fred Palmer, is the new minister of the Assembly of God Church.

Police Chief Jerry Smith resigned and the City Judge Bill Smith was replaced by Robert Dennis.

Directors of "Texas" announced the 1968 cast which includes Miss Leslie Holladay, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ruth Holladay.

The high school junior was a member of the singing chorus.

Hugo Hondequin, Olton High School's second foreign exchange student, joined other foreign exchange students for a tour of the states prior to returning to his home in Brussels, Belgium.

Deryl Machen brought in Olton's first load of wheat.

K. Y. Givens was named "Lion of the Year" for the second consecutive year.

City councilmen announced the hiring of Henry Ogletree as Police Chief.

JULY

School board members voted to increase the per hour wage of lunchroom personnel and custodians to \$1.30 beginning at the present time instead of Feb. 1969 when minimum wage law would make that amount compulsory.

Kenneth Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Long, was listed in the 1968 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America".

Dean Price of Texas A&M University notified Charles Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Church, that he had been accepted to the professional curriculum of veterinarian medicine of that college.

Olton's Babe Ruth All-Stars were eliminated from play in the District Tournament held in Pampa. Little League All-Stars fell victims in tournament play in Muleshoe.

Joel Nelson represented Olton High School at the 32nd Annual National Conference of the National Association of Student Councils. David Howton, Student Council sponsor, accompanied him to the meeting in Hurst.

Mike Trotter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Trotter, was one of four Future Farmers of America to receive a \$2000 scholarship from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The scholarship was announced at the FFA State Convention in Lubbock.

Dr. Mike Smith opened his dental offices in Olton.

The Retail Trades Committee of the Chamber of Commerce approved plans for a Moonlight Madness Sale. Some businesses planned sidewalk specials for the event.

AUGUST

Andy Andrew was named Club Champion of the Men's Division in the city golf tournament.

Contract was awarded for construction on Highway 70 and construction crews began work early in August.

Harold Dean Carson, local piano teacher, was recognized by the National Guild of Piano Teachers Hall of Fame.

Sunee Saehow, foreign exchange student from Thailand, arrived in Olton to make her home with the K. Y. Givens family while she attends Olton High School.

The Enterprise took first place in General Excellence and first place in advertising composition in the West Texas Press Association contest. The awards were presented at the WTPA Convention in Abilene.

City Councilmen gave approval to an increase in water rates of residences. The \$1 increase will apply only to the summer months May, June, July, August and September.

K. Y. Givens was elected president of the Booster Club. Vice president was Robert Akin and James Cowart was secretary-treasurer.

Former resident Pat Gloria returned to Olton with his family to serve as pastor of Trinity Baptist Mission.

SEPTEMBER

Dr. Malcolm H. Wuckabee, former resident, was promoted to the rank of full professor at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Wesley Nelms brought in the first bale of cotton Sept. 25. He received \$140 worth of gift certificates from local merchants and the Chamber of Commerce as a bonus for the first bale.

1968 Seniors presented plaque featuring a giant sized Mustang. The plaque was hung in the high school gym.

B. C. Cooner was awarded a 50-year Masonic Service Award in ceremonies in Knox City. He maintains his lodge membership in the Knox City and Olton lodges.

A man wanted for cattle theft was picked up in Olton. The suspect was returned to Oklahoma following his arrest by Lamb County Sheriff's Deputy V. L. Smith. Twenty-two head of cattle were recovered.

OCTOBER

Mrs. Paul Harrison, Olton homemaker, exhibited an original nursery design at the State Fair in Texas. The circus cage crib won a Blue Ribbon Special Award.

Police Chief Ogletree resigned to accept employment in Lubbock.

The Olton High School Choir joined choirs from five other schools to perform "enmasse" at half-time ceremonies at the West Texas State University-University of Texas at Arlington game in Buffalo Stadium.

Joe Laurence, former resident and nephew of Mrs. Ira Foster and Ray Culwell, lost his life in Vietnam. The 18-year-old Marine was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Laurence of Wilcox, Ariz.

Olton was host to the 14th District PTA fall workshop. Approximately 250 delegates from an eleven county area attended the meeting.

"The Change and the Challenge", a film prepared by the governor's committee on education, was shown to the public Oct. 28 in the high school auditorium.

NOVEMBER

Olton Mustangs defeated the Floydada Whirlwinds 24-0 before a rain-soaked Homecoming crowd Nov. 1.

The freshman float won first prize in the Homecoming Parade. Second place winner was the junior high float with the seniors taking third.

The Class of '43 held their Silver Anniversary reunion Nov. 1 and 2. Olton High School's first football queen, Mrs. Joyce Davis Lance of Lubbock, was present for the occasion. 1943 football co-captains, Parley Myers and Curtis Pearsey were on hand to present their queen a belated bouquet.

Connie Hulsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hulsey, and Russell Tanner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Tanner, received coveted Gold Star Awards at the annual Lamb County 4-H Achievement Awards Banquet.

Lloyd Blackwell was hired by City Councilmen to fill the post of Chief of Police.

Mustang Marching Band received a Division II rating for its marching performance in the University Interscholastic League Region 1, South Zone competition in Levelland.

Big Blue fell victims to their spoilers, the Red Mustangs of Denver City in their bid for Bi-District Championship. Score was 6-0.

Seven Olton Mustangs were named to All-District 3AA offensive and defensive teams. They were Benny Akin, Eddie Hooper, Steve Burleson, Kenneth Johnson, Charles A. McClain, R. L. Copeland and Johnny Lewis.

DECEMBER

Olton Future Teachers were hosts to the District XVII FTA Convention Dec. 7. Leslie Holladay, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Holladay, was elected District president.

Earl Spruiell announced the Association of Kenneth Burgess who has assumed duties as vice-president of Olton State Bank.

Three year old Trent Sharp, son of Coach and Mrs. Grady Sharp, was winner of two tickets to the Cotton Bowl and a check for \$40 in the Enterprise football contest. Charles Didway of Post finished second and was the winner of two tickets to the Sun Bowl game.

Olton City Council voted to install firemen monitor phones. Five phones in addition to the phones at the city hall and fire station will ring simultaneously when a fire is reported.

Ray Schultz, superintendent of schools, was given a three year extension of his contract.

Thirteen young ladies entered the Miss Christmas Contest.

Santa Claus made stops in Olton to visit with boys and girls, Dec. 14 and 21.

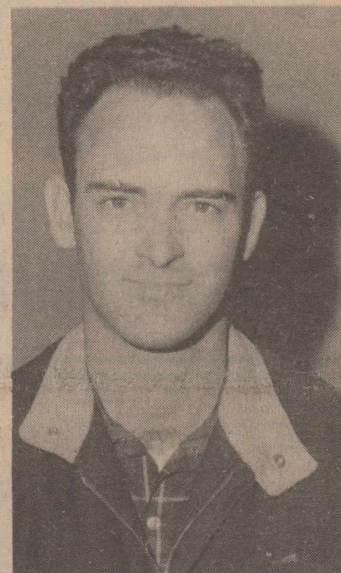
A meeting of the general public was held to discuss the possibility of securing a new hospital. A steering committee composed of five local men, Truitt Sides, Fred Thompson, Dr. Basil Johns, Earl Spruiell and Elmer McGill was named to investigate ways and means by which the local hospital can reach Medicare requirements.

Nancy Critchfield Jones took first place honors in oratory in university competition in Albuquerque, N. M. Representing Eastern New Mexico University, she competed with students from 22 universities across the nation.

Lamb County School Administrators met in Olton to discuss possible consolidation of schools.

General Telephone Company has announced the addition of Douglas D. Garrison to its Olton service force.

Garrison has moved to Olton and will be serving in the position of Installer Repairman. In this position he will assist



DOUGLAS GARRISON

Denver Offield in maintaining service to customers in the Olton and Springlake exchanges. Associated with General Telephone since February 1967, Garrison moved to Olton from Perryton where he held the position of cable splicer.

Garrison and his wife Brenda reside at 901 W. 5th Street. They are members of the Baptist Church.

G. F. Kehoe, District Manager of Littlefield stated, "We are happy to be able to add this experienced man to our customer service department in Olton."

13 Accidents During Month

The Texas Highway Patrol investigated 13 accidents on rural highways in Lamb County during the month of November, according to Sergeant Thurman Keffer, Highway Patrol Supervisor of this area.

These crashes resulted in two persons killed, three persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$5,450.00.

The rural traffic accident summary for this county during the first eleven months of 1968 shows a total of 97 accidents resulting in seven persons killed, 33 persons injured, and an estimated property damage of \$72,130.00.

In order to help make this a happy holiday season the Patrol Supervisor lists some holiday driving rules.

1. Allow plenty of time for your travel.
2. Check your car, be sure it's in safe driving condition.
3. Use seat belts to safeguard your family and yourself.
4. Be alert to road, weather and traffic hazards.
5. Do not overdrive for the conditions.

ENTERPRISE ON VACATION

The Olton Enterprise and Enterprise Studio are closed this week to allow the staff a week vacation.

Both businesses will be open for business at 8 a.m. Monday.

Introducing
Miss Christmas
JAN SCRUGGS
FRANCINE OFFIELD -- 1st runnerup
KAREN LEWIS --- 2nd runnerup

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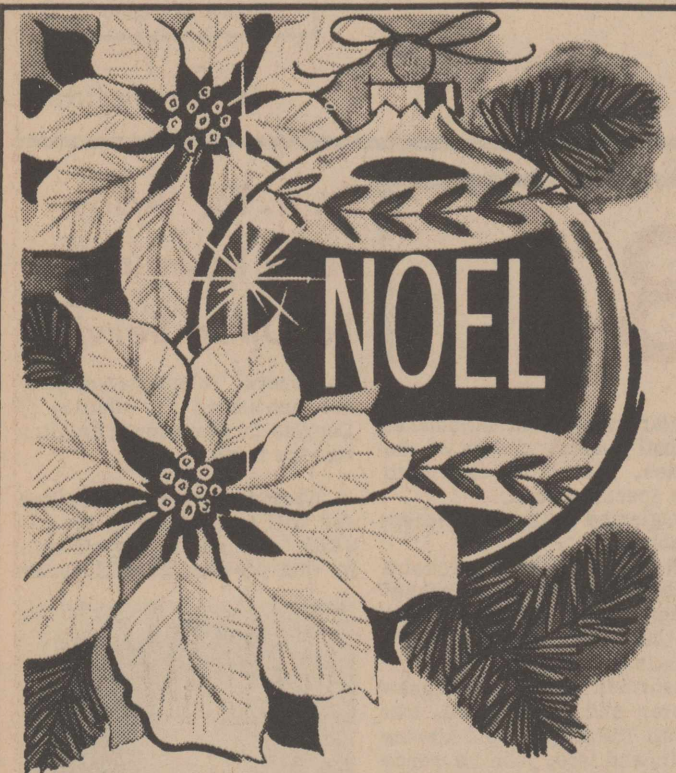
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Dear Editor

Thanks For The Paper

Dear Sue,
I want to thank you very much for sending the paper to me. It is really nice to get news from home. Panama is a good duty station but still there is no place like home. I was sorry to see Olton get beat again by Denver City. Maybe next time they will win.

If you would like, I might send you some of my impressions of Panama after I have been here a while. They might make interesting reading for your readers.
Thank you again for sending me the paper.
Yours truly,
Dickie Hudgens



sparkling good wishes!

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT

Russell And Pauline Strain

AIRMAN VISITS
Airman Gary Don Rogers spent Tuesday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Key. Rogers, stationed in Philadelphia, is visiting for a period of eleven days with his family in Tulsa.

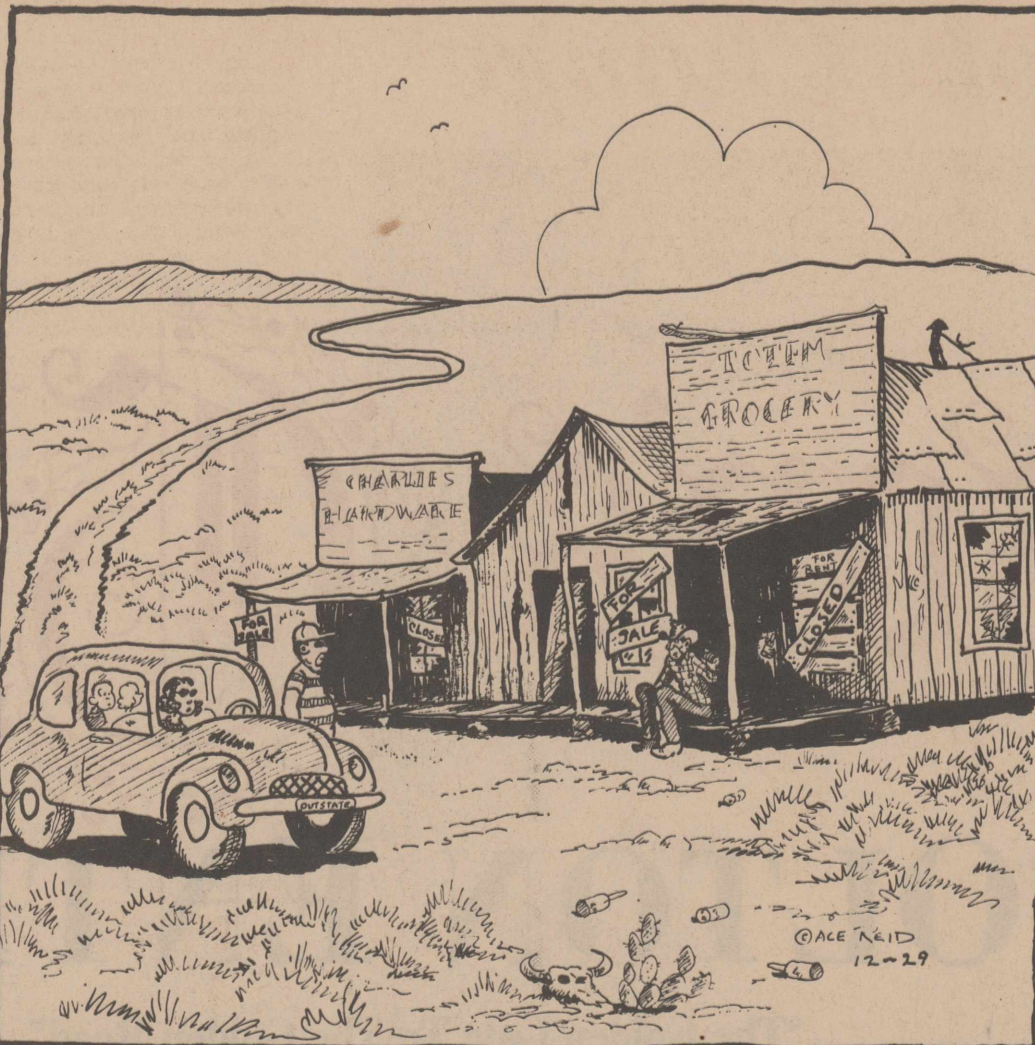


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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Oh, this is a fine place to retire . . . we got terrible roads, no hospitals or schools, but our taxes are cheap!"

CANDLE CAUTIONS

The lighted candle adds a special festive touch to the Christmas season but be extremely careful in placing candles around the house, advises Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Candles placed too near paper decorations, Christmas card displays, or the boughs of the tree can ignite trouble.

CHILDREN VISIT

Mrs. Jessie H. Moore had as guests Sunday her son and grandson, Joe Moore and Jackie, another son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Moore, Evelyn, Becky, Allen and Leland all of Seminole, and a third son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Lyn Moore, Tammy, Tina, Robert and Renee from Plainview.

IN LUBBOCK

Mrs. J. M. Simmons spent Thursday in Lubbock with Mrs. Betty Nix.

OUT WITH THE OLD

Unless you use a spice often, buy small amounts and keep in tightly closed containers. Spices should be renewed at least once a year, says Gwendolyn Clyatt, Extension consumer marketing specialist.

STOCKING STUFFER

Here's a stocking stuffer for a gourmet on your Christmas list -- meat tongs. They're not only handy but save precious meat juices, says Extension Home Economist Gwendolyn Clyatt. Good cooks use tongs rather than a fork for handling sausage links, franks and chops and avoid piercing the meat. A fork tends to tear bacon, but by grasping the ends of bacon slices with tongs, the slices can be lifted and turned easily.

VISIT MOTHER

Mr. and Mrs. W. Laceywell spent from Wednesday until Friday in Hico visiting Laceywell's mother, Mrs. Ada Laceywell.

Sue's Views

Merry Christmas

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope each and every one of you the happiest of holidays and if you are traveling this week, I hope you have a safe journey.

Isn't this just the best time of the year?

There is such lovely music in stores and on the radio and TV. And the decorations all over town are so pretty. If you haven't been to the bank or post office to see their decorations, then you really must -- even if you have no occasion to go to these places except to see the decorations. They are just beautiful!

There are so many homes in Olton that have really gone all out in decorating that we should be offering a prize for the best one, like some of the surrounding towns do.

I have heard a lot of people commenting on the "Miss Christmas" contest and most everyone enjoyed it and offered suggestions for next year to improve on some parts of it. Since this column is being written early, I'd like to say congratulations to the winner even though I don't know who it is as yet. We will carry pictures of the presentation of the winner in the next week's issue of the paper.

This is one area in which we could improve the contest, I think, since curiosity nearly got the better of all of us for a week before we finally found out who the "Miss Christmas" for 1968 was to be.

The girls all really enjoyed the contest they said. We entertained them with a Coke party Thursday night before the contest and they got a few pointers on how to walk, stand and sit and were interviewed by Mabel Bizzell. We just had lots of fun and then Saturday when the big moment came, I think Mabel and I were more flustered than the girls were!

The girls all did very well and we were very proud of them and are looking forward to next year when we hope to have more contestants and a bigger and better contest.

If any of you have any suggestions as to how we can improve the event we'd be happy to have you give us your suggestions.

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Well, it's not very many hours now before ole St. Nick will be making his final appearance for the year. Guess all you good little boys and girls saw him Saturday and told him just exactly what you want him to bring you.

I'm going to have to have a heart to heart talk with the old gentleman because my kids didn't bother to tell ME what they wanted, they just wrote ole Santa!

Oh, to be young again.

(Well, at the last minute, I decided I couldn't slight Miss Christmas so I called the judges and found out ahead of time so that we might announce it in this paper -- which we put together Friday -- and I want to say, Congratulations, Jan, Francine and Karen!)

Bringing Gifts

At the heart of the holiday fun and feasting there glows the spirit of giving. The Wise Men sought to honor the Christ Child with rare and precious gifts -- gold, frankincense and myrrh. Thus, to give of the best at Christmas is a time-honored tradition.

All may rejoice in the opportunity to give generously, to please family and friends with "just what they wanted," and to share with the less fortunate.

Yet the best Christmas gifts are still those that come from the open heart as well as the open hand, and the warmth of a friendly smile, the words of a cordial greeting add priceless meaning to the most elaborate of gifts.

Singing Carols

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

Across the years since shepherds first harkened to an angelic chorus, Christmas rings with the sound of voices raised in joyful song.

Carol singing at Christmas is both a tradition and a source of tradition. Much of the legend and lore of the season is known today only because it has been preserved in song -- in carols passed on from generation to generation.

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FROM SAINT NICHOLAS TO ST. NICK

How Santa Looks Change

His White Beard, Red Suit Are Recent Garb

Genial, jovial, red-cheeked and white-bearded. As any child can tell you, that's how Santa Claus looks.

But the benevolent giver of presents has not always been pictured like this, nor has he always traveled by sleigh or brought his gifts on Christmas Eve. In fact, he has not always been named Santa Claus!

"Santa Claus" is in truth a child's euphonic way of expressing the Dutch "Saint Nikolaas," or St. Nicholas, says The Encyclopedia Americana.

St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop, was later honored, in Europe, as a friend to children. Legend finds him making his rounds on December 5th, the eve of St. Nicholas Day, with gifts to reward children for good behavior.

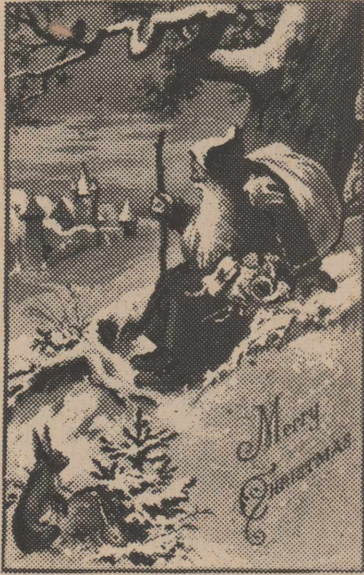
Instead of a jolly red suit, St. Nicholas wore a robe, or tabard, and for that reason he really didn't need a sleigh, or even a horse. His robe enabled him to travel from place to place, instantly.

In Holland, however, he was said to use a horse for his journey at night over the roofs.

Dutch settlers brought St. Nicholas to the New World, where he gradually changed his name to Santa Claus and traded his horse and robe for reindeer and a red suit.

It was Clement C. Moore, in his poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," who made Santa into a jolly elf "Saint Nick," who rides "in a miniature sleigh drawn by eight tiny reindeer."

In more recent years, St. Nicholas in his new guise as Santa Claus has journeyed to many parts of the world, becoming the most widely known of gift givers.



ST. NICHOLAS, who preceded Santa as a Christmas gift giver, was pictured on an 1870 greeting card as a monk-like figure.



METAMORPHOSIS OF SANTA CLAUS. FROM St. Nicholas in a monk's blue robe, to jolly St. Nick in a bright red suit, can be traced in the history of Christmas greeting cards — witness this 1909 card. The gift giver here, who looks somewhat like the modern Santa Claus, wears a red jacket, but his trousers, like St. Nicholas' robe, are still blue, and he is mounted on a hobby horse rather than a reindeer-drawn sleigh — the historical result of the introduction into American folklore, by early Dutch settlers, of St. Nicholas on a horse. The 1909 Santa carries his gifts in a straw basket, which later became the Christmas sack of toys. Cards shown are from the Norcross Historical Collection.



FATHER CHRISTMAS, a rather stern resident of the North Pole, appears on this turn-of-the-century greeting card.

New Year's Customs Around The World

While you may raise your glass of champagne from France and sing Auld Lang Syne when the clock strikes 12 on New Year's Eve, your Japanese counterpart may be sipping cola from America while singing Otanaji Omedeto Gozaimasu (Happy Birthday To You) — for the stroke of midnight means it's everyone's birthday!

A public relations girl at the Shulton company has sent in (in the hope of getting her company's name publicized in these columns) a whole set of facts on how New Year's is celebrated throughout the world.

In ancient China, people took a different approach to the First Day. They cleaned house, paid debts and closed their shops. Then they shot off firecrackers... and who can ever forget a New Year's in Chinatown of any big American city, with its colorful procession of paper dragons breathing good cheer to everyone!

In old Japan, New Year's was a time for everybody to don new clothes, take three days off from work and visit their friends. Each gatepost would be adorned with green pines and bamboo. And over each door would hang red lobsters, crabs and scarlet tangerines, standing for long life and happiness.

Gypsies in Spain used to marry on New Year's Eve. The 18th century writer George Borrow tells us that a main feature of the bridal ceremony was the feasting associated with it. Once the Gypsy couple took their vows, guests swirled down sherry and ate and sang and danced throughout the night and day.

Not to be outdone, Italians just consider January 1st as part of their Yuletide festival, and so revel until Twelfth Night, 12 days after Christmas. In France, New Year's Day is so singular that adults let Christmas pass by and exchange presents on January 1st.

The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians began their year at the autumnal equinox (September 21) and the Greeks until the fifth century B. C. at the winter solstice (December 21). The ancient Romans once celebrated the beginning of the year on December 21st, but Caesar by the adoption of the Julian calendar postponed it to January 1st.

Though wining, dining and merry-making have been traditional ways to celebrate New Year's, each country has its own technique. In Switzerland, not only people get all fired up, but also cannon: the peaceful Swiss shoot off all their cannon at midnight. Shaking and breaking is a popular technique in Italy, where New Year's is welcomed not only with dancing, but also by throwing old china into the fireplace! America's colorful technique of painting the town red is matched ahead of time by women who shampoo color into their hair with a pro-

duct called, appropriately enough, Technique.

But coloring hair for New Year's isn't new. In the 1800s, while Napoleon was polishing his waltzing technique with Josephine, Frenchwomen sometimes spent an entire day dyeing their tresses for elegant parties.

These New Year's observances may seem strange. To denizens of other countries, however, current American customs may also seem peculiar. To quote one source on New Year's customs: "Many Occidental countries mark the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new by elaborate balls, drinking and generally immoderate behavior in which, at midnight, everybody blows horns, rings bells, shouts, throws confetti, sings 'Should old acquaintance be forgot,' drinks additional toasts which are usually not needed, and, as an important part of the ritual, tries to kiss all the prettiest girls in the party, who offer enthusiastic collaboration."

CARAVAN CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Smith spent the weekend in Lamesa Community Center where the Campers Caravan Club was in session.



Christmas Blessings

May this holy season of Christmas, with its message of love and peace, enrich your lives with many blessings.

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Rejoice!

At this joyous time may we offer you greetings and sincerest wishes for a peaceful and happy holiday! To you and yours... Merry Christmas!

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Skrunch Is A Game You Eat

Skrunch is a new fun-candy that's made in a milk carton, or in any waxed paper container, or molded free form in your own creative way. It is a mixture of cereals, nuts and chocolate or butterscotch chips held together with a syrup mixture. Skrunch is not just a candy but a play candy. Make a bowl of skrunch for a wide awake youngster, provide him with a variety of cartons and containers and let him come up with his own ideas. To make free form shapes; cool about 15 minutes then shape as desired.

SKRUNCH

- 2 c. corn flakes
- 1 c. crisp rice cereal
- 1/2 c. semisweet chocolate or butterscotch chips
- 1 c. broken pecans or walnuts
- 3/4 c. light or dark corn syrup
- 1/4 c. sugar
- 2 T. margarine
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla or almond flavoring

Cut one end from waxed paper carton (select milk, cottage cheese, sour cream, yo-

hurt or other). Combine cereals, chocolate or butterscotch chips and nuts in large bowl; set aside. Combine corn syrup, sugar and margarine in a small or medium saucepan. Stirring constantly, bring to full boil over medium heat and boil 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Cool 10 minutes. Add vanilla or almond flavoring. Beat mixture with wooden spoon about 3 minutes or until mixture turns a lighter color and thickens. Pour over cereal mixture all at once. Toss to coat evenly. Press firmly into carton or cartons. (When using a 1-quart carton, then press mixture down about three inches from the top.) Chill until set, 1 to 2 hours. Cut off end of milk carton with a knife. Loosen Skrunch with spatula and slip out of carton or slit milk carton lengthwise at one corner and remove. Does not require refrigeration after loaf is set. Makes about 1 pound or enough to fill a 1-quart container 3/4 full.

Note: To make free form shapes, cool about 15 minutes in the bowl and shape as desired.



UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TREE made of maize heads was designed by Mrs. Don Spain. The tree is sprayed with green paint and lights adorn it, blinking on and off. The cat, King George, takes a big bite from it after looking it over for a while. The tree is on display at Olton Farm Supply.

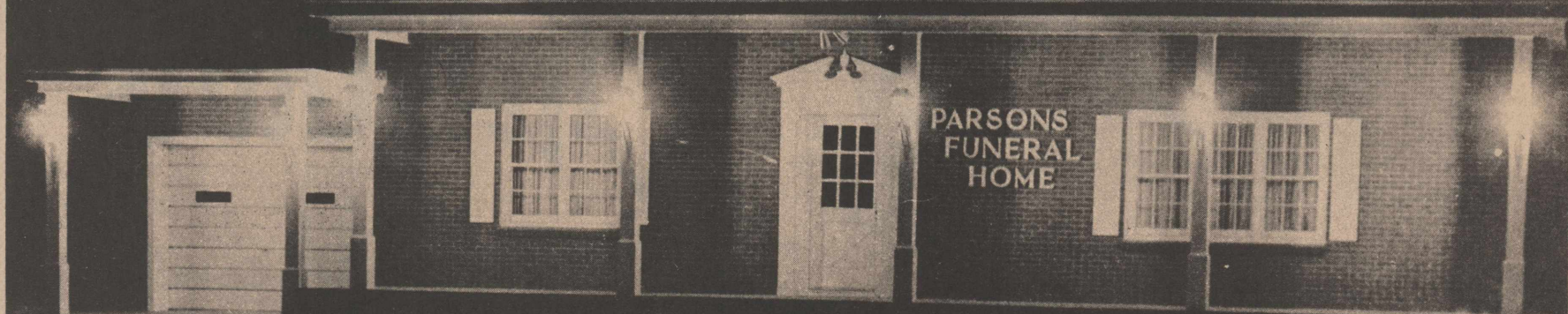


At this splendid time of the year, we hope you and your family are rejoicing for all the beautiful things that Christmas brings. We rejoice in your good will. It is gratifying to serve you, and hope we can continue to do so.

THE OLTON ENTERPRISE

Sue, Mozelle, Juanita, Margaret, Lily May, Maenette

Season's Good Wishes



PARSONS FUNERAL HOME

With sincere gratitude for the warm friendships which we have enjoyed, we extend greetings of the season to all of you, whose good will and loyalty we count among our most cherished possessions. May the holidays find you in hearty good health, surrounded by devoted family and friends.

Percy & Margaret Parsons

CHILDREN VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Struve had in their home during the weekend their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramey of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Struve and Shelli.

IN LAMESA

While on a recent business trip to Lamesa Mrs. V. L. Smith visited her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith and children, and her granddaughter, Mrs. Mickey Flannigan.

VISITS DAUGHTER

S. F. Bennett flew to Dallas Saturday where he will stay about two weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Velva Hardison, and her daughters, Mrs. Wink Dye and Mrs. Harold Buerk.

DAUGHTER VISITS

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Curtis were their son-in-law, daughter and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Garrison, Kerry and Jana of Friona.

Tax Man Sam Sez

Farmers can now obtain copies of the 1969 edition of the "Farmer's Tax Guide," Publication 225, according to Ellis Campbell, Jr., District Director of Internal Revenue for Northern Texas.

The new tax laws enacted last year are fully explained in the 1969 edition of "Farmer's Tax Guide."

Featured in this year's booklet is an example of a complete farm return, with all required schedules, and a listing of important Federal tax dates to remember.

The publication, written in non-technical language, contains in chapter four many examples of how farm transactions are treated for Federal income tax purposes.

Although primarily written to help farmers prepare their 1968 tax return, the "Guide" is useful as a reference throughout the year.

The booklet is available free of charge from your county agricultural agent or by dropping a post card to Supply, Internal Revenue Service, P. O. Box 1738, Dallas, Texas 75221.

NEPHEW VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberts had as a recent guest Mrs. Roberts' nephew, Curtis Lambert of Fort Worth.



OLTON PRESENTS-- Taralena Machel Cole, seven month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cole. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lee Stamps of Childress, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stamps, also of Childress, are great-grandparents. The little lady has one great-great-grandmother, Mrs. E. G. Stamps of Childress, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cole of Earth are paternal grandparents and Mrs. Alice Martin of Earth is her great-grandmother.

SATURDAY VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Banister visited in Plainview Saturday with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Banister, and with Mrs. Banister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walker.

VISIT SON

Mrs. Freddie Mae Hysinger visited Sunday in Hereford with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hysinger and children.

GO CAROLING

Friday evening the Intermediate GAS, their leaders and a group of children went to the homes of local shut-ins. Christmas carols were sung.

IN PLAINVIEW

Mrs. E. M. Venable and Mrs. Shirley Brooks shopped in Plainview Thursday.

Christmas Greetings

For all our friends and neighbors we send this Yuletide wish. May the joy of Christmas meet and mingle with the happiness in your heart. May the spirit of Christmas ever dwell with you.

Tasty Cream

Hazel And Wallace Mathews

Merry Christmas

Bright and happy wishes are coming your way.

May your hearts be happy and your Christmas merry.

Superior Cleaners

JIM and MARGUERITE

Merry Christmas

Here comes Santa with a sleighful of merriest Christmas wishes for our many kind friends and all those they hold dear. We hope your holiday will be an especially joyous one, holding a wealth of happy hours. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve you, and we thank you for your most kind patronage.

CONSUMERS

Barton, Neva, Bill, Buck, Cassie, Inez, Mildred

Yule Tragedy Can Be Avoided

Somewhere in OUR town, a screaming siren will signal the end of a dream. Perhaps little Mary's dream of a beautiful new doll... fulfilled in the gaiety of Christmas morning... punctured and lost later in the rubble of a fire... because Dad made the mistake of using defective lights on the Christmas tree.

Or, more tragically, will it be Dad himself--faithful to his pledge not to take more than one drink at that holiday cocktail party... but the victim of another driver's carelessness?

At home and on the highways, life's hazards are amplified and even multiplied during the Christmas holiday season, the Insurance Information Institute warned today. The Institute pointed out that Christmas, which many regard as the most joyous of holiday periods, can also be the most dangerous.

"Let's keep the jingle bells ringing and the sirens quiet this year," a spokesman urged. "We can do it... by going on the defensive against accidents."

Weather conditions, crowded highways and over-partying have combined to generate more traffic tragedies at Christmas than during any other holiday period, the Institute observed. In the home, too many people in effect invite tragedy by carelessness born of the enthusiasm of the season.

Yuletide accidents at home can be prevented through the exercise of a few simple precautions, the I.I.I. asserted. It offered these suggestions:

...Keep your Christmas tree outside until you are ready to use it. When you set it up, use a sturdy stand that can hold plenty of water and position the tree away from sources of heat. Use flameproof decorations.

...Inspect lighting sets for fraying and loose sockets, and make sure they bear the approved label (UL) of the Underwriters Laboratories. Don't use electric lights on metal trees.

...Plug the light cord into an outlet that can be controlled by a switch some distance from the tree, and always make sure the lights are off when you leave the house or go to bed.

...If you use outdoor lighting, be sure your wiring and electrical equipment are of the kind designed for that purpose.

...Dispose of gift wrappings promptly after gifts have been opened.

...Take the tree down when needles begin to fall, and discard it outside the house. Never burn it in the fireplace or incinerator.

...Be sure there are plenty of ashtrays available to smokers, especially if you are having a party.

...If the children are to receive chemical or electrical toys, use good judgment in selecting them -- and then supervise their use.

Turning to the problem of holiday driving, the Institute acknowledged that the motor habits of a nation are hardly subject to change overnight. Nevertheless, it cautioned, the experience of past years "should have taught us a lesson -- that Christmas is a time to exercise extra care behind the wheel."

Records compiled by the National Safety Council show that in the last three years, vehicle travel during five major holiday periods has been 26 per cent higher than during non-holidays at the same time of year. The holiday periods taken into account are New Year's, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day and Christmas.

Of those holiday seasons, Christmas is the most dangerous of all, the Institute pointed out. In the last five years, countrywide, 3,820 persons have lost their lives in highway crashes occurring during the Christmas holidays, for an average of 294 deaths a day.

"It's a good bet that each and every one of those persons would have laughed at the suggestion that 'you're next,'" I.I.I. said. "It's also a good bet that most of them would have been alive today if they or the people they were driving with had been a little more careful."

"You may consider yourself to be a good driver," the Institute continued, "but keep an eye on the guy in the next car. His carelessness may cost you your life."

SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Livesay had as guests Sunday their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Harst and Gregg of Lubbock. Another guest was Ronnie Duncan of Amarillo who is a student of Texas Tech.

DAUGHTERS VISIT

Visiting Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hair were their daughters, Mrs. Ronald Fancher and Mrs. Leon Kendall of Lubbock.

FATHER VISITS

Bert Reynolds of Clovis, N. M. spent Sunday with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Reynolds, Lonnie, Martha and Randy.

Christmas Blessings

This we wish you--hale and hearty health, tranquility of mind, happiness of spirit. Have a Merry Christmas!

Wayne's Printing Co.

Wayne, Glenda & Timmy

Christmas Greetings

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

White Auto

Nig And Major James

Bud, Ronnie, Edisy, Wilma

Woman's Page



MRS. RAY COPELAND

Recipes Of The Week

Mrs. Ray Copeland shares some of her families favorite recipes with Enterprise readers this week.

The mother of three moved to the Olton community when she was a senior and graduated from Olton High School.

Gladys Malone and Ray Copeland will soon have been married 38 years. They had lived all their married life at their farm home east of Olton until moving this fall to their new home just south of town. The couple has twin daughters, Mrs. Sammy Thomas (Caron) and Mrs. Landon Smith (Sharon). They have one son, Bobby, who recently moved to Dumas. Gladys and Ray have seven grandchildren.

Playing with the grandchildren is one of Gladys' favorite pastimes. She also loves to sew. Golfing is a hobby that she may enjoy even more since her new home is so near the golf course.

Gladys will continue her membership in the West Side Club - a club formed by the women in the community she moved from. She is also a member of First Baptist Church.

DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

Bake in 350 degree oven.

2 c. sugar
2/3 c. shortening
2 eggs (cream all three ingredients together)
add 1/2 c. sour milk
1 tsp. vanilla
1/8 tsp. salt
1 tsp. soda
1 c. warm water - Leave enough of warm water to dissolve soda and add to mixture last. This will make a nice three layer cake. Ice with your favorite chocolate icing. Nuts may be added to icing if desired.

RETURN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hackler returned Friday from Sentinell and Sayre, Okla. where they attended Mrs. Hackler's mother, Mrs. Alice Richardson. Although her condition is improved at last report she was in the Sayre hospital.

BROTHER-IN-LAW DIES

Mrs. John B. Lilley of Hart, Mrs. Bud Henson of Clovis, N. M., Mrs. Elaine Carmack and Mrs. A. B. Jeffery returned Saturday night from Winesboro where they were called Thursday because of the death of their brother-in-law, Edward C. Allen, who passed away of a heart attack while he and his wife were attending his mother in a Winesboro hospital. Allen, 55, was a former resident of Olton. During a time he was a law officer for this city. His mother, Mrs. Sophronia Allen, 81, passed away Sunday. Last rites were held Friday, Dec. 13 for Allen and Tuesday, Dec. 17, for his mother. Interment for both was at Van.

WEEKEND VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Murry Machen visited during the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cottrell and Jackie of Gruver.

LUNCHEON GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Lawson had as luncheon guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Edker Timmins of Dimmitt.

Gassiott-Lewis

Vows To Be Said

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 7 p. m. Friday evening at the First Baptist Church between Miss Joanna Lewis and Powell Ralph Gassiott III.

Friends and relatives are invited.

TO VISIT SISTER

Mrs. Lavelle Elkins will visit during Christmas with her sister, Mrs. L. G. Elkins and family.

REUNION HELD

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hall attended a reunion of the descendants of Hall's father, the late J. J. Hall. The event was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Hamby of Plainview. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Hall of Abilene and son Tommy of Texas Tech; Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Rector of Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Eubanks, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Seals, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamby, Mrs. Minnie McCain and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Onsbay all of Plainview. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall of Edmonson and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hamby and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Rector, Kelli and Todd, of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. James Hall and Tommy and the Rectors are former residents of Olton.

GRANDDAUGHTER VISITS

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Jennings had as visitors in their home Sunday afternoon their grand daughter, Mrs. Ted Holsumback of Lubbock and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Jack Holsumback of Plainview.

HEREFORD GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hollingsworth of Hereford visited Wednesday with Mrs. Hollingsworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barden.



SANDRA LINN GREGORY

Engagement Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gregory Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Linn to Rickey Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.

The bride-elect is a 1968 graduate of OHS and is attending West Texas State University. She was an OHS cheerleader for two years. Co-editor of a teen column in the Enterprise, she won first in feature writing in Texas Interscholastic League State competition.

The prospective bridegroom, also a 1968 OHS graduate, was a member of the Mustang football squad, serving as tri-captain his senior year. He was president of FFA his senior year and was selected Mr. FFA. He is a freshman at West Texas State University.

The couple plan a summer wedding.

LUNCHEON GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Goforth had as recent luncheon guests their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Max Goforth, Miles and Demita of Hereford. Other luncheon guests of the Goforths were their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, Connie and Tonie of Lubbock and Mrs. Goforth's mother, Mrs. Janie Way of Springlake.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dickenson expect as visitors Sunday their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Dickenson, Karen and Gail of Midland, W. B. Dickenson Jr., Gary and Chesna. Friends who are expected to spend Sunday with the Dickensons are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans of Plainview.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Mattie Boone was admitted last weekend to a Littlefield Hospital.

Greetings

Here's to you, our good friends and patrons... our sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving you and best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Kelley's

May we take this opportunity

To Announce

the transfer of

NEAL BOOKKEEPING AND TAX SERVICE

to

W. B. McMILLAN BOOKKEEPING AND TAX SERVICE

Mr. McMillan will maintain the same office location in Earth and will continue to offer the same service and assistance which you have been receiving.

W.B. McMILLAN

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

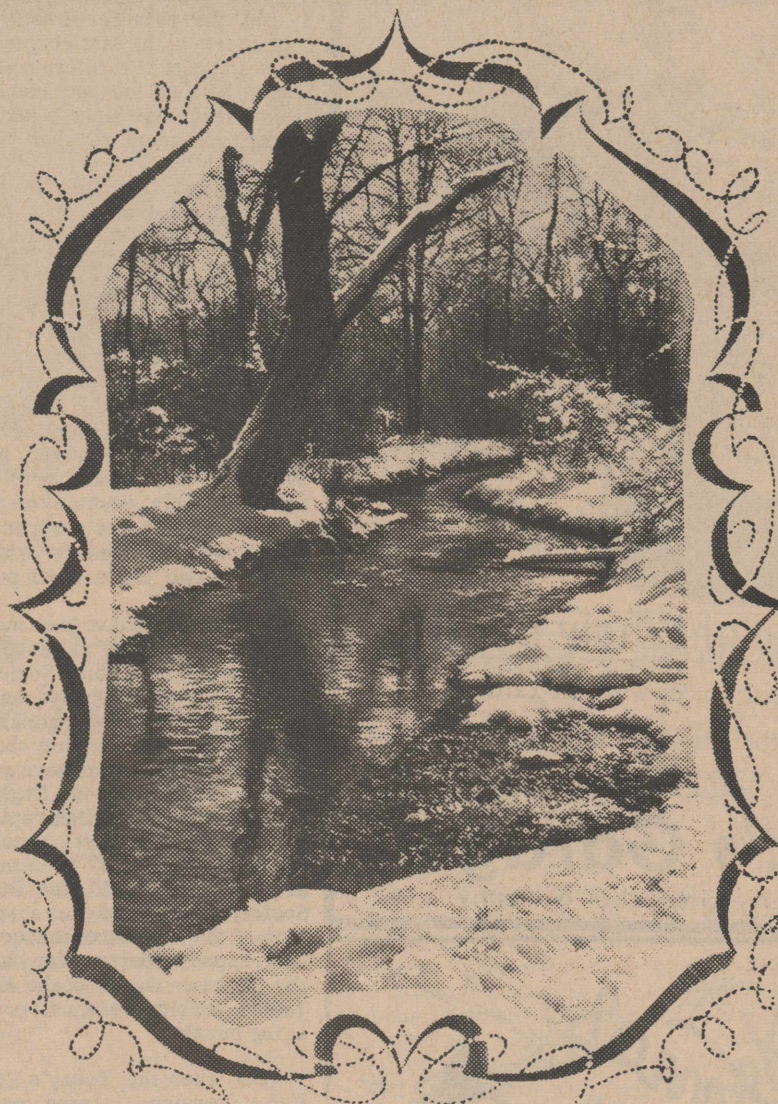
Miss Rheta Hulse, student of Texas Woman's College, at Denton will be home this weekend to spend the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hulse, Kathleen and Connie.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Saul Etspeil and sons of Denver will arrive Dec. 20 to visit Mrs. T. D. Lewis and other relatives of this area.

IN PLAINVIEW

Mrs. F. M. Holland visited in Plainview and Lubbock Monday and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Price Holland and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Holland and Darrell.



Our good

wishes for

a Happy

and Healthy

Holiday

to all our

friends.

We thank you

for your

most kind

support.

OLTON FURNITURE

—CHRISTMAS SPECIALS—

Bunk Beds complete \$69.95

Recliners \$49.95

Hide-A-Bed & Chair \$149.95



Santa Claus is here!

His pack is

brimming with gifts of joy and laughter . . . gifts of happy hours

. . . gifts of friendship and good will. From jolly old St. Nick and us,

Merry Christmas.

Community Hospital Staff



Silent night, holy night
We raise our voices with the carolers to sing the praises of this happy season. A joyful Christmas to all!

Doc's Garage
Doc & Lily Limbucker & Kenny

Merry Christmas



As happy families everywhere gather together to celebrate this most festive of seasons, we take pleasure in extending to you our hope that all the joys of Christmas fill your home.

KENNETH CAMPBELL OIL
Kenneth & Colleen



A message for Christmas
To you, our good friends and customers, we're extending warm wishes for a bright and merry holiday season abounding with good cheer, fellowship and joy. And, with deep appreciation, we send along our many thanks for your thoughtful consideration all year. Serving you has indeed been our deepest pleasure and privilege.

OLTON GRAIN CO-OP
FRITZ and GLADYS RICHARDS

New Look At Old Literature

"Avoid discussing politics and religion," runs the familiar advice to the hosts. "If you would have pleasant conversation at your dinner party."

But the balance sheets of publishers in the last couple of years indicate that religion may indeed be a subject for discussion that interests today's dinner guests more than any others.

Proof of this lies in the distribution reports of a 600 page paperback volume which bears the title, "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version. It's translation into language as contemporary as the morning newspaper.

In a country in which it has generally been assumed that everyone who wanted a Bible had one, this version of the New Testament was snapped up by 12 million readers within the first two years of its publication.

No one could have been more surprised than its publishers, the American Bible Society. The new translation had originally been intended primarily for persons, both in this country and abroad, who were relative newcomers to the English language. With English rapidly becoming the most popular "second language" in most areas of the world, the Bible Society felt a need for a version of the Scriptures that could be grasped by persons for whom the archaic usages of the King James Version were a discouraging puzzle.

But when the Today's English Version came out in September, 1966, it quickly caught on with many other persons as well. Some of the more enthusiastic response came not from readers new to the English language but from a segment of the population presumably highly skilled in its use—students on college campuses.

The reaction of many persons to the modern version may be summed up in the comment of a 12-year old girl: "This can't be the Bible," she said as she glanced up from the pages. "I can understand it!"

Gone, in Today's English Version, are the "thees" and "thous," the "verilys" and "untos." Current measurements of time and distance help the present-day reader make sense out of parables and historical accounts.

In the parable of the three servants, the master gave to the first servant "five thousand dollars, to the other two thousand dollars, and to the other one thousand dollars. Then he left on his trip." The

The pert drawings, so unlike conventional Biblical art, use the same economy of line as do political cartoons to convey a mood, a situation.

Her Pharisee strolls imperiously past the Temple pillar, hands piously folded over an ample belly and a holier-than-thou tilt to his smug face.

Her Prodigal Son sits on a rock in utter despair amid three amiable, fat pigs.

Her anxious Shepherd searches for his lost, curly lamb through a thicket of even curlier shrubbery in a design reminiscent of the how-many-birds-can-you-find-in-this-

King James account of this incident uses the word "talent" for the monetary delinquent, thereby confusing many a Church School teacher.

Times of day are clarified in the TEV. "It was getting on toward evening when Joseph of Arimathea arrived."

The words of Jesus take on a new immediacy in the new version. "Which of you can live a few more years by worrying about it?" "Look at the birds flying around; they do not plant seeds, gather a harvest, and put it in barns. Your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth much more than birds?"

Nor does the new version mince words in dealing with "the facts of life." The Christmas story in Luke states that Joseph went to Bethlehem "to register himself with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have the baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger—there was no room for them to stay in the inn."

One reviewer writing in the Saturday Review characterized the style of the Today's English Version as "racy vernacular." It includes such expressions as "good-for-nothing," "show-offs," and "be quick about it, friend"—the latter being Jesus' words to Judas as he was about to betray his master.

A major contribution to the popularity of the TEV, as the Bible Society refers to the new translation, has come from the unusual illustrations generously sprinkled throughout the text. They are simple but sprightly line drawings, done by the Swiss-born artist Annie Vallotton who now makes her home in Paris.

Their recommendations were carefully weighed, but the finished product is basically the work of Dr. Bratcher.

The enthusiastic response to be given the TEV New Testament was indicated in the first letter to reach the Society after the book's publication on September 15, 1966. A Methodist pastor in New Jersey wrote: "I am using copies in my confirmation class. Last night one of the young people said, 'This Bible's really great; I can really understand it.'"

A hospital chaplain reported "a positive physical reaction among patients when I used the TEV at the Protestant chapel services... They all sat right up, listened intently... and wondered why they had never heard this message before... They spoke about the words 'coming alive' for the first time."

A 15-year old boy from Virginia wrote: "I had been searching for a long time for a New Testament which spoke to God like I do—'you' instead of 'thou' etc., and also gave the message in simple direct English without all those hifalutin' words... I was about to give up in despair... Then yours hit me. I flipped for it. I love it—the format, the pictures, the translation itself—especially the translation..."

picture puzzles of children's magazines.

Translator of the TEV New Testament was the Rev. Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, of the translations staff of the American Bible Society. The son of missionaries to Brazil, Dr. Bratcher developed a sensitivity to languages early in life and added to this skill the technical competence of academic training.

He worked almost exclusively from the manuscript of an up-dated edition of the Greek New Testament, published by the United Bible Societies only a few months before the TEV came out.

Dr. Bratcher worked mostly at home, writing out his manuscript in longhand. Each evening, with the family at the supper table, he would ask his wife or one of their three children to read aloud his day's work. If the reader faltered over a phrase Dr. Bratcher re-worked it until the words came easily and naturally.

"The hardest part was trying to blot out all my academic and theological training and put myself in the shoes of a reader for whom English might be only a second language," he recalled.

Once a portion of the translation passed muster at the Bratcher supper table, it was duplicated and copies sent to 20 outstanding Bible scholars and translators for further suggestions.

There have been some who have criticized the TEV for not possessing the majesty and the beauty of the English of the King James Version.

Dr. Bratcher is the first to acknowledge that the TEV is not expected to wipe out the more traditional versions. "Ideally, of course, there should be three translations in each of the major languages," he said, "a traditional version like the King James, a version for scholars like the Jerusalem Bible, and common language translation that can constantly be brought up to date as the language changes."

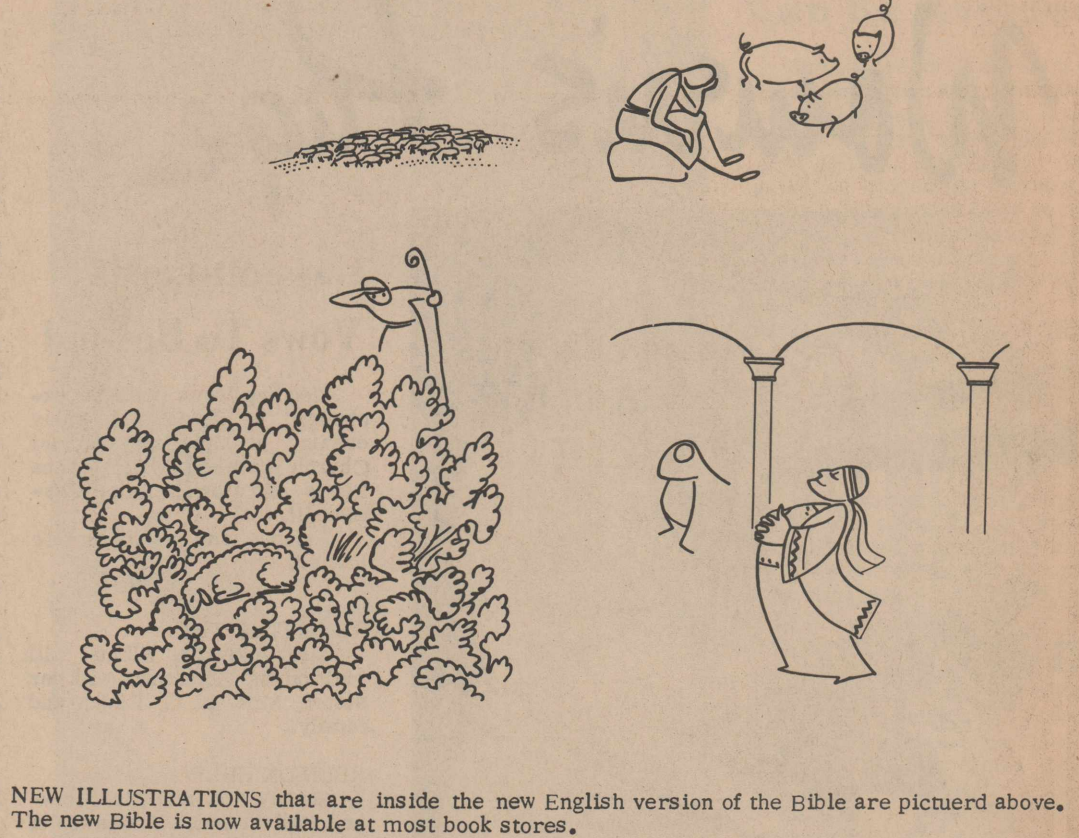
Dr. Bratcher and his associates are convinced that their efforts toward the latter are worthwhile when they receive letters like the one from an inmate of a rehabilitation

center for drug addicts. After reading the TEV he wrote: "I never realized there was so much good common sense in the Bible. I wish I had read it before I got hooked. But now I need (its) power to keep me clean."

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NEW ILLUSTRATIONS that are inside the new English version of the Bible are pictured above. The new Bible is now available at most book stores.

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SON VISITS
Noble Anderson of Lubbock was in Olton Monday visiting his mother, Mrs. L. O. Langley.

VISITS PARENTS
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Strait visited in Amarillo Saturday with Mrs. Strait's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ayers.

RETURN HOME
Mr. and Mrs. Alva Kersh returned Wednesday night of last week from Victoria where they visited with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Follis, Vicki, Diane, Connie and Lowell.

VISIT SON
Bro. and Mrs. Raymon Carson spent Sunday night in Amarillo with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Carson, Cynthia, Clay and Ray.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS
Connie Brown came home Monday evening from West Texas State University to spend the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brown Jr., Glenn and Mike.

GREETINGS



May the blessings of this Christmas abound for you and yours! The sincere wish from your friends at

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Christmas Cheer



All the best wishes to our good friends.

Peggy's Beauty Salon
Peggy & Clovis
Receptionists: Mabel Mathis
Hairdresser: Evelyn Fincher

FRIDAY GUESTS

Pat Hedges, David Wheat and Allan McClure spent Friday night with Monty Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Watson.

MOTHER VISITS

Mrs. W. D. McKay of Hale Center spent Monday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Nivens.

SUNDAY VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Welch called Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hukill of Fieldton.

CHILDREN VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Ellis had as guests Friday afternoon and night their daughter and grandchildren, Mrs. Charles Schwab, Michael and Kelley of Clovis, N. M., Saturday night and Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ellis had in their home their son and his family from Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ellis and Tiwana and Sunday also visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Ellis were their son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ellis, Shirley and Gayla Jo of Amarillo.

DAUGHTER VISITS

Mrs. Ozella Buck, Donnie and Richard of Lubbock came Sunday to visit Mrs. Buck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Butler.

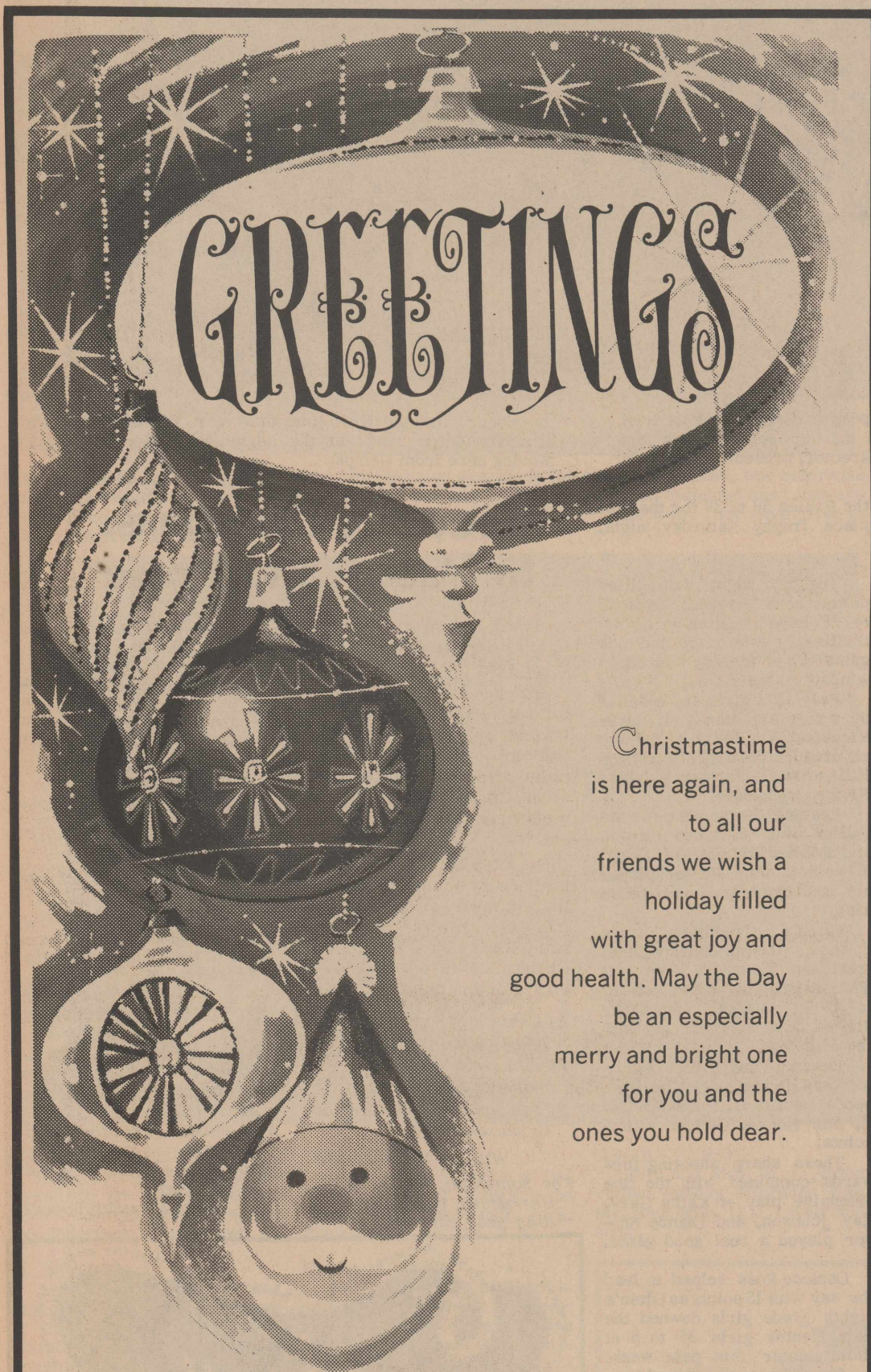
IN CORPUS CHRISTI

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Giles and Barry visited recently in Corpus Christi with Giles' uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Seago.



JUNIOR HIGH BAND, under direction of Fred Stockdale, plays during the annual Band Concert which was held Dec. 15 in the high school auditorium. Other bands included the High School

and sixth grade bands, both under direction of Fred Stockdale. Olton High School Choir, under direction of Mrs. Bob Allford, sang following the band performances.



Christmastime is here again, and to all our friends we wish a holiday filled with great joy and good health. May the Day be an especially merry and bright one for you and the ones you hold dear.

Givens Texaco

K. Y., Jolene, Myrle, Kay & Sunee Sahow

Black Coffee Doesn't Sober Up Drunks Only Time Can Erase Effects Of Alcohol

Black coffee doesn't sober up drunks -- it just keeps some of them awake, the Texas Safety Association noted today while warning the state's drivers not be misled by false notions about drinking and driving.

"Many drivers wrongly believe they can end an evening's drinking spree with a couple of cups of black coffee, get in their cars and drive home safely. This dependence upon the non-existent sobering effect of black coffee just puts wide awake drunks behind the wheel," Robert F. Miller, Vice President for Traffic Safety said.

"Contrary to popular belief, coffee will not overcome the effects of alcohol -- only time and body processes can accomplish this."

The Safety Association official also dispels the notion that a full stomach helps sober folks up. It may tend to slow the rate at which alcohol is absorbed into the blood stream, but it doesn't keep the alcohol from reaching the brain -- it only delays it.

The most important factors contributing to alcoholic influence are the amount of alcohol absorbed into the blood and the amount of time allowed for the elimination of this alcohol.

Miller emphasized that the Safety Association is not taking issue with the merits of coffee as a beverage, nor is it presumptuous enough to suggest that no adult driver can have one drink with his dinner and an hour later get behind the wheel of his

car and drive safely.

"In fact, a research study reported by the Secretary of Transportation to Congress, show the driving ability of many normal adults is not often severely influenced by having two drinks in two hours.

Miller pointed out that a chart based on body weight has been published by the Baton Rouge Area Council on Alcoholism to show levels of intoxication in relation to consumption. The chart indicates that the average adult driver in good health weighing 120 pounds may have three drinks in a four-hour period and rarely be under the influence of alcohol. If he adds a fourth drink, he may possibly be affected; but with a fifth drink in that four-hour period, he is definitely intoxicated and his driving ability will be affected.

An adult weighing 160 pounds could have four drinks in a four-hour period and be legally sober in most states. If he adds another drink, he becomes possibly intoxicated. Two more, or a total of seven, drinks in that four-hour period and he becomes definitely intoxicated.

An adult driver weighing 200 pounds could have as many as five drinks in a four-hour period and rarely be under the influence of alcohol. If he adds a sixth drink, he is possibly influenced and with another two to three drinks, he is definitely intoxicated.

In the body weight charts, one drink is figured as one ounce of 100 proof liquor or 12 ounces of beer. A person is presumed to be intoxicated when the blood alcohol concentration reaches .10 or more.

While the body weight charts do show how much the average adult driver may drink before he is definitely intoxicated, Mr. Miller warned that other factors such as health, fatigue, emotional condition, food intake, type of alcoholic beverage and drinking habits, also affect levels of alcohol influence.

He also cautioned drivers that during the period the body is eliminating alcohol, they may be easily convinced that they are no longer feeling the effects of alcohol and that they are sober. "This may be a delusion," he added. "The individual is falsely comparing his peak feelings of impairment with the declining impairment that he feels as his body eliminates the alcohol from his blood. He is not sober. He is only making a

dangerously false comparison."

"The Safety Association is releasing this information as a recent Texas medical study shows that 68 percent of persons killed in one-car crashes and 42 percent of those killed in multiple-car accidents had blood alcohol concentrations of .10 or more at the time of their death."

"To be sure and safe," Miller concluded -- "don't drink if you have to drive."

NOTE TO EDITOR: Texas study was conducted in Bexar County over a 10 year period.

LIGHTING HINTS

Christmas lights help make the holiday season bright. To keep the season joyous make sure to take proper precautions with holiday decorations, cautions Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Check all lights for frayed wires and short circuits. Discard home-repaired and other dangerous electrical equipment. Also be prudent in your use of holiday bulbs. A few can go a long way toward brightening your holiday and save your electrical circuits unwanted strain.

Lore and Legend Express Happy Mood of Season

From home to home, from country to country, Yule celebrations abound. The happy traditions of gift giving, home decorating, carol singing, card sending, candle lighting and tree trimming express the merriment of the season.

Popular folk customs of nation after nation have been absorbed into the international legend and lore of the Yuletide. Yet virtually every nation -- and every home and family, too -- has its special way of celebrating Christmas, and its special memories of Christmas past.

Carrying in Straw

Straw is a traditional part of Christmas celebrations in Sweden -- in probable remembrance of the first Christmas when there was straw in the manger.

While "carrying in the Christmas straw" is a tradition rather than a modern custom, Swedish people still make straw and wooden figures to hang on their Christmas trees.

"San Tan Lou Yin"

In Hong Kong, Santa Claus goes by the name of "San Tan You Lin."

The Hong Kong department

stores employ elderly men who are specially costumed for the season. Just like Santa Claus, San Tan You Lin is present for the purpose of holding the youngsters on his knee and listening to their requests for gifts.

Log Had Charms

In ancient Germany, the Yule log was known as the "Christbrand." One belief held that if the charred log was placed in a cornbin, it would act as a charm to ward off mice.

If the weather turned stormy, the Christbrand was quickly brought back to the fire. While it burned, superstition said, the house was safe from lightning.

Going "Mumming"

"Mumming" is a Yule custom that originated in early England. Mummers, masked and in costume, silently enacted ritual plays about the death of winter and the old year.

The custom still survives in some parts of the world, although the plays are no longer performed. Today mummers usually entertain with dancing and instrumental music. They are rewarded with treats.



A Joyous Christmas

A most bountiful holiday is our wish for you; cherished friendships happy laughter of happy children, and the good will of all men. Have the merriest of all Christmases!

Howard Hall Insurance Agency



Merry Christmas

to you and yours!

A most bountiful holiday is our wish for you; cherished friendships happy laughter of happy children, and the good will of all men. Have the merriest of all Christmases!

Olton Paint And Body

Jimmy And Uleta Jenkins



Our heartfelt thanks! May all of your gifts be wrapped in holiday spirit, your tree be decked with good things.

TURNER OIL CO.

Rush & Dood




Greetings

On this joyous day, we ask that the boundless love of the Christ Child surround you and your family, always.

Jeffrey Lumber

Albert And Prudy



Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors... as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

OLTON DRUG

Ira Foster And Ray Culwell

VISIT SON

Mr. and Mrs. George Kidd visited last week with their son Don who is in Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque, N. M. Don is doing well following surgery he received several weeks ago.

DIMMITT GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Edker Timmins of Dimmitt visited Sunday morning with Mrs. Pink Lawson. They attended Sunday morning worship services at the Main Street Church of Christ.

Basketball Results

Olton's seventh and eighth grade boys journeyed to Hale Center Monday night and continued their winning ways by coming home with two wins.

Nineteen to fifteen was the score of the seventh grade game with James Harris and Mark Hodges both scoring six points each. Vic Allcorn turned in a good defensive game.

In the eighth grade game Olton won 30 to 18. High point was Otto Vera with 12 points, followed by Keith Workman with nine and Danny Harris with seven points.

Sophomore Mike Parsons helped put the icing on the cake here Tuesday night as he sank two free shots with 15 seconds remaining in the boys game. Giving the Mustangs a three point victory over the visiting Farwell boys 55 to 52.

Kenneth Johnson led the way throughout the game with 24 rebounds and 22 points. Joe Schultz had 14 points and Charles A. McClain 12 points for the night.

It was a real close game with Olton taking the lead for good in the third quarter. Farwell pulled within one point of the Mustangs late in the fourth quarter only to have Parsons drop in the two points for the extra margin of victory.

Tuesday night the B-team boys downed the Farwell boys in a thriller 45 to 40 here in Olton. Leading the scoring for the Mustangs were Joel Nelson 16, Steve Culwell 13, and Luis Rey with 6 points.

Last Thursday night the B-team boys squeaked past the Springlake B-team 33 to 29. Steve Culwell was the leading scorer in that game with 16 points.

Olton's varsity boys played in the Springlake-Earth tournament winning third place last weekend.

Olton's first game was against Sudan. The Mustangs were the victors by downing the Hornets 58 to 37.

Seagraves dropped the Mustangs for a defeat in their second game of the tournament. Putting Olton into the play off bracket for third place.

Olton drew Floydada in the third round and easily outscored the Whirlwinds 76 to 66 for the victory and the third place trophy with Coach Saul substituting freely among his players.

Leading the way for the Mustangs in tournament scoring for the weekend was Charles A. McClain with 59 points. Kenneth Johnson had 46 points and a terrific job of rebounding with

53 rebounds for the three games.

High lighting girls basketball action this week was the second place trophy from the Springlake-Earth tournament.

Olton's Fillies downed the Sudan girls 31 to 25 for their first win of the tournament. This win put them into the finals against the Springlake-Earth team.

Springlake-Earth outscored

the Fillies 59 to 39 for the first place trophy Saturday night.

Tuesday night the Fillies downed the Farwell girls 31 to 28 here in Olton in a real thriller. It was a nip and tuck game all of the way with Olton winding up the victor.

Farwell's girls are coached by a former Olton girl, Gayle Nicholas. Gayle is a former all district forward for the Olton Fillies and a former Wayland Flying Queen also.

Leading the scoring for the Fillies was Kathleen Carson and Leslie Norfleet with 17 and 10 points. Pam Foster played an excellent game on defense also.

Olton's freshmen girls downed the Springlake-Earth freshmen 53 to 25 here last Thursday night. Olton led 29 to 12 at the half and never slowed down to finish out with the 53 points.

Leading the Fillies scoring was Donna Sorley 14, Rebecca Hodges 12, Teresa Wilks 11, and Bonnie Offield with 6 points.

These sharp shooting forwards combined with the fine defensive play of Kathy Gary, Kay Johnson, and Dianne Snider played a real good game.

Doniece Ross helped to lead the way with 15 points as Olton's eighth grade girls downed the Hale Center girls 35 to 5 at Hale Center this past week.

Patsy Garza and Cheryl Latimer had seven points each also. Starting guards for the game for Olton were Sheree Meinecke, Debra Graham, and Judie Truelock.

SUNDAY VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Blalack spent Sunday in Amarillo visiting Mrs. Blalack's son and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mason and Shannon.

ATTEND DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Adams, Bill, Winona and Sharman attended the annual Christmas dinner and party at the Camp of The El Paso Gas Company Thursday evening. The event which was held in the vacant house #11 at the camp, featured turkey and ham with all the traditional trimmings. Others attending the dinner and party were Mrs. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex V. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morgan, Debbie, Denise, Lesa and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Townsend and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Townsend, Gregg and Trent, Mr. and Mrs. Mutt Orr and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hill, Brad and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crisp and Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cummings and Mrs. Frank Jackson and Steve. Frank Jackson was on duty at the tower.



OLTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND appear in concert at the annual band concert which was held in the high school auditorium Sunday, Dec. 15. Fred Stockdale, director, presented his bands

in concert for the first time this year. Stockdale began instructing Olton bands at the beginning of the school year, moving here from Pampa.

Honoring Christmas, In Poetry and Prose

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all year."

So wrote Charles Dickens, for whom Christmas was a favorite topic — so much so that most people, asked to name someone who wrote about Christmas, would immediately answer, "Dickens."

Not only Dickens, but almost every writer, from the little-known to the famous, has been inspired at some time in his career to "honor Christmas" in prose or poetry. For instance —

At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth.
But like of each thing that in season grows.

William Shakespeare
For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through,

The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.

John Greenleaf Whittier
England was merry England, when
Old Christmas brought his sports again.
Sir Walter Scott

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And soft and sweet the words repeat,
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

So shall we learn to understand
The simple faith of shepherds then,
And clasping kindly hand in hand,
Sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

James Russell Lowell



Christmas Greetings

The peaceful calm of the land wearing a blanket of fresh snow gives great and simple dignity to His house. As Christians everywhere proudly celebrate the Birth of the Saviour, we take pause to offer a prayer of thanks for the good and wondrous teachings bestowed upon us through Him. May your holiday be filled with true joy and peace...

OLTON CO-OP GIN



May
the joy of Christmas
surround you and yours!

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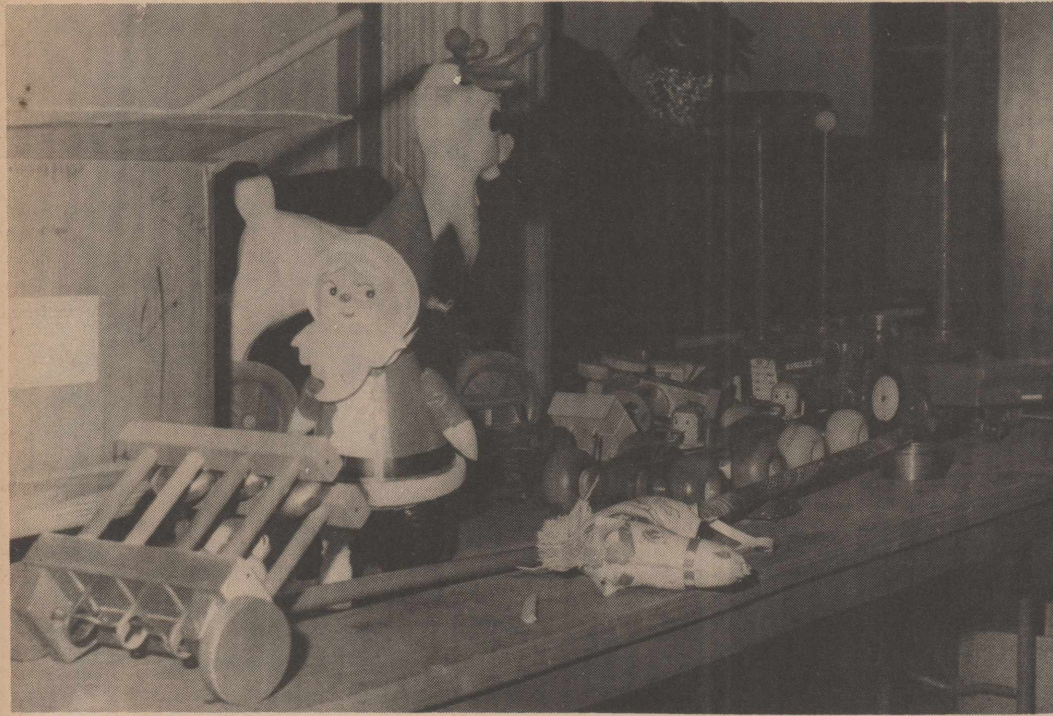
Christmas Greetings

As we greet the Christmas season, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank our friends for their kind support during the past year.

Circle Gin



DOLLS, DOLLS, DOLLS, and other repaired toys are ready for some needy child, who otherwise might not receive any toys this year. Men and women of the Baptist Church collected used toys and the women dressed the dolls while the men repaired all kinds of other toys. They were given to the Ministerial Alliance to be distributed to needy families.



HOME FROM HOSPITAL
Mrs. Paul Feathergill returned to her home Tuesday from a Lubbock Hospital where she underwent surgery Dec. 9.

COUSIN VISITS
Mrs. Annie Franklin of Davidson, Okla. is spending the week with her cousin, Mrs. Pearl Hair.

SUNDAY GUESTS
Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Patton visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lively and sons.

IN DIMMITT
Mrs. Myrtle Clayton and Mrs. Marvel Carouthers were in Dimmitt Sunday afternoon visiting Mrs. Grace White who resides in the Golden Spread Convalescent Home.

IN SHALLOWATER
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Venable and Lonnie, student of South Plains College of Levelland plan to spend Christmas day in Shallowater with Mr. and Mrs. Travis Venable.

TREE PRECAUTIONS

Christmas trees can be the source of much sparkle and add a great deal to the season cheer but they may become safety hazards too, cautions Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. The tree trunk should be sawed at an angle to allow a more rapid in-take of water to keep the tree fresh.

NO FIRE FOR CHRISTMAS

A Merry Christmas is fine, but make it a safe one too, advises Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Check to see that there are no fire hazards in your home. Fires, many caused by carelessness, take thousands of lives and cause billions of dollars worth of damage each year.

DAUGHTER VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lacey will have as guests during the holidays their son-in-law, daughter and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edmonson, Carrie and Bryan of Tulsa, Okla. The Edmonsons will also visit with relatives in Lubbock.

DEPART THURSDAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bostick left Thursday for El Paso where they will meet their son Rex Bostick who is home on 30-day leave from Vietnam. Mr. and Mrs. Bostick will also visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bostick, during the two weeks they plan to be gone.

GRANDDAUGHTER VISITS

Miss Mary Livesay is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Livesay. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Livesay of Pasco, Wash.

VISIT DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Raines have spent a few days this week in Denver City with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wright.

IN AMARILLO

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hyatt and Brenda spent Sunday in Amarillo with Mr. and Mrs. James Ray Hyatt. James Ray is coach at Bonham Junior High School and his wife teaches in an elementary school in Amarillo.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School of The Church of The Nazarene had a Christmas program Wednesday evening at the church. Rev. Bill Burton, pastor, read the scripture. Carols were sung and readings were presented. Treats were given to the members of the Sunday School.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Pink Lawson returned home last week from a Lubbock hospital where she had been for more than three weeks.

VISITS SISTERS

Miss Leta Bell will spend Christmas holidays with her sisters, Mrs. Peral Lowe and Miss Glee Bell who reside in San Angelo.

SATURDAY GUEST

Mrs. A. Hollingsworth of Springlake was a guest Saturday of Mrs. Minnie Simmons.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown Jr. and Mike visited Saturday in Plainview with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vititow.

SAFE HOLIDAYS

Bright holiday spirits can be dampened rapidly if proper precautions are not taken, warns Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Be sure that materials placed around or under your Christmas tree are fireproof and never block an exit with the tree. Have a happy holiday, but have a safe one too.

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At this season of joy our Heavenly
Father, we render thanks to Thee for the gift
of eternal life given so freely in the
person of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. May we
humbly, by faith accept Thy gift.
Amen.



The
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Company



**A MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

In the happy spirit of the
holiday cheer that abounds, may
we offer sincere wishes for a
Merry Christmas to all our friends.

The Yardstick

Plainview



To Greet
You

at Christmas

With fond hopes that all
your holiday dreams come true, we
send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Ruby's Hair Fashions

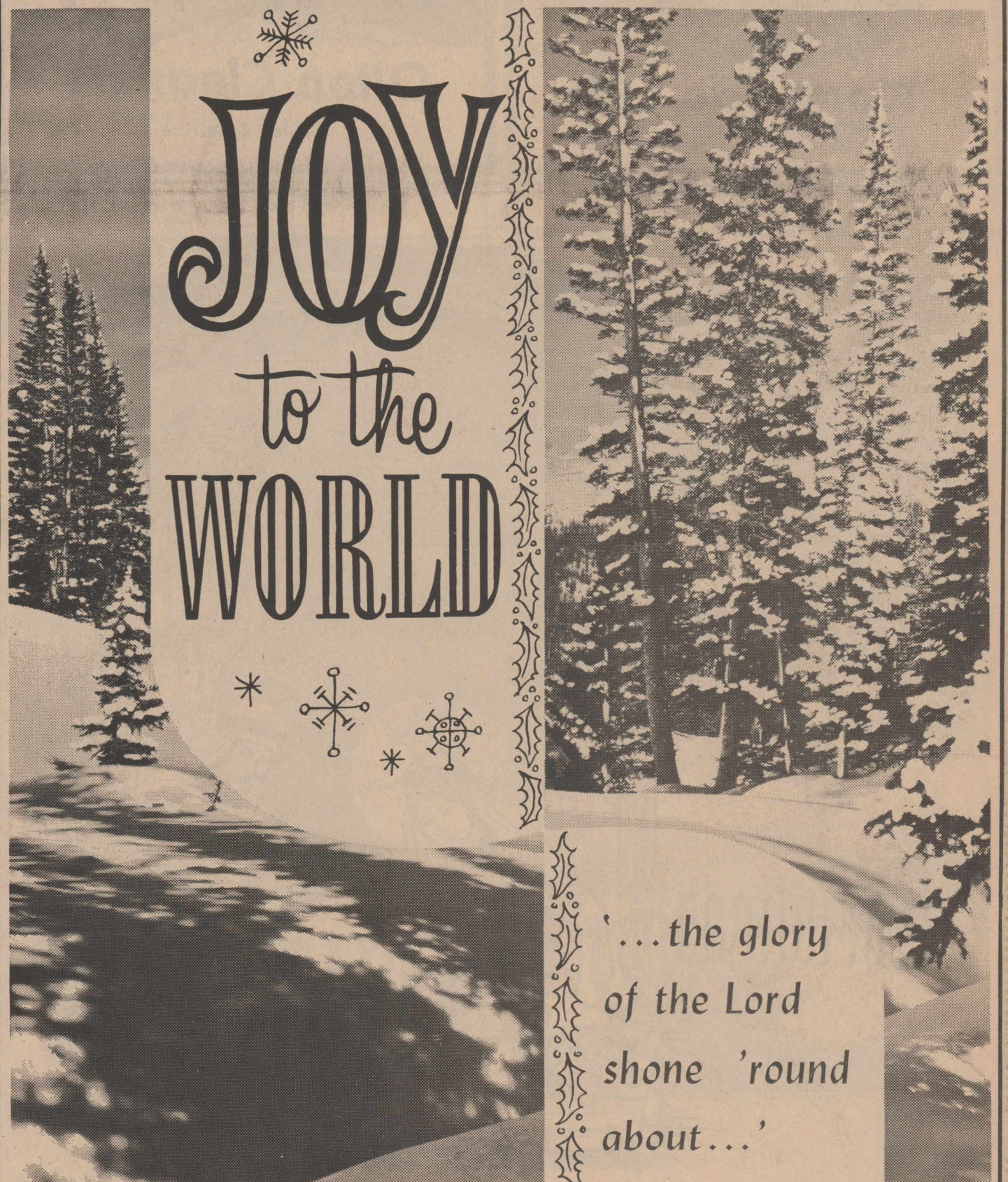
Ruby, Gene, Randy, Martie & Lonnie



When the Holiday Season rolls
'round, it gives us real satisfaction to
be able to say "Merry Christmas"
and "Many Thanks" to all our friends.
Hope your Day is a happy one!

**Walter's Dept.
Store**

Walter & Mae Struve



JOY
to the
WORLD

'...the glory
of the Lord
shone 'round
about...'

The trees stand like mute sentries, shouldering their burden of snow.
No creature stirs, no wind whispers, no twig snaps, no bird calls.

Silently, heart to heart, may Man experience like communion this Christmastime.

ED THOMPSON IMPLEMENT



6th GRADE BAND performs during the annual Band Concert which was held in the high school auditorium Sunday, Dec. 15. This was the first concert for the sixth grade band which had

had only six weeks instruction. Fred Stockdale is the director of the bands. They had marched and performed at some of the football games earlier this year.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS

Mrs. C. H. Smith will have out of town guests Christmas eve, her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, Mike and Mark of Ft. Worth and her grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Huckabee, Littlefield and her sister, Mrs. Faye Parker, Tulsa, Okla.

IN DALHART

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sluder and their daughter, Miss Diana Sluder of Canyon were in Dalhart last weekend attending the "Open House" given by the Sluder's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Finch Jr. who entertained friends and relatives in their new home.

RECENT GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coleman have had recent visitors their daughter and family, Mrs. Hilburn Barrick and family of Abertown, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cortis Coleman, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cortis Coleman.

IN WELLINGTON

Mrs. Russell Strain, Paula and Relda were in Wellington Saturday visiting Mrs. Strain's sister, Mrs. James Richardson. Mrs. Strain and her daughters also attended a pre-nuptial shower at Wellington Saturday for Mrs. Richardson's daughter, Miss Karen Richardson.

ACROSS THE COUNTY LINE

MRS. C.D. TANNER Ph. 889-3820 Halfway

The annual Christmas banquet was held Wednesday night at 7 p. m. at the Halfway Baptist Church. The meal consisted of a turkey supper and all the trimmings. Following the meal "going away" gifts were presented Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall and Roger who are moving to Ora, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Talley, who will make their new home in Plainview. Gifts were exchanged.

The Young Married Couples Department of the Halfway Baptist Church, whose teachers are Winford Smith and Mrs. Claude Fargason, enjoyed a Christmas party and supper at the Congress Inn, Friday night.

Calif. to leave for further sea duty. Joyce and Tracy Ann will stay with her parents, the Harmons, until his return to the U.S.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roberts, and Carl spent Christmas with their son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Parson of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ershel Johnson, Shirley, Cynthia and Steve; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roden, Jr. and Vonda of Amarillo and Steve Burleson were dinner guests of the Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Evans of Plainview Christmas Day. Mrs. Johnson is the Evans' daughter.

D. C. Morris of Post Sunday. Attending were the brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris of Halfway, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Morris and Jo Don of Tulsa, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Thompson of Plains. Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Timmy and Susan and Mrs. Cecil Farrar and Joyce Lawson of Brownfield; Mrs. Chick Childress and two children of Tulsa; and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Morris, Melinda and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morris and Rusty and Mr. and Mrs. James Melton and Renee' all of Post.

BUSINESS TRIP

Mrs. Colleen Bailey and Mrs. V. L. Smith made a business trip to Lamesa last weekend.

BROTHER VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Offield of Littlefield spent Sunday afternoon with Offield's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Offield.

DALLAS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baniester visited in Dallas recently with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chalk Jr.

IN LUBBOCK

Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Waggoner of Sunnyside and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ball shopped in Lubbock Monday.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Joiner of Dimmitt spent Sunday evening in the home of Mrs. Tom Stansell.

SUNDAY VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Powers and Dondi of Dimmitt visited Sunday evening with relatives in Olton.

SON VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ivins and John D. of Brownfield visited Wednesday with Ivins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ivins.

Merry Christmas

It is our sincere wish that the spiritual beauty and festive joy of the Christmas season light up your days with bright hope and happiness.

Northside Gift

BILLIE & JEANETTE

Joyous Noel

This Christmas, we sincerely wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season. May abiding peace and happiness be yours.

Olton Cleaners

Beulah & Bertice

Blessings at Christmas

As we look back upon the scene of His Birth at this holy time, may the glorious message that blessed the world at the Nativity be rekindled in your heart to brighten your life with happiness and understanding. Best wishes for a Christmas rich in the joys of the season.

Farm Chemical & Grain Co.

Sandy Phil David George

A Christmas program and tree was held at the United Methodist Church Sunday night. Hubert Kayler served as narrator with the whole church participating in presenting the nativity scene. The children, Rex Pinkerton, Mark and Parr Hilliard, Paige Pinkerton, Pam Dean, Doug Kayler and Keith Bell sang. Santa Clause made his appearance and bags of fruit were handed out by the M.Y.F. group.

Lt. and Mrs. Clyde Harrell Jr. and Mike of San Antonio visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Harrell, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Pillow, several days during the holiday season.

College students home for the Christmas and New Years vacation period are Elaine and John Hugh Pinkerton, Alice Baumgardner, Laura Wheeler, Iva Tanner, Don Sopher from Texas Tech; Charles Church from Texas A&M; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fargason and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Fargason from the University of Texas; Sue Church, Carl Roberts, Rickey Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Smith, Phil Cox and Shirley Johnson from W.T.S.U.; Darrell Breland from Abilene Christian College; and Connie and Yvonne Emberton from Baylor University.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Oliver and Mrs. Vernon Moffitt, Jr. and David of Rotan visited their daughter and sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Bell, Keith and Ginger, Christmas Day.

Company in the Noah Tipton home Christmas Day was Mr. and Mrs. Dan Allen, Kim, and Brad of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Willingham and Marilyn of Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tipton, Nancy and Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Ward Pinkerton and Tracy Ann are spending a 10-day leave with their parents, Ward Pinkerton and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Harmon. Following the leave Pinkerton will return to San Diego.

The annual Christmas tree and program was held at the Valley View Church Sunday night. Mrs. Leon Griffith and Mrs. Landon Smith were in charge of the program.

Following these services the young people of the church and friends went carolling ending at the C. D. Tanner home for refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goree, Leta, Larry and Randy, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Goree of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pruitt, Tonya, Joe and Andy were weekend guests of Mrs. Goree's and Pruitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Pruitt of Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Langford spent Christmas Eve with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milbern Gibbs of Wellington. Christmas Day they and Langford's parents, who also live in Wellington, drove to Garland for a family get together with his brother and sister and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Don Langford and Mr. and Mrs. Garland Fielding.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hall were in Ora, Mo. from Wednesday until Saturday making ready to move to their new home there Dec. 1.

The Brotherhood of the Halfway Baptist Church met at the church for breakfast Saturday morning. A program on "History of the Southern Baptist Convention and Effects on Christian Missions" was given by Dr. Ivily Bishop.

Men attending were Messrs. Lester Cox, Lewellen Hooper, Clyde Harrell, Claude Fargason, Clarence Galtner, Don Graham, James McCoy, Neilan Smith, John Downey, Winford Smith, Eddie Pruitt, Oliver Hammett, Wayne Sistrunk, Jerry Young, Clyde Emberton, Loyd Langford and Dr. Bishop. Lester Cox is the new president; Lewellen Hooper, secretary. Regular meeting time will be second Saturday of each month.

The annual Christmas dinner of the Morris brothers and sister and families was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing...

As the world celebrates Christ's coming, we bring to you the joyous tidings of the season.

Olton Motor Machine

Everette, Hope And Jerry

THE SPIRIT OF Christmas

In the true spirit of the glorious Holiday Season we extend our sincere wishes for the good health and happiness of all our devoted friends and neighbors.

Nixon Auto Parts

Vernon-Gerald-Weldon-Luie

Greetings

May the peace and serenity of this holiday season dwell in the hearts of all. To our customers and friends, our greetings, good wishes and grateful thanks.

Duncan's 5¢ & 10¢ Store

Bob, Felicia, Jane Ann & Lisa

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Hearty greetings to our many friends at this joyous season!

Hamill's Restaurant

Greer, Coy & Alanna

Everything But The Kitchen Sink

BY MOZELLE TROTTER

I'm a creature of habit and more than a little old-fashioned and I'll confess I'm partial to live, green Christmas trees. The flocked ones are gorgeous but I'll still take mine without the frosting, please.

Because some poet feels that way too, I want to share his (or her) poem with you. I clipped this from a Parent-Teacher magazine several years ago. Somehow I failed to get a title or an author but here are some- one else's words:

From every corner lot there stares a colored Christmas tree.

Pink and gold, chartreuse and blue,

They look so strange to me.

For in this most confusing world

With constant changing scene,

I thought it ever would be true

That Christmas trees were green.

Then suddenly men found a way

To shoot a gaudy spray;

And O, what colors greet our eyes

This modern Christmas day!

But in the hills of Bethlehem

The early morning dew

Glistened on a velvet green

Trees were not pink and blue.

A candle may have burned that night,

A choir of angels sang.

No bubbling lights, no busy stores,

No street with carols rang.

No Santa Claus or reindeer,

O, take us back today,

With simple hearts, to where the child

In lowly manger lay.

A Savior came to all the world

In quietness and peace.

Now every year grows noisier,

The speed and strain increase.

Yet Mary did not ride in state,

She rode a donkey mild.

No searchlight pierced the darkened sky,

A star announced the child.

Though wondrous changes have been wrought

Since that first Christmas day.

Still being a copy-cat, I want to share a prayer that was written oh so many years ago.

They are the words of Robert Louis Stevenson.

"O God, our loving Father,

help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may

share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds,

and the worship of the Wise Men.

Close the door of hate

and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good

desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the

blessings that Christ brings and teach us to be merry with

clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be

thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds

with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven."

In all the years between, A babe is born, a star shines forth,

A Christmas tree is green!

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thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds

with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven."

Then suddenly men found a way

To shoot a gaudy spray;

And O, what colors greet our eyes

This modern Christmas day!

But in the hills of Bethlehem

The early morning dew

Glistened on a velvet green

Trees were not pink and blue.

A candle may have burned that night,

A choir of angels sang.

No bubbling lights, no busy stores,

No street with carols rang.

No Santa Claus or reindeer,

O, take us back today,

With simple hearts, to where the child

In lowly manger lay.

A Savior came to all the world

In quietness and peace.

Now every year grows noisier,

The speed and strain increase.

Yet Mary did not ride in state,

She rode a donkey mild.

No searchlight pierced the darkened sky,

A star announced the child.

Though wondrous changes have been wrought

Since that first Christmas day.

Still being a copy-cat, I want to share a prayer that was written oh so many years ago.

They are the words of Robert Louis Stevenson.

"O God, our loving Father,

help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may

share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds,

and the worship of the Wise Men.

Close the door of hate

and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good

desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the

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Spirit of Giving Lives In Quebec's Colorful Tradition

The traditional spirit of giving that's world-wide at Christmastime takes on a special form and meaning in French Quebec. This year, as every year, will see the enactment of a masquerade known as "La Guignolee," to benefit all the poor of Quebec.

"La Guignolee" was begun by the first French colonists who settled in Quebec. But historians date the custom to the Druidic rite which celebrated the arrival of a new year: the cutting — with golden scythes — and the gathering of mistletoe that grew in the sacred forests.

Dress Like Trappers

The French version of "La Guignolee" has been kept alive for modern Quebec by such organizations as the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It involves a door-to-door collection for the poor by "Les Guignoleurs."

Since 1901, the role of "Les Guignoleurs" has been played by members of the Commercial Travelers Club of Quebec, Inc.

These modern businessmen dress like the Canadian trappers of old, with their red knit caps and colorful sashes. Singing the song of "La Guignolee," they approach each householder with a long, red woolen stocking, to be filled

by gifts for the poor. "Les Guignoleurs" of early Quebec had a very different method of attaining their goal. Arriving at the homes of the villagers, they sang a song that asked for a contribution or threatened the abduction of the eldest daughter of the household.

Fights Did Happen

The master and mistress of the house, or someone representing them, then opened the door and allowed "Les Guignoleurs" to enter.

Gifts were placed in a bag and later emptied into a cart that followed along behind them through the village, accompanied by a swarm of children and dogs.

Sometimes, when two different groups of "Les Guignoleurs" met, a fight ensued and the treasures of one cart would fill up the cart of the winners.

Aiding the Needy

Originally, food and clothing as well as money was collected. But for the past twenty years it has been only money, and the generous people of Quebec have contributed as much as \$30,000 for the poor.

The money is deposited in a bank, and checks are issued to the parish priests of the city, who use the money to aid all the needy, regardless of religious denomination.

Uniting in Joy and Prayer

Christmas is a joyful season; Christmas is a prayerful season. Since the earliest celebrations of this Christian holiday, it has ever been so.

The twin spirits of Christmas — festive celebration and reverent worship — are woven together in all the lore of the season. History says that when the time now celebrated as Christmas was designated, in the fifth century A.D., early Christian leaders felt that the traditional winter merry-making of pagan festivals such as the Roman Saturnalia might be hallowed by association with the Nativity.

Thus, pagan peoples who had once looked to mythical sun gods as the source of the rebirth of life began to turn to religious observances of the Saviour's birth. Christmas lights symbolized faith, hope and life eternal.

Today, the glow of the tiniest candle — or the twinkling of the smallest electric bulb — still reflects, however humbly, the Light that Christ brought to the world.



We'd like to thank all our good friends for their loyal patronage and wish them much joy throughout the holidays.

JACK STRAW GIN

HOME FROM DENVER

Mrs. T. D. Lewis returned last week from Denver, Colo., where she visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lewis; a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pointer and another daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Etspein and sons.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Mary Aigaki, student at Texas University, is expected home Saturday to spend the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aigaki, David and Barbara. David is attending South Plains Junior College at Levelland.



Christmas...

On this joyous Holiday celebrating the birth of the Holy Child, we wish that you may be filled with peace and gladness, comforted with hope, and surrounded by your loved ones.

Howell's Flowers

Mildred and Gid Howell



LADIES OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH are shown here working on used toys which were repaired and given to the Ministerial Alliance for needy families in Olton. Left to right are Mrs. Royce McFadden, Mrs. Merrill Brigrance, Mrs. Dewey Hukill, Mrs. Benny Dickson, Mrs. Harlan Carson, Mrs. Jack Snider and Mrs. A. C. Getrys.

VISIT SISTER

Roland and Howard Livesey were in Hereford Saturday visiting their sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sparkman and children.

SISTERS VISIT

Mrs. Ray Smith of Plainview and Mrs. Corene Vaughn visited Sunday with their sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kersh.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"...and on earth peace,
good will toward men." So may your days be
blessed with the joys of Christmas.

H.L. DENNIS

Sending Greetings

Perhaps even more than the giving of gifts, the sending of Christmas greetings symbolizes the seasonal spirit of good will.

The personal exchange of good wishes at holiday time is a custom that's older, probably, than Christmas itself. In ancient winter festivals the renewal of the earth at the coming of spring was linked with the renewal of friendships.

Though greetings and Christmas have long been associated, the printed greeting card is a relative newcomer to the Yule scene — introduced little more than a century ago. Nowadays, Christmas greeting cards go out by the billions, carrying their messages of "happy holiday" and "best wishes."

In the glad tradition of sending greetings, today's edition of this newspaper presents the special greetings of local merchants, as they express their good wishes and gratitude to customers and friends.

FRIDAY SHOPPING

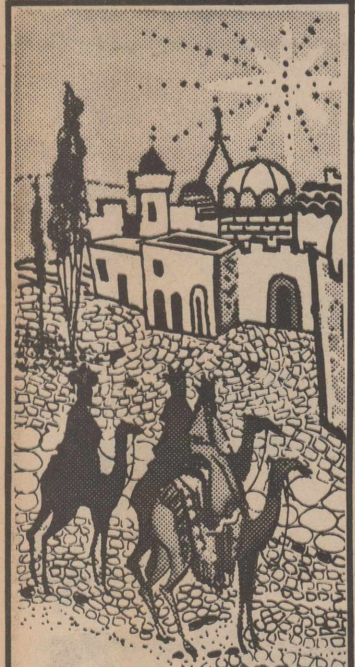
Mrs. Jim Winder shopped in Lubbock Friday.

Greetings of the Season

Merriest holiday wishes to you, friends and neighbors, and a full measure of the best things in life for now and always.

Dairy Mart

Norma, Charles A & Debbie



Greetings

OLTON BEAUTY SALON

Drexel & Marie

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PRATT JEWELERS

Littlefield

GREETINGS

As the peace of this wonderful Christmas season settles, like freshly fallen snow, around your home, we send you warm good wishes and joyous greetings . . . and with them, our most sincere gratitude for your kindness. Happy Holidays!

Sorley Supply

OWNER ARCHIE SORLEY

School Menu

Jan 2 and 3, 1969
Subject to change

THURSDAY- Burritos and chili, cream style corn, green beans, lettuce and tomato salad, peaches, candy bar, rolls and milk.

FRIDAY - Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, catsup, black eyed peas, mashed potatoes, plain Jello, chocolate cake, rolls and milk.

LOVE THIS SHORT WEEK!!

Ringin' Bells

Among the merry sights and sounds of Christmas, none is merrier than the ringing of bells.

Since earliest times, the pealing of bells has announced important events, both happy and sad. The first use of bells to call Christians to worship took place, it's believed, at Christmas in Italy, about 400 A.D.

Tradition once held that Christ was born exactly at midnight. In medieval Britain, church bells tolled sadly during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve. On the stroke of 12, a joyous pealing announced the Miracle of Christmas.

For a medieval feast, a typical menu included 17 main dishes — everything from roasted swan to a kid with a pudding in its belly!

Giving Gifts

Since the Wise Men gave of their treasures to the Christ Child, giving has been part of the tradition of Christmas.

The idea of gifts as homage dates from even earlier times, when kings demanded special tribute from their subjects during holiday seasons. Thus the Wise Men, in offering precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, expressed their reverence for the newborn King of mankind.

Serving the "Bird"

On American tables, the center of attraction is usually the turkey. This custom has its origin in the English "Christmas bird" — usually a goose, capon or chicken, rather than a turkey.

In medieval times, a large bird was standard fare at English Christmas dinners among the common people. In castle and manor, however, a "bird" wasn't always the main dish. To the tune of the old carol, "The Boar's Head in Hand I Bear," the boar's head was borne to the table in solemn procession. Then followed other courses — and what courses! The most lavish of dinners usually featured a boar's head.

Dear Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I have ben good, I want a B-B gun and a motley calf.
Don't forget my friends.

Love,
Kody Carson

I will leave you some cookies.
On the table.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Tubsy doll and a surprise.

Donna Griffin

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a pair of gogo boots, a twist and turn barbie, a dress, a new coat, some more fish net hose, a new electric tooth brush, and some tooth paste. Thank you very much. Be careful on your way over here.

Yours Truly
Rhonda Howard
Third Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll for Christnas, also orangese, nuts, candy, an apple, train for my baby sister a ball for my brother and sister a cookies and a gifts.
Thank Santa Claus

Your friend
Diana Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
Can my sister have a doll?
Please bring me a walking doll.
Can my brothers have a train?
I would like a watch can I have a apples, candy and nut.

Thank you
Jannie Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Tippietoes four Christmas. And I want Tubsy. I want tippit and K-boom I hope I get it four Christmas. I like the things very much. My sister want one of the bat band it has a box on it in the box is a little doll in it. She and I like you. We hope we get all the things we want.

Thank you,
Your friend,
Cathy Burton

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I think I need a grab-a-loop and baton, I'd also like some new dresses and a Coke server. Don't forget my big brother Scott.

Love,
Jana Huckabee

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a watch f Christmas. And hair bands, girls pants, long strap chain purse, some sun glasses for sumer and sandals.

Yours truly,
Gracie Gloria

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you bring a present. Santa Claus We will be glad to have a Christ tree. I hope you come to my home. I hope you give my sister a present. My brother Robert and my brother Rudy and my mother and father a present too.

Your friend
Ricky Saucedo
Would like to Thank You Santa

VISIT MOTHER
Mr. and Mrs. Luie Cross visited Sunday afternoon in Muleshoe Convalescent Home with Cross' mother, Mrs. Bertha Cross.



We wish you a

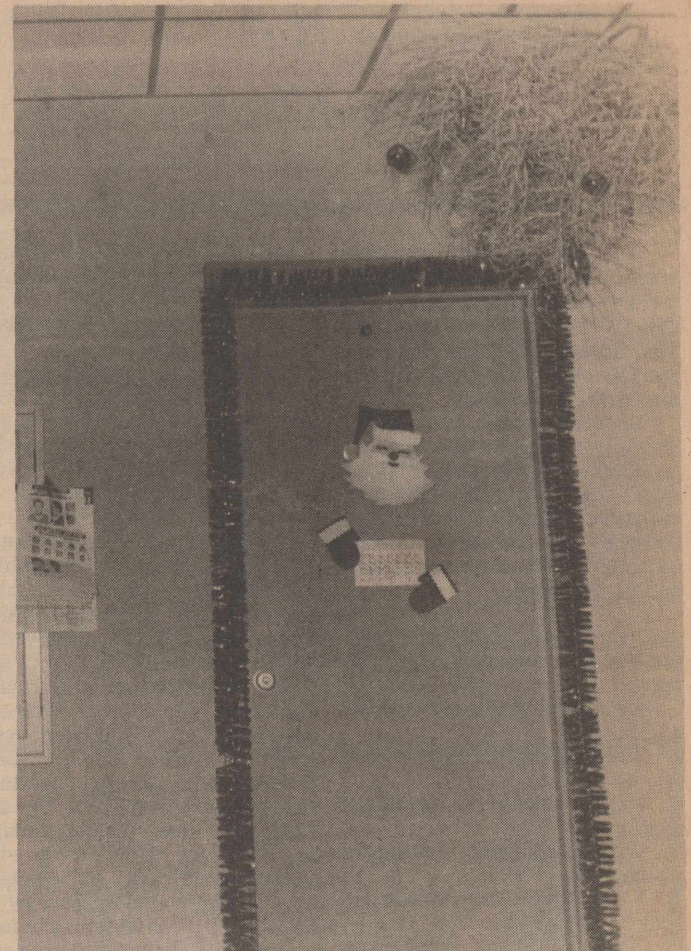
Merry

Christmas

In the joyful Yuletide spirit, we sing out fondest greetings to our wonderful friends and neighbors.

Close Dec. 20-Open Jan. 6

Olton
Bowling Center
Verá Young



SANTA HOLDS A CALENDAR marking off the days till time for his rounds through the country. The decorations are in the post office. Note the thistle which was sprayed silver and decorated with Christmas bulbs.

They Go Together—Feasting and Festivity

During the Christmas season, merry sounds ring out, pleasing sights greet the eye — and tantalizing aromas fill the air. Good food is as much a part of holiday tradition as bells and carols, greens and gifts.

At this festive time, people delight in serving their families and friends an abundance of choice foods. The custom probably began with the ancient winter festivals. In the course of time, naturally each nation developed its own treasured customs in connection with the Christmas dinner, say the editors of The New Book of Knowledge.

Dear Santa
I'll be 7 yrs old the 25th of Dec. Please bring me a Bee Bee gun, Hot wheels, and Mr. Mat Mason Space set. I have been pretty good boy. I also said a prayer for you Santa, nearly every night, bless all the little boys and girls all over the world.

Love you
Tommy Seawright

customs of the agricultural nations of Eastern Europe, where peasants offered thanksgiving for a good harvest, usually of grain, during the winter season.

Special holiday cakes were thought to bring good fortune and good health.

More directly connected with the religious meaning of the season is the "Christ-bread" traditional in many countries. This is a long cake, and its shape is meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Both mince pie and plum pudding began as national Christmas dishes in England. Like the "Christ-bread," early mince pies were baked in symbolic shape — an oblong meant to represent the manger.

ATTEND WEDDING
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lee, Ricky and Kim attended the wedding of Mrs. Lee's sister, Miss Linda Poovey to Mike Jones Saturday evening, Dec. 21, at 7:30 in the Hale Center First Baptist Church.



Greetings

May Christmastime joy and laughter be yours on this happy holiday... and may we gratefully thank you for your patronage.

Mary Dennis & Betty Truelock
Income Tax Consultants

Good Tidings
of Great Joy

We, too, come to adore the Child lying in the manger... and to ask His blessing upon all those near and dear.



Gray's Garage
Jackie Gray

OLD-FASHIONED Greetings

Sleigh bells jingle, voices ring out,
hearts are filled with Yuletide cheer—
We hope your Christmas will be as merry
as all the Yules of yesteryear!



G.H. BLEY

YOUR PHILLIPS 66 JOBBER

Garrett and Lora Bley



FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN



May each of us in our own individual way so rededicate our lives that brotherhood of man will become a wonderful reality, and that the true meaning of Christmas will be felt everywhere, for all time to come.

OLTON STATE BANK

MEMBER F.D.I.C.



Olton Enterprise



Section II

History Of Christmas Gifts Related Through Legends

While millions of Americans give flowers by wire, perfume by the bottle and even gems (by gosh!), few among those who give and receive the gifts this Christmas will realize what a long and delightful history the custom of gift-giving has.

It was the Three Wise Men who gave the first Christmas gifts in history, although the earliest Christians REFUSED to exchange presents. To them, the custom was a heathen one—because gift-giving played a prominent role in many pagan festivals.

In time, they accepted the exchange of gifts as an expression of rejoicing -- and legends about the bringers of gifts began to grow.

The jolly gent we know as St. Nick, for example, is based on the real-life St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) in the fourth century. Legendary even in his own time for his generosity, and his love of children, he is said to have gone on many a mysterious journey carrying secret gifts to the poor. On one of these expeditions, so the story

goes, he dropped a bag of gold down a chimney. It fell by accident into a stocking hung up to dry by the fire--and prompted generations of hopeful children to hang up their hosiery, too. Giving to the poor remained a vital part of Christmas celebrations in the centuries to come. In England, on the day after Christmas, clergymen used to open the church alms-boxes and distribute the money to the needy. Later, it became customary to give boxes of money on that day to people who had served you during the year. December 26 is still known as Boxing Day in Britain.

The custom of bestowing gifts on friends and family members was popularized in England by King Henry VII, whose services are used extensively during the Christmas season. Henry's granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth I, made the most of this custom; she depended on Christmas gifts to replenish her wardrobe, and made it very clear to courtiers that they had better come across handsomely on Christmas Day. Court records show that the Archbishop of Canterbury gave her \$200 every Yule for clothes. Court ladies presented her with the first silk stockings worn in Europe, and even the royal dustman (garbage collector) came through with two bolts of fine linen for the royal lingerie.

Father Christmas, as the English counterpart of Santa is called, rode high for another 40 years after the reign of Good Queen Bess. Then the Puritans took over. They abolished him and his gifts, and indeed all Christmas celebrations, as fit only for heathen.

The stern Puritans brought their distrust of Christmas merriment to New England's shores as well; in 1659, the observance of Christmas in Massachusetts became a penal offense!

On the other hand, fun-loving Dutch settlers had already brought "Sinter Klass" to New Amsterdam. Later, a German colony moved to Pennsylvania along with THEIR gift-bringer, Christkindlein—who gave us the

name "Kris Kingle". Other immigrant groups contributed their own legends and customs of Christmas giving. And in 1822, a Presbyterian divinity professor named Clement C. Moore sat down and combined many of these elements into a rather well-known poem beginning "Twas the night before Christmas..."

The "Visit from St. Nicholas" described by Dr. Moore was modest in comparison to some of St. Nick's later trips. Americans have long been generous Yuletide givers. Seamen used to bring their families rare and costly presents gathered from the Orient: spices, silks, china and teakwood. St. Nicholas was the patron saint of sailors as well as children.

When it comes to flowers and other gifts, the ladies are not neglected. Though florists are especially busy during Christmas, many of them have a special arrangement whereby flowers can be sent to loved ones once a month. In this way—the holiday spirit can be enjoyed throughout the year by those closest to you. Any shop with an FTD emblem provides this delightful service.

Flowers are just one item in the well over \$27 billion a year spent on Christmas presents of all kinds.

Many of these gifts are wrapped with the aid of Christmas seals, yet few Americans have any notion of when or where these originated. They were first used in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1904—the brain-child of a postal clerk named Holboell, who dreamed them up as a benefit for a children's hospital.

The gift-giving customs of many lands form an interesting contrast to our own. Greek children rustle up their own gifts; on Christmas Day they go the rounds collecting raisins, walnuts, figs and sweets. In Newfoundland, an important Christmas gift is --fish! Local fishermen fish for the church on Christmas Day, donating their catch to the parish.

Some countries enjoy Christmas giving so much that they do it twice: the French exchange gifts on New Year's Day, but the children are visited by Pere Noel on Christmas Eve. Italian children receive their main presents on January 6, but they and their parents draw for little gifts on Christmas Eve from an "Urn of Fate." And Icelanders must hurry if they want to unwrap their presents Christmas morning. Almost the entire holiday must be spent in church services--for in Iceland there are only four hours of light on Christmas Day!

FROM LAS VEGAS
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wozencraft of Las Vegas, N. M., spent the weekend with Wozencraft's mother, Mrs. Cora Wozencraft, and with his daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and children.

ENDS TOUR
Stephen Smith will arrive in New York City Saturday, Dec. 21 after a three weeks tour of Europe. He will spend Christmas with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don McKenzie of Fort Smith, Ark.

SHOPPING TRIP
Mrs. G. F. Peel shopped in Littlefield Tuesday.

IN CALIFORNIA
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hair left Sunday morning for California where they will visit relatives near San Bernardino.

FROM STRATFORD
Mrs. Billy Smith Jr. and Kelli of Stratford spent three days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith.



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN pack oranges, apples and candy for kids who came to see Santa Saturday. Santa's helpers packed the sacks Tuesday night during regular meeting. Pictured clockwise are Bill Lunsford, Tom Billy Hankins, L.H. McAdams, Tom Smith, Joe Chester and Marshall Campbell.

History Proves It—Yule Season Is Always a Memorable Time

For the children, this is the very best Christmas that ever was. The adults agree -- but still, they look back a little wistfully at the Christmases of yesteryear, with nostalgic thoughts of "a good old-fashioned Christmas," or of a special Christmas memory.

Memories enhance the seasonal joys, and with good reason, for Christmas is a memorable time. Since the first Holy Night, some of the most important events of both religious and secular history have taken place at the Christmas season.

A look at the past reveals momentous occasions, joyous or poignant, as well as many of the little things that give bygone times living meaning -- and all taking place on or about Christmas Day.

December 24, 400 A.D.

In Italy, in the fifth century A.D., church bells rang on Christmas Eve to call Christians to worship.

This seemingly simple event had great significance, for it meant that Christians could worship in freedom, instead of in secret, as earlier suppression of Christianity had forced them to do.

December 25, 600 A.D.

Traditionally, the first Christmas feast in England was held at the Round Table of King Arthur. The actual date is unknown, but references to this legendary king have been traced to 600 A.D.

December 24, 1223

St. Francis of Assisi set up the first creche or crib on Christmas Eve, 1223, in the mountain village of Greccio, Italy.

December 25, 1492

Christopher Columbus and his crew celebrated the first Christmas in the New World in 1492. They were dinner guests of an Indian chief, ruler of the island of Haiti.

December 25, 1535

Beset by cold and hunger, in fear of hostile Indians, the French explorer Jacques Cartier and his band of 110 settlers observed an early Canadian Christmas.

dian Christmas at a fortress near what is now the city of Quebec, in 1535.

The most precious of the scanty food supplies were set forth for a Christmas "feast" -- in the courageous spirit that enabled the tiny band to hold out till spring.

December 24-25, 1620

December 1620 marked the landing of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. A site for the first home in the new settlement was selected on Christmas Eve, and on Christmas Day construction began.

December 25, 1776

On December 25-26, 1776, George Washington crossed the Delaware. He surprised, and put to rout, Hessian soldiers employed by George III. The surprise attack was

greatly assisted by the fact that the Hessians were sleeping off the effects of their Christmas celebrating!

December 24, 1814

On Christmas Eve in 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was negotiated between the U. S. and Great Britain. This ended the War of 1812.

December 24, 1871

First performance of Verdi's opera, "Aida," took place on Christmas Eve, 1871, in Egypt.

RECENT GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Estes had as guests recently Rev. and Mrs. Fred D. Blake, Carl Vance and Ava, and Blake's mother, Mrs. Blake of Level-land. Rev. Blake is a former pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church.



The sounds of Christmas are happy sounds... the glorious ringing of church bells... the echo of merry voices 'midst the softly falling snow... and our wishes to you: a Very Merry Christmas!

Connell's Office Supply

513 Phelps Avenue

Littlefield, Texas



In order to give our employees more time with their families we will be closed December 24, 25 & 26.

Armistead & Burke, Optometrists

Littlefield



Greetings

Out of our yesterdays come the Yuletide traditions of happy greetings and cordial hospitality. In this spirit, we extend to all our good friends, a wonderfully warm and truly old-fashioned "Merry Christmas!"

Thompson Chevrolet



may this Christmas holiday bring you a bounty of blessings and happiness, including our very best wishes for a peaceful Yuletide... have the most wonderful Christmas ever!

J. C. Jones Co.



Greetings

May the true spiritual meaning of Christmas gladden your holiday and enrich your festivities with deep contentment and warm associations.

OLTON TRADE LOT

Charles & Murdell Shipley

Make Graceful Angels For Table Or Mantle

Tall, stately, serene, and the very essence of the Christmas spirit are graceful angels for table, buffet or mantle. They are unusual and can be saved from year to year.

A little time, some aluminum foil, red yarn, foam balls, some scraps of felt, a tall, tapered bottle, a small drinking glass, and a cereal dish are required. Kitchen cupboards will yield most of the required parts.

The decoration was created by Conny of Alcoa, designer for Alcoa Wrapaluminum foil.

Conny's design starts with the tapered bottle. Cover it completely with foil, smoothing the foil against the sides of the bottle. Punch a hole in the foam ball and cover it with foil. Cut eye and mouth shapes from felt and glue to the foil-covered ball. This is the angel head.

Next, glue strands of yarn (Conny uses bright red) to the

top of the head to make hair. A piece of foil about six inches long can be crushed into a circle for the halo. This can be pinned to the back of the head.

Place the head on the bottle top, pressing the bottle opening into the hole in the foam ball head.

Place the cereal bowl on top of the glass and cover both with foil. Set the bottle into the bowl. Place a number of real or artificial holly leaves around the base of the bottle for added color.

Candleholders can be regular holders covered with foil, or perhaps small plastic foam falls with bottom sliced off so they will stand. Place thin, dark green candles in the holders.

Three of these angels make an effective Christmas decoration. The colors say "happy holidays" and the foil adds a bright shine to the room.

DISCARD WRAPPINGS

Christmas presents help you share the joyous holiday but loose wrappings and paper can become a real fire danger, warns Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. Christmas-morning confusion can have the house in an uproar and a lighted match or cigarette that is carelessly dropped in the wrappings can have the house in flames. Discard or put away all wrapping papers as soon as presents are opened to avoid tragic possibilities.

WATER THAT TREE

A Christmas tree adds beauty and spirit to the happy holiday season, but proper care of the evergreen is important to avoid needless tragedy, cautions Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies. A tree should be stored in water which is checked every day, especially if it is near a heating system. Two weeks is the maximum a tree should remain up.

Has Dual Role

Since ancient times, the doll has played a dual role, as toy and as religious symbol. Today's creche dolls, displayed as part of the manger scene in churches and homes, have historical counterparts in the dolls used as religious figures, or idols, by primitive peoples. Dolls fashioned of clay, stone or bone have been unearthed by archaeologists from tombs thousands of years old. Their presence in the tombs is thought to mean that the dolls were intended as idols.

The word, "doll," in fact derives from a Greek word, "eidolon," which means "idol."

Historians say that, before the birth of Christ, Egyptian sun worshippers idolized a doll-like figure, or child, at the season of the year now celebrated as Christmas. The doll was meant to symbolize the coming "rebirth" of the sun in the spring.

HOLIDAY PUNCH

1 qt. cranberry juice cocktail
1 1/2 c. orange juice
1 c. light corn syrup
1 c. water
3/4 c. lemon juice

Mix all ingredients. Chill. Serve with ice cubes. Makes about 2 quarts.

Works of Art

The elaborate European dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries were the precious possessions of the very rich. Often, they were court dolls, prized by royalty. In times of war, these valuable dolls were treated like works of art—as indeed they were. Special arrangements were made to transport them to safety and a peaceful refuge for the duration of the war.

Modern Marvels Have Their Rivals In Wondrous Playthings of Past

By ANNA MANG

Under the Christmas tree of today, the walking doll struts, the baby doll cries and takes her bottle, the fashion doll displays her wardrobe and the talking doll shows off her vocabulary.

Side by side with the dolls are toys equally fabulous. The model train winds its way through a realistic model town, while electrically-powered miniature racing cars execute exciting maneuvers along intricate stretches of track. Milk trucks, fire trucks, police patrol cars and a myriad of wheel toys come equipped with "real life" features.

Recent years have brought great changes in the variety and intricacy of dolls and toys—so much so that even young parents, not many years removed from "waiting for Santa" themselves, now find their children's Christmas playthings beyond their experience.

What About Toys of Yesteryear?

One toy manufacturer, it is said, includes these instructions with "to be assembled" toys: "Caution: Adults, hands off! This toy can be assembled only by a child."

If Christmas doll-and-toyland is a strange and wondrous place for the not-so-oldest of today, how would it have seemed to the child of yesterday? Would a little boy or girl of the 1880's, for instance, have found the modern array of toys and dolls amazing or bewildering?

To yesterday's child, the wealth of packages under today's Christmas trees might well have been bewildering. Until quite recently, Christmas gifts were few in number, though their very rarity made them at least as prized and cherished as the modern Yuletide bounty.

As for amazement, today's toys and dolls are marvels of mechanical ingenuity—yet that ingenuity would not have seemed so very strange to yesterday's youngsters. Complex though they are, modern playthings have their counterparts in the wonders of the past.

Following Fashion—and Invention

Since earliest times, dolls have followed fashion, and toys have copied man's inventions. In some cases, toys may even be said to have sparked inventions—witness the velocipede, a favorite toy a century ago. Inspired by foot-powered hobby horses of the early 1800s, the velocipede in its turn became the forerunner of the bicycle.

Toys today reflect modern living—and so did toys of long ago, in their day. For instance, toy racing cars came onto the gift market early in this century, when the automobile industry was getting its start.

As for dolls, the electronically-motivated walking, talking wonders of today are only the latest development in a long line of magical, marvelous dolls. Yes, modern dolls are fabulous in their complexity—but dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries were frequently even more elaborate!

Dressing Dolls

France, famed for its fashions, early gave attention to dressing dolls known as "fashion babies." First created about 600 years ago, the "fashion babies" in later years became ambassadors for French styles.

In the early American Colonies, for instance, the arrival of a group of "fashion babies" from France was greeted with great excitement. For payment of an admission fee, Colonial women could see the dolls displayed, and observe the newest fashions, in miniature.

For Every Child

During the past century, the doll has really come into its own, as a precious plaything for every little girl. Now the wonders of the doll world, once the province of kings, are at the disposal of "little mothers" in homes across the nation.

From waking, talking, well-wardrobed creations of wonderful complexity to soft and cuddly rag dolls of sweetest simplicity, dolls timelessly delight little girls. For, yesterday or today, one thing is certain.

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In the Pryor International Doll Library* at Greenwich, Conn., there are more than 8,000 dolls, and naturally, many of them suggest Christmas in a very special way—from creche figures that symbolize the religious meaning of the holiday to a jolly Santa doll who wrinkles his dried-apple face in a smile that sums up all the joys of the season.

From a Christmas-season point of view, one of the most interesting dolls is a figure representing "Pelsnickle." Though little known to modern celebrants, Pelsnickle holds an important place in holiday lore. According to legend, he accompanied St. Nicholas as his servant and, while St. Nick rewarded good children with gifts, Pelsnickle had the un-

welcome task of punishing naughty boys and girls with "gifts" of lumps of coal and switches.

The Doll Library's Pelsnickle sports Santa Claus whiskers, wears a coat of shaggy fur and holds a bundle of switches.

Like St. Nicholas, Pelsnickle was a European figure, known primarily in Holland and Germany. He came by his name very logically, since he was generally believed to wear a fur coat. "Pels" is the German word for fur.

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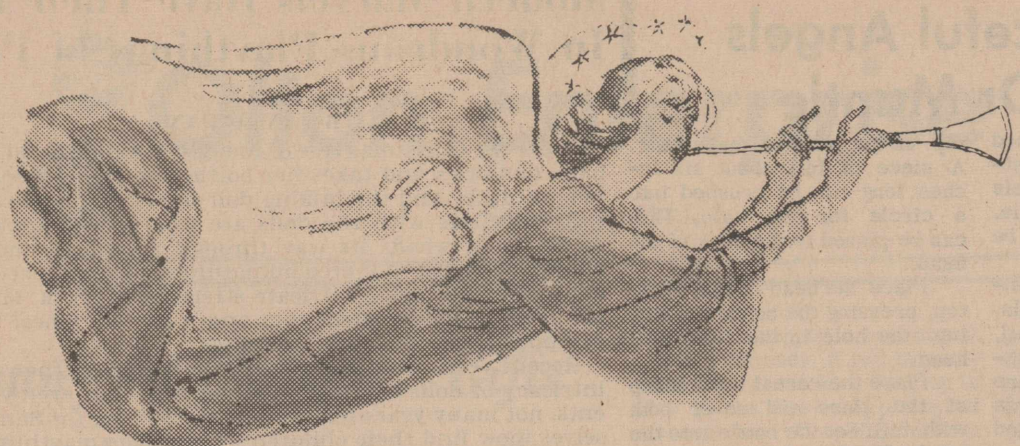
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