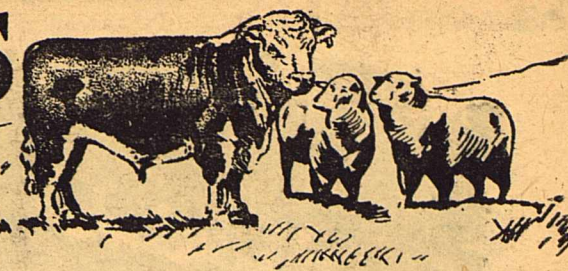


DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS



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SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

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THIRTEENTH WEEK



Main speaker at last week's Booster Club feed honoring the 1960 football squad and its coaches was Mike Brumbelow of El Paso. Brumbelow, a very fine speaker, addressed some 200 who attended the banquet.

December 15 First Date To Apply For ACP Participation Allowances

Beginning Thursday, December 15, Sutton County ranchmen may apply for participation in the 1961 Agricultural Conservation Program for the 1961 program year, according to Mrs. Marie K. Ellis, local ASC office manager.

The program, written by the county agricultural group, has been approved by the state ASC office and will allow individual ranchers to earn cost-share at \$1,000. Prior approvals must be obtained and approved by the county committee before work is

Practices offered for cost-sharing for the 1961 ACP program year are: grass seeding on cropland, grass seeding on range-land, deferred grazing, controlling competitive shrubs, pitting, drilling of water wells and construction of concrete storage tanks, installation of pipelines of galvanized and plastic pipe, erecting permanent fences, construction of terraces, construction of division terraces and installation of net wire diversions.

Sutton County Officials Certified Modified Brucellosis Area

The Texas Animal Health Commission has announced the certification of Sutton County as a Modified Certified Brucellosis Area. The certificate so attesting was received last week by County Agent D. C. Langford.

In issuing the certification, R. G. Garrett, executive director of the Commission, stated: "This Commission wishes to express

its appreciation to the people of Sutton County for the splendid cooperation extended to its representatives while work was being conducted in Sutton County and request the further cooperation of the citizens of the area to maintain the brucellosis status of the County.

"By reducing the incidence of brucellosis infection to not more

than one percent of the cattle and not more than five percent of the herds, livestock owners and the County have achieved an enviable status."

Garrett also stated that livestock owners in the county may now enjoy the privilege of shipping cattle with few restrictions insofar as brucellosis is concerned, and listed the following rules and regulations which apply to all cattle except steers, spayed heifers, calves under six months of age and officially vaccinated calves under 30 months of age consigned to a premise in any county in which Type II brucellosis work is being conducted or has been completed:

1. Cattle originating in a modified certified brucellosis county or certified brucellosis herds and accompanied by a health certificate, when kept separate and apart from other cattle in clean pens used for that purpose ONLY, can move without further tests.
2. Cattle from other than modified certified counties accompanied by official health certificate showing negative to brucellosis test within 30 days, kept separate and apart from other cattle in clean pens used for that purpose ONLY, can be moved directly to owners premises, under quarantine, retested in not less than 30 nor more than 60 days, and, if negative, released.
3. Cattle that do not comply with paragraphs 1 and 2 must be negative to a brucellosis test before leaving the livestock market. They can then be moved to owners premises, under quarantine, retested at his expense in not less than 30 nor more than 60 days, and, if negative, released.

Odds And Ends

Well, here is your Christmas edition of "The Devil". In it you will find greetings from many of your friends, and a special Christmas message from Rev. Doyle Morton of the First Methodist Church. You will also find our traditional letters to Santa from second graders at Central Elementary School.

We have used the "Nativity" front page make-up for several years in a row. Seems to fit most all Sonora church doctrine because most churches have used this front page as a Sunday School lesson. It's a front page story that never gets old.

At this time each year it seems fitting to re-state and remind ourselves of the purpose and policies of "The Devil"—dedicated to the progress of the community—to the youth—Front page available to any and all projects we feel worthy and for the benefit of the whole community. In the matter of controversial topics which give rise to editorial statement, equal space will be given to proponents of the other side. Signed letters to the editor are welcomed unless unreasonable or embittered—we don't propose to use the advantage of newspaper circulation to present only one side of a controversy.

In the matter of publication of the public records, a recent survey showed the community overwhelmingly in favor of its continuance. Our policy here is to withhold publication of divorces where children are involved or other suits or indictments where the character of adolescents might be involved. NO NAMES HAVE EVER BEEN WITHHELD FOR ANY OTHER REASONS THAN THESE. (Also where publication of public records might jeopardize the health of invalids or elderly people, publication will be withheld upon recommendation of doctor and after consulting with county attorney and judge in whose court case was tried together with person requesting that it be withheld.)

These are our purposes and our policies—the rules we try to apply to the benefit of our readers and the citizens of Sutton County. How well we succeed is for them to judge.

Stores To Close Monday, Dec. 26 Monday, Jan. 2

Sonora business houses will be closed all day Monday, December 26 to allow business men and their employees an extra holiday. This will enable many persons to make out of town holiday visits which would not have been possible otherwise.

The extra Christmas holiday is one of six observed by Sonora businesses each year. The others are New Year's day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Stores will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 1961.

WEATHER

Wednesday, Dec. 7,	1.27	38	31
Thursday, Dec. 8,	.37	41	32
Friday, Dec. 9,	.40	42	36
Saturday, Dec. 10,	.21	49	34
Sunday, Dec. 11,	0	51	32
Monday, Dec. 12,	0	44	35
Tuesday, Dec. 13,	.09	36	30
Wednesday, Dec. 14,	.02	48	33
Thursday, Dec. 15,	0	54	31
Friday, Dec. 16,	0	52	20
Saturday, Dec. 17,	0	59	21
Sunday, Dec. 18,	0	69	22
Monday, Dec. 19,	0	66	25
Tuesday, Dec. 20,	0	59	34
Wednesday, Dec. 21,	0		17

Santa Arrives December 15 To Greet Sonora Children



Several hundred Sonora children assembled at five o'clock Friday afternoon, December 14, at the courthouse to welcome Santa Claus. Santa had originally planned to arrive by plane but two consecutive weeks of bad flying weather caused an alteration of plans and he made his appearance on the courthouse grounds arriv-

A portion of the several hundred children on hand to see Santa Claus last Thursday is pictured here. The jolly old gentleman arrived by fire truck at the courthouse and passed out candy and bubble gum to the large crowd.

Candy and bubble gum were distributed to the crowd of children by Santa and his assistants from the Sonora Volunteer Fire

Department. A program of carols sung by the choral group from Central Elementary School preceded the arrival of Santa.

1960 Progress Report For Sutton County

TSGRA Members Hold 45th Meel

The 45th annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was held in San Angelo December 5 to 7 with over 400 members, directors and their families in attendance.

High on the list of important matters discussed was the extension of the National Wool Act of 1954, due to expire in March 1962. The association voted unanimously in the form of a resolution to support the extension of the Act and plans are already being made to carry through on this action.

Other major resolutions adopted were (1) recommendations of the amendment of the Penal Code of Texas to include state game wardens as arresting officers in trespass cases; (2) expression of thanks to the West Texas Woolen Mills of Eldorado for having donated the wool and mohair fabric for the draperies in the association offices; (3) petition to the USDA to cease stamping U.S. grades on foreign slaughtered lamb and mutton and request that the law requiring that the country of origin appear on foreign products be put into effect as pertains to lamb and mutton; (4) urged wool producers to demand wool upholstery in their autos; (5) requested the Texas Legislature declare the male and female Russian boar a predator that can be killed any time of the year; (6) favored legislation making it mandatory that all imports of exotic species of fish and wildlife into Texas have approval of the Texas Game and Fish Commission prior to being brought into the state; (7) thanked the Texas Animal Health Commission and urged the Legislature to provide adequate funds for the Commission in carrying out its duties; and (8) urged Congress to amend the National Wool Act to allow the use of ASPC funds for research.

Officers elected for the coming year are Charles Schreiner III, of Kerrville as president; C. W. (Dink) Wardlaw of Del Rio

JANUARY 1960

New Year Opens with gentle rains; ranchmen measure up to 1.90 inches; Traffic light installed at intersection of Water and Oak; Wess Hill seeks re-election as sheriff; T. E. Glasscock asks re-election as Commissioner; Herman Moore candidate for county sheriff; Sonja Lee Chandler, William F. Decker wed in Stamford.

Bank officers, directors renam-

LIONS ROAR

Sonora Lions were presented a Christmas program by first and third grade students at L. W. Elliott Elementary School at their weekly Tuesday luncheon meeting at the Methodist Church this week.

Lions President Joe Nance announced that there will be no meeting of the club on Tuesday, 27. Nance also reported that the club has made a Christmas donation to Boys' Ranch of West Texas.

Bill Parks was the only guest present.

First Baptist Plans Unified Service Sunday

The First Baptist Church will hold a unified service at ten o'clock Sunday morning, December 25. The one-hour early service will be a special Christmas worship service.

No evening services will be held.

as first vice-president; and E. G. Cauble, Jr., of Big Lake as second vice-president. 206 directors representing the ten districts of the state were elected. 1961 meeting sites selected were Mineral Wells for the March meeting, Del Rio for the June meeting and Abilene for the September meeting. The 1961 convention will be held in December in Fort Worth.

ed; Mrs. Lucille Hutcherson seeks re-election as county treasurer; 47 youngsters to show 224 animals at 4-H show and sale; Albuquerque construction firm low bidder on Dry Devil's sites; Wet weather continues with additional rainfall of up to .75; Jetty Young in "Make It Yourself With Wool" state finals in San Antonio; McCarter re-elected president of Park and Horse Show Association.

Poll tax payments still lag; 56 cats and dogs vaccinated in rabies immunization drive; James E. Nugent announces for Representative; Steve Preslar candidate for District Judge; Sutton County 4-H members rank high at Kerrville district show; Mrs. Nellie Allen buried January 18; Fred T. Earwood re-elected to head Texas Wool and Mohair Warehouse Association.

Lowrey Draw dam sites 9 and 10 officially accepted by County; Mrs. Joe Lancaster buried January 29; Jo Bess VanderStucken to compete in state band contest; H. L. Taylor dies January 24; 4-H Livestock Show draws big crowd with more than 300 attending annual event; Randee Fawcett named Valentine Queen by students at Central Elementary; Sara Stewart-top homemaker at SHS; Bronco eagers down Ozona 48-44.

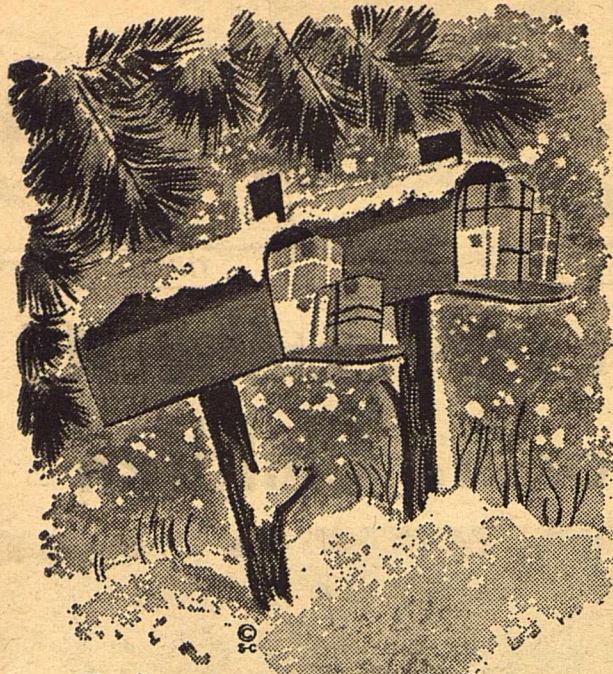
PTA Men's Night Scheduled For Tuesday, Jan. 3

The annual "Men Only" meeting of the Sonora PTA will be held at seven o'clock, Tuesday night, January 3, at Central Elementary School.

Subject for the yearly meeting scheduled for fathers of school children will be civil defense. Refreshments of pie and coffee will be served and all dads are urged to attend.

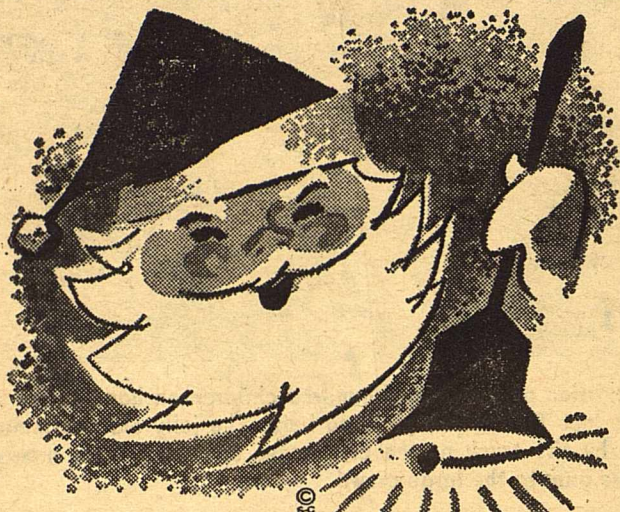


At least one adult in Sonora was inspired by Mike Brumbelow's speech on ambition at the football feed. Ole Uncle John McClelland, who by the way, is a Booster director, got out and got with it the very morning after the feed.



To all our friends:
Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

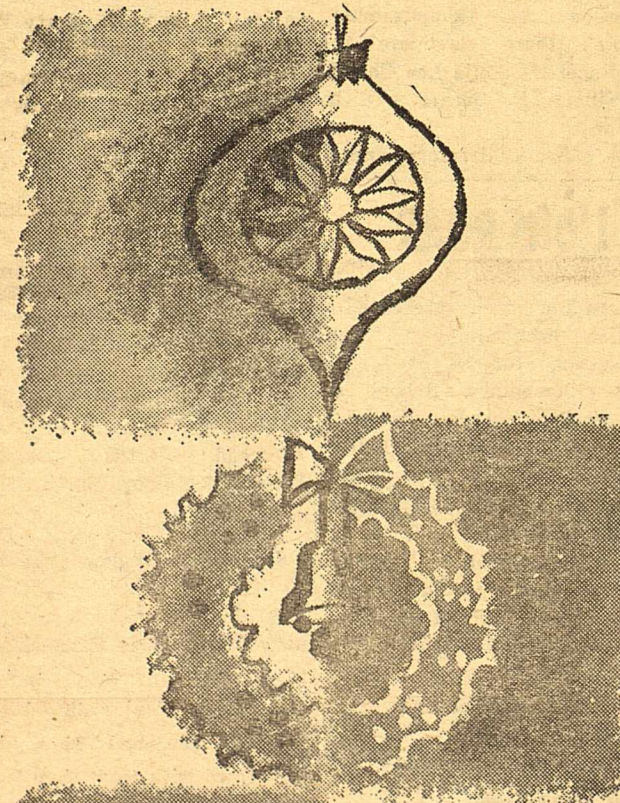
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Christmas Day to send this
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Western Motel

1960 Progress

AUGUST 1960
Teachers hired, tentative school assignments made; Annual community Bible school ends; Frank W. Decker buried July 31; Vestel Askew named "Wagon Boss" for Boys' Ranch; 4-H's and dads have annual camp on Devil's River; Stanley Mayfield named president Band Parents Club; Harry Q. Sharp buried August 2. City Commission lowers tax rates; Lyles and Davis low bidders on flood control site 3; Mrs. G. G. Bennett buried August 11; Brucellosis testing 75 percent complete; Front crosses county leaving up to 4 1/2 inches of rain. Faculty complete for school as three new teachers hired; Season football tickets go on sale; Miss Linda Link bride of James Hunt in Weslaco garden rites August 13; Elliott School completes course for pre-first grade. Dances scheduled during Junior Rodeo.

Everything in readiness for school opening; Organizational Meeting scheduled for "Downtown Quarterback" club; 52 Ohio Feeder Association members visit local ranches, have fish fry; First annual Sonora Junior Rodeo called big success; Dual flood control program passes halfway mark.

SEPTEMBER 1960
Ruby Lee Crenwelge, Billy J. Jolly married August 23; Mr. and Mrs. Billy B. Savell parents of a son, Cody Wayne, born August 31; Local Boys' Ranch stock drive nets over \$1,000.

Lions hear Roundup on school enrollment, reclassification as AA may be in effect; Louis Davis to head Bronco Booster Club; 128 entries in horse show; Broncos down Angoras 20-0 at Rock-springs; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Holmig are parents of a daughter, Laurie Dee, born August 29; Woman's Club wins citation for community achievement work.

Lions Auction raises total of \$3,576.50. Broncos down San Felipe 24-14 for second win of season; Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Kemper are parents of a daughter, Karole Jean, born August 26; Children's clothes needed by Welfare Council; Edwin Sawyer chairman of ASC committee.

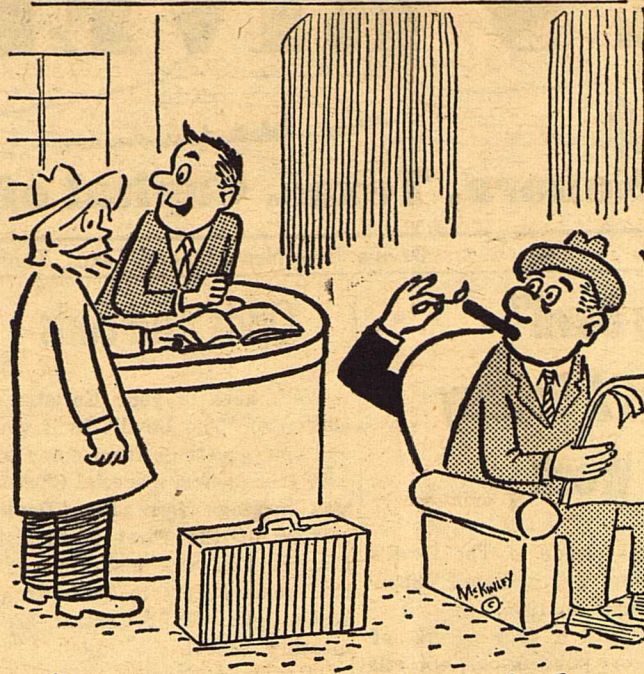
Broncos scalp Iraan Braves 28-6 for third victory; Chris Berger, Tom Glasscock top at Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Tedford, Jr., are parents of a son, Gregg Laurence, born September 20; Miss Connie Chavez, Serafin Maskill wed September 17.

Lions, PTA honor school faculty with annual barbecue; Broncos maintain perfect record by downing Menard 14-6; Cool front brings scattered showers ranging from trace to 2.40 inches; Band to Austin in new uniforms for Band Day; School receives 50-star flag as gift of Dr. and Mrs. Browne.

OCTOBER 1960
District Cancer meeting hears Dallas doctor on research; Night classes for adults to be held at school; Clayton Tolliver again top trainer at Ruidoso Downs; Broncos and Horse Thieves de-horn Alpine Bucks 19-6; Mr. and Mrs. Auther Simmons observe golden wedding anniversary; Miss Patsy Rode bride of Bradford Henley in home ceremonies October 2.

All Texas Air Tour stops for lunch, tour of Caverns; Broncos take sixth victory by defeating Rankin 31 to 6; 49 adults register for classes in typing, bookkeeping; Engagement of Katherine Jeannette Craig to Phillip Cooper

LITTLE COLONEL By Bob McKinley



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announced; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Powers are parents of a daughter, Pamela Anne; Booster Club membership reaches 225 mark.

Broncos trample Ozona Lions 25 to 8 for seventh win; Jack Baker, Gene Wallace elected to head 4-H and parents; FCC grants microwave TV permit; North, west, south parts of county get good rains; 23 SHS students on honor roll first six weeks; Lions receive special award from Boys' Ranch;

Broncos Squeeze by Junction 22 to 6; Republican Headquarters opened in old postoffice building; Arch Valliant buried October 25; Engagement of Miss Mary Templeton, Airman Jim Van Kirt announced; Absentee voting underway.

NOVEMBER 1960
County voters head for polls in General Election; Duke Wilson named president of Park Association; Broncos bow to Eldorado 2 to 0; Hit and miss rains fall over county; Betty Jack Cooper crowned Queen of Halloween Carnival; Lilia Chavez Elliott Halloween Queen.

In Sutton County as in nation, voters prefer Kennedy and Johnson; Lions hear student panel discussion on problems of local teenagers; Welfare Council needs children's winter coats; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adkins parents of a son, Thomas Allan, born November 5.

Explorers net around \$200 at turkey shoot; Broncos defeat Big Lake 35 to 12; Southeast Texas man bags first deer of season, Mrs. Cauthorn's 140-pounder biggest; City Commission hears audit report, adopts electrician license ordinance; Barbara Gatlin named recipient of DAR award; Marriage of Miss Lynn Kirby, C. E. Renfro announced.

Community Thanksgiving services held November 23; 340 deer, 70 turkeys in lockers with season less than week old; Broncos bow to Wink 13 to 12 in bi-district play; Sonora flood protection project due completion early in 1961; Mrs. Petillo bride of Leo Holland November 21; Mrs. Peggy Lyde, Richard Sellman married November 18.

DECEMBER 1960
18 SHS students on honor rolls second six weeks; Deer take totals 475 and about 75 turkey on storage; Espiridian Castro buried November 29; Jeannette Craig bride of Phillip Cooper in

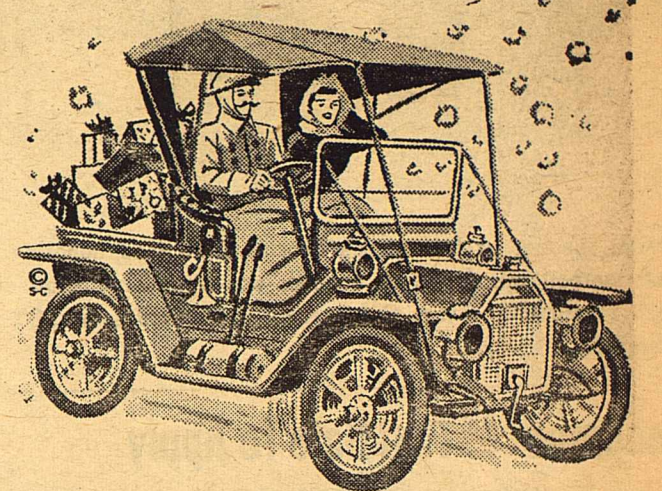
Uvalde ceremonies November 19. Cold front moves in bringing drizzle, rain to Sutton; 21 young seamstresses model woolen garments here; Seventh graders have science fair at Central Elementary; Record crowd attends December 1 Christmas open house; Six Broncos on all-district, three more get honorable mention; About 600 deer and 100 turkeys in lockers so far this season; Loretta Hendricks, Pat Jungk wed at Baptist parsonage November 23; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward parents of twins, Kelley Kate and Gus Albert, born December 3; Rev. and Mrs. William T. Mitschke, Jr., parents of a son, Ronald William, born December 1.

Santa visits Sonora youngsters December 15; Dr. Joe David Ross speaker at 4-H Achievement Banquet; Bronco cagers take third in Eldorado Tourney; Rains and cold weather continue over West Texas; About 200 hear Brumblow talk at Booster Club grid dinner; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McKee, Jr., are parents of a son, Randall Ford, born November 27.



Just slipping in our little wish that your Christmas will be bright and merry... the happiest one ever for you and your family.

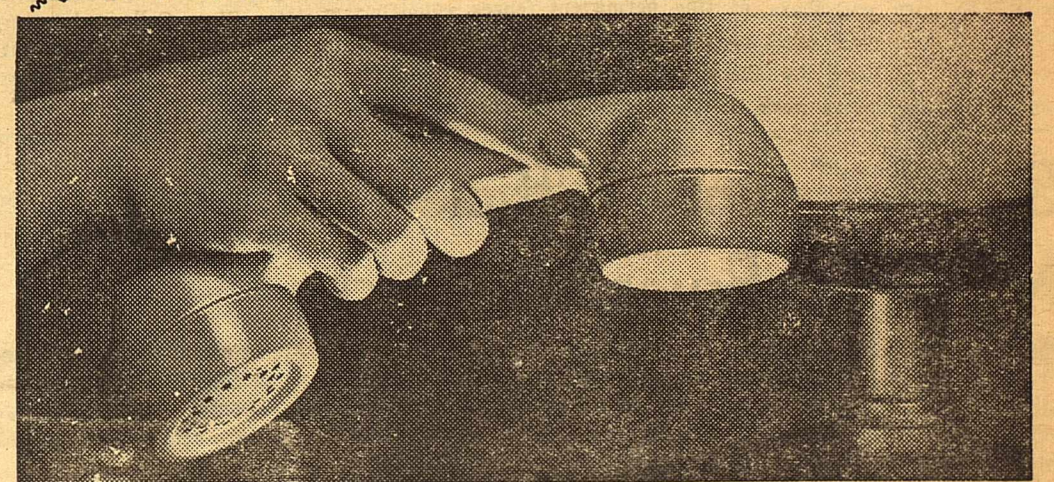
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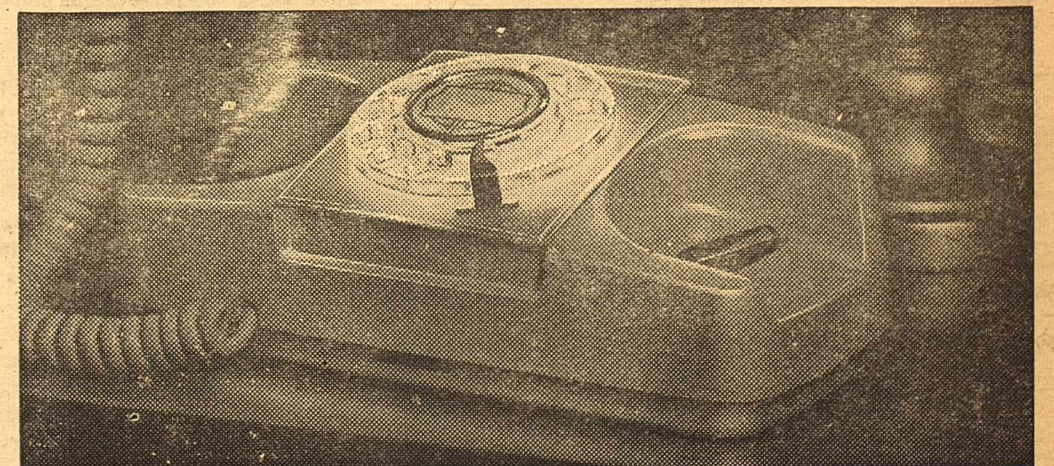
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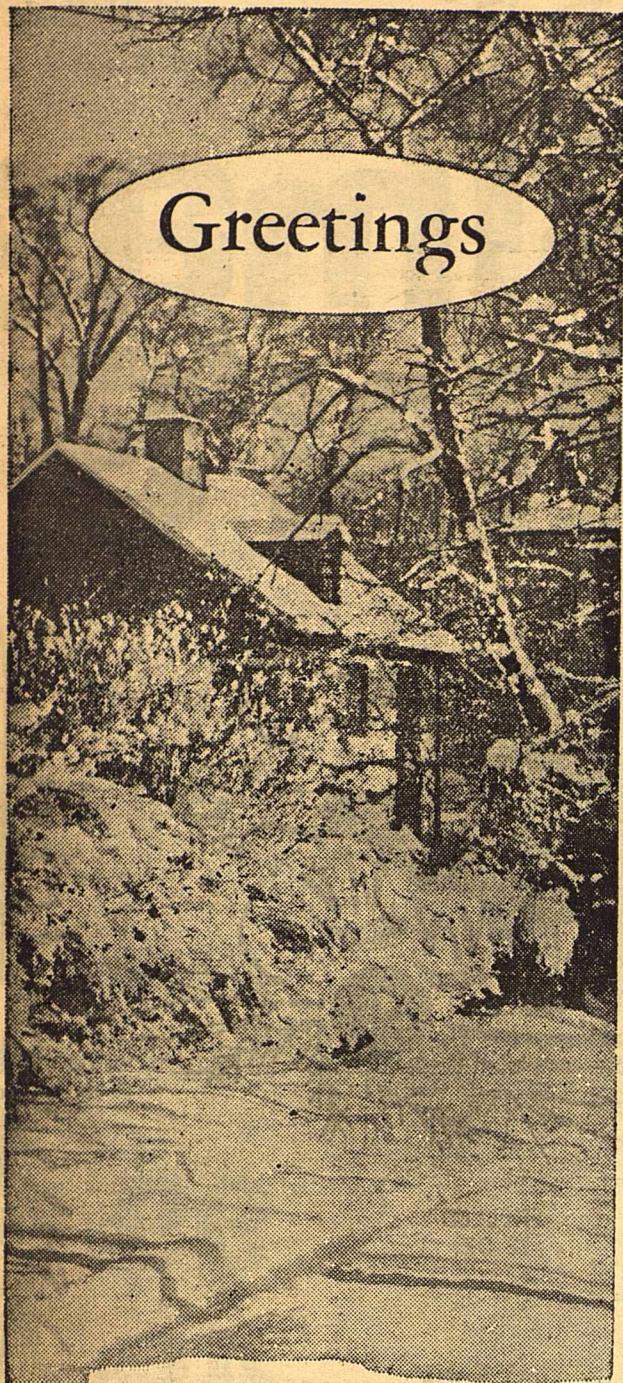
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Each Sunday
Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
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Family Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Rev. Doyle W. Merton, Pastor
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Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
If you do not worship at some other church we will be very glad to have you worship with us.

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Rev. Alvin Loiry, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
Mid Week Service Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Pedro Jalife, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
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Rev. Allan Guthrie, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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1960 Progress

FEBRUARY 1960

Funds raised, plans underway for 4-H barn at fairgrounds; Mothers' March on Polio raises \$333.71; Jerry Shurley candidate for County Attorney; Ozona Junior High takes championship in third annual basketball tournament; Spring shower drops from 1 to 1½ inches rain on county; Estes Adams seeks commissioner post for Precinct 3; David Shurley named Heart Fund chairman; Jessie Lem Johnson honoree at rural youth banquet in San Antonio; San Stewart wins scholarship;

Cahill new Chamber of Commerce president, Dr. Browne vice-president, Clayton Hamilton treasurer; March of Dimes exceeds goal as contributions total \$1,230; Mara Hernandez Valentine Queen at Elliott School; High School elects class favorites; School census shows increase over 1959; Miss Margaret Cable, Robert D. Galbreath married February 13; 51 members of Dee Ora Lodge receive 25-year service emblems.

Sutton 4-H'ers and adults get lion's share of San Antonio livestock show prizes; Mrs. L. W. Elliott buried February 21; Mrs. George Ory dies February 21; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schwiene, Jr., are parents of a daughter, Susan, born February 3; Mrs. Arthur Carroll elected president of Sonora Woman's Club.

Sonora Caverns to open; Scenic attraction to be developed, opening tentatively set for July; St. John's Episcopal Church plans new church building; Vestel Askew, Clayton Hamilton, Jack Kerkow, Joe Nance and Thomas L. Thorp named to C of C board of directors; Rande Fawcett crowned Queen at Valentine program; Miss Evalyn Wall, Dick Wilson married in Kansas.

MARCH 1960

Rev. Alvin Loiry to head Ministerial Alliance; Red Cross fund drive underway with Mrs. Stubblefield chairman; Oscar H. Wright buried March 1; Gene West and Gene Brodhead named All-District cagers, receive awards at Lions District Basketball Banquet; Thomas Morris new member of local draft board; W. C. Bricker, Sr. seeks election as Precinct 1 Constable; Broncos tie for fifth in Comanche Relays; Heart Fund contributions reach all-time high; R. S. Teaff, Harold Friess only candidates for School Board; 4-H'ers take honors at Houston; Miss Nancy Bryan Hunt, James L. Powell married February 27; Mrs. Lois W. Young to head census in Sutton County.

World Prayer Day services held March 3; Carroll Abbott candidate for Representative; J. C. Duske buried March 4; Jan Garber plays for annual Fling Ding; Sonora Womens Club hears book review;

Lions Broom Sale hits all-time high as salesmen gross more than \$1,300; Flood control near realization as next to last bids to be let; Sutton 4-H'ers take championships at San Angelo stock show; 13th annual Speech Meet ends with barbecue, awards

March 12; Robert Hardgrave, Jr. named recipient of Woodrow Wilson national fellowship; Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wallace are parents of a daughter, Martha Jane, born March 10.

Ozona cops Sonora Relays, Broncs take distance contests; Mrs. D. L. Locklin buried March 23; Mrs. J. T. McClelland dies March 21; Range Conservationists from three states hold conference at Experiment Station; Sonora firemen answer five calls in one week; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pepper, Jr., are parents of a daughter, Mary Ann, born March 19; Woman's Club wins first prize with pressbook.

Broncos take second place honors in Eldorado Relays; Gentle rains fall leaving up to 1.40 inches; SHS clarinetists win five medals in Regional Band; Robert Hardgrave, Jr. new member of Phi Beta Kappa; Miss Linda Link, James T. Hunt plan late summer wedding.

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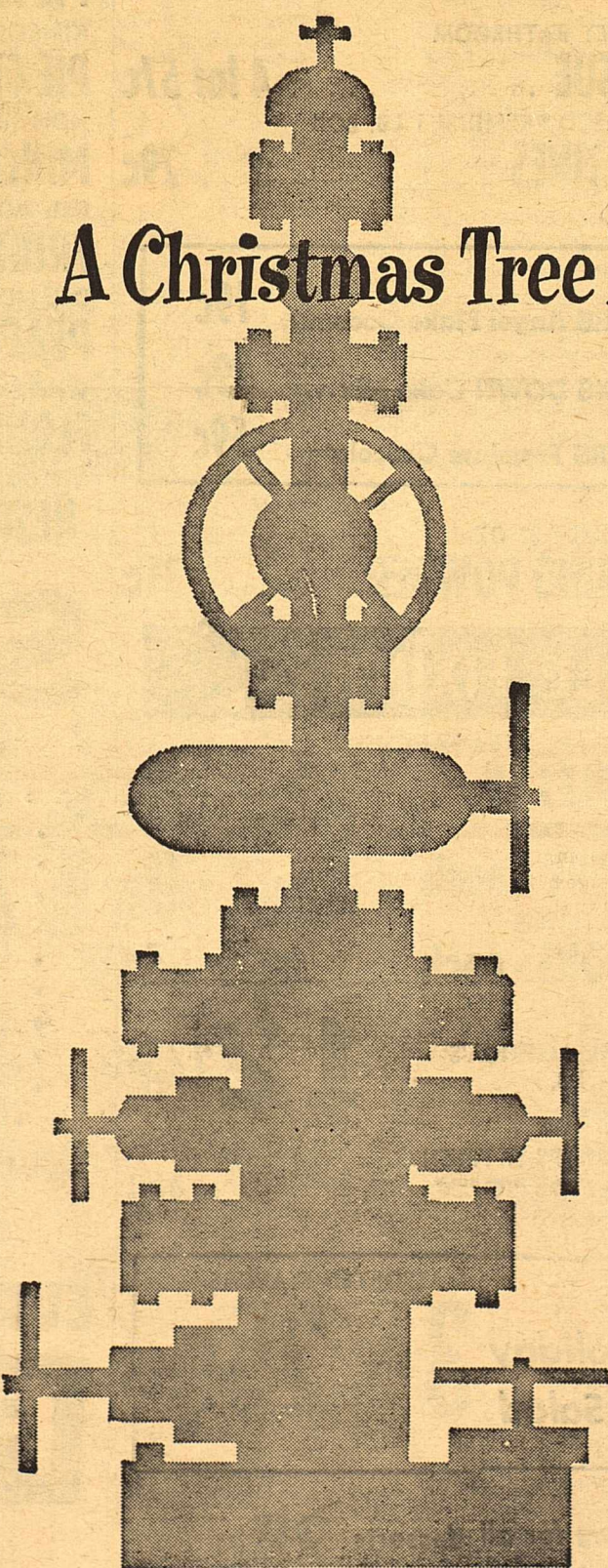
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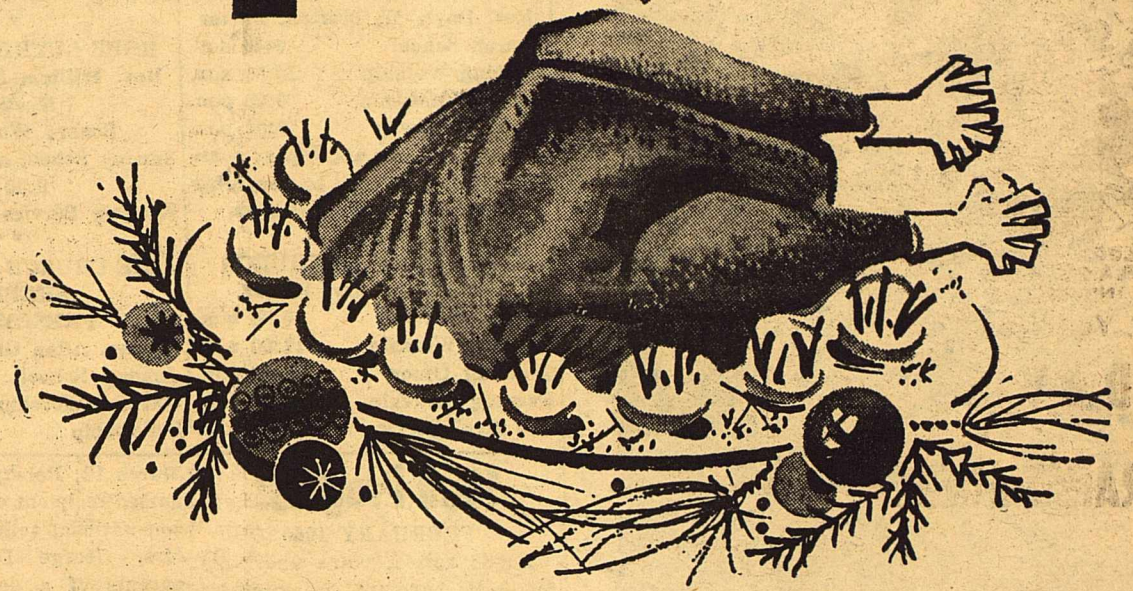
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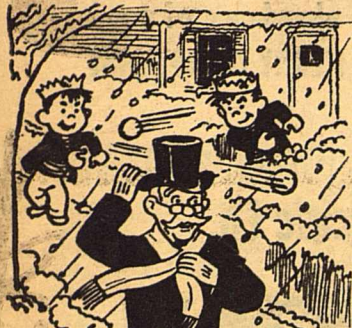


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METHODIST ADULTS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Alice S. Jones, Mrs. Mae B. Sawyer and Mrs. R. V. Cook were hostesses to the Methodist Adult Sunday School Class at its annual Christmas party Tuesday night at the Jones home. The traditional Christmas turkey dinner was served.

Bridge and 42 were played following dinner and L. E. Johnson, Sr., won high score for 42 and O. L. Richardson, Sr. low. Harold Friess held high score for bridge.

Approximately 30 attended.

Speech Students Participate In Denton Tourney

Twelve Sonora High School speech students attended the annual Denton Speech Meet in Denton last weekend. Thirty-eight schools were represented at the event which is sponsored each year by Denton High, North Texas State College and Texas Women's University.

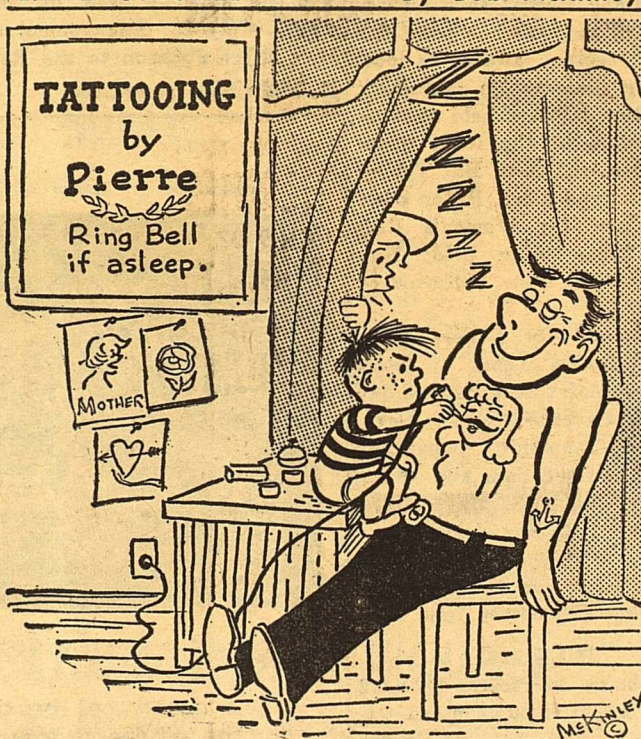
Students making the trip were Johnny Fields, Mary Wilson, Gene McCarver, Pam Jones, Betty Ann Patrick, Donna Dunn, Jo Addah Johnson, Betty Jack Cooper, Sarah Lu Hardy, Gay Potmesil, Jo Bess VanderStucken and Herbert Fields, Jr. They were accompanied by speech teacher Smith Neal and Mrs. Duke Wilson.

Johnny Fields was in the finals in oratorical declamation.

and Mrs. Reed Jennings, Miss Rita Lee, Miss Jo Ann Capps, Gene Eubank, Mrs. Dale Stockton, Dan Eaton, John R. McClelland, Jr., Miss Alene Schwenning, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cooper and Debra and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Glasscock, Marion T. and Bill.

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THE WOMEN'S PAGE

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ROUSSELOTS ENTERTAIN WITH DINNER BRIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Rousselet entertained members of the Twice Tuesday Club and their husbands with the club's annual Christmas party at their home Monday night. Supper was served followed by bridge.

High score prizes went to Mrs. Louis J. Wardlaw and Mrs. Jerry N. Shurley. Mrs. Bill Tittle and Cleveland Nance won at bingo and Robert Pfluger won the traveling prize.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mmes. Clayton Hamilton, Nolan W. Johnson, W. A. McCoy, Cleveland Nance, Jerry N. Shurley, Tommy Smith, Bill Tittle, George D. Wallace, D. C. Langford, Louis J. Wardlaw and Robert Pfluger.

YEARS PAST

January 12, 1895

R. T. Baker, the cattleman, bought the David Adams ranch on Bee Hollow for \$1,400.

R. F. Halbert, the Schleicher county stockman, was in Sonora Monday.

L. N. Halbert this week sold to George Dunagan 20 acres of land at Hibernia Heights adjoining town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield returned from a visit to their folks in Bosque County Sunday.

Will Whitehead of the well-known cattle and sheep firm of G. W. Whitehead and Son of Val Verde county, was in Sonora Wednesday.

January 19, 1895

Sunday night was a little cold and but few of the good people of Sonora attended service at the Methodist church.

Will Miers was in town this week seeing his old friends.

MRS. LABENSKA HOSTESS TO THURSDAY BRIDGE

Mrs. Lee Labenske entertained members and guests of the Thursday Bridge Club last week in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Cauthorn. The Christmas theme was used in decorating and a sandwich plate and coffee were served.

Mrs. W. O. Crites won high for guests and Mrs. Joe Berger held high club score. Mrs. A. W. Awalt won consolation and Mrs. Laura Trainer won at bingo.

Those attending were Mmes. Rose Thorp, R. B. Kelley, Robert Rees, R. V. Cook, Laura Trainer, C. E. Stites, Karen Peterson, B. W. Hutcherson, W. O. Crites, A. W. Awalt and Joe Berger.

BRIDGES HOSTS TO TEACHERS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Autrey Bridges held open house for all teachers and their wives and husbands Sunday afternoon, December 18.

The serving table was covered with a lace cloth over red and centered with a miniature white Christmas tree decorated with red glitter and red ornaments. Flanking the centerpiece were red candles. Refreshments of punch, cookies and coffee were served. Mrs. A. E. Prugel and Mrs. Andrew F. Moore assisted in serving. More than 50 persons called during the afternoon.

The lumber for George Tra-week's residence is on the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McDonald were in from their Lost Lake ranch Thursday, trading.

January 26, 1895

The muttons of the Sonora country are 25 percent fatter this season than they have ever been.

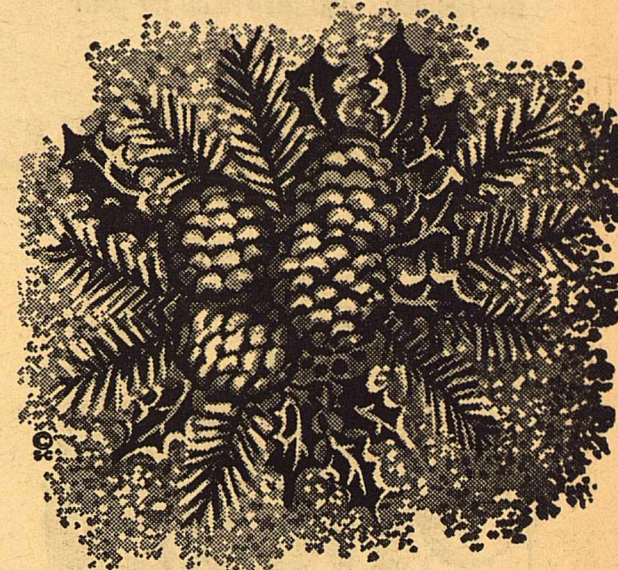
The members of the Christian church are requested to meet at the church in Sonora on Sunday Jan. 27th after Sunday school, for the purpose of organizing and having a Bible class. J. Wilkins formerly of Burnet County will call the meeting.

Sol Mayer's new Hynes buggy is much admired by business and cattlemen of the Sonora country. This buggy is put up by the Hynes Buggy Co. of Quincy, Ill.

Married at the Huffman House, Sonora, Texas, Jan. 20th, 1895, B. M. Halbert to Miss Kidie Ellis, of Ellis, Edwards county. Judge J. M. Bell, officiating. Mr. Halbert is one of Sonora's energetic young business men and Miss Ellis is the accomplished and beautiful daughter of Judge Jerry Ellis of Edwards county. The Devil's River News extends congratulations.



The F. L. McKinneys



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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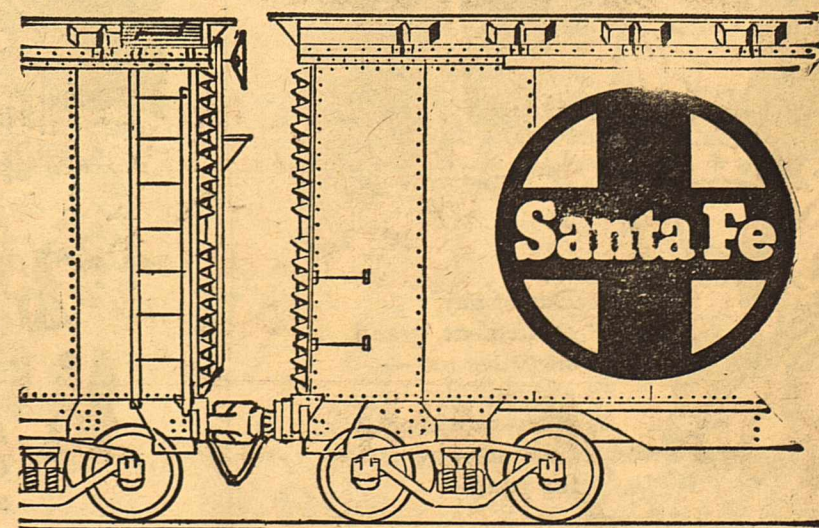
Robert and Battie Halbert



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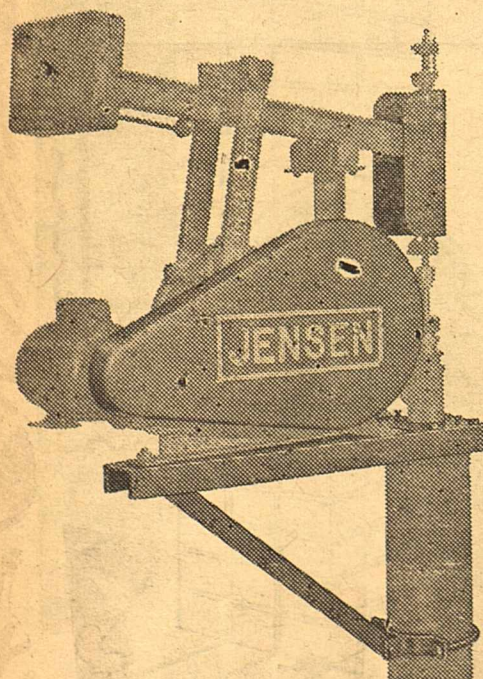
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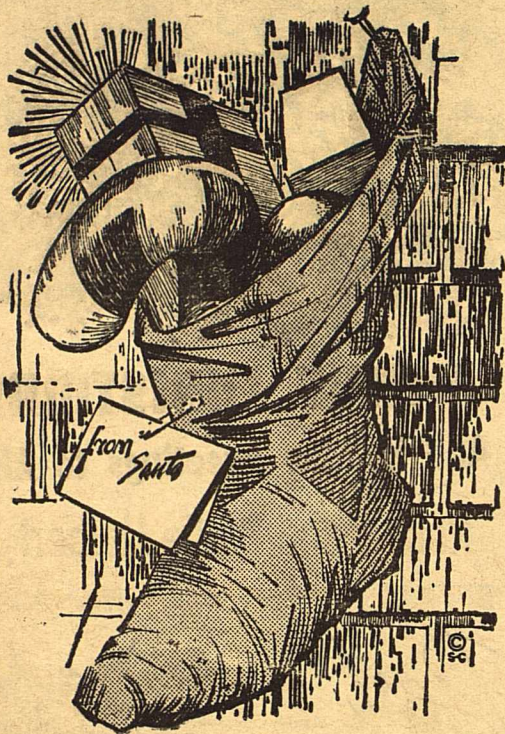
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1960 Progress

APRIL 1960

A. E. Prugel elected Mayor, Commissioners re-elected; Red Cross drive over top as \$804 quota met; Mrs. J. A. Sykes buried April 5; Robert Hardgrave, Jr. to appear on College Bowl Quiz; C of C President Cahill names committees; R. S. Teaff, Harold Friess named to School Board; Jo Addah Johnson to be Duchess at A & M Cotton Ball; 660 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies sold;

Sutton 4-H Wool and Mohair judging team takes top honors at SAC contest; Harold C. Saunders, Sr. County Surveyor, buried April 15; Mrs. J. S. Morgan dies April 13; Gerry Mayfield crowned Band Sweetheart; Mrs. W. P. McConnell to head district music clubs; John A. Martin, Jr. named president of Hill Country Firemen's Association;

Caverns of Sonora development 25 percent ready for July opening; Annual Experiment Station Field Day draws large crowd; Mrs. Autrey Bridges president of local TSTA unit; Five Sonora homes and gardens visited in Woman's Club tour; Tea announces wedding plans of Miss Yvonne Davis, Victor C. Meitzen; A 2/c and Mrs. Jack B. Johnson announce the birth of a son, Gary Mitchell, born March 21; Mrs. A. W. Awalt to head Art Club;

Annual spring band concert to be held April 28; Sara Stewart named 1960 recipient of National Merit Scholarship; Sara Stewart, Nova Crawford named top scholars of Senior Class; Claire Jones receives award at DAR meet; Engagement of Miss Carolyn McLaury, Jack Shults announced.

MAY 1960

Lions install new officers, Joe Nance to head service club; Charles L. Haines new owner of Sonora Drug Company; Spring race meet underway; San Antonio firm gets contract for Dry Devil's dam site 1; Band takes first at Regional meet; Cancer drive over the top ahead of schedule; Mrs. Herbert Fields to serve at PTA president; City Commission OK's RRC grant of gas rate hike; Mary Ellen Glasscock named head drum major.

New Sheriff and District Judge named in primary election; Jerry Hopkins new SHS football coach; Chris Berger tops exhibitor at Brownwood Wool Show; Futurity finals, derbies highlight race meet; Annette Johnson head cheerleader; W. W. Logan buried May 12; Miss Lois Regeon dies May 8; Mrs. O. G. Babcock to head Hospital Auxiliary.

Herman Moore, Jr. named recipient of annual Lambert Award at SHS; Betty Ann Patrick wins state in poetry reading; Miss Anne Palmer honored with tea; Lowrey Draw Flood dams complete, work accepted by local sponsors; Mr. and Mrs. Darcy Carroll announce the birth of a son, William Alton, born May 18; Engagement of Miss Nancy Wilson, Don Moore, announced.

County, School Equalization hearing underway; Library to open Wednesdays during summer; Rev. Doyle Morton delivers baccalaureate sermon; 40 Seniors graduate May 23; Explorer Scouts at Padre Island for week's outing; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nance parents of a daughter, Susan Jo,

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Born May 21; Mrs. Herman Smith to head Women's Society of Christian Service.

JUNE 1960

4-H Center completed and ready for community use; H. P. Allison buried May 29; W. L. (Tom) Davis receives Lions award; Bill Stacy to oppose Nugent in general election; A. M. Everett, Jr., new hospital administrator; Carolyn McLaury bride of Jack Shults in home ceremonies June 1.

Tigers leading Little League as first half season closes; Band Parents Club votes to purchase new Western type band uniforms; Committees named to serve for 23rd annual Wool Show; Contract for final flood dam to be let some time in July; Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Joy parents of a son, Tobin Mace, born May 25; Mrs. Doshia Davis observes 81st birthday.

Doyle Morgan new high school principal; Sue Ann Stokes bride of Captain Alfred C. Thompson in Fort Worth June 11; Fog fires June 15 keep firemen busy. Wool and Mohair Show awards presented at Lions luncheon; Bill Fields receives award as outstanding conservation ranchman; Dedication services held June 26 for Church of the Good Shepherd; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turney are parents of a son, Hilton Zach, born June 19; Woman's Club story hours being held; New Western type band uniforms on display.

Sutton County 4-H'ers again top All-Round Team at Wool Show; Explorer Scouts spend day aiding in Caverns of Sonora development; Community cooperation results in flood dam site 13 irrigation; Edwin S. Mayer, Mrs. Charles F. Browne delegates to national GOP convention; Nancy Bess Wilson, Don Moore wed in candlelight ceremonies June 25.

JULY 1960

Ranchmen to receive \$333,312 in wool incentive payments; Little League All-Stars to meet Ozona; Plans complete for cave opening July 16, Dedication July 23; Ozona man Sutton County's first traffic victim for 1960; Sutton County designated pilot area in nationwide standard soil survey; Yvonne Davis, Victor Meitzen wed in Church rites July 1;

Caverns of Sonora opens July 16; Band uniform fund nears \$600; Rains up to two inches cover part of County; Sonora Scouts leave for Colorado Springs Jamboree; Mrs. Mary Shroyer dies July 13; Range fires dot neighboring areas, lightning cited as causative factor; Engagement of Christine Haines, Wallace Anthony announced; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wade parents of a son, William Patrick, born July 6.

Brucellosis testing begins; Construction begun on new building for St. John's Episcopal Church; Rains of up to six inches blanket county; Over 2,000 see Caverns during opening weekend; Hospital to conduct Licensed Vocational Nursing School; Tigers win Little League Championship, Yankees and Cubs tie for second.

Special edition published for Caverns dedication; Gerry Mayfield Sonora's duchess to court of Miss Mohair; Mrs. Jo Bell dies July 26; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris parents of a daughter, Lucy, born July 11; Christine Haines, Wallace Anthony wed in San Angelo July 23; Engagement of Miss Joyce Johnson to the Rev. H. Rudy Pace announced.



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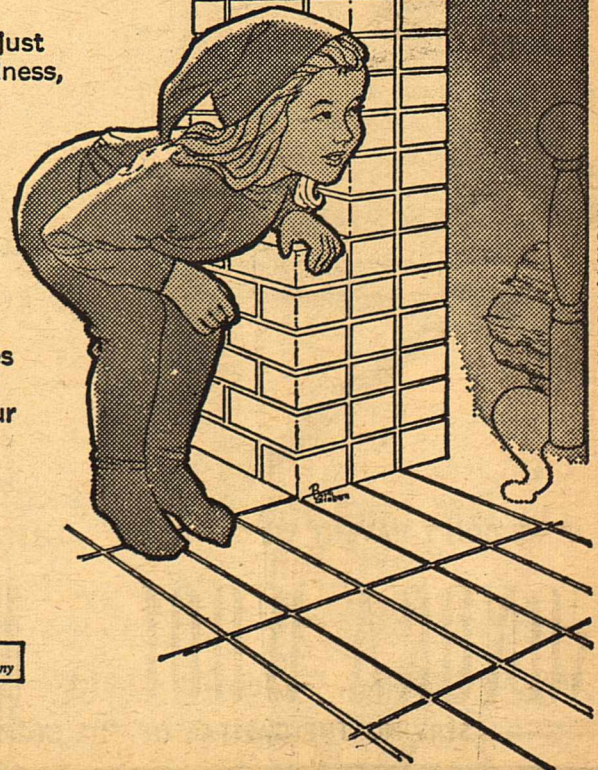
Who put the sock in Susie's Christmas?

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Tuesday, December 27,
Melinda Earwood
Mrs. Jerry Shurley
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Will Wallace
Wednesday, December 28,
None
Thursday, December 29,
J. B. Renfro
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Bob Tolliver
Adam Delrie
Charles W. West
David Wuest
Friday, December 30,
Mrs. Lewis Roueche
Stanley Harris
Mrs. Ellen Ray
Saturday, December 31,
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Mrs. Earl Merck
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Edwards Plateau Soil Conservation District News

By E. B. Keng
Soil Conservation Service

Dr. Leo B. Merrill, Experiment Station, and E. B. Keng, Soil Conservation Service, returned Sunday from a meeting of the Texas Section of the American Society of Range Management at Corpus Christi. About 100 range conservationists from over the state were present.

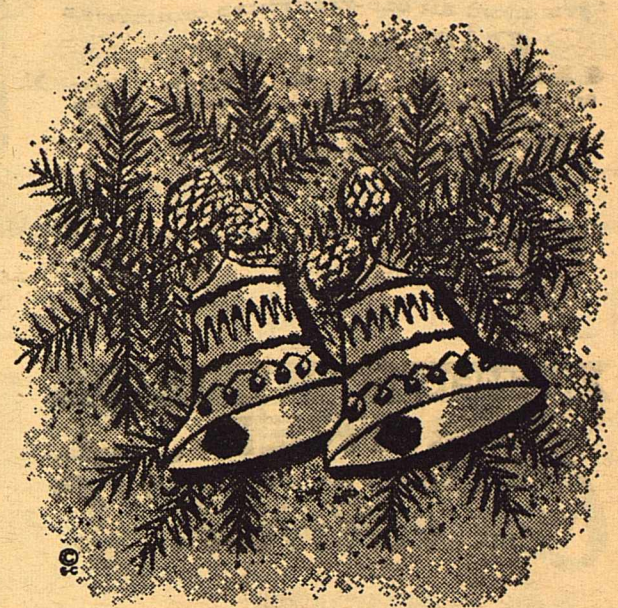
The trip included a short tour of the King Ranch near Kingsville, and the Welder Wildlife Foundation near Sinton.

Welder Wildlife Foundation, is a 7,800 acre private wildlife reservation on a relatively flat area near the coast, and is bordered by the Aransas River on one side. Woody vegetation consists primarily of hackberry, elm, ebony, huisache, and other thorny shrubs. Grasses include seacoast and big bluestem, panic and paspalum grasses, and many annual and perennial weeds.

Wildlife, particularly deer and turkey, were very abundant. The white-tailed deer were slight-

larger, but had much heavier horn structure than deer in the Sonora area. Several natural lakes on the area were well populated with water birds. In addition to coots (mudhens) and ducks, small and large heron, American egret, water turkey and gulls were observed. Marsh hawks, Sennett white-tailed hawk, red-tailed hawk and sparrow hawks were quite common.

On the King ranch thousands of acres of rangeland which was cleared of dense mesquite and other brush and planted to introduced bluestems was observed. The ranch employs 740 people, and the main headquarter is a village within itself.



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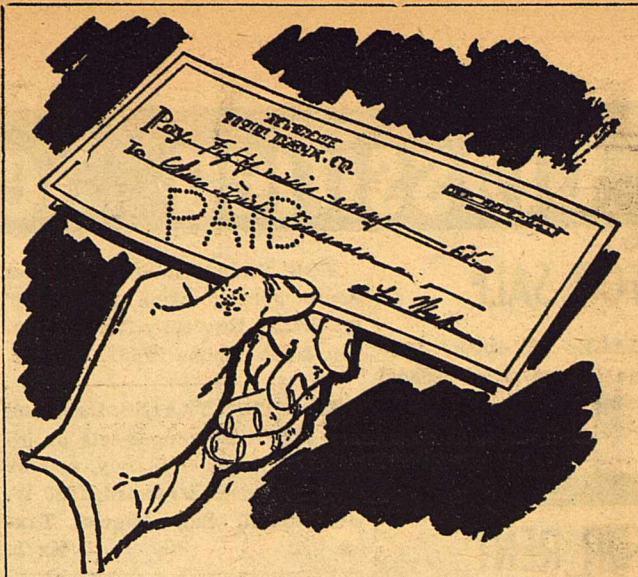
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Pre-Conference
Tuesday, January 3, Rock-springs, there.

Friday, January 6, Big Lake Tournament.

Conference Games
Friday, January 13, Junction, here.

Friday, January 20, Ozona Tournament.

Tuesday, January 24, Ozona, there.

Friday, January 27, Big Lake, there.

Tuesday, January 31, Eldorado, here.

Friday, February 3, Junction, there.

Friday, February 10, Ozona, here.

Tuesday, February 14, Big Lake, here.

Friday, February 17, Eldorado, there.

VIRGIN BECOMES THE MOTHER OF THE PROMISED 'SON OF GOD'

BETHLEHEM STAR

BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

Boy Called Jesus Christ; To Lead World to Peace



ROYAL VISITORS—Three "Wise Men" from the East are pictured as they neared Bethlehem today in their search for the newborn Saviour. They are following the rays of the unusually bright star which guided them to the birthplace of the little Jesus in a Bethlehem stable.

'Three Wise Men' Journey Here From the East, Bring Gifts to Newborn Saviour

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Three great men, kings in their own right, rode into this city today on camels, bringing gifts of myrrh, frankincense and gold for the babe born in a stable to the virgin Mary, wife of the Nazarene carpenter, Joseph.

The three—called Wise Men by local residents who talked to them, are named Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They explained they had traveled from Assyria and Babylonia, following a star which had been pointed out to them in visions and prophecy.

Before arriving here, the trio stopped at Herod's palace in Jerusalem to have an audience with the King of Judea.

They reported Herod appeared agitated over the child's birth. He gave them instructions to seek out the child, Jesus, and report back to him.

Concern has been expressed for the safety of the three strangers because they failed to bring presents for King Herod but presented gifts instead to the new son born to Mary.

This act is unprecedented and is said in official circles to be cause for a break in trade relations between Judea and the eastern lands.

The three Wise Men told observers they were alarmed about the attitude of King Herod. Reportedly they advised Joseph to take his wife and the newborn child home by a secret route. They also intimated that they themselves intended to leave under cover of darkness, to return to their countries by a circuitous route,

without reporting back to Herod's palace.

They also reported that during their conference with Herod, the King of Judea called on his court astrologer, Marto, for an explanation of the star which the Wise Men have been following.

Marto is said to have explained to Herod that there had recently appeared a remarkable conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars, a condition that would not recur in more than a million years. It was this phenomenon, Marto told Herod, that the Wise Men had mistaken for a mysterious star.

During his recitation, however, Marto appeared exceedingly nervous, according to the three Wise Men. He stuttered and stammered, constantly referring to his papers and astrological charts.

He appeared as a man almost out of his mind, the Wise Men reported. So hard did he try to explain away a phenomenon which he plainly didn't understand that he made a sorry mess of the whole thing.

Finally Herod dismissed his astrologer in a raving rage.

When the Wise Men left Herod's palace they intuitively knew they would be followed by the king's agents.

However, they cleverly eluded Herod's spies. They found this town, the inn and the stable. Observers say that when they entered the place of the Holy Birth, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar knelt and their eyes were full of worshipful glory as they looked at Mary's baby.

Shepherds Find Child In Manger

By QUINTUS OVIDUS
Special Staff Correspondent

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Joyous cries of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" rang out early this morning through the crowded streets of this ancient town of King David.

This correspondent was present when a great crowd of angels appeared in the frosty heavens, announcing the birth in a stable here of The Savior of the World and proclaiming him "Prince of Peace."

Originally I had gone into the fields to observe the work of the shepherds. They were tending their flocks. The night was clear and cold.

Suddenly a brighter light than I had ever seen before blazed in the sky. The form of an angel appeared in the center. And a voice told us not to be afraid.

All of the group—the shepherds and your correspondent—were stunned by this strange happening.

The voice continued speaking to us.

"I bring you great news. For this day is born to you a Savior who is Christ the Lord. The child is wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Then the whole sky seemed to split apart. Through the opening we saw a great crowd of angels. They were all singing with joy "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The shepherds put down their sticks and left their sheep. They ran into Bethlehem, with your correspondent following as fast as his short legs would take him. At first we wondered how we could find the place of the miraculous birth.

But then we saw the star—a star ten hundred times brighter than any other in the sky. Its rays pointed down to a spot in the town. We followed its guiding light and found the stable behind the inn.

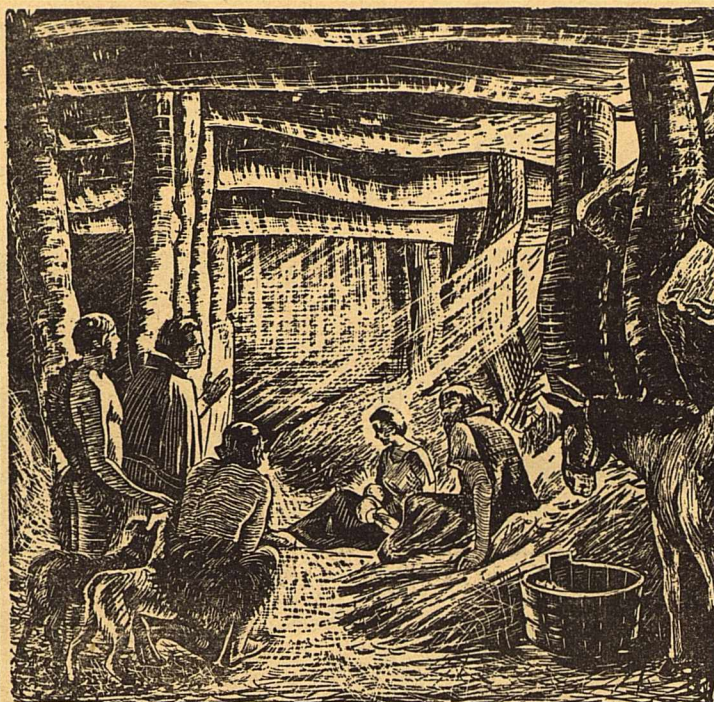
We went inside. Sure enough there was the newborn baby, lying on straw in a manger.

The father was there keeping watch. He told us his name was Joseph and his home was in Nazareth. The mother, Mary, was asleep in another corner of the stable.

I asked him how they happened to be in this lowly stable.

Joseph explained that Mary and he had traveled to Bethlehem to pay their taxes. When they arrived, the inn was overflowing. Finally they had found space in the stable where the birth took place.

We looked at the child. His face was not red and wrinkled but was very smooth and white



BIRTH SCENE—Here is a view of the manger crib in a stable where the promised Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born early today. Sketched by an artist on the scene, the view shows the newborn Saviour, surrounded by his virgin mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph, a Nazarene carpenter.

Mother's Husband Is Nazarene Carpenter

NAZARETH, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Joseph, husband of the virgin Mary who gave birth in Bethlehem to the child hailed as the Son of God, owns a small carpenter's shop in this town nestled in the mountains on the busy trade route between Europe and Asia.

This is a noisy, boisterous little city, constantly teeming with the caravans which pass along its main thoroughfares.

The inhabitants depend almost solely on these daily visitors for their latest news from the outside world. It was with great wonder they learned of the miraculous happening in Bethlehem.

Mary, the mother of the newborn Jesus, comes from an extremely religious family.

Her father, Joachim, is generally considered a sort of sage in the vicinity. The devotion of the mother, Anna, to her child is well-known throughout the community.

A cousin of Mary, by the name of Elizabeth, is the wife of a priest in Ain Karim, a suburb of Jerusalem.

This woman, the daughter of Anna's older sister, also gave birth to a child a few months ago under unusual circumstances. After 40 years of childless marriage, Elizabeth and her husband, Zacharias, were told by the angel Gabriel that they would have a son. The boy has been named John. Prophets have announced that he is the forerunner or messenger of the child born today in Bethlehem.

While most of the townspeople here tend to be rowdy, Mary's husband, Joseph, is known as a dreamy, quiet-spoken man, more the scholar than the craftsman. Indeed, many have called him visionary because he avoided such pastimes as gambling with travelers of passing caravans and found his pleasure in conversation with his neighbors.

Golden-bearded and prematurely bald, Joseph, is civic-minded, studious and reserved. His home is simple. Before his marriage, it consisted of a cot

His expression was of such great innocence and affection that we knew he had come into the world to give everything and take nothing.

in the back of his shop and a simple grate on which he cooked his meals.

Although only a poor workman, Joseph always has been proud to trace his ancestry back to David and beyond that to Isaac and Abraham.

The home of Mary's parents is more pretentious. Constructed of mountain stones, covered with plaster, it has a second floor for living quarters. This part of the home opens onto a garden on the hillside in the rear.

The lower floor is usually cluttered with the family's livestock: goats, some chickens and a small flock of sheep.

Since Mary's marriage to Joseph, the home has become a meeting place for the more devout. Here neighbors gather for evening prayers and their religious rituals.

Both families are considered poor. Yet there has been a profound sense of contentment that seemed to fill the entire countryside.

They are most respected in their community. There is no sense of doubt as to the prophetic meaning of last night's event.

People of this community seem to take it for granted, with an attitude that they "knew it was going to happen all the time."

Students Are Sure Child Is 'Messiah'

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Students of the prophets said today that the child born today in a stable in Bethlehem might well be the long-promised Messiah.

All of the prophecies concerning the coming of the Promised One apparently have been fulfilled in the manner of His birth. One scholar of the word of God declared.

Recalling the promise of God to King David more than 1000 years ago that the Saviour would be of his house, one genealogist quickly checked the lineage of the infant's

parents. He announced that Joseph, the husband of Mary, is a 27th generation descendant of King David and a 41st descendant of Abraham.

Among the most-quoted prophecies is Isaiah. Scholars pointed out that two of his best-known prophecies were fulfilled yesterday:

"Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

Now at Bethlehem the second promise of the angel Gabriel apparently has been fulfilled. The child born to Mary is named Jesus.

Prophecy Fulfilled By Strange Event In Little Bethlehem

Birth Brings New Hope For World Peace

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Righteous scholars in this city of David today acclaimed the birth of the long-promised Saviour of Peace.

They saw in this arrival of the prophesied Son of God the great hope for true peace in the world.

The Glorious One, the scholars say, will give to the world precepts, prayers and beatitudes, the teaching and practice of which will bring everlasting peace to the entire world.

The scholars also claim that through His teachings, men everywhere will become better fitted for the everlasting life. On His life, they say, will be built the foundations for a way of life precious to all mankind.

King Herod Is Enraged By Reports

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Sources close to Herod, King of Judea, reported great concern in the royal household over the birth today in Bethlehem of a boy heralded as "King of All."

Rumors coming from the palace today said Herod fears the possibility of a new leader rising from the Jewish nation to head a revolt against his rule.

It was indicated that the agents of Herod were leaving no stone unturned to uncover the facts surrounding the child's birth. Palace sources said Herod was nearly out of his mind with rage because all his information thus far was based on rumors.

A secret conference was immediately called by Herod with the chief priests and scribes, one source reported.

Official pronouncements from the palace, however, attack the story of the birth as a "lie spread by revolutionaries to arouse the people of Judea against the Roman government."

The king's agents said the strangers were wise men from the east who had arrived in the capital with four camels and had been asking questions of everyone about the birth of a "fabulous child who is to take the throne."

When Herod asked his agents what else the strangers had said, he was told they had announced they had seen the child's star in the east and had come here to worship him.

Herod then reportedly struck his informants and ordered them executed. His rage grew until suddenly he began gasping and was forced to lie on a couch. The royal physician was called. He administered special sedatives to calm the stricken ruler.

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Infant Is Hailed As 'New King'

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25—(CNS)—Birth of a baby boy to a young virgin woman was reported here today. Scholars immediately proclaimed it the fulfillment of ancient Jewish prophecy.

According to the records of religious men, it was prophesied many years ago that the "Son of God" would some day be born to a virgin. The child has long been promised as the "New King" whose teachings and wisdom would bring peace to all mankind.

The divine birth took place, reports say, in a stable behind the inn here.

The mother of the child is a Nazarene by the name of Mary. Her husband, Joseph, a carpenter, substantiates her report of the immaculate conception.

Jesus Christ is the name given the child, reported by all who have seen him as extraordinarily different in appearance from any other newborn baby.

According to reports from the stable, Joseph and Mary arrived here yesterday after a laborious journey from Nazareth. They came to pay their taxes.

Finding all lodging places filled, Joseph finally persuaded the innkeeper to let him and his wife stay in the stable. Shortly after their arrival, the divine birth took place.

Details of occurrences leading up to the miraculous event were related by Joseph to visitors to the stable.

During the period of betrothal, he reported the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary one night and told her that she had been selected by God to give birth to the Holy Child.

This so startled Mary that she immediately left her home without saying anything either to Joseph or her parents. She stayed for several months with a cousin in another town.

Later, Mary returned to Nazareth and told Joseph she was going to have a baby.

On the night of Mary's return to Nazareth and the breaking of her news to Joseph, he had a dream. In it the angel of the Lord came to him and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, that the child had been conceived by the Holy Spirit, that the child would be called Jesus and that He was to save mankind from sin and bring peace to earth.

Joseph then married Mary. He described their life together as a perfect companionship, the yearning of soul for soul.

Although time for the great event was drawing near when the order came from the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, that all inhabitants must gather in Bethlehem to be counted for taxation, Joseph and Mary were afraid not to obey. So it happened that their journey here and the Holy Birth coincided.

Word of the great event spread quickly through this city. The courtyard of the inn has been crowded ever since.

Groups of the curious have gathered on the streets discussing the reports. Many said they had seen an unusually bright star that appeared to move across the sky and come to rest over the stable, where the child Jesus was resting in a manger.

Best informed sources said that shepherds in nearby fields were first to learn of the birth. They were quoted as saying an angel appeared in the heavens and told them the great news.

Priest's Son Called Forerunner of Bethlehem Child

HEBRON, Judea—(CNS)—What word arrived here of the birth in Bethlehem of a child to a virgin, residents recalled a similar incident recently involving a local priest and his wife.

About six months ago, Zacharias, the priest, and his wife, Elizabeth, both quite old and childless, became the parents of a son whom they named John.

Just as in the case of Mary, mother of the newborn Jesus, the angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and told him Elizabeth would have a child who was to be called John.

This happened more than a year ago when Zacharias, the priest, was in the temple offering incense.

Zacharias reported that the angel told him his son would "turn the hearts of fathers unto their children and the incredulous to the wisdom of the just, to prepare unto the Lord a perfect people."

Because he expressed doubt that he and his aged wife would have a child, Zacharias reportedly was stricken dumb by the Lord.

Elizabeth in due time gave birth to a 10-pound son. When it came time for the naming, the relatives gathered and started to call the child Zacharias, after his father. But the priest motioned for a writing table and ordered that he be named John.

Immediately Zacharias found his voice again.

According to local reports Mary, the mother of the new born Jesus in Bethlehem, is a cousin of Elizabeth.

Mary visited her cousin's home here a few months ago, at which time she reported that she, too, had been visited by the angel Gabriel who told her she would give birth to the Son of God.

Even when Mary first arrived here, Elizabeth is said to have spoken to her at once as "the

mother of my Lord." By some strange method, God had made known to Elizabeth the great miracle he had wrought in her cousin.

Mary stayed here with Elizabeth for almost three months. It was soon after her departure that John was born.

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Letters To Santa

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like to have a sewing machine, and a little doll would come with it, then if you would not mind I would like some skates, Christmas is coming up pretty soon, so the second graders are going to make something for their mothers. This year I would like to sing Christmas carols. In second grade we have a lot of fun. Sonora is a small town, but in small towns you can have a lot of fun too.

I think that the second grade has 22 people in it.
December the 19, is my sister's birthday. She will be 10 years old.

Love Your Friend,
Nina Kay Parks.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa Claus would you bring me lots of toys? Do you have Rudolph. Your are a good Santa Claus. We are going to have lots of things to eat, they are good. You'll like them. I am Johnny and my brother's name is Gene. Santa Claus you are good. I would like a go kart.

Love,
Johnny Dunn.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I love you. I want a big baby doll. We are getting ready for Christmas. I am Debbie. I am eight years old. I am a big girl. We are going to have a party. We have easy work at school.

Love,
Debbie Wipff.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a big doll, a cowboy hat, and a pony. I would also like some dishes. Oh, I want a big play house. I wish I had a real baby deer.

Love,
Bobbie Glasscock.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a bike.
I would like a hot rod.
I would like a Go Kart.
I would like a Palladin Set.
I would like a trampoline.
I am seven years old.

Love,
Tony Renfro.

I Love you.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I love you and Rudolph Reindeer. The turkeys are brown today. I love deer too. I have been a good boy for you. I like cars. I would like a Go Kart. I would like a gun. I would like a trampoline. I am seven years old.

Love,
Joe Wallace.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a train and a hat. I have been pretty good.

So would you bring me a hat and train.

I love you Santa. Do you love me?

Love,
Ricky Bridges.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a big bike and a truck. I want a Go Kart. Do you really have lots of toys? I love you, I hope I will see you at the airport Saturday night.

Sammy Joe Thompson.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the second grade. My name is Dottie. Please bring my daddy some binoculars and a real gun. Bring my mother some dishes and bring my sister Tootie a dolly.

Bring me a watch and a ballerina and bring Laurie D. something.

Bring me a toy typewriter, too please.

Love,
Dottie Hollmig.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the second grade. I hope you are very happy. Please bring some dishes for my little sister Cindy and please bring a bride doll for my sister Nancy, and an electric train for me. Don't forget to bring something nice to mother and daddy.

Love,
Richard Weatherford.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Roger. I am in the second grade.

I would like to have a football suit, a football and shoulder pads. My sister would like a doll.

I hope you have a good ride. This is your happy boy,

Roger Langford.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am eight years old and I am in the second grade. How are you? My brother Bruce wants a cattle truck and a gun. And I want a bicycle and a Polly Anna doll, please.

I hope you have a happy trip. Love,
Kay Kerbow.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am seven years old. Bring me a cavalry suit. Please, bring mother, daddy and Suzanne something nice.

Please bring me a cattle truck Happy New Year! Merry Christmas!

Love,
Scott Shurley.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring a 30-30 gun for

my daddy.

I hope you can bring a Polly Anna doll for my cousin Lesa. Please bring me a cavalry set. Please bring some dishes for my mother.

I love you, Santa!
Taylor Jones.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I am in the second grade. How are you? Please bring me an electric train, a cavalry set, and a record player for the family. This is all I have to say.

Love,
Eddie Sutton.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? How are Rudolph and the other reindeer? I am in the second grade. Please bring me a doll that says

"Mother" and a watch. I wish I could come to see you. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Regina-Trainer.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a brown doll and a Betsy Wetsy doll for Christmas. That is all I want. I like you very much. My name is Betsy. I hope all of the children get what they want.

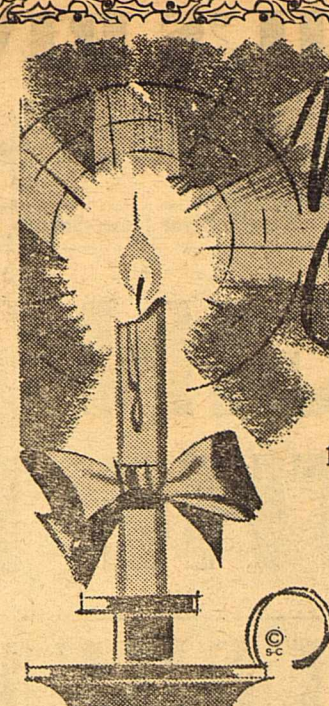
Love,
Betsy Schwenning.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

This is to you, I love you. My sister wants a little toy lamb. I want a big pretty doll, a ring, and some play dishes. I hope you will get these things, I like to play with things.

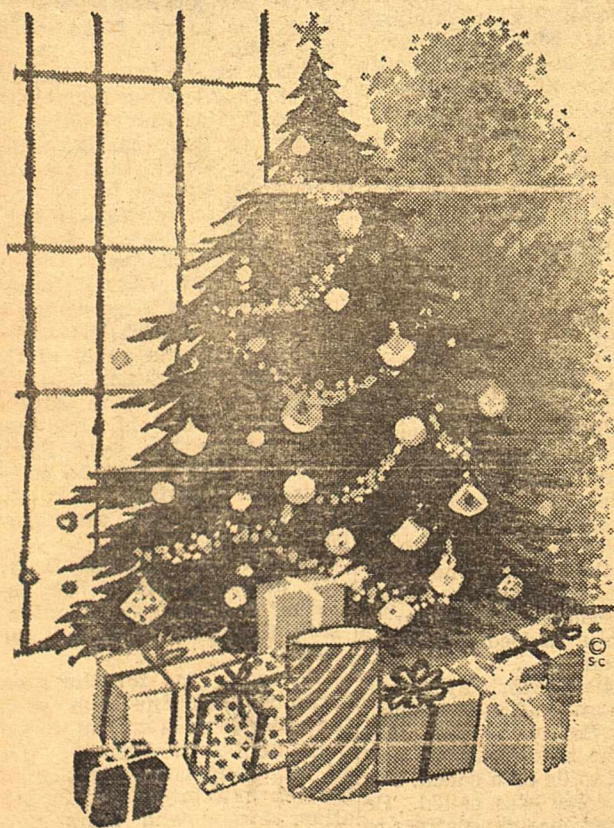
Love,
Carol Gay Hardgrave.



Merry Christmas

We take sincere pleasure in extending to you our BEST WISHES for a HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

GULF RESTAURANT



A CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU

To our friends and patrons...
a tree-load of happiness
and prosperity

Home Hardware & Furniture Co.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS...where every gleam of candlelight, every crimson berry, every gay and glad "Hello" helps make your Holiday so bright, Your Christmas so Merry!

HOWELL'S HOME OWNED

CALVIN, MARY ANNE, KERRY, GUS, DOUGLAS, MIKE



OLD FASHIONED
GREETINGS TO ALL!

TEAFF OIL COMPANY

Letters To Santa

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade. I am eight years old. Please bring daddy a 20-30 rifle. I want a football and a toy rifle and four arrowhead frames. Mother wants a pecan cracker and some dishes. Don't forget the others.
Love,
Jimmie David Ormsby.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Eddy Smith. I am seven years old and hope you are here by Sunday. I am waiting for you to come here so I can see you. I know you will look funny, Santa Claus.
I know you will bring lots of toys. I think it will be a week before you will come. I know you are happy. We are happy too, and we are waiting for you to come.
Eddy Smith.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I have a bike? I like you.
Bob Brockman.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll. I want a bike. I want a little piano. I want a ring. I am alright. My family is alright too. How are you? I hope you are okay. I want some skates.
Love,
Betty Lois Hearn.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa, I am Horace, I have been good, Johnny has been bad. I want a wagon a real Go Kart and a play car. I want a bicycle.
Love,
Horace Humphreys.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike with two wheels on the back. I have a big brother, his name is Robert. My brother is 11 years old. I'm 7 years old. I want a big doll that can walk and talk. I love you, I hope you love me too.
Love,
Missy Brown.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike with two wheels on the back. I want a coat, too. I want a wagon, too. I want a piano, too. I want a raincoat and rainshoes and rainhat too. I want a dancing dress too. I want some high heel shoes, too.
Love Santa Claus, I Love you Santa Claus.
Love,
Wandolories Pentecost

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade. I have four sisters I would like for you to bring me a scooter. I like you very much. I like your helpers, too. I like the song of Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer.
Love,
Beth Davis.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Connie Lynn Land and I am seven years old. My baby brother is nearly one year old and his name is Kevin Michael Land.
My brother would like a pull toy for Christmas and I would like a stuffed dog for Christmas. My brother and I are coming to see you this coming week.
Love,
Connie Lynn Land.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Mike. I am in the second grade. I am eight years old. I want a toy gun and a toy car.
Love,
Mikie Lyles.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a chair, a big bicycle, a bride doll, and some skates. I love my family, Santa Claus, I love Christmas Day.
Love,
Judy Steed.



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

We hope your joys are many and your troubles few...
A very Merry Christmas from all of us to you!

CARL J. CAHILL INC.
CONTRACTOR



Season's
Greetings

WM. CAMERON & Co.
HOME OF COMPLETE BUILDING SERVICE
H. M. SMITH, MGR.



GREETINGS
Best Wishes For a Christmas Full of Joy

Sonora TV Service Co., Inc.



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From our entire staff to
all of our many friends...
Sincere wishes to you and yours
for a Christmas that's
filled with love,
peace, happiness,
and hope for the future.

Sonora Feed and Supply



Christmas Through History

Christmas was first observed in England around A. D. 521, during the reign of King Arthur. Observance of the holiday (as well as that of Easter) was forbidden when the Puritans conquered in 1642. They passed an act in Parliament forbidding the celebration of both holidays and it was not until the Restoration of Charles II that these Christian practices again became prevalent in England.

Most historians credit Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" as being perhaps the most effective force behind England's return to the observance of Christmas.

Celebrating Christmas was at one time forbidden on American

shores. In 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay Colony passed a law stipulating a fine of five shillings for anyone "found observing any such day as Christmas, or the like, either by forebearing labor, feasting or any other way, as a festival..."

Almost thirty years later, the first "legal" Christmas was observed in America when Gov. Andros conducted services in the town hall of Boston.

Shaniards are taught to treat

A persistent Christmas legend is that bees hum a carol in honor of the Christ Child. In England, holly is placed on the hive to wish the bees a Merry Christmas.

Spaniards are taught to treat cows kindly; they believe that cattle breathed upon the Christ Child to keep Him warm. Tradition holds that cows and horses kneel in adoration at midnight each Christmas Eve. Among the residents of the German Alps it is believed that on Christmas Eve all animals can speak.

In Worcestershire, it was at one time the custom to give a bought of mistletoe to the cow that first bore a calf after New Year's Day, to bring good luck to all.

In Syria, the youngest camel which accompanied the Three Wise Men is called the camel of Jesus, and it is the camel which brings gifts to the children.

In Bohemia a horse is taken out into a river at Christmas and walked against the current. The rider tosses an apple into the stream and if it hits the horse it will be stronger during the coming year.

—Adapted from Alan A. Brown in "Our Animals".

Christmas Legends

Folklore of the Christmas season is fascinating. Whether true or not, these innumerable tales form the traditions of the holiday season. Animals are prominently mentioned in many legends and customs.

One Christmas legend tells of the little gray lamb with a longing in its heart to be white. It wandered to the dwelling of the Holy Family, lingering at the door. The Christ Child, seeing the lamb, beckoned it in. He laid his hand on its head, and it became white as snow.

Norwegians, Swedes, and the Swiss make it a special point to be extremely friendly and hospitable on Christmas, both to do-



Bill Smith's Service Station



Here's our chance to say, "Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday."

Pappy's

ORBITING IN WITH Holiday Greetings



Good Luck, Good Cheer,
and to all A Merry Christmas!

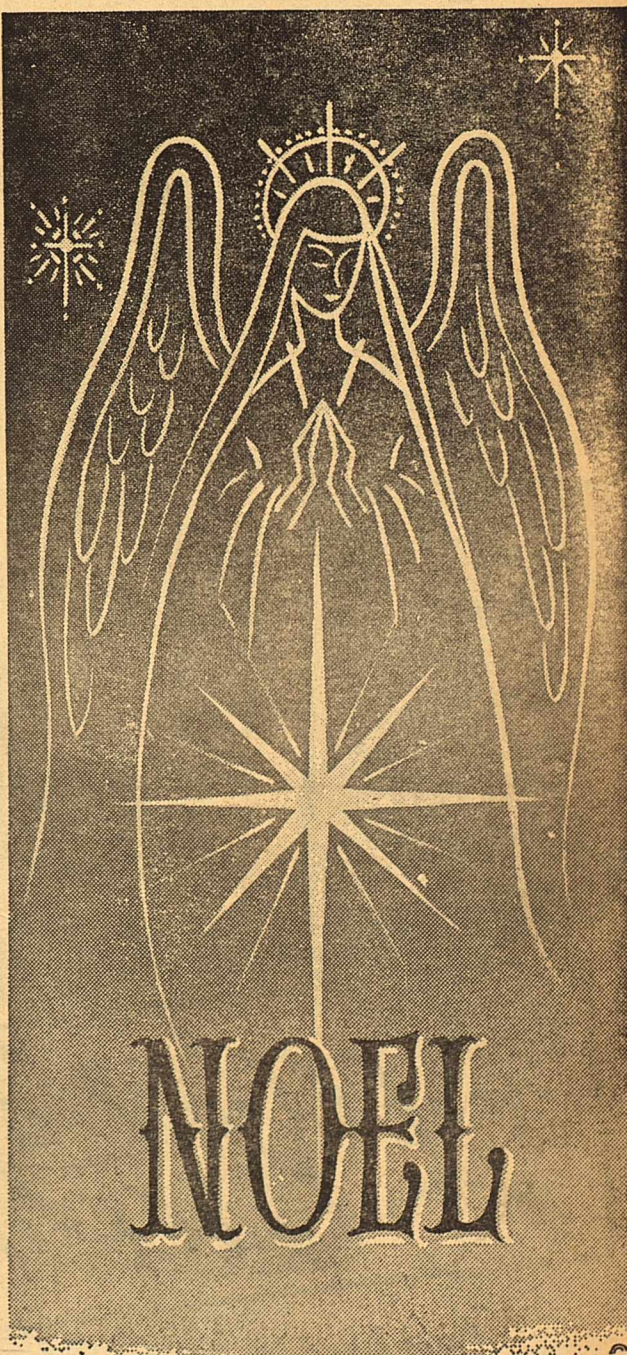
When Santa Comes at Christmastime with great good gifts for you, may his sack be overflowing and last the whole year through! Good cheer, good health and good fortune to all of you from all of us!

Modern-Way Grocery



May the blessing of Christmas
bring joy to your home!

Sonora Steam Laundry
TOMMY AND GUGGLE THORP



May the Holy Spirit born in Bethlehem bless your home, and bring to you and yours all the heart-warming joy of a very Merry Christmas.

The Holiday Host



First National Bank
Serving Sutton County Since 1900
MEMBER F. D. I. C.

Letters To Santa

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Becky Tittle. I am seven years old and I am in the second grade. Please bring my sister Debra and me ballerina dolls. My mother wants a movie projector to show home movies. My daddy wants some pajamas. How are Rudolph and your other reindeer? Bring granddaddy some pajamas, too. I would like a bike, too. My sister would like a 4-wheel bike.
Debra is a little girl. She is four years old. I like her.
If you can, please bring me an organ, a work book, a toy play house, and a pair of shoes.
If you can, please bring Debra a toy play house, an organ and a big ball, a toy baby bed, and a baby dress.
If you can't bring all of these things it will be all right.
Remember all the other boys and girls, too.
I love you!
Love,
Becky Tittle.
P.S. I live on a ranch.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the second grade and I am seven years old.
Please bring my brother Joe a Bible. Please bring my sister Janice a play kitchen. I don't know what Dinny wants but bring him something nice and good.
Have a Happy New Year!
Please bring me a toy 30-30 gun, too.
Love,
Cleveland Nance.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I live on a ranch. I ride the school bus. Don't forget the others in my family. If you can, please bring me these things-watch, cavalry suit, toy 30-30 gun and cattle truck. Thank you.
Love,
Scott Jacoby.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
I like school and music very much. How are the reindeer? Are you O.K.? I am in the second grade. I am seven years old.
Please bring me a sleeping Beauty record, a Polly Anna doll, a trampoline, and a toy sewing machine. Please bring Daddy a 30-30-6 deer gun, a fishing pole, and a pair of binoculars. Please bring mother some tan underwear, some shoes, and hair curlers.
Please bring Topper, my dog, some clothes, and glasses to see where she's going. Please bring her a dog couch, and some shoes, too.
Love,
Carolyn Morton.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you now? I'm eight years old. We are making presents.
My sister wants a doll please.
My brother wants a red gun please.
And I want a rifle.
Love,
Robert Allen Blackman.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph?
I want a play 30-30 gun. I like you, Santa Claus. I am 7 years old.
I want a cavalry suit, too please. I am in the second grade. I read Downy Duck Grows Up. I like to go to school.
Love,
Allie Grantham.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus? We played a new game. It is a fun one, too. Please bring my brother some train risers. I want a three year old doll and a big block board. Please bring me a stroller, too, for my little baby doll.
Merry Christmas, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.
Love,
Trouba Teaff.

Devil's River News-Sonora, Texas, Thursday, December 22, 1960



Merry Christmas

The holidays are here and with it
our opportunity to wish you and your
loved ones a gay and happy season!

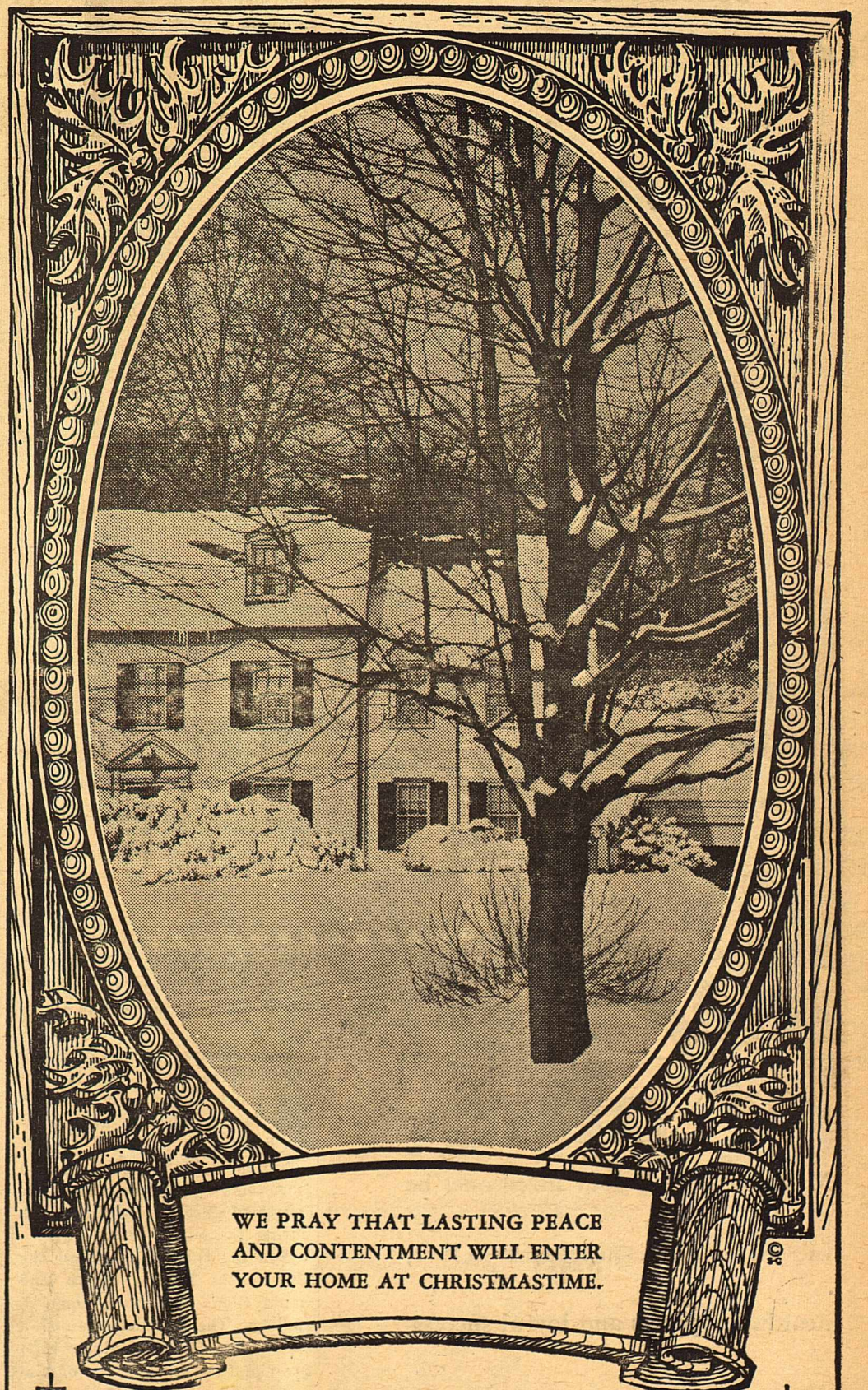
THE COMMERCIAL CAFE



Christmas Greetings

Here Comes Santa, Bringing
Our Best Wishes for A Happy Holiday..

ELLIOTT CHEVROLET CO.



WE PRAY THAT LASTING PEACE
AND CONTENTMENT WILL ENTER
YOUR HOME AT CHRISTMASTIME.

Sonora Chamber Of Commerce
CARL J. CAHILL, PRESIDENT

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMENTS

DOODLEBUGS. One of the most enjoyable events staged by the Chamber of Commerce was the party recently for the Atlantic and G.S.I. personnel. It was at the 4-H Club Center and more than 100 attended. With Gay Copeland, Vestel Askeu and the Bank furnishing the meat, Dr. Scott doing a marvelous job in preparing it, the beans and salad and with the merchants furnishing most of the groceries and refreshments, the party was quite successful and rather inexpensive for our organization. These two companies have a large payroll in Sonora, representing many fine families.

NEXT YEAR. Our recent Christmas shopping kick-off came to pass and with most merchants pleased. Now is the time to plan for next year's Christmas party so we will appreciate your suggestions and comments. Many nice gifts or gift certificates were given by local merchants, some twenty, and a good crowd was on hand to witness it. The High School Band and the High School Chorus contributed much.

BUENO. A lady told us, in a drug store here, the other day this fantastic experience. We have witnesses. The tale ran like this, "We were in Angelo yesterday and my husband demanded that I not buy anything we could get in Sonora. We came home empty handed and found that we could buy most anything in the gift line here, same brand and same or better price. I did look for a Santa Claus there and could not find one and came home and found one here in stock!" Al

Brown heard this story and asked if this husband was a director in the Chamber of Commerce. We replied that we should make him an honorary member for life.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hawkins have purchased the Ricks House No. 1 and are moving to their new home now. This house is brick, 3 bedrooms, two baths and is situated on a corner lot 84 x 290 feet.

1960 is soon over and what a hectic year it has been, all over. The world wide tension has its effect down to the grass roots. This year has been the most active for this organization, each week we are finding new things to do for Sonora, Sutton County, for local organizations and citizens. This month, to date, we have issued 1,305 pieces of mail for four organizations, in addition to several dozen letters pertaining to Chamber of Commerce routine work. We enjoy the privilege of working for all organizations in Sutton County. Doing your detailing is our business. We have the time!

Christmas Greetings

It's fine folk like you who make Christmas a pleasure... and it's always so nice to wish you joys without measure! Best Holiday Wishes from our entire staff.

THE RUTH SHURLEY JEWELRY



This is the wish we send your way:
May yours be a Merry Holiday —
And we also extend a big "thank you"
for your patronage.

SONORA WOOL & MOHAIR COMPANY

Letters To Santa

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and your little elves? I am fine. It has been raining here in Sonora. My mother want some white dishes. Daddy want a gun. Daddy said he might show a movie about you, Santa Claus. I want a bicycle for Christmas. Dick and Stan are my brothers. Margaret is my sister. Be sure to bring them something also.

Love,
Lucy Bundy.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I'd like to see Rudolph. I would like for you to bring me a record player. My grandfather will come soon. For my family I would like a movie camera. How are your helpers?

Merry Christmas.
Love,
Pam Cooper.

December 7, 1960
Sonora, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

How are Rudolph and the reindeer and your helpers? Please bring two girls bicycles, one for Melody and one for me. Love,
Terri Rutherford.



We echo the prayer of millions throughout the world at this Holy Season... that soon there will be peace for all men. And, we pray that each of you will have a most joyous Christmas Holiday.

EVANS

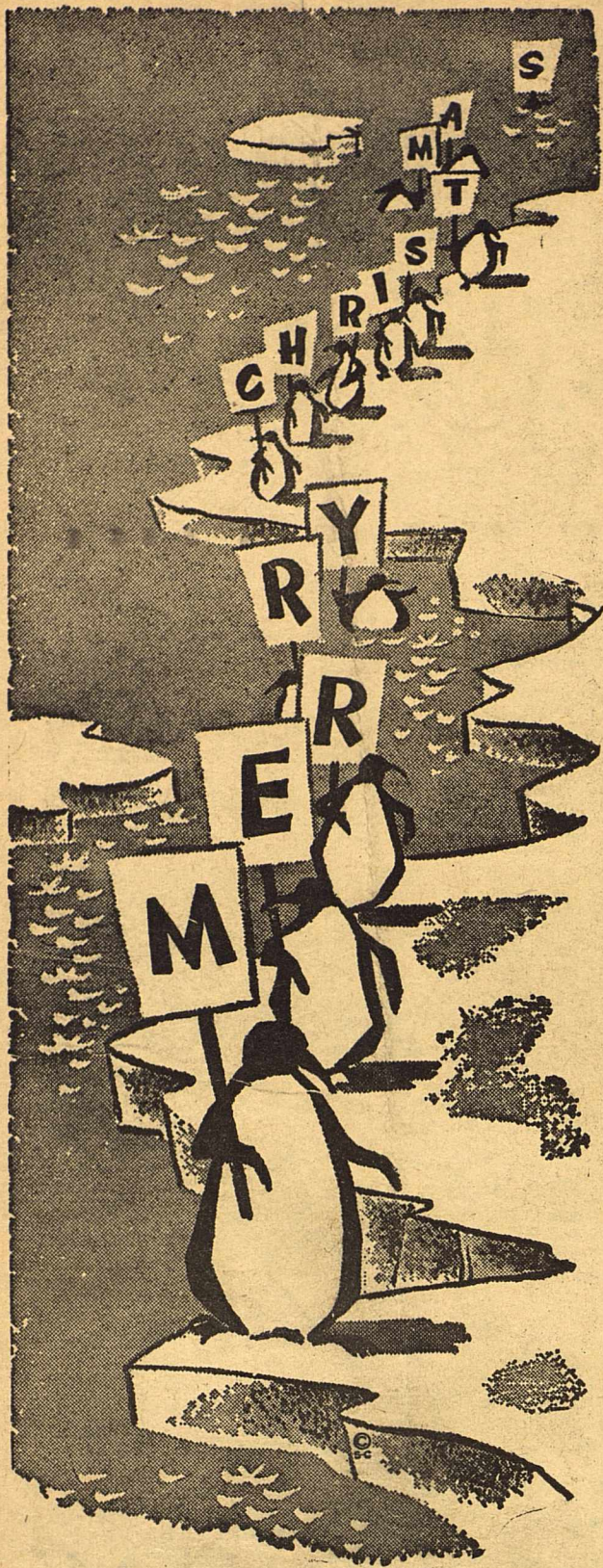
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STORES



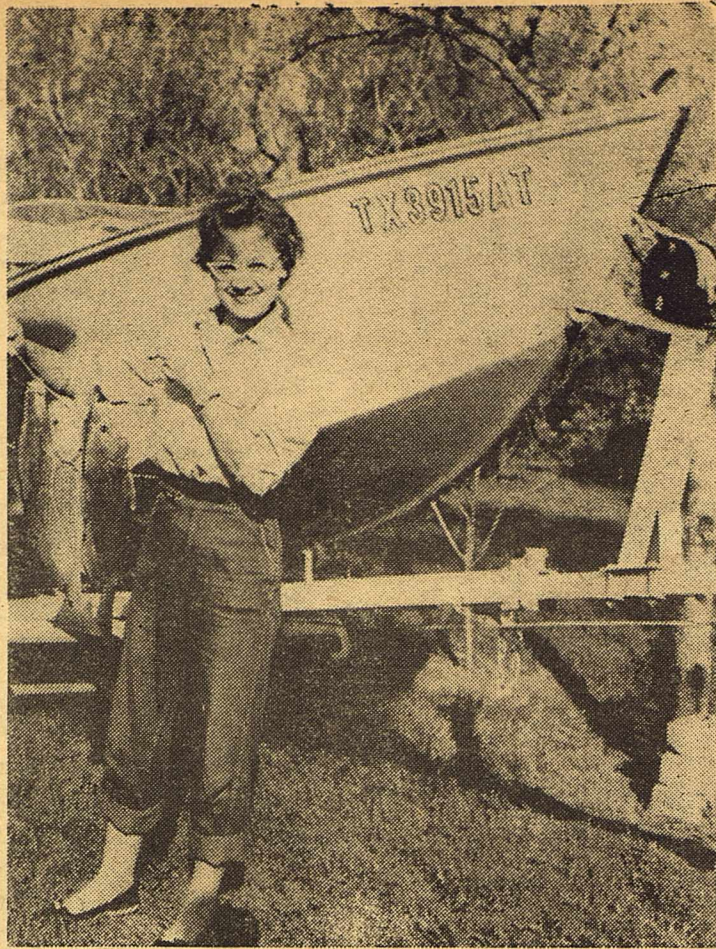
WONDROUS DAY

Christmas! Day of excited, twinkling little eyes... Day of recalling the meaning of the shining Bethlehem Star...
A Day we hope you find filled with joy.

Stockmen's Feed Company



Sonora Motor Company



Mrs. Ralph Finklea displays the family "catch" on a Thanksgiving fishing trip to the Gulf Coast. Mrs. Finklea landed the six pound drum and the five pound redfish. Her husband hauled in the two-pound trout. Photo by Finklea.

Tree Ornaments, Other Decorations Hazards To Kids

Don't get alarmed if the kids eat a few icicles off the Christmas tree this year. It is true that they might contain 50 percent lead, but in their metallic form they are practically insoluble and therefore poorly absorbed.

But if little Johnny inhales or swallows the fluid from a bubbling Christmas tree light it could be disastrous. The fluid is made of methylene chloride and is lethal in certain dosages.

This word comes from the National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers, the final authority on matters of this sort. Clearinghouse officials say, and Texas health authorities agree, that there are more than the usual hazards to life and health around the American home at Christmas.

Many items, designed for gaiety, can put a damper on the festivities of the season by killing or sickening the unwary. Holly, for example, is widely used in Christmas decorations. Its berries are toxic when eaten, the clearinghouse reports. Mistletoe berries are also said to be dangerous.

Fireplace colors are made of metallic salts. When thrown into a fire they create multi-colored flames. Children have been made seriously ill after eating the salts.

It isn't the snow but the gas propellant which makes snow sprays dangerous. The snow is made of harmless plastic and fatty acids, but pressurizing gases can be toxic if inhaled in sufficient quantity. Fortunately the gas evaporates after the snow is sprayed, so there is no residual effect.

Those smoke pellets for toy trains, while not recommended for a steady diet, are probably

not dangerous either, since it is unlikely a youngster could eat enough to poison him.

Nor is there cause for great concern when a lad eats the citric acid and soda fuel from the toy missile launcher he gets from Santa. It is relatively harmless.

Other Christmas items billed as "hazardous" by the clearinghouse are the so-called "dancing mothballs" and the cleaning fluid for toy train tracks.

To deal with this dangerous holiday environment, 18 poison control centers today operate in Texas. One is within an economical telephone call of any point in the state. All are equipped to provide family physicians with fast and accurate information on potentially poisonous substances, antidotes and treatment procedures. If an emergency arises in your home, call your doctor first.



Here's hoping Santa treats you right and fills your stocking with the gifts of Joy and Gladness... and a Happy Christmas!

Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co.



At Christmas may the blessings of the Season be with you, and bring you deep and abiding happiness.

Sonora Pharmacy

The Art Of Giving

By Wilford A. Peterson
The art of giving encompasses many areas.

Emerson said it well: "Rings and jewels are not gifts, but apologies for gifts. The only true gift is a portion of thyself."

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the heart: love, kindness, joy, understanding, sympathy, forgiveness.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the mind: ideas, dreams, purposes, ideals, principles, plans, inventions, projects, poetry.

We give of ourselves when we give gifts of the spirit: prayer, beauty, aspiration, faith.

We give of ourselves when we give the gift of time: patience, attention, consideration.

We give of ourselves when we give the gift of words: encouragement, guidance.

The finest gift a man can give to his age and time is the gift of constructive and creative life.



CITY OF SONORA