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## On The BEAM

By J. W. King, Sr.

Next Monday will be Christmas Day. We hope that all of you will get just what your heart desires. Especially do we hope that all of your family will be together for the occasion and that all who have to travel to get here will make the journey safely.

Safety on the highways is a major problem these days. You not only have to drive for yourself but for the other fellow too. It will be nice when all people obey all the rules of travel. But all people either have not learned the simple rules of courtesy on the road or else they try to drive when under the influence of alcohol. Some people may believe they can drive just as well when under the influence of a few drinks as they can when totally sober but statistics prove them wrong. This Christmas if you drink, don't drive and endanger your life and others.

## COUNTY COTTON GROWERS APPROVE QUOTAS

Mitchell County cotton producers last week approved the 1962 cotton quotas 285 to 23. A total of 308 cotton producers went to the polls in the county, 221 more than in 1960, to approve the quotas by a 282 margin. Mitchell County's 1962 acreage allotment as announced by the ASC has been set at 74,203 acres, a decrease of 2.9 percent from the 1961 allotment of 76,277 acres.

## JUNIOR CLASS HONORED AT HOLIDAY DINNER

Roommothers of the Junior Class of Loraine High School hosted a holiday dinner at the Lions Club Wednesday evening, December 13.

After the dinner of fried chicken, gravy potato salad, marshmallow salad, beans, hot rolls, tea and gifts were exchanged from the tree and all had a merry time.

Members present were: Peggy Phillips, Norma Sanford, Carolyn Cline, Carman Galvan, Mary Reyes, Sue Wimberly, Ruth Browning, James Linder, Jackie Narrell, Buster Jernigan, Linton Ray Webb, Larry Blair, Carol Galvan, Tony Bogarin, Marvin Sursa, Buster Mosher.

Sponsors present were Miss Stafford, Coach Dodds and Mrs. Dodds and Mickey, and roommothers and their husbands were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips and Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Dual Blair and Ronnie and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Narrell.

The sponsors and members of the class express their thanks to the room mothers for such a nice supper and party.

## HOST PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Beaty were host at a party Friday night for former employees of the Loraine Telephone Company and their guests.

Games of 42 were played and refreshments of pineapple-pear salad topped with cheese, divinity and date loaf candy and coffee were served for Mr. and Mrs. Gene Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor, Mrs. Pauline Smiley and Mrs. Vanda Martin.

## SENIOR CLASS PARTY

The Senior Class of Loraine High School was honored with a Dinner Party, Monday night, December 18, at the Country Club by their room mothers and sponsors.

Ham and all the trimmings were served buffet style and gifts were exchanged by: Don Redwine, Barbara Kidd, David Little, Katrina Wells, Sandra Cushing, Gerald Owen, Thomas Vest, Joretta Hall, Ann Dickenson, Annette Browning, Beth Shepherd, Mike Dobbs, Don Williams, Ester Mosher, and Lenora Chavez.

Room mothers present were Messrs and Mrs. Roy Wells, Price Hall, Bud Shepherd and Mrs. Thomas Vest; Other mothers assisting were: Vance Dickenson, J. B. Cushing, Heston Redwine and Leonard Williams. Sponsors are: Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Nichols and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston.

## ROSCOE RESIDENT DIES IN HOSPITAL HERE

Funeral services for Mrs. W. J. Massey, 69, were conducted at the First Baptist Church in Roscoe recently following her death in the Johnson Hospital here.

Mrs. Massey, wife of a prominent Roscoe farmer and landowner, was born Eugena Cox at Midfield July 18, 1892. She married Mr. Massey December 23, 1908 and they moved to Roscoe from Grandview in 1931. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Massey is survived by her husband; 2 sons John Massey and William Massey of Roscoe; 2 brothers, Joe Cox and Sam Cox of Bay City; 2 sisters, Mrs. Becky Gambin of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Mrs. Myra Bridges of Eliza; and 3 grandchildren.

## LIONS WILL SPONSOR ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Dr. Bruce H. Johnson, Lion Zone Chairman, announced this week that District 2-A-1 will sponsor an essay writing contest on the subject "I Am An American".

The contest is open to any bonafide high school, or junior high school student in District 2-A-1. The essay must not exceed 750 words in length. It must be written in ink or typed on uniform stationery letter size 8 1/2 x 11 inches. It must be written on one side of the paper only. All pages are to be numbered in the upper right hand corner and fastened together at the upper left hand corner with paper clip or stapled.

All essays are to be judged in general, by the criteria set out on pages 64 and 65 of the University Interscholastic League Constitution and contest rules for 1961-62.

Contestant must submit his or her essay to the Secretary of the local Lions Club, Ray Preston, not later than March 15, 1962.

The local Club secretary will submit all essays received to his Zone Chairman not later than March 20, 1962.

All essays submitted to the Essay Committee will be carefully scored and First, Second and Third place winners determined by May 1, 1962.

Appropriate awards will go to the First, Second and Third place winners. Such awards to be made at the annual District Convention of Lions Clubs to be held in San Angelo May 18-19, 1962.

## EIGHTH GRADE PARTY

The Eighth Grade was honored with a Christmas dinner party on Thursday evening Dec. 14, at the school cafeteria.

The tables were each in white. Red berries, cedar and red and green candles decorated the tables and piano. The centerpiece was a beautiful arrangement of red candles and Christmas balls on a red base. Place cards were miniature red stockings edged in gold glitter and centered with a miniature Santa. These held candy canes and chewing gum.

The serving table was centered with a potted poinsettia. The menu consisted of fried chicken and gravy, fruit salad, tossed salad, beans, creamed potatoes, pickles, rolls, butter, and pecan pie.

Mrs. Price Hall gave the invocation. Following the dinner, Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree.

Games were then enjoyed by the group for the remainder of the evening.

Hostesses were the room mothers Mrs. D. M. Smith, Delmar McDaniel, Price Hall, Jasper Doyle, Howard Tartt, Jack Erwin, Loyd Beame, Jack Coffee and the class sponsor, Edith Williams.

Mrs. E. J. Schroeder directed games and gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree. The class members presented their sponsor, Mr. Newbrough a gift.

Most of the class members, Mr. Newbrough, the sponsor and Mothers, Misses Lillian Martin, B. W. Tartt, Gene Britton, Herbert Mearse, Calvin Forbus, Ace Lee, George Lee, Bruce Byrne, Joe Terry, Earl Phillips, and Alfred Hackfeld were present.

## MRS. FAULKENBERRY RETURNS HOME

Mrs. J. A. Faulkenberry returned home last week after being away since October 26.

She visited two daughters and their families in Fort Worth and while there received the message of the serious illness of her brother, R. D. Davis in McKinney. She went to McKinney and visited in her brother's home and was there when he passed away on November 9.

After leaving there she went to Brownfield where she visited a son and family, Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Faulkenberry and they carried her to Big Spring where she had eye surgery for the removal of a cataract on Nov. 16. After being released from the hospital she returned to Brownfield and spent three weeks before returning home.

She received the message Sunday that her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. D. Davis of McKinney had died on Saturday.

The Davis family had formerly lived in Loraine.

**A Merry Christmas to All!**

## CHRISTMAS DECORATION PRIZES GO TO BANKS

HALLMARK AND LORAIN FURNITURE AND HARDWARE

First place winners in the three divisions of the Christmas Decorations contests sponsored by the Loraine Lions Club went to Mr. and Mrs. Windell Banks, City division, Travis Hallmark, Rural home and The Loraine Furniture and Hardware, business.

Mr. and Mrs. Banks made all of their decorations for their display which included a manger scene with a suspended star, representing the "Star in the East" and recorded Christmas music was played.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Muns received second place in the city division. Their home was very pretty with a lighted decorated tree surrounded by gaily wrapped packages arranged on the front porch.

The Howard Tartt home, third place winner featured a wreath of greenery and lights around the front entrance and a bright star on the roof of the house.

The Travis Hallmark home first place winner in the rural division, had an array of lights around a large picture window with blinking colored lights reflected on the revolving metallic tree.

The decorations for the Royce "back" home, second in this division, was very attractive and colorful decorations around the entrance and front door, which held a white Christmas wreath made of tumbled woods and lights and a Christmas greeting with each member of the family named.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hackfeld received third place in the rural division. A colorful lighted tree in the yard and an array of Christmas lights on the front porch made a colorful picture.

The Loraine Furniture and Hardware, first place winner in the business division had one of their display windows dressed with a white decorated tree surrounded by gifts and the Merry Christmas Greeting.

The Mitchell County News received second place in the business division. Their decorations included a lighted and colorful Christmas tree with a manger scene.

## JACK WALKER SEEKS COMMISSIONER PLACE

C. E. (Jack) Walker, a life long resident of Loraine, this week authorized The News to announce that he is a candidate for the office of Commissioner Precinct 4, subject to action of the Democratic Primary next May.

Mr. Walker has never held a political office except that of Mayor of Loraine but he feels that he is well qualified to perform the duties of the office. He made the race for this office once before but was defeated by a small margin. Mr. Walker said he is entering the race this time with a lot of encouragement and expects to conduct a vigorous campaign.

## WEDDING PLANS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith of Colorado City are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nelda, to Ronald Bruce of Loraine.

The wedding will take place January 19, at St. Luke Methodist Church in Colorado City. Miss Smith graduated from Colorado City high school in 1957 and is employed at Modern Beauty Shop Colorado City. Ronald, son of Mrs. W. R. Bruce of Loraine, graduated from Loraine High School in 1952. He is assistant cashier of the First State Bank here.

## HONORED ON 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Ben O. Mueller were honored at a reception Sunday afternoon, December 17, at their home to commemorate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The occasion was hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Mueller of Dallas, Mrs. Oscar W. Baumann of Loraine, Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Braun of Longview and Dr. and Mrs. C. M. McPherson of Slaton.

Throughout the reception rooms the traditional golden theme was used. The registry was covered with a floor length gold cloth of taffeta and net. The table was complimented with a vase of chrysanthemums, a bridal picture of the honored couple and a newspaper record of their wedding. Misses Debra Mueller of Dallas and Janell Braun of Longview registered the guests.

The dining table, overlaid with lace, centered with a large "50" cake held a lovely arrangement of golden wedding bells and chrysanthemums.

Appointments were crystal and silver. Presiding at the refreshment table were Mrs. Albert R. Moser of Beville, Miss Patricia Braun of Longview and Mrs. Melvin Baumann of Loraine. Others in the houseparty were Mrs. John Rogge and Mrs. Bill Backhaus of Roscoe.

A host of friends and relatives called during the afternoon from Roscoe, Sweetwater, Colorado City, Loraine, San Antonio, Lubbock, Winters, Gainesville, Midland, Abilene, Ballinger and Hamilton, Texas.

## GILBERT LEACH SEEKS RE-ELECTION AS CLERK

Gilbert R. Leach, who will finish 16 years in the office of County Clerk of Mitchell County at the end of his present term, has announced that he is a candidate to succeed himself in the Democratic primary next year.

Mr. Leach has been a resident of Mitchell County since 1910. He is a member of the Colorado City Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Old Age Club in Westbrook. He is a member of the Baptist Church in Colorado City.

"I appreciate the kindness shown to me during my term in office by Mitchell County citizens," says Leach, "and feel that my record and experience speak for themselves."

## ANNOUNCES BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

Loraine friends received the announcement this week of the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Boyd on Dec. 13. They named the 6 1/2 pound girl Terri Tylene.

Garrett is a former Loraine boy. His father, the Rev. Wayland Boyd was pastor of the First Baptist Church here and is now pastor of the First Baptist Church in Eunice, N. M.

## SANDRA CUSHING DISTRICT F. F. A. SWEETHEART

Miss Sandra Cushing, Loraine FFA Chapter Sweetheart, was elected Lone Wolf District FFA Sweetheart at the District FFA Banquet held Tuesday night December 19, 1961 at the Sweetwater Country Club. Sandra, daughter of Supt. and Mrs. J. B. Cushing will represent the Lone Wolf District at the Area II Convention to be held May 31 and June 1, 1962 in San Angelo. There were 12 chapter sweethearts in the District Contest representing schools in Mitchell, Scurry and Nolan Counties.



A musical group from the Loraine Chapter presented music during the Sweetheart Contest. The group was composed of Don Small, James Mahon, Byron Mote Dwayne Graham, Keith Hamilton and Johnny Baumann.

The Chapter received the following banners for participation in various contest during the past year. 1st, Cotton; 1st, Poultry; 2nd, Sr. Farm Skill; 1st, Jr. Farm Skill; 1st Radio; 2nd, FFA Quiz.

Members of the above teams were: Cotton: Wayne Wallingsford, Danny Cain, Joe Garcia; Poultry: Alex Adams, Harold Brewer, Larry Beights; FFA Quiz: Johnny Baumann, Keith Hamilton, Dwayne Graham, James Wallingsford; Jr. Farm Skill: James Mahon Harold Preston, Dennis Worrell; Sr. Farm Skill: Don Small, Kenneth Reed, Joe Cushing; Farm Radio: Don Redwine, Jackie Narrell, Larry Blair.

Those attending the banquet besides the musical group were: Larry Blair, Chapter President and escort for the Sweetheart, Jackie Narrell, Linton Webb, Dennis Worrell, Kenneth Reed, Harold Preston, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cushing, Raymond Holt, and Leslie Martin, student teacher from Texas Tech.

## JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 28th, Hobbs, here  
Jan. 15th, Hermleigh, there  
Jan. 22, Roby, here  
Jan. 29, McCaulley, there  
Feb. 5, Highland, here  
Feb. 12, Hobbs, there  
Feb. 19, Hermleigh, here

The other games already played have been with Roby there as Roby swept both games and the other game was at Highland.

The Loraine girls lost to the tune of 22-9 while the boys won an impressive victory 33-20.

## ONLY ONE ACCIDENT IN MITCHELL COUNTY LAST CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR

Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, estimated today that 173 persons will meet violent death during the long Christmas-New Year holiday season with traffic crashes taking the lives of eighty-eight, other accidents forty-five, and suicides and homicides, forty.

"Operation Death Watch" will be in effect from 12:01 a. m., Saturday, December 23, through 11:59 p. m., Monday, January 1.

E. J. Butler, Sergeant of the Sweetwater Highway Patrol Sub-district, said, "Another purpose of the program is to launch a stringent enforcement program to remove the relatively few dangerous and illegal drivers from the highways."

Sergeant Butler advises that the strength of Highway Patrol services will be augmented by personnel of the License and Weight and Motor Vehicle Inspection services.

Last year in Mitchell County during the Christmas-New Year holiday period there was 1 accident causing only property damages.

"It is our hope," said Sergeant Butler, "that with the help of the motoring public this accident experience can be substantially reduced."

## BAND BOOSTERS CLUB WANT STAMP BOOK COVERS

The Band Boosters Club will receive 10 points toward the purchase of a coffee urn for each "Gold Bond" Stamp validated cover and ask the public to ask for their covers back when they redeem their Gold Bond books and turn them into the Club.

They will also be glad to get "Gold Bond" stamps in any amount. A filled book will be worth 700 points to them and when they accumulate the required number of covers and stamps they will redeem them for a much needed coffee urn to be used at the club meetings.

Turn your covers over to Mrs. L. A. Hamilton or call her and she will be glad to pick them up.

## MRS. FIBSTON HOST WEDNESDAY CLUB PARTY

Mrs. Wady Fibston was hostess for the annual Christmas luncheon and tree party for the Wednesday Club members on Dec. 13.

The home was beautifully decorated in the holiday theme and a lovely lighted Christmas tree and gifts which the guests exchanged after the luncheon and games of 42.

The menu for the luncheon served family style, included: turkey and trimmings, fruit salad, green beans, turnips, rolls, pie and coffee.

Two guests, Mrs. Joe Lee and Joe Jr. of Midland and the following members were present: Mrs. W. I. Barron, Lynn Compton, T. F. Finley, M. A. Gann, Cora Hall, T. C. Wilson, Henry Riden, W. F. James, Walter Teeters, C. A. Land, J. D. McDonald, and Preston.

## FORMER LORAIN MAN BURIED IN COLORADO CITY

Funeral services for V. M. Elliott 76, of Wichita Falls, brother of Mrs. V. L. Richard of Loraine, were held at Kiker and Son Funeral Home in Colorado City Sunday at 2 p. m.

Mr. Elliott, a former Mitchell County resident was born in Corinth, Miss. and died December 15 in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Burial was in the Colorado City cemetery beside his wife who preceded him in death in 1938.

Survivors include two sons, Reed Elliott of Wichita Falls, Menzo Elliott, Kent Washington and one daughter, Mrs. Vernon Moore of Odessa; three sisters, Mrs. Earl Brewer of Windom, Mrs. Earl Milan, Wichita Falls, and Mrs. V. L. Richard, Loraine; two brothers, V. R. Elliott, Abilene and J. C. Elliott, Graham, Texas.

## VIRGIL WALKER RECEIVES INSURANCE AWARD

Virgil Walker, local agent for Texas Reserve Insurance Company, received an award for the highest production in the Abilene District and was presented a gift by District manager, H. G. Fulbright at a meeting in Abilene Saturday night.

This was the second consecutive year Mr. Walker has received this award.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulbright were host for the buffet supper and Christmas party for agents and their families at their Abilene home. After the supper gifts were exchanged from the tree.

The Walkers were over night guests of the Fulbright's, returning home Sunday.

## DOWN TOWN LIGHTING

Loraine has some new Christmas lights up this year. Eight stars have been added by the Lions Club to the strings of lights that have been used in the past. The stars are placed on light posts in the down town area and add much to the attractiveness of the Christmas lights.

If you have not driven through town after night to see them we urge you to do so.

## Classified Ads Pay

FROM OUR FILES

## NORTH LORAIN H. D. CLUB HOST CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Raymond Wheeler was hostess for the annual Christmas party for members of the North Loraine H. D. Club, Wednesday, December 13.

On arrival "The Nativity" recorded music was heard. The house was beautifully decorated throughout with red and gold Christmas decorations and the hostess was wearing a red dress with a gold shoulder corsage.

Mrs. Wheeler, president, presided over the meeting and members answered roll call with their "What I want for Christmas".

Mrs. Wheeler gave the Council report and urged each member to attend the County wide luncheon for County club members at Civic house in Colorado City on December 15. She also announced the Hereford sale on January 5, and the club voted to have a concession at the sale.

Mrs. Harold Hallmark brought a demonstration of "gift wrapping".

26 decorated coffee cans were filled with Christmas candy, cookies and other goodies to be carried to the State hospital in Big Spring for their Christmas.

Mrs. Jim Johnson brought the program entitled "The Song of the Angels".

Gifts were exchanged from the tree and refreshments of cranberry punch, fruit cake, olives, sandwiches and candy were served.

The first meeting of 1962 will be held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Lanford.

Those enjoying the party were Mmes: Jim Johnson, Harold Hallmark, Buck Taylor, Willie Taylor, Ralph Lanford, Alva Bennett, Rosie Hamrick, Wilma Adams, Jack Linnam, Floyd Richey, Roy Wells, W. C. Jacobs, J. E. Price.

## GOLDEN AGE CLUB HAVE HOLIDAY SUPPER

There were 40 present when the Golden Age Club held their annual Christmas dinner and tree party at the Lions Club Monday night.

After the pot luck supper Thomas Riden led in singing Christmas carols with Mrs. Riden accompanying at the piano. Gifts were exchanged from the Christmas tree.

T. E. Bennett, the only member having a birthday in December, was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hallmark in hosting the party.

January hosts will be: Mrs. Lynn Compton, Mrs. Thomas Riden, Walter Teeters and Howard Combs.

## COUNTY H. D. CLUBS HAVE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The annual holiday luncheon for all County H. D. Club members and their guests was held at Civic house in Colorado City at noon Friday with officers for the new year installed.

Judge and Mrs. Elmer Martin were present and Judge Martin spoke on "Clubs and Youth Education".

Austin McCloud talked on the subject, "Why the Communist want to take Christ out of Christmas".

Mr. Baker and his high school choral group sang several numbers and Miss Stoker of Snyder, vice president of District Two H. D. Clubs installed the following officers: Mrs. Francis Winn, President; Mrs. Merl Blassingame, Secretary; Mrs. Lester Webb, Treasurer and Mrs. Parker Jarman, T. H. D. A. Chairman.

Those attending from the Baumann and North Loraine Clubs were Mrs. Jasper Doyle, Mrs. M. J. Sursa, Mrs. Lester Webb, Mrs. J. G. Bruce, Mrs. Paris Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, Mrs. O. J. Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Linnam.

FROM OUR FILES

Taken From The Files Of The News of December 26, 1946

A former Loraine man, Dee V. McGee, 66, died in California on December 23.

Charles Finley received his discharge after serving three years in the U. S. Army Air Force.

Armond Shultz arrived home Wednesday from Greensboro, N. C. where he received his discharge from the Army Air Force, three years was spent over seas. College students home for the holidays included Doris Mahoney State University; J. W. King, Texas Tech; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Faulkenberry, Bryan, Texas; Bobbie Green, John and Jo Nam, Tarleton State College; Douglas Smith, McMurry College; Willie Mae Kennedy, Dorothy Jean Hallmark, Lois Finley, Hardin Simmons University; Don Narrell of TCU, Fort Worth.

Mike Looby of Waureka, Oklahoma and Richard Looby of Midland spent the Christmas holidays with their aunt, Mrs. Minnie Fairbairn.

**TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY**  
Of all the days of the year,  
Of pleasure or of rest,  
Christmas is the gladdest day,  
Christmas is the best.  
Of all the joys the year can bring,  
While seasons come and go,  
The old joy of Christmas  
Is the sweetest joy we know.  
The dear joy of loving,  
The pleasant joy of mirth,  
The joy of God Who loved the  
world  
And all the sons of earth.



Good wishes without number to you and yours as the happy feast of Christmas approaches. May it bless you with peace and with lasting joy.

C. M. DUKE STATION  
Wholesale and Retail  
Butane and Gasoline

The greatest joy of giving  
Good gifts to those we love,  
The joy of God Who gave His  
Son  
And sent Him from above.  
Annie Johnson Flint

No present is worth having unless the giver would rather have kept it for himself.

**Today's MEDITATION**  
From  
**The World's Most Widely Used Devotional Guide**



**The Upper Room**  
THE UPPER ROOM, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Read John 14:1-7  
Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. (John 14:1.)

When my mother, in the evening of her life, asked me to go with her on a pilgrimage through out India, I rejoiced. I had been trained and brought up on the lovely tales of Hinduism.

But as we went from place to place, I asked my mother, "Mother, where is God?" Thus my long search for God began.

One day a Christian friend called me. He was to have an eye removed the next day. He asked me to read to him from the Bible. I read the words of John 14. Those words became so real to me in the midst of my friend's situation that I asked him, "Can you not pray to this Jesus? ask Him?"

We spent all night in prayer. We shed tears of gladness because we felt God's presence with us, tears of sorrow because of our failures.

The next day the surgeon examined my friend's eyes. In astonishment, he said something had happened and the operation

would not be necessary.  
Through this experience I came to know that Jesus is alive and that I could have access to God through Him. Life took on new meaning. How wonderfully any person can go forward with Christ!

**PRAYER:** Our Father, We thank Thee for Thy divine love manifested toward us in Thy Son Jesus Christ. Lead me everywhere to believe in Him that He may become their light. In His name. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
Christ is the world's light—and my light!  
Chandu Ray (West Pakistan)

**ORIGINATOR OF SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Henry Cole, an Englishman, was the originator of the idea of sending greeting cards at Christmas time. He took an artist's drawing, hand-painted it, and sent it as a greeting to a friend at Christmas time, 1846. The English Royalty took up the idea as a most gracious way to extend greetings to their intimate friends at the Christmas season. Year after year, the Christmas card, the messenger of joyful remembrance, has grown in popularity, until today it is an integral part of the celebration of the Season.

Back in 1659 the colony of Massachusetts passed a law that read, "whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas, or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting, or in any other way, shall be fined five shillings." This law remained in force for over twenty years, and early American history records that numerous persons who refused to work on Christmas, either went to jail or paid fines. It wasn't until late in the first half of the nineteenth century that Christmas was established as a legal holiday throughout the country.

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"Nearly 2,000 years ago the little town of Bethlehem of Judea, His birth into the human family; however, was not the beginning of His existence. From eternity the Redeemer was the Light of the World. In fact, He lighted every sun that ever rose. He is the creator of all worlds. "All things were made by Him and for Him! He is the same yesterday and today and forever." His "yesterday" had no beginning; His "forever" has no ending. From everlasting to everlasting He is God. He was God Who came out of eternity to become incarnate. He was God Who clothed Himself with human form. He was God incarnate in human flesh.

Christ did not come to perform miracles, although He wrought many miracles. He did not come to show us how to live, although He is the one flawless character of history. He Came To Die That We Might Live. He came to bear our sins in His own Body. Standing the shadow of the cross, He said, "For this cause came I into the world."

As we ponder over these reasons, our hearts go out to the men and women who sit in darkness the world over; those who as yet have not heard that our blessed Saviour came to die that they, too, might live eternally!! Christians must forge ahead as never before that the Light of the Gospel might penetrate earth's darkest corners."

**CHRISTMAS!**  
There's More, much more to Christmas Than candle-light and cheer;  
It's the spirit of sweet friendship, That brightens all the year;  
It's thoughtfulness and kindness, It's hope reborn again,  
For peace, for understanding And for goodwill to men!

**THE BEST GIFTS**  
The Best Gifts are not those we buy, wrapped in colored paper and adorned with tinsel, but those we give from the treasures of our hearts and wrap in the intangibles of grace and goodwill: To little children—Smiles of encouragement and words of cheer as they step, a little bewilderingly, into the first experiences of life;

To youth—A helping hand in their quest for good romance and adventure, without which youth cannot live;  
To Old age—Some opportunity for dreaming dreams.  
To life and the things of life—Some measure of devotion which will enliven the common ways and ennoble the common tasks;  
And to posterity—The legacy of a good name and good work well done.

Not what we give, but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare.  
J. R. Lowell

**INTERMEDIATE DEPT. GROUP ENJOY PARTY**  
Members of the Intermediate Department of the First Baptist Church Sunday School were entertained with a holiday party at the fellowship hall of the church Wednesday night, Dec. 13. Byron Mote accompanied as the group sang Christmas carols and as Sherry Graham sang. Carol Little gave the Christmas story.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and hot chocolate was served and gifts were exchanged.  
Members included: Joyce Furlow, Loretta Tartt, Don Small, Carlia Britton, Harold Ray Preston, Dwayne Graham, Danny Tartt, Kenneth Brame, Keith Hamilton, Bryon Mote, Barbara Brewer, Della Mae Browning, Carolyn Schroeder, Sherry Graham, Carol Little, Janet Hall, Randy Britton.  
Also present and hosting the party were Supt. of the department, Lynn Hamilton and teachers, Mrs. Woodrow Pratt, Mrs. Ray Preston, Leroy Cornutt and Mrs. Roy Little.

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**Christmas**  
**Joy...**

As you gather around your tree, may all troubles and worries disappear. Here's wishing you the best of everything for the holiday season!

**CLARENCE CAIN**  
Grocery—Station  
Loraine, Texas

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**THE ART OF GIVING**  
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, inspiration, guidance.

The finest gift a man can give to his age and times is the gift of a constructive and creative life.  
Wilfred A. Peterson

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**THE BEST GIFTS**  
The Best Gifts are not those we buy, wrapped in colored paper and adorned with tinsel, but those we give from the treasures of our hearts and wrap in the intangibles of grace and goodwill: To little children—Smiles of encouragement and words of cheer as they step, a little bewilderingly, into the first experiences of life;

To youth—A helping hand in their quest for good romance and adventure, without which youth cannot live;  
To Old age—Some opportunity for dreaming dreams.

To life and the things of life—Some measure of devotion which will enliven the common ways and ennoble the common tasks;  
And to posterity—The legacy of a good name and good work well done.

Not what we give, but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare.  
J. R. Lowell

**INTERMEDIATE DEPT. GROUP ENJOY PARTY**  
Members of the Intermediate Department of the First Baptist Church Sunday School were entertained with a holiday party at the fellowship hall of the church Wednesday night, Dec. 13. Byron Mote accompanied as the group sang Christmas carols and as Sherry Graham sang. Carol Little gave the Christmas story.

A refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and hot chocolate was served and gifts were exchanged.  
Members included: Joyce Furlow, Loretta Tartt, Don Small, Carlia Britton, Harold Ray Preston, Dwayne Graham, Danny Tartt, Kenneth Brame, Keith Hamilton, Bryon Mote, Barbara Brewer, Della Mae Browning, Carolyn Schroeder, Sherry Graham, Carol Little, Janet Hall, Randy Britton.  
Also present and hosting the party were Supt. of the department, Lynn Hamilton and teachers, Mrs. Woodrow Pratt, Mrs. Ray Preston, Leroy Cornutt and Mrs. Roy Little.

Use Classified Ads

**DON MATHIS ACCEPTS CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT**  
Don Mathis of Morton, Texas has received a Civil Service appointment as assistant Farm Home Administration Supervisor with offices at Cleburne, Texas and went to work there Monday.  
Don graduate of Loraine High School and Texas Tech College, and Mrs. Mathis will be moving to Cleburne sometime during the holidays.

He visited his parents here a short time during the weekend as he was enroute to Cleburne from Morton.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Albright and children of Dallas visited his grandmother, Mrs. Pearl Albright Friday night as they were enroute to Odessa to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Albright.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bond will spend Christmas week in Eufaula, Oklahoma visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Beights and children.  
Billy J. Long, David Redwine and Gary Parnell of Tarleton State College came in Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, the Troy Jones, Hesten Redwines and Virgil Parnells.

And suddenly  
there was with the angel  
a multitude of the heavenly host  
praising God, and saying,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace,  
good will toward men.



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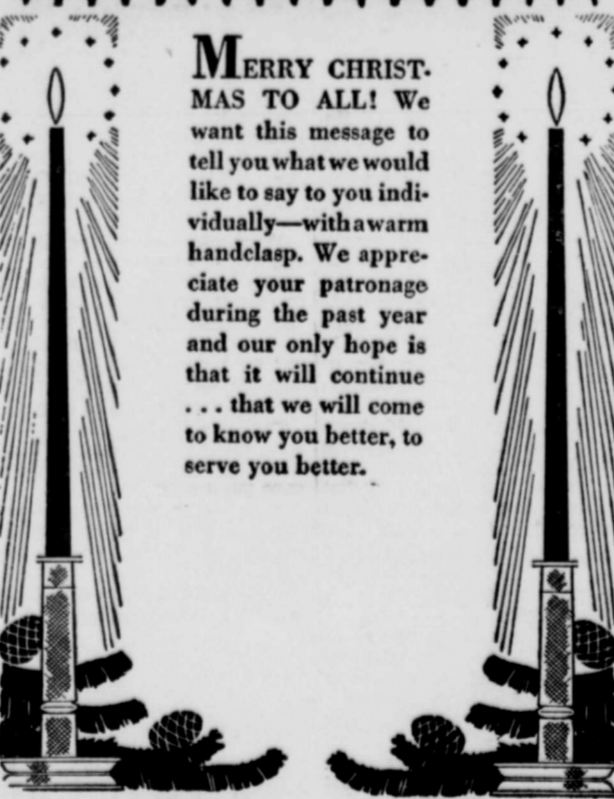
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**GREETINGS**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!** We want this message to tell you what we would like to say to you individually—with a warm handclasp. We appreciate your patronage during the past year and our only hope is that it will continue . . . that we will come to know you better, to serve you better.

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*Merry Christmas*

The great and mystic wonder of Christmas is that human hearts can truly overflow with good will and kindness toward their fellowmen. May God teach us to love all the year. Let us pray for Peace!

Royce And Margaret Mahon

### The Wise Men of Long Ago



Christmas came about because of the birth of a child in the long ago. There were perhaps thousands of children born on that same date but this Christ child drew the attention of the hour; because He had been sent into the world by His Father God to save the world from its sins.

On the night the Christ child was born a bright star appeared in the East and hovered over an inn in Bethlehem of Judea. Shepherds who attended their flocks in the hills saw the star and it was revealed into them that the Savior of the world had been born and that He would be found where the star was pointing.

These shepherds were wise men and went immediately to the place where the child was and worshipped Him. They took gifts with them. Today millions of people throughout the world still worship the Christ that was born in the long ago.

There are other millions of people in the world, however, who do not worship Christ. Some worship false gods and images made by men while still others profess to believe there is no God.

The millions who believe in God and the Christ can see many things each day of their lives on which to base their belief. All living things are evidence of a creator. Wonders of creation never cease. They seed are planted in the ground and come forth as living plants to reproduce seed from which the process can be repeated. Those who profess not to believe in God cannot explain these things. Wise men of today know that creation did not just happen, it was created by God. Hence, in this Christmas season we celebrate the birth of a child.

Of all the Christmas carols, Silent Night remains the most popular. It was written on Christmas Eve by the pastor and organist of a small church in Arnsdorf, Austria. On Christmas Morn, they gave Silent Night to the ages, with an old guitar for accompaniment—the pipe organ had broken down.

They err who think Santa Claus comes down the chimney; He really enters through the Heart.

### STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

Austin, Texas.—More than 600 "Texans for Tourists" attended Gov. Price Daniel's conference on Tourism.

They took a long look at sources and resources that can be used to promote national advertising of the state's visitable virtues.

While here, they decided to set up a non-profit organization called the Texas Tourist Council. Tentatively scheduled was an organizational meeting for January 10, "or during the next session of the Legislature".

Texas Tourist Council will seek the reverse effect of another group who tried to exploit the state—the carpet-baggers. It was the influence of the latter that caused the Legislature to prohibit the use of state funds for advertising Texas' attractions 86 years ago.

Governor Daniel said, "Now the march of time has come full circle...we find ourselves engaged in a vigorous economic competition which might be called, in a friendly way, another 'war between the states'."

He referred to the battle for tourists—third largest industry in the nation; the 13th in Texas.

Texas Tourist Council will seek \$300,000 a year from the Legislature, for advertising tourist attractions. Texas law now requires that state funds be matched by business and industry. So some system of financial subscription will have to be devised.

Bankers asked for ideas—Governor Daniel sent a letter to the Texas Bankers Association asking the bankers to present a proposal for protecting the rights of bank depositors.

He recommended that newspaper ads be published by the banks to locate owners (or heirs) of accounts inactive for more than seven years.

Governor Daniel added that proper notice to the state of an escheatable property would be "an incidental result of this protection".

He said the subject will be submitted very soon to a special session of the Legislature and asked the TMA to present its own proposal before December 20.

"The reason for the urgency is the known fact that a sizeable number of national banks are transferring these dormant deposits to the profits of the banks without advertising for the lost owners," he wrote.

"I believe most Texas bankers will agree that this is a practice which should be stopped for the protection of the good name of the banking profession in Texas, as well as for the protection of the rights of missing owners and the rights of the State if no owners exist."

Wilson Announces—Attorney General Will Wilson has announced as a candidate for governor.

The 49-year-old Dallas native said he has remained loyal to his party, but is "an independent Democrat who wears no man's collar and is not a captive candidate of any faction or interest group."

Shivers in the news—There's considerable talk in Austin about the possibility of Former Gov. Allan Shivers running again.

This surprised some since Shivers backed Jack Cox in 1960 and Cox is the Republican candidate.

Rumor started with Shivers' statement that: "If I get involved in politics at all next year it will be as a candidate."

Health and Welfare coordination—Speaker James A. Turman announced appointment of an advisory committee, composed of Representatives George Richardson of Fort Worth, Obie Jones of Austin and Jim Markgraf of Dallas, to help the Texas Legislative Council study coordination of state health and welfare agencies.

Study was requested by the 57th Legislature in view of the fact that 90 per cent of every state dollar expended is for highways, education, public health and welfare.

All but the health and welfare agencies are centrally coordinated.

Textbook study—Five representatives have been appointed to an interim committee to study contents of textbooks used in public schools. Particular attention will be paid to those relating to American heritage, traditions, geography and history.

Representative W. T. Dungan of McKinney, Bob Bass of Dallas, John C. Alaniz of San Antonio, Nelson Cowles of Hallsville and Ronald E. Roberts of Hillsboro are to report their findings to the 58th Legislature.

Parole Officers Named—Some real hope for helping the more than 2,000 present parolees from state training schools at Gatesville, Gainesville and Crockett came from the announcement that four state juvenile parole officers have been employed.

Herbert K. Baldry will serve in Harris County; Jesus Chavez

The new executive director is a native of Williamson county and grew up on a farm near Taylor. He holds two degrees from the University of Houston, the BBA and MSA. Prior to his employment by the State Board, he taught for five years at Blinn Junior College.

Lynn Pittard, assistant soil and water conservation specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and who works closely with the State Board on the development of educational programs in the fields of soil and water conservation, said Davis is well known in the state and we are looking forward to working with him.

Texas county agricultural agents work with the local soil conservation district boards in planning and developing educational programs on the local level, Pittard said.

Davis said we continue to assist the soil conservation in every possible way in order to get more conservation work done on the farms and ranches of Texas.

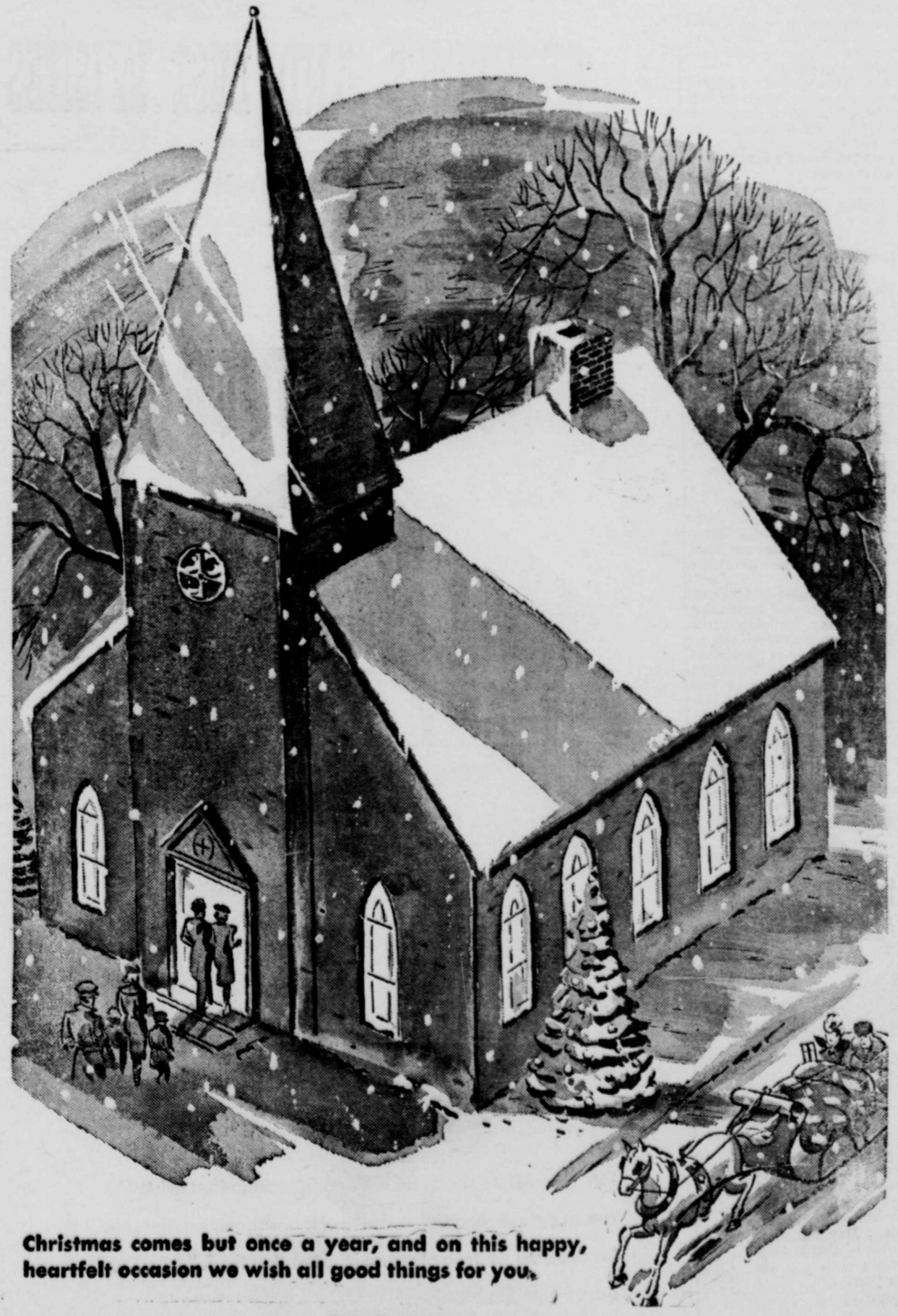


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We give you wishes warm enough to last through the holiday season and through the coming year!

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas comes but once a year, and on this happy, heartfelt occasion we wish all good things for you.

### FIRST STATE BANK

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## Merry Christmas

We offer our very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year, rich in contentment and pleasure...

B. W. Tartt Implement Company



### Season's Greetings to All the Families in Town

We want to wish you all a year of health and happiness and the merriest Christmas you ever had.

Lawrence Graham Humble Station

**ONE SOLITARY LIFE**

How do you explain the greatness of the Man whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas? He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30, and then

for three years was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held office. He never owned a home. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

*Merry Christmas*



To all those we have known and happily served during the past year. It is with great pleasure we send these greetings.

C. A. Hughes Service Station

**A ROUGH RIDE IN 'WORLD SERIES'**



The top cowboys of 1961 who will compete in the National Finals Rodeo Dec. 27-31 at Dallas are due for the roughest riding in the sport of rodeo. Pictured is Harry Tompkins of Dublin, Texas, world championship cowboy of 1960 who again has qualified for rodeo's "world series" in Dallas.

Although He walked the land over, curing the sick giving the lame, and raising people from the dead, the top established religious leaders turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was spat upon, flogged, and

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, the executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His robe. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central Figure of the human race and the Leader of the column of Progress. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that were ever built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that One Solitary Life.

**BRIGHT STARS**

The professor held up before the students a clean, white sheet of paper with a black mark in one corner. "Please look carefully at this paper and tell me what you see." One by one the students replied: "I see a black mark on a sheet of paper." None of them saw a "white sheet of paper with a black mark on it."

This response of the students was not surprising. The habit of looking for the black marks of imperfections in the personality and character of our fellow man seems to be a common trait of mankind. There's a strong tendency to focus our attention upon the flaws and faults of our fellow man rather than upon his good qualities.

To do this requires no experience or ability. It's something which seems to come naturally. All of us possess a variety of imperfections, and it is unbecoming of us to point to the mote in our fellow man's eye when there's a larger beam in our own. Still, we're tempted to do so. Apparently, it inflates our ego to point an accusing finger at the imperfections of others. It is equivalent to saying: "These faults, I do not possess."

There's more good than evil in the lives of those with whom we live and work.

There's more good than evil in the world.

The good is all about us. All we need do is look for it.

The Christmas Season, which soon will be with us, has a way of transforming us - for a short time, at least - from fault-finding critics to happy, joyous and pleasant creatures.

Then, we're prone to see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil. Wouldn't it be a great and wonderful thing if this spirit of good will prevailed in the hearts of man the world over throughout all the year?

It would have a transforming effect upon the lives of all of us. A Merry Christmas to all.

**Today's MEDITATION**  
from  
The World's Most Widely Used  
Devotional Guide



**The Upper Room**  
Read Ephesians 1:15-23

Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. (Luke 2:15.)

Much as we would like to visit the places where our Lord lived His earthly life, for most of us the journey to Bethlehem will be in spirit, a journey of faith. Perhaps that is the most important manner in which to make this pilgrimage. It is one we should all make this Christmas season.

On our journey we rediscover some basic elements in our faith. This is what Christmas should help us to do. We are reassured of God's love in that He came to



*Christmas Greetings!*

To you and to those near and dear to you we wish the joy and peace that only Christmastime can bring. May the happiness of this season remain with you all the year.

Nuke Henderson

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



May we pause in the rush of this holiday season to thank our many friends whose good will throughout the year has been an inspiration to us and to wish you all the Blessings of the season.

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| ELDON MAHON<br>Judge 32nd District | MONTIE HARDEGREE<br>Tax Assessor-Collector  |
| ELMER MARTIN<br>County Judge       | LOUISE HARDISON<br>County Treasurer         |
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| FRANK GINZEL<br>County Attorney    | BILL ERWIN<br>District Clerk                |
| GILBERT LEACH<br>County Clerk      | MOODY RICHARDSON<br>Commissioner Precinct 4 |

**DISCOVERIES BY 1961**

Chance, insect geneticist of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service at Kerrville, in a laboratory colony obtained from Orlando, Florida. Since these flies had not been irradiated, the black one is believed to be the result of a naturally occurring mutation. Several generations of the black screwworm fly have been produced by LaChance and his associates.

The black color is important as a genetic marker (a distinguishable physical characteristic that is heritable) and could prevent a problem which delayed the eradication in the Southeast, a quick, effective way to identify the released flies.

Irradiation does not alter the appearance of screwworm flies, and they are not radioactive when recovered in traps. Dye or other markings are not sufficiently permanent for accurate identification. An easily distinguishable marker, such as the black color, could eliminate this problem and speed progress in future eradication programs.

The ARS entomologists are now conducting studies to determine how the genetically marked flies compare with wild flies in mating activity, longevity, and flight range. If the black screwworm flies prove biologically successful, they will provide a

valuable new tool for use both in entomological research and in control and eradication efforts. This discovery could mean much to the program now getting underway in Texas under the sponsorship of the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation.

Christmas! Friend, 'tis Christmas If there's no joyous way To give a festive package . . . Give some love away! -Curless



Here's a friendly wish to our wonderful customers and friends. Enjoy the happiest of Yuletide Holidays and a Happy Happy New Year.

MR. AND MRS. E. H. PHILLIPS AND REVEL



**GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES**

Woodrow Pratt

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



We appreciate the good will and friendship that exists between our patrons and ourselves. It is with this relationship in mind that we take pleasure in extending the fullest measure of Yuletide blessings.

Guitar Gin Skinny Hallmark Mgr.

# THE CHRISTMAS CAKE

The story of a memorable and Merry Christmas in a German POW camp published in the American Legion Magazine By Benton Resnik

## Seasons Greetings



May the full significance of Christmas gladden your hearts and give you peace of mind and spirit.

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Gaily lighted trees are a symbol of the joyous holiday season. We hope that each light on your Christmas tree will bring you a little piece of happiness.

Lorraine Cleaners

## GREETINGS



We are hoping that every one of you enjoys the happiness of Christmas and the holiday season. We wish to express our thanks for your patronage and your friendship, and hope we may serve you throughout the future years!

**LORAIN DRUG**

bakery shop without pausing to stare through the window at the cakes and pies. And I never look at pastry without remembering the most delicious-looking cake I ever saw.

The war is on its way to becoming a few paragraphs in the history books. Years have passed and some of the things that happened to the GI now seem unreal, shadows in a dimly remembered past.

But that cake is as fresh and as appetizing and as real to me today as it was on that Christmas Day in 1944 when I felt my heart pound at the sight of it and my tongue roll about in my mouth for a taste.

I was captured by Nazi troops when my plane was shot down in mid-1944, and immediately placed in a prisoner of war (POW) camp. In a short time I adjusted to the inadequacies.

There were 20 men in our room, all of them Air Corps non-commissioned officers. Twenty men and one stove for which we were allowed a few chunks of coal each day. Since we were located near the latitude line that stretched across to Newfoundland, the climate was plenty cold. We tried to save our coal chunks for the evening, in the hope that when the ashes cooled the body heat given off by 20

men would warm us.

Heat wasn't our major need. Food was! It was on our minds from the moment we awakened to the moment we closed our eyes at night. We dreamt about it. It was the constant topic of conversation. It lurked in our thoughts constantly, tantalizing our stomachs with visions of civilian meals, tormenting our nerves by intruding whenever we tried to change the subject to talk of something else.

The Germans fed us very little. Breakfast was hot water or, if we were lucky, ersatz coffee. Nothing else.

For lunch there was soup, sometimes with a few tiny chunks of horsemeat. Usually, though, it was made with grains of dried vegetables.

Dinner came at three in the afternoon, and it was the big meal. Dinner consisted of boiled potatoes.

The only other daily ration was one-seventh of a loaf of hard brown bread which was riddled to contain some parts sawdust and indeed did taste like it. Very infrequently we'd catch a receive a tablespoon of sugar and a tablespoon of jam. The jam, I believe, was made from coal.

Division was the big drama of the day. We would all gather around the table and watch carefully as a chosen one of us poured the soup from a galvanized pail or stirred the bread into sections. Each dividing movement would be met with comments, "Too much for that one," "All soup and no solid," and I ought to lose two pounds on that feast."

It was all friendly but food was precious to every man present, and the friendliness cloaked primitive undertones of suspicion.

Because we were noncoms, the Germans wouldn't allow us to work. So we sat and we talked and after each meal we day-dreamed about the next meal and hoped for a miracle that would improve the bill of fare.

The miracle took the form of United States food parcels transported and distributed to POW camps by the Red Cross. Although we were a hardy lot of men, probably not one of us could have survived our captivity on the German food alone.

Food parcels at red us constantly with hope and anticipation. A Red Cross parcel consisted of instant coffee, powdered milk, lump sugar, canned margarine, a can of Spam and a can of corned beef, a small can of jam, and a few hard crackers. There were vitamin-C pills and cheese and either tuna fish or salmon, liver pate, maybe prunes and raisins, a chocolate bar, and five packs of cigarettes.

Nobody ever received a complete parcel at one time. Everything was rationed out. Each of us would be assigned a portion of a parcel—sometimes as little as one-eighth, and once in a while a full parcel—and then we'd be given something from it each day.

Everything was opened before it reached our hands. The cans were opened in such a way that their contents couldn't be preserved. (Though why they expected starving men to preserve food was beyond our understanding.) Even the packs of cigarettes were slashed down the middle, as if the Germans expected to find small weapons therein.

Thanksgiving Day, 1944, marked the beginning of my fourth month in the camp. It was a bleak Thanksgiving. The Germans treated it as if it were any other day—as indeed it was to them. We gave thanks that we were alive and that the Allies seemed to be winning the war. There was little else in our personal situations to comfort and inspire us.

Dinner was potatoes-as-usual. After dinner we talked about the ever-present need: food. This time, however, we allowed our thoughts and talk to linger on the rich, satisfying Thanksgiving dinners we had known back in the States.

Suddenly someone spoke up. "It's five weeks to Christmas. Why don't we plan to do something special—so that day isn't as drab as this one?"

Almost everyone took to the idea immediately. Our spirits brightened and our talk became animated. Finally we voted to make a cake. Some of the fellows had experimented with their Red Cross ingredients to make little pies, and we'd learned some of the improvements that could be made on the foods which we received.

We were twice gifted in that one of our comrades was a professional baker and another had once owned a bake shop in New York City.

Then somebody remembered the German inspections. The Germans had a habit of making them infrequently and with no trace of warning. They would come at 4 or 5 a. m. and a search party would go through all our belongings, examining the barracks from top to bottom. If they found any food at all, they'd seize it.

"Let's do it anyway and pray," someone suggested. We resolved to take our chances.

After an exciting debate we decided on an icebox cake as the project. Then we spent long hours figuring out just what ingredients would be needed. The

recipe our baker worked out called for crackers, margarine, chocolate, powdered milk, raisins, and jam. We took a vote and chose pineapple jam—which meant that we'd trade any raspberry jam we received with the fellows in the other barracks.

The plan called for each man to contribute the following part of his ration each week: A teaspoon of powdered milk, a tablespoon of margarine, a quarter of a chocolate bar, a half dozen raisins, one lump of sugar, and one cracker.

All went well until the first week passed and it became time for the "ration bank" to be started. Two of the fellows announced they would not join with us.

"A nibble of food now is worth more than something next month," said one brightly.

The other chap mumbled something about not wanting to make a sacrifice only to have the Germans search the barracks and seize the food.

However 18 of us did contribute, and the food was carefully stored in little tin cans hidden in a box beneath one of our cots.

For the next four weeks we talked about little else but the cake. Never have so many grown men enjoyed a cake so much for so long a time before it existed.

noticed a strange thing. Where there had been complete comradeship among all of us before, we began to feel toward the two men who hadn't joined the project as if they were intruders. They in turn began to keep more to themselves. When we talked about the cake, there wasn't much they could add to the conversation.

We tugged at the hours to make them pass as days went by and anticipation grew. Then, four days before Christmas, we began to get into the act, but our baker and ex-bakeshop owner supervised.

The Germans had supplied us with a large porcelain bowl for washing purposes. It was two feet in diameter and at least six inches high. This became our cake pan.

By taking the top of a can and punching holes in it, we made a grate. Crackers and chocolate bars were grated. Once that was done, our two bakers went to work.

They made a crust by mixing the grated crackers with margarine and water. The crust, an inch thick, lined the porcelain pan. The water dried, the crust hardened. Margarine and milk were mixed with the grated chocolate, raisins were added, and the mixture was poured into the center of the crust. A one-inch layer of pineapple jam was spread on top of it all.

Next, everybody took a can, some powdered milk, sugar, and margarine and mixed them to make a butter cream frosting. A thick layer of butter cream was spread over the jam.

The two fellows who weren't participating sat on bunks at the far end of the barracks, talking to each other and acting as though nothing unusual was going on in the room.

Eighteen of us gathered around the pan as the professional baker made a cone of paper and decorated the cake with the rest of the butter cream. To color the butter cream, tiny colored M & M candies were hastily clipped in water—and they colored a few drops each time.

An Air Corps insignia about an inch high was so skillfully designed and colored that it would have done credit to the Wallor's finest baker. In addition our baker designed flowers and bells and the words "Merry Xmas, 1944—USAAF."

The cake took us two days to complete. It was the day before Christmas.

To each of us the finished product looked like a heavenly vision. We wrapped it sideways on the table, and then, in a flush of inspiration, someone remembered the crepe paper that had reached us through the YMCA. We used pieces of this as streamers to the cake from the ceiling.

Word spread through the compound, and all day prisoners from the other barracks in our compound managed to get into our room for a look. All of them "ohed" and "ahed" with amazement.

We were very proud of our creation for many reasons. It meant more than something good to eat; it represented, in the eyes of the Air Corps and the dignity of the discipline that had allowed us to create our prize.

Then horror struck. On the night before Christmas a whistle blew—then more whistles—then the dreaded German command "Raus!" and we were all herded outside.

As we went outside, I heard one of the fellows behind me mutter under his breath, "Please God, don't let them take away the cake."

We were in for another shock, for we found ourselves mingling with all the 2,000 prisoners in our compound. It was the first time that all of us had ever been allowed to gather together in one group.

Rumors spread among the men from our barrack: A jealous guy from another barrack had complained to the Nazis about our cake. Or maybe it was one of the two nonparticipants in our own barrack.

It was dark now, and chilly.

The 2,000 of us stood huddled together like lost sheep in the center of the grounds. Huge flashlights were turned on us from the barbed wire fences, and their beams crisscrossed among us. Machineguns pointed at us from every lookout post in the camp.

I shuddered even as I shivered with cold. The whole scene had a nightmarish quality about it.

And then suddenly someone to the right of me began to sing. It was a weak voice, not much at holding a tune, but the words were clear:

"Hark, the herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King."

I could feel a chill of excitement go through me as other voices took up the song. German guards began to push their way toward us and then, as the voices increased, they shrugged their shoulders and withdrew.

Soon hundreds upon hundreds of us had joined in, and our voices swelled high above the prison gates and far over the prison walls. We sang one Christmas carol after the other—starting another as soon as one ended. It was a kind of defiance in the face of the flashlights and machineguns.

As long as I live I'll never forget the strange feelings of mixed joy and sorrow that I felt as the 2,000 voices joined together in song after song. I almost forgot my fear that the Germans were then searching our barracks and removing our cake.

The Germans had trouble persuading us to return to our barracks. We sang Silent Night as prisoners of war we each received a full unopened parcel from the Red Cross—a special Christmas parcel.

Oh, the ecstasies in that cardboard container! Canned boned

turkey, plum pudding, milk coffee, hard Christmas candy.

And as a kind of festive bonus Cigarettes; a pipe and tobacco; and games, including among others a deck of cards.

We ate like pigs. We stuffed ourselves, but we did it all at the table, at a formal dinner—the first we'd ever had. We planned it that way; we didn't eat until the Germans had given us the day's potato ration.

When the time came to cut our glamorous Christmas cake, we were very stuffed-full Air Corps men. Eighteen of us gathered around the cake, and suddenly each and every one of us became aware of the two rejected boys who sat, each in his own corner, pretending disinterest in the project they had not had the foresight to join.

We took a vote—with our eyes. Not a word was spoken, but it was understood that 20 and not 18 pieces were to be cut.

Each of us went up for his piece of cake, and we all held it on our laps and waited for the others to be served. We admired it and looked at the two in the corner and winked at each other.

Finally 18 pieces had been served, and two remained on the porcelain platter. As if it were the natural thing, the baker turned to the two who'd been excluded. "Hey," he said, "you fellows, come and get your cake."

It took minutes before they would believe it wasn't a joke or a way of taunting them. Then they came over and accepted their pieces of cake. One of them kept saying over and over again that he couldn't get over it; the other fellow tried to say something, but instead he started crying and suddenly every eye in the room was filled with tears nad every one of us felt like the happiest man on earth.



## GREETINGS

Now, at this happiest season of the year, we want to wish you and your families all the joy and happiness possible, and to extend to you our sincere good wishes for a healthy, happy, prosperous new year!

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS



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### Thirteen Tasty Foods On Plentiful List For December Says U. S. D. A.

College Station — Cooking, baking and festive eating get into high gear in December. It's a month for entertaining lavishly, at times, and informally on many occasions. Thirteen versatile foods suited to either big dinners or quick snacks are listed on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's December list of plentiful foods. By using them extensively, Texas attractive meals that reflect joys of the season, suggests the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. A perfect Yuletide trio—turkey, cranberries and broiler-fryers—share top billing on the December list. Also to be available all month in abundance are pork, apples, fresh grapefruit, pecans,

almonds, honey, vegetable fats products, pinto beans and rice. The supply of each exceeds normal trade needs. Producers, processors and distributors will do everything they can to encourage full use of the abundance. Plentiful foods usually are more economical than items in tight supply.

Take turkey and broiler-fryers for example. This year's turkey crop of 107 million birds is the largest on record—26 percent more than a year ago. And prices on live turkeys have been at near-record lows. The same is true with broiler-fryers. Marketings are running 7 percent more than a year ago. Storage holdings in September were 40 percent higher. And prices paid to producers in mid-September hit a record low.

**PRODUCING QUALITY PEACHES YEAR-ROUND JOB**  
College Station — Texas peach growers work the year-round at the job of producing fruit of the highest possible quality. They do not always get full cooperation from nature, and diseases, points out Harlan Smith, extension plant pathologist, are a constant threat which must be reckoned with.

One of these diseases is peach bacterial spot and it must be controlled with special sprays applied during the dormant season if high quality peaches are to be marketed next year, says Smith. The bacteria which causes the disease overwinter in cankers from last summer's infection.

Not later than two weeks after the first good killing frost, severe enough to cause considerable leaf drop, the control chemicals should be applied, advises Smith.

Four pounds of copper sulfate (bluestone) per 100 gallons of water should be applied to the trees and followed the same day—allow at least an hour interval—by a spray containing four pounds of hydrated lime in 100 spray is essential, Smith says, because copper sulfate is toxic to living trees and lime must be applied to neutralize the effects of the copper. The lime spray also controls peach leaf curl.

Peach bacterial spot appears on the leaves of infected trees in the spring as pale green spots which soon turn dark. Leaf infection, Smith explains, causes serious loss of leaves which weakens the tree and makes it more susceptible to other diseases. The peaches from diseased trees are small and covered with circular, sunken spots which later crack and provide entry for brown rot, another damaging disease of the peach orchard.

Smith suggests that peach growers obtain from the local county agent a copy of MP-283, "Peach and Plum Diseases" and that he be contacted for other information on practices which will improve the quantity and quality of peaches.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS ON CHRISTMAS TOYS

Santa Claus is coming soon. And that means Dad and Mother are finally giving some serious thought to selecting the toys that old St. Nick will leave under the tree for the youngsters of the family.

Toys—all the way from a ten-cent rubber ball to a shiny new bicycle—are a part of growing up and the child without a toy or two—or two dozen—at Christmas is a forlorn tot indeed.

The chances are that your youngsters will open their gifts Christmas morning and have a large time getting acquainted with their new toys. But in all too many households across the nation, the toys themselves will dim the happy Christmas season, by causing accidents and injuries.

The American Medical Association's magazine, *Today's Health*, offers a few simple tips for selecting toys that will help to insure a completely happy Christmas.

—Beware of small toys that can be swallowed, flammable toys, and toys with rough or sharp edges.

—All electric toys should be safe-look for the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) label in the cord and the toy itself.

—Avoid toys made of lead or colored with lead-based paints—the swallowing of poisonous amounts of lead by children who chew the paint off can cause illness.

—Baby's toys should be too large to put in the mouth, washable, lightweight and non-brittle.

Eye injuries are a particularly dangerous hazard from Christmas toys. Writing in the *North Carolina Medical Journal*, Dr. Dan Currie of Fayetteville reported that the missile-throwing toy, from sling-shot to air rifle, is the most dangerous. Archery sets with metal-tipped arrows account for their share of danger eyes. Arrows with rubber vacuum cups are safer, but even these can sometimes damage an eye. Severe injuries have resulted from the plastic, spring-action capped with rubber cups.

The air rifle, or B-B gun, is still a constant threat, even though its use is forbidden in many communities. If you give your child an air rifle, impress upon him the danger of the ricochet. Many of the air rifle eye injuries come from the small shot bouncing off a fence post or side of a house. A target backed with a bag of cotton, sand or straw is a "must" for the air rifle marksman.

Christmas ornaments, particularly the strings of small lights for the Yule tree, are potential hazards. Children sometimes will pick up a small bulb and pop it in the mouth, with obvious results. Some of the brands of tree lights

are flimsily wired and can be fire hazards. Light strings that have been reused from year to year and are old and frayed also are dangerous.

Glass ornaments that shatter easily can provide cut fingers for both children and adults. Handle ornaments and lights

with care and keep the extras and the discarded bulbs out of the reach of the tots.

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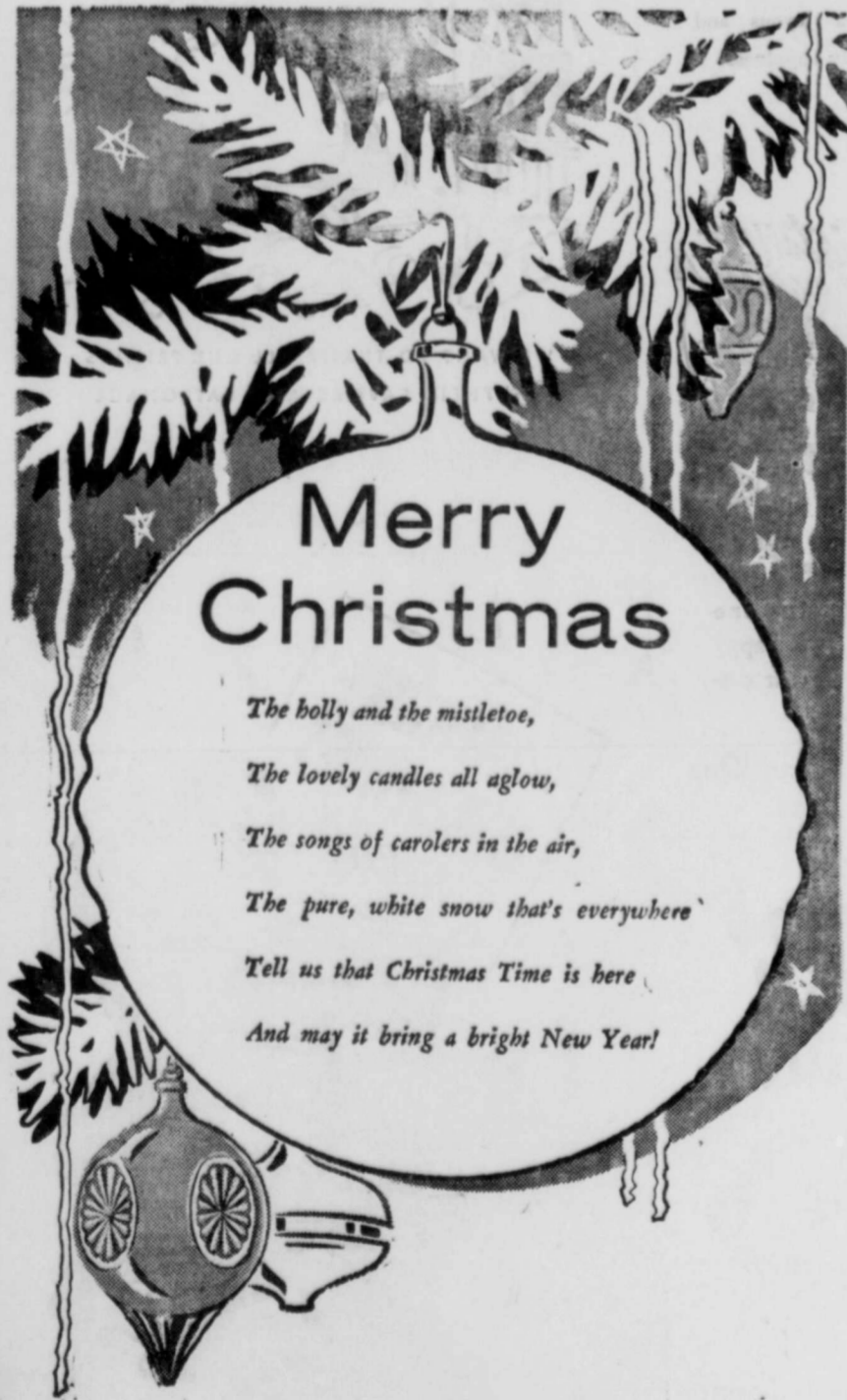
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From All Of Us A



## Merry Christmas

The holly and the mistletoe,  
The lovely candles all aglow,  
The songs of carolers in the air,  
The pure, white snow that's everywhere  
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And may it bring a bright New Year!

To All Of You  
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- Mrs. Cathey Caburo
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Mrs. Hubert Meadows, Superintendent of the Beginner Dept. of the Baptist Sunday School hosted a yuletide party at her home for the members at 3 p. m. Saturday afternoon.

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**READY S. S. CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Mrs. B. W. Tartt, teacher of the Ready S. S. Class of the First Baptist Church, was assisted by Mrs. Loyd Wiggins in hosting the annual Christmas party for members Wednesday night.

The house was decorated with festive decor in keeping with the holiday season.  
Mrs. George Mahoney brought the devotional on the subject "Trimming our Christmas Tree". In her talk she brought out all the different things that we trim our trees with, their significance and their scriptural background.

The group sipped a box of fruits, candies, nuts and bubble gum for a schoolroom. They also packed a box of children's clothes toys and fruits to make a more joyous Christmas for a family.  
The hostesses served a great variety of Christmas goodies from a buffet table with cranberry punch and coffee.

The following members were present, Mmes: Elwood Graham, Herbert Mearse, E. J. Schroeder, Lynn Hamilton, Joe Terry, George Mahoney, George Lee, Leroy Lucas.  
Guests were Bobbie Lou Schroeder, Judy Tartt, Jean Graham, Loretta Tartt and Carolyn Sue Schroeder.

**COMPANION S. S. CLASS**  
The Companion S. S. Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas dinner party at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hall, Thursday December 4.  
The noon buffet dinner of baked turkey and trimmings was served from tables with Christmas cloths and centered with lovely holiday centerpieces.

On arrival each guest was presented a holiday corsage of tiny colored angels, and guests found their places at the table by finding their names on Christmas cards attached to miniature angels.

The house was beautifully decorated throughout with holiday decor. Huge decorated Christmas stockings, a lighted Santa's face, a tiered styrofoam centerpiece with Christmas balls and a large white and gold angel on the dining table from where the buffet luncheon was served, and the beautiful Christmas tree.

The guests arrived at 11 a. m. and enjoyed a period of visiting before the meal.  
Mrs. O. C. Lucas, teacher of the class gave the Invocation.

After the dinner the program opened with group singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", and prayer by Mrs. J. L. Johnson.  
Mrs. George Mahoney brought a very interesting devotional on the subject, "Why we Decorate Our Christmas Trees". In her talk Mrs. Mahoney brought out the question, Why do we use a tree, why do we decorated and the meaning of the decorations.

The read scriptures showing each decoration had a Biblical significance, and read from the scriptures where the wreath was found first in Solomon's temple, other scriptures were read telling of the star, angels, cedar, the baby in a manger, etc., and closed by asking "What does Christmas mean to us and How we should celebrate Christmas."

After the devotional Jingle bells were heard and answering a knock on the door Old Santa entered with gay greetings to all. Santa had a word for all as he listed by M. A. Hall passed out gifts from the beautifully lighted tree. (Santa was later revealed as Mrs. Crutcher.)

A period of fellowship and visiting was held before all left for their homes expressing their thanks for such a wonderful day together.  
Visitors present were Mrs. J.

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Soft recorded music "The Nativity", was played as guests arrived and Mrs. Hal Bennett led in opening prayer.  
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at a holiday dinner party for members of the Friendship S. S. Class of the First Baptist Church at her home Monday night.

The house was beautifully decorated with traditional Christmas decor. The hostess had received a box of holly, fir, pine cones and other evergreens from the state of Washington which she used with Christmas decor to dress up the party rooms.

The dining table held a centerpiece of greenery, holly and pine cones centered by a big red candle. The buffet supper was served from four round tables centered with a Christmas candle surrounded by greenery.

A short business meeting was held and a box packed as a love gift for a family.

Mrs. Hubert Meadows gave the Christmas story, "Merry Christmas, Mr. Baxter", after which Christmas carols were sung by the group.  
Those present were Mmes: Hubert Meadows, Atwood Sheffield, Leroy Cornutt, Raymond Hackfeld, Windell Banks, John Miles, Clay Graham, Billy Scarber, Hubert Thomas, Bobby Dodds, A. J. Barron, Melvin Baumann, Joe Graham, Don Graham and Compton.

**BAPTIST YOUTH FOR CHRIST PRESENT "THE HOLY NATIVITY"**  
"The Holy Nativity", a beautiful presentation of the story of Christ's birth as given in Luke 2, was presented by the "Youth For Christ", at the First Baptist Church Sunday night at 7 p. m., under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Hall, Jr.

The entire story was presented in silhouette behind a screen with colorful lights revolving around the scenes, making the story even more impressive. The story was given in scripture and songs in twelve scenes made up of the following cast: Angelic Trumpeters, Don Small, Danny Tartt; Angel, Carol Ann Dickenson; Joseph, Gary Parnell; Mary, Carol Little; Shepherds, Kenneth Brame, Keith Hamilton, Randy Britton; Ensemble singing, "Away In A Manger", Judy Tartt, Marilyn Forbes, Bobbie Lou Schroeder, Tim Hamilton, Glenda Graham.

Boys singing, "We Three Kings", Thomas Vest, Harold Ray Preston, Gary Parnell, Jackie Narrell. Girls singing, "Silent Night", Loretta Tartt, Carla Britton, Judy McDaniel, Carol Ann Dickenson.

Assisting Mrs. Hall were Rev. and Mrs. Farrington, Mrs. Thomas Riden, Mrs. Lynn Hamilton. Those helping in the choir were Mr. and Mrs. Shep Compton,

and decorated tree. A sandwich plate and coffee was served.  
Others present were Mrs. Tony Snyder, Mrs. Frank Sanford and son, Jay, Mrs. O. J. Hamrick, Mrs. Earl Browning, Mrs. Ed Small, Mrs. Stella Ellington, Mrs. Vance Dickenson, Mrs. Virgil Parnell, Mrs. Jack Richey, Mrs. Elton Young, Mrs. Raymond Wheeler.

**MR. AND MRS. HENDERSON HOST PARTY FOR EMPLOYEES**  
Mr. and Mrs. Evert Henderson hosted a Christmas party for employees and their families after closing hours at their cafe Monday night.  
Christmas gifts were exchanged from the tree and a fellowship hour enjoyed. Coffee was served with carrot cake.

Those present were Mrs. Bob Trout, Dickey Oden, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Oden and daughters, Mrs. W. D. Cain and Kathleen, Mrs. Jeff Parker, Brenda Graham, Lottie Wells and Ruby Griffin.



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**PRIMARY SUNBEAM GROUP MAKE VISITS**

The Primary Sunbeam group of the First Baptist Church and their sponsors visited two friends Monday at their regular meeting time. They first went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Vest and then visited Mrs. D. J. Phillips. The Christmas Story as given in Luke 2 was read and the group sang Christmas carols.

Present were Nancy Graham, Betty Graham, Donald Graham, Belinda Sheffield, Gwen Tartt, Lenora Mosher, Richard Claxton, Debby Claxton, Rita Sue Barron, Margaret Galvan, Glenda Ellington, Doug Graham, Nubbin Mahoney, Susan Compton, Debby Graham, Gary Scarber, Tim Green, Dennis Mosher, Donna Oden, Byron Byrne, Ricky Furlow, Cindy Hackfeld, and three new members, Rhonda Sanford, Vickie Sanford and Lynn Boyd.

One visitor, Mrs. Edwin Hallmark and sponsors, Mrs. Donald Graham, Mrs. Clay Graham, Linda Martin and Mrs. N. C. House.

**SALEM LADIES HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The W. M. S. Women of the Salem Lutheran Church held their annual Christmas party at the church Wednesday, December 13.

The meeting opened with prayer led by Rev. Rode, after which the film, "The Christ Child Came to Christian Homes," was shown and the song, "Come Hither, Ye Faithful of Christmas carols

A medley of Christmas carols was sung by Mrs. Raymond Althof, Mrs. R. H. Marth, Mrs. Wilbert Pietzsch and Mrs. Clyde Linam, and Rev. Rode read the Scripture.

Names of those living in the Morris Rest home were drawn and gifts will be carried them for the holidays.

The birthday song was sung to those having December birthdays: Meses: E. A. Rode, John Rogge, Charlie Dowlearn and Clyde Linam.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree and refreshments served. The hall was beautifully decorated with holiday decor throughout.

**PRIMARY SUNBEAMS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Primary Sunday School Class and Sunbeam group of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas party in the fellowship hall of the church Tuesday night.

Christmas carols were sung and Mrs. George Mahoney told the Christmas Story.

Mrs. N. C. House and Mrs. Mahoney sang "Silent Night" accompanied at the piano by Linda Martin.

After a musical game was played gifts were received from the tree with Mrs. Clay Graham and Bobby Bowlin handing out the gifts.

Members present were: Bimbo Stewart, Bobby Bowlin, Donna Oden, Rita Sue Barron, Ricky Sanford, Debbie Graham, Rhonda Sanford, Susan Compton, Doug Graham, Marsha Troutt, Anita Everser, Debbie Brame, Byron Byrne, Jimmy Tartt, Mark Terry Gary Scarber, Belinda Sheffield, Margaret Galvan, Edna Galvan, Patsy Graham, Dian Graham, Don Graham, Kevin Compton, Bennie Sue Mosher, Jay Lee, Jan Mearse, Gwen Tartt, Nubbin Mahoney, Lenora Mosher, Betty Graham, Tim Green, Ricky Furlow.

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Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Caswell will spend Christmas in Midland with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Nance.

Mrs. C. H. Bell of Stephenville spent Friday night with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. West.

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# Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa: I am three years old and have been a good boy. Santa, I would like a big dump truck and grader for Christmas. Please remember Mike and Cindy, too.  
I love you  
Mark McDaniel

Dear Santa: I am eight years old. I would like to have a talking doll and a watch for Christmas. And if I do not get what I want I will be happy with what I get. Do not forget the other children.  
Rebecca Sue Hudgins

Dear Santa: I am a little girl five years old, and I try very hard to be good. Will you please bring me a tiny tears doll and some dishes, also candy, fruits, and nuts. I love you Santa.  
Dian Graham

Dear Santa: I am eight years old, and am in the second grade. Would you please bring me a Thumbline doll, a suitcase and anything else you want to bring. I love you Santa.  
Debbie Graham

Dear Santa: I am a girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. I have tried to be a good girl this year. Will you please bring me a chatty cathy doll and a stick horse and a pair of boots just like Loretta. Love,  
Gwen

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a BB gun, and a football and tee or a baseball and bat. Please bring me lots of fruit and candy but don't forget the other boys and girls. I tried to be good this year. Your friend,  
Ralph Stirl

Dear Santa Claus: I am six years old and have a little sister 1 year old. Please bring me a big doll and a record player. Please bring my sister some toys too, also some candy and nuts. Be sure to remember all the other girls and boys. I love you.  
Rita Sue Barron

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Dear Santa:



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MAY the true spirit of Christmas fill your home at this festive season . . . and may its many benefits linger throughout the entire year. This is our hope. May a new prosperity and happiness be yours throughout the coming new year. This is our prayer. So we join with everyone in an expectant unity that all this may be true.

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I want you to have something for all the boys and girls this year.

For myself and my little sister, we each want a doll and a kitchen set for Christmas. Thank you.  
Cindy Hackfeld

Dear Santa: We have tried to be nice boys this year. Please bring us a train, a Fascination game, and cowboy guns. Please come to see all the boys and girls. We are five and three years old. Love to you.  
Eldon and Darrell Andrews

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a cowgirl doll, a concentration game and a tickle-bee. I am six years old. Please remember all the other boys and girls. Love,  
Wima Stirl

Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old. I have been pretty good so I would like to have a little car, gun and anything else. Please be good to all other children. I love you.  
Tommy Doyle

Dear Santa Claus: Thank you for all the nice toys you brought me last year, and for the little brother you brought a few days later.

This year I would like a "Hedda get Hedda" doll and a sewing machine. I would also like a doll stroller.

Please bring something for my little brother, Brad to ride, also a "jack in the box".

Thank you again,  
Debbie Danice Thompson  
Rt. 1, Roscoe, Texas

**LETTER TO SANTA**  
Dear Santa: This coming Christmas Eve, Will you be kind enough to leave, Besides the toys you have for me. Some duplicates for Dad, that he may tinker with his own, and play. As fathers will on Christmas Day! Then I, for once, won't have to wait For days and days to celebrate.

**INN KEEPER**  
I kept an inn in Bethlehem, O, long and long ago! I told them that there was no room But how was I to know The Lord of Glory had no place To lay His gentle head! I am a weary old man now, And soon I shall be dead; And I shall stand before His Throne, And will He say to me, "I have no room for Thee because Thou had'st no room for me?"  
Martha Snell Nicholson

**THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS**  
"Unto Us --" Isa. 9:6. The wonder of Christmas is its Simplicity. There is Mary, the mother, and there is Joseph to whom she was betrothed. Plain and simple folk, these, even as you and I. There are the shepherds the first Christmas congregation. Humble folk these folk who lived close to the things God made-the earth, the carpet for their feet; the sun and stars, their covering. Yes, and the Child, too. Nothing here of the pomp and circumstances of Life, only the simplicity of the divine. It is this simplicity which makes Christmas wonderful. Here may we come suppliant-not to a throne of human exaltation, but to a throne of divine simplicity. Here may we worship, recognizing in the simplicity of the Child the meaning of God's redeeming love. Here may we bring our joys and our sorrows; our joys will be hallowed; our sorrow will be lightened. Here may we receive strength for the days to come, light for the time that shall be. And the Light that shines from the humble manger, is strong enough to reach to the end of our days. Here, then, we come-the young the old; the rich, the poor; the mighty, the servant-worshipping in the beauty of divine simplicity, marvelling at its simple love. This Is The Wonder Of Christmas.

Of all the Christmas carols, Silent Night remains the most popular. It was written on Christmas Eve by the pastor and the organist of a small church in Arnsdorf, Austria. On Christmas Morn, they gave Silent Night to the ages, with an old guitar for accompaniment-the pipe organ had broken down.

When twilight falls and the lights of your tree gleam out into the dark, when the fire crackles softly and you contentedly dream your happy thoughts . . . we hope you will say to yourself: "Yes . . . this was the happiest Christmas of all!"

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Along with the countless wishes for joy and peace you will be receiving on Christmas may we add our own? And we hope that good fortune will follow you all through the New Year ahead.

**Jasper Doyle Cosden Station**

## INCOME TAX FILING TIME AT HAND

College Station-The year of 1961 will soon be history. For many people, the end of December means the conclusion of another tax year and that tax obligation must soon be met, points out C. H. Bates, extension farm management specialist.

Before tackling the tax reporting job, Bates suggests that farmers and ranchmen get a copy of the Internal Revenue Service's 1962 edition of the Farmer's Tax Guide. It is available without cost from the offices of local county agents or those of the Internal Revenue Service. The guide is written in easy-to-read style and includes examples of problems worked out on the applicable tax forms. Bates says, "As for the dates, January 15 is the deadline for farmers and ranchmen who want extra time for filing their final report to file their 1961 tax estimate. If the estimate is filed, Bates explains, the final date for filing of the 1040 form is extended to April 15. If no estimate is filed, February 15 then becomes the deadline for making the final tax report. These deadlines, points out the specialist, apply to taxpayers who derived two-thirds or more of their 1961 gross income from farming or ranching.

Another important consideration is the reporting of hired labor and the social security tax on wages paid. Either of two tests determine whether or not a farmer must pay the social security tax on wages. If the worker was paid \$150 or more during the calendar year or if the worker was paid wages (on hourly or day basis) for 20 days or more during the year, the 3 percent social security tax should have been deducted from the cash wages.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



May the coming year bring you happiness, luck and much success!

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# JOYOUS NOEL



May your board be heavy with good things on Christmas and your tree loaded with gifts; may your heart be happy and your spirit be content; may the New Year ahead reward you with every blessing.

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At this season of the year it is our sincere wish that happiness and prosperity find their way into the homes of all our friends, and remain with them throughout the year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin of Abilene visited her mother, Mrs. H. B. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bruce Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Crowover and Mrs. Marion Mahon visited Mrs. Grady Norris in Roscoe Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Caswell, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Walker and Mrs. S. H. Hart visited Mr. and Mrs. Kay McCarley at Longfellow Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dodds and little son Mickey will spend the holidays in Brownwood with their parents.

Supt. and Mrs. J. B. Cushing, Sandra and Joe will spend the holidays in Gainsville visiting their parents.

Stanley Martin of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Martin and children of Midland were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Butler and Danny spent Sunday in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Truitt Butler, Judy and Don. The dinner at noon complimented Truitt on his birthday.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sursa were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Armstrong of Midland. A pre-Christmas dinner was served at noon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Brock of Somis, California are expected to arrive this week to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Coffee. They will also visit his parents in Levelland while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew Givens will leave Sunday for Shepport, La., where they will visit his sister, Mrs. R. O. Bell and other relatives and go from there to Ringgold, La. to visit his brother, Albert Givens. They plan to be gone during the Christmas holiday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker will have as their guests Christmas her sister, Mrs. Rena Snyder and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Snyder from Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hall, Jr. will leave Saturday night for a trip to Fayetteville, N. C. where they will spend the Christmas holiday week with their son, Lt. and Mrs. James A. Hall and little son, Chris.

Editor and Mrs. J. W. King became grandparents for the seventh time last Saturday night when a fourth daughter was born to Rev. and Mrs. Melvin King in Seattle, Washington. The young lady weighed in at a little more than six pounds and has been named Sonja.

Mr. and Mrs. Evert Henderson will join a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chalker of Colorado City for a family Christmas in the home of their other daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Moore in Andrews. They plan to be gone Sunday and Monday.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We express our thanks to the friends who brought food and for all sympathy expressed to us at the passing of our father and brother.

The family of V. M. Elliott  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayes of Dallas spent Sunday and Monday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rhodes are expecting a son and daughter and their families here for the Christmas holidays. They are Mr. and Mrs. Marion Rhodes and daughter, Mrs. Al Dodds and Mr. Dodds of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Little and children, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Vanda Martin was guest for a supper at the home of Mrs. Lucy Webber in Colorado City Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams and son James of Tahoka and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Elliott of Jayton visited their mother, Mrs. C. E. Elliott Sunday and attended the funeral of their uncle, V. M. Elliott in Colorado City.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Price Hall Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McGee and Doug, Snyder, Mrs. M. A. Gann and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Small and Don.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dowling of Roscoe visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rector Sunday afternoon.

O. M. Thornhill left for his home in Gainsville, Ga. Monday after spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hickman of Kingsville will arrive the last of this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coffee.

Head in A Department Store: "Make the gift card out to Mr. A. C. Cummings and the charge slip, too."

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Templeton are expecting their three daughters and their families home for the holidays. Virginia Templeton, senior at TWU, Denton arrived Wednesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowen and children of Morton and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith of Panhandle will also be here for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn Bruce and children and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nunn and children of Midland will be here for the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. and Jean and in the Marshall Bruce and J. P. Nunn home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett expect their three sons here for the Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Bennett and daughter, Marilyn will be here from Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Deryl Bennett and children from Andrews and Merlin Bennett from Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Dickenson and Ann will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents and other relatives in Olustee, Oklahoma.

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