

Christmas Greetings

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Snooter Knows

By JAMES E. KELLY
(Opinions expressed in this column are the views of the writer and should be so interpreted).



WELL, I T'S CHRISTMAS. TODAY! that is. And while it is likely the column will have been read by my half dozen or more clients, before Christmas Day, as this issue is in the mails this Tuesday afternoon, I'm taking time by the forelock, to say that viewing the surroundings as they present themselves at this writing this Christmas will be no different Christmas, than I have been privileged to enjoy in the past. The difference, I may say, is very evident in the mode of travel in effect at this Christmas Day than was in effect at Christmastime in my early past. Then it was travel by horse and buggy and team and wagon. We went to the little church or schoolhouse Christmas eve night to see the Christmas tree on which hung mosquito-bar stockings filled with candy, nuts, and fruit, and little candles lit up the Christmas tree. Santa Claus arrived, and with his merry laugh of "Ho! Ho! Hi! Hi! children!" and with jingling sleigh bells around his protruding stomach, picked the filled stockings and small presents off the tree yelled out the name of the one to which the present was addressed. The better gifts were held back to be put on or under the family Christmas tree at home.

In the late Christmases the horse and buggy mode of traveling was relegated to the background and the automobile and the airplane took over. Time for doing things and going places were "quick-stepped" quite considerably. Plane travel now splits the air at the rate of 300 and 1200 miles per hour. In the progress of shortening time, it will soon be a passenger leaving the airfield in New York City will be in San Francisco 2 hours after he left, and according to the change of time, he will have arrived in San Francisco two hours before he left New York City. Automobiles scoot over the highways at the rate of 80 and 100 miles per hour.

But with all these latter day inventions to quicken the pace of transportation, and the workmen and the business men to the demands of the people who seem from the pace they are going, have wings instead of feet and legs, Old St. Nick, is the same redfaced, white whiskered, red-stomached, corpulent, jolly old fellow, he has always been in generations past. He still makes the rounds distributing his gifts at Christmastime, in his sleigh drawn by his reindeer, Blitzen, Prancer, Dancer, Donder, Cupid, and Comet. To fulfill his mission of distributing presents, Santa (See SNOOTER)

Pre-Yule Season Ends Tonight



Christmas Greetings from

The Stanton Reporter and Staff

James E. Kelly—John Roueche—Margaret Roueche

A. W. Wooley—Howard Pace—Jerry Orren

Stanton and Martin County citizens were today (Wednesday, December 24), awaiting night-fall and another Christmas Eve. The last several days have been filled with strenuous pre-Yule activity for all.

Most stores will remain open tonight to serve the last minute rush of late shoppers. At Bentley's a crowd is expected to linger late for the presentation of a new automobile to one of their customers. At Friendly Food Stores there will be a Shetland pony for one of their customers, and James Jones Hardware will present a bicycle, an electric saw, and a set of silverware.

Most Christmas parties, sponsored by civic, social, church, and fraternal organizations were held over the week-end.

The High School held its Christmas party in the gymnasium Friday afternoon, December 19. A dance was held the same evening. Elementary rooms had individual parties at their respective classrooms on Friday. Classes were dismissed for the Holidays and will be resumed on Monday, January 5.

Christmas trees and programs were held Sunday night in most churches of the community and throughout the county.

Traditional midnight mass and carol singing will be held in St. Joseph's Catholic Church tonight. Additional services are scheduled on Christmas day.

A White Christmas, or at least a cold and possibly wet one, may add to the accident toll of heavy traffic during the next week. Local law enforcement officers have warned that in addition to heavy-traffic, and bad weather, there will be the added danger of some irresponsible drivers, drunks, etc.

County offices will close at noon Wednesday, December 24, and will not reopen until eight o'clock on Monday, December 29. County will not observe New Year's with a holiday.

Howdy Folks

By John Roueche



LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a Bonnie Braids doll that has 1 tooth, a makeup kit, and a gun and holster set, also a bottle of perfume.

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Dear Santa:

I am a little six year old girl in the first grade and make good marks in my subjects. I have been pretty good this year and would like for you to bring me a toni doll, stove, cash register, a Uncle Wiggly game and nurse set.

Remember my mother and day, my brother, teacher, (Miss Graves) and all my cousins and friends that have been good.

There will be something for

you to eat under the tree, Santa.

Your friend,
Nancy Ann Cole

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Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a cash register, a "ge-tar", parcheesie game, ping-pong set, a log set and a leather set so I can learn to make billfolds. Bring my sister, mother and daddy something, too.

I am almost eight years old and in the third grade. Miss Middleton is my teacher. Bring her something nice, too.

There will be something under the tree for you Santa.

Your little friend,
Bobby Cole

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl three years old. I have been fairly good and would like for you to bring me an iron, ironing board, doll and some candy, fruit and nuts.

Be good to the little boys and girls everywhere

Love
Beth Heckler

.....

Dear Santa Claus:

I want some skates, train and I would like for you to bring me a lot of nuts, candy and fruit. and I have been a good girl.

Signed
Janice Rhodes

.....

Dear Santa:

I am a boy 6 years old. Please

bring me a cowboy suit and gun.

Lowell Thompson

.....

Dear Santa:

I am a boy 7 years old. Please bring me a record player.

Jay Linden Watts

.....

Dear Santa:

I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a walking doll.

Brenda Bryan

.....

Dear Santa:

I am a boy 6 years old. Please bring me an electric train.

Jimmy Dickison

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Dear Santa:

I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a doll.

Martha Ann Collins

1952



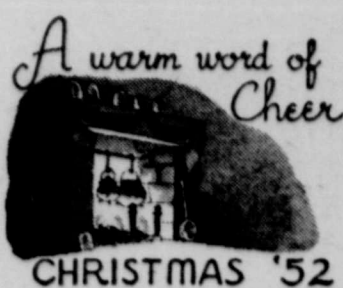
A CHRISTMAS
WISH for
YOU!



May you enjoy
the true peace
of the season.

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J. T. BERRY & SON
STANTON, TEXAS



CHRISTMAS '52

We offer our best
holiday greetings and
pledge you a bright
and merry
Yuletide
season.



STANTON
HELP-UR-SELF
LAUNDRY

Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Peavy



Our sincere good
wishes go out
to you.



1952

STANTON-MIDLAND
National Farm Loan
Association
Phone 19
Stanton, Texas



BEST WISHES
FOR A
WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY

TEXAS THEATRE



Christmas
Greetings
and all good wishes.

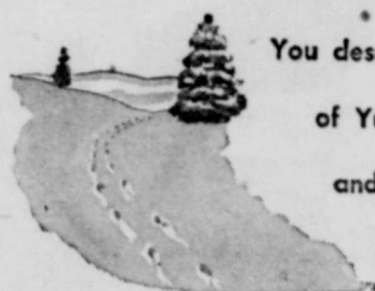
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ETHRIDGE-RHODES MOTORS
STANTON, TEXAS



Christmas
1952
May all
Happiness
be yours



You deserve a wealth
of Yuletide joy
and peace.

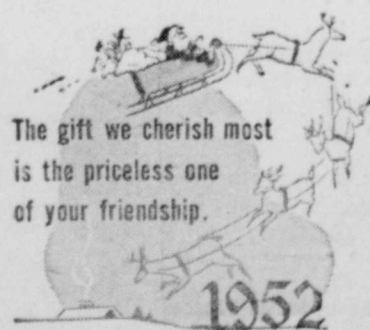
JAMES JONES HARDWARE
STANTON, TEXAS



Happiness and good
will are the order
of the day.

VOGUE CLEANERS

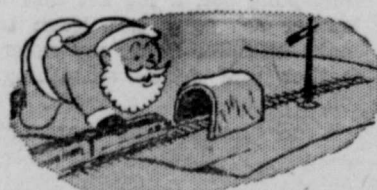
Merry
Christmas



The gift we cherish most
is the priceless one
of your friendship.

1952

ALSUP CHEVROLET



Let's help Santa make
this the merriest
Christmas of all.

ECTOR THORNTON IMPLEMENT CO.



1952

BLOCKER OIL COMPANY



The splendid spirit
of the season
shines in the
hearts of men.



SHEILA

BEAUTY SHOP



We're happy to be
sharing another holiday
season with you.



THE FAMILY STORE

Christmas
Cheer...
1952



May the great joy of
the season find its way
into your hearts
in large measure.

HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT COMPANY



A wealth of
happiness be
yours this
Christmas.

MRS.

NOBYE

HAMILTON

To our many friends



The spirit of
the season
strengthens
our bonds
of mutual
friendship



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF STANTON



Christmas

Christmas is more than "Santa and a tree" . . . to all it
brings a message of peace and good will . . . and it is in
this spirit that we extend our sincere greetings to you and
your family.

J. L. HALL PHARMACY

MRS. J. L. HALL

"JIGGS" and MARY HALL and LESLIE WAYNE

MR. and MRS. J. F. GOOCH and PAUL

MR. and MRS. MORGAN HALL and FAMILY



We hope you
may be surrounded
by joy and
gladness and filled
with the warmth
Christmas brings
to everyone.

SHEILA

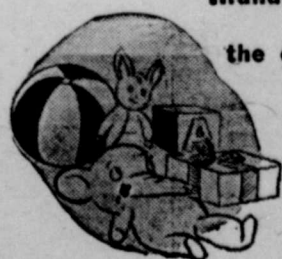
DRESS SHOP



In the prevailing spirit,
we offer our hope
for your complete
happiness...



...and we commend to you
the extra joy this season
brings to all
our hearts.



CAP ROCK ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

"OWNED BY THOSE WE SERVE"



With all the warmth
and cheerfulness
of the silent gas flame
that serves you so
faithfully...we wish you

Merry
Christmas

the Employees of

West Texas Gas Company

HELPING BUILD WEST TEXAS SINCE 1927



To all our friends go our
very sincere wishes for a
Christmas rich in happiness
and good cheer.

THE EAT SHOP

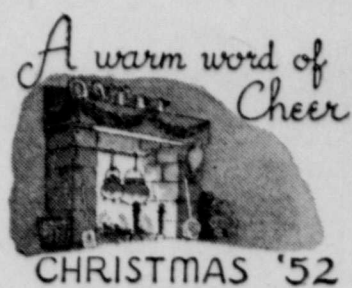
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A bountiful,
merry Christmas
to one and all.



L. H. WHITE
Grocery & Mkt.
Stanton, Texas



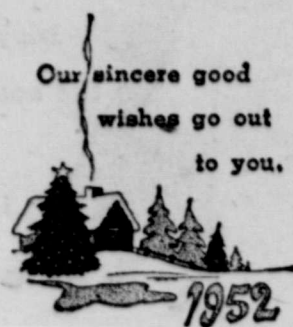
We offer our best
holiday greetings and
pledge you a bright
and merry
Yuletide
season.



MASHBURN
CLEANERS



Our sincere good
wishes go out
to you.



H. C. BURNAM
Phone 163-210-W
Stanton, Texas



A bright and merry
Christmas to our friends
and neighbors.

ARRINGTON FUNERAL HOME



In the East, a star,
and in the hearts of
men a great joy,
for unto the world
is born a Saviour.
His blessing upon
mankind!

REID'S BARBER SHOP

STAN REID, Owner



CAMP WALKER
Grocery & Mkt.
Stanton, Texas



TEXACO SERVICE STATION
G. H. MEDFORD, Owner
FIRES-TUBES-BATTERIES-ACCESSORIES
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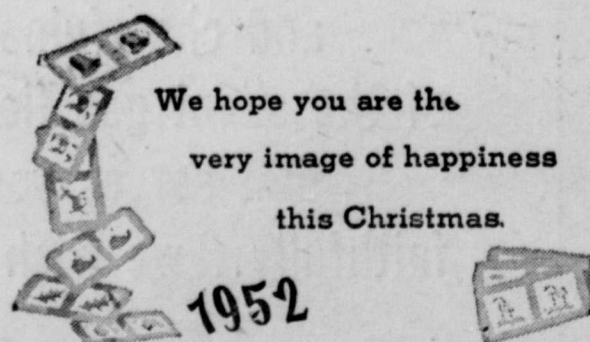
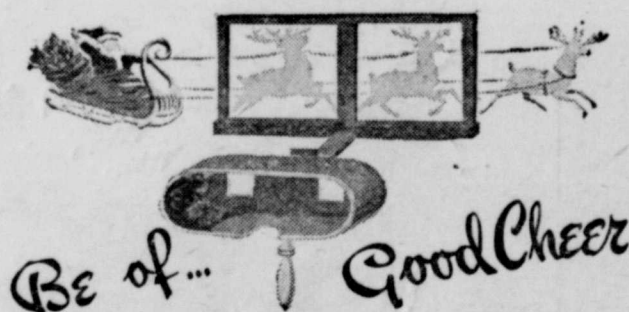


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Service Station

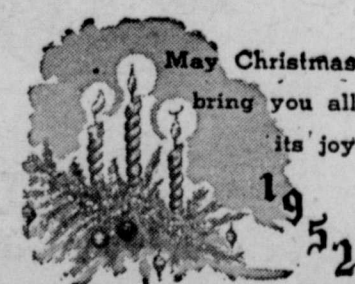


CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
AND FRIDAY

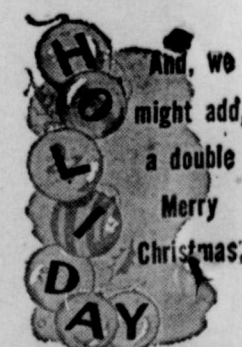
RITE-WAY RESTAURANT
MR. & MRS. D. PATTERSON
MARY and LENTON GILLET



BILLINGTON WHOLESALE & RETAIL
IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT



LOUDER ELECTRIC
STANTON, TEXAS



ATCHISON
BEAUTY SHOP

Laxity of Pushing Vigorous Campaign on Water Supply Responsible for Absence of Industry and Dinner Pails in Stanton

For 10 these many years The Stanton Reporter has held up to public view through its editorial and news columns, the abundance of the underground water supply that abounds in Stanton and Martin County, with an eye single the matter would be taken seriously by the local citizenship and an aggressive campaign be made through letter and personal contact, in the hope it would result in bringing to our city an industrial plant, or even a state or federal agency, such as a Veterans Hospital, state hospital, even unto the location of a state college, etc. The employees of these plants form the "dinner-pail" brigade, that spend their salaries with the local merchants and business men and are depositors of the local bank.

One of the principal inducements the factory requires for locating its plant, is the water supply and its mineral content. This fact we have always judged to be true, and we have only to cite the many industries in Texas today located in cities that are suffering from the want of an adequate supply of water, the small town takes a back seat in this instance. Some factories have been compelled to close down because these cities were hard pressed to provide their citizenship with

water, and restricted from the use of water to wash automobiles and sprinkle lawns.

In order that neighborhood cities have sufficient water to supply their home consumption, a cluster of wells drilled in the Martin County underwater reservoir, is now providing them with water. And among the plants in those cities being serviced water by this county, are state and federal institutions. How much better it would have been had the federal and state agencies located their institutions in Stanton in the first place.

Stanton has, and still has the opportunity to capitalize on its water supply by waging an aggressive campaign, through letter writing and personal contact, with officials of industrial plants, and with state and federal agencies, in the hope of locating them here.

The abundance of the water supply ranks high with officials seeking location for their plants, but because the town is small, that fact is allowed to take a back seat in favor of a larger city, manufacturer declaring the transportation facilities offered by cities is the prime factor. Outside of air lines, Stanton can offer about as much in transportation facilities as Dallas and

Fort Worth. A highway leading from coast to coast, east and west, and a highway leading out of Stanton north that carries both freight and passenger traffic to Kansas City and Chicago. Continental freight and passenger lines over highways and rail lines travel through Stanton. And the biggest inducement it has to offer is the inexhaustible supply of water.

Ask the cities and communities of Texas that are in the throes of a critical water shortage today, if WATER isn't the prized jewel of them all.

The two years drouth has brought about the serious depletion of the water supply in many cities and communities of Texas, while Stanton and Martin County have been moving serenely along in the knowledge they have plenty of water to use on irrigated lands, provide livestock, lawns, flowers, shrubbery and household purposes adding the 15,000,000 of more gallons of water a day that goes to outside interests. Yet, in the way of providing water for an industrial plant Stanton hasn't even a peanut factory.

Speaking of plants that provide the "dinner pail" brigade, which in turn, provides a stable flow of revenue, we cite an instance of a small town that is enjoying the fruits of an industrial plant. It is Hamlin, a short distance to the northeast of Stanton. It has a population of a little better than 3,000. In that city is located the Coltex Corporation, makers of wall-board. The monthly payroll of the plant is between \$55,000 and \$65,000 a month. Yet Hamlin is seriously effected with water shortage.

No time in history has water been regarded the prized jewel that it is by the cities, towns and communities of Texas, than it is today, made so by a two-year drouth period. Cities that depend on surface lakes filled with water from rain and snow, are in desperate straits to provide water for household purposes. These cities have many industrial plants, state and federal buildings, local hospitals, colleges and other educational institutions, that must be supplied with water. And this critical water shortage still prevails in these cities and communities. Fortunately, Stanton and Martin County have escaped the seriousness of a water famine. Always an abundant supply from the underground water reservoir.

In so far as the ample supply of water is concerned, both for domestic use and drinking purposes, the ideal climate, fertile farm lands, both irrigated and dry land, and the hospitable people and pretty women, we say to all branches of industry seeking location for their plant, state and federal agencies seeking location for their institutions, and businesses of every caliber, you're missing the best bet of your life, when you pass up Stanton.

This reporter has probably said it before in a past review of the water resources found in Stanton and Martin County, but the subject is so much of a prize, it will bear repeating. That is it's hoped the readers will not judge



FIRST PRIZE TROPHY—Awarded to Mrs. Elmore Johnson, Johnson Flower and Gift Shop of Stanton for table arrangement recently entered in a national contest. The design, printed in an earlier copy of The Reporter, was selected for its originality and novelty, as well as good balance, good color, good combining of materials and general excellence of design. The contest was sponsored by "Art in Flowers", a national magazine. The arrangement was displayed at the opening of The First National Bank of Stanton.

SNOOTER KNOWS

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Claus is confronted with the same problem he was faced with at the start of his first visit from his home at the North Pole. That problem was entering the houses by coming down chimneys or galvanized stovepipes, and emerging on the interior from the cookstove or the fireplace. This matter of entrance to a home by Santa Clause remains a puzzle with me to this very day. How can so corpulent gentleman as Santa Claus, shrivel himself up to the point he can slip down a stovepipe or a fireplace and leave no tracks of soot on the floor. And when he arrives at a home with no chimney or flue to slide down, making entrance through a door without waking the wife, when she knows to a "T" the hour hubby comes in if it's not 'til sunup the next morning. Santa must have a flock of different sized doorkeys. That feature of Santa's visit has puzzled the past generations, and it will remain a puzzle for the future generations to solve.

Anyway, this puzzle of the coming of Santa Claus and getting into house to pass around his gifts, I leave with the children of today, living in Stanton and Martin County, and I sincerely hope there will not be a child in my town and county who will be disappointed on this Christmas morning, due to the failure of Santa Claus visiting them.

With this Christmas greeting to all the folks of my town and county, I say:

Let the peace and serenity of the Holiday season be the goal for which we strive the year around.

To all of my friends, I wish a joyous Christmas and a Merry, Merry Christmas!

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a. m.
Training Union 6:30 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7:00 p. m.
ERNEST B. COON, Pastor
BILL SHEARIN, Minister of Music and Education.

LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa:
I am a girl 10 years old. Please bring me a walking doll.
Sue Ragland

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 9 years old. Please bring me a doll.
Mary Helen Canto

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 7 years old. Please bring me an electric train.
George Freeman

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 7 years old. Please bring me a doll.
Johnny Shoemaker

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a walking doll.
Mary Doll

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 6 years old. Please bring me a gun.
Johnny Shoemaker

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a doll.
Joyce Lankford

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 7 years old. Please bring me a doll.
Guadalupe Rodriguez

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 6 years old. Please bring me a gun and holster.
Ruper Martin

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 7 years old. Please bring me a puppet.
Anita Gibbs

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring a puppet.
Guadalupe Cebalos

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl. Please bring me a doll.
Mary Lou Cebalos

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a canister set.
Kay Frances

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a walking doll.
Glenda Davenport

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 6 years old. Please bring me a gun.
Jackie Montgomery

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 7 years old. Please bring me an Indian suit.
Smitty Smith

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 6 years old. Please bring me The Cowboy Hat.
Douglas West

Dear Santa:
I am a boy 6 years old. Please bring me a suit.
Davis Laabs

Dear Santa:
I am a girl 6 years old. Please bring me a doll.
Deanna Huffman

Mrs. Flora Morris is confined to her home with illness.



We hope you may be surrounded by joy and gladness and filled with the warmth Christmas brings to everyone.

Epley Abstract And Insurance

Christmas Greetings

and all good wishes.



CHESSER WASHATERIA

Sub-Station for Levelland Steam Laundry
Next to Rite-Way Cafe



Season's Best Wishes
The peace and happiness of Christmas belongs to you.
1952

D. B. CROSS

JOHN PINKSTON

503 Broadway—Phone 96-W

FARMERS INSURANCE EXCHANGE



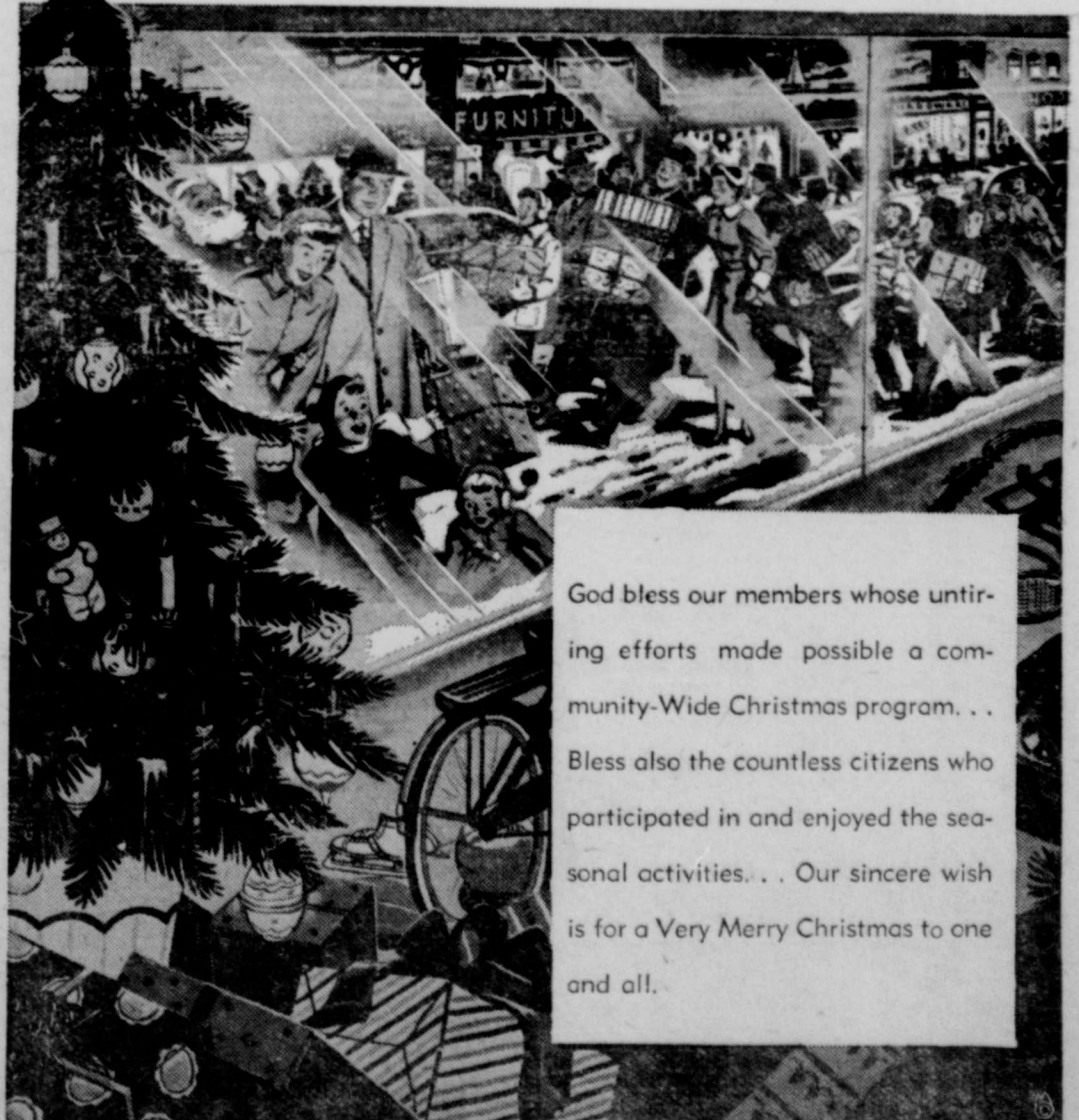
The greatest gift is given again on Christmas Day; may this new Yuletide bring joy and faith abundant.
1952

TO MY FRIENDS OF STANTON AND MARTIN COUNTY

I am wishing for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I especially want to thank each and every one of you for the business you gave me during 1952.

R. A. BENNETT

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



God bless our members whose untiring efforts made possible a community-Wide Christmas program. . . Bless also the countless citizens who participated in and enjoyed the seasonal activities. . . Our sincere wish is for a Very Merry Christmas to one and all.

MARTIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



WHITE AUTO STORE
JESS and ERA



In the East, a star,
and in the hearts of
men a great joy,
for unto the world
is born a Saviour.
His blessing upon
mankind!

ECKERT'S DRY GOODS
STANTON, TEXAS



Our hope for your
peace and happiness
goes out to every
one of you.



STANTON Walgreen Agency DRUG

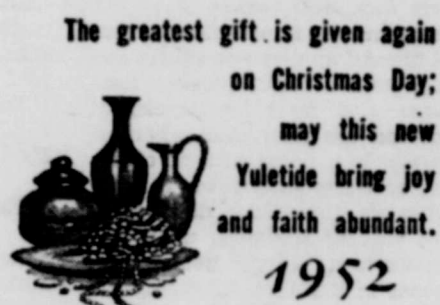


May the true spirit of the first Christmas shine brightly in
the hearts of you and your family today and every day.

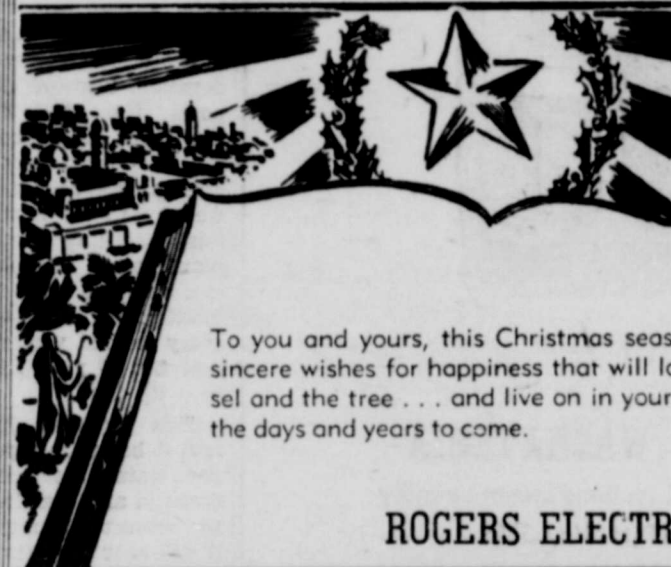
BOB LATIMER MOBIL SERVICE



J. A. WILSON'S DRY GOODS



WOODARD INSURANCE AGENCY
STANTON, TEXAS



To you and yours, this Christmas season, we extend our
sincere wishes for happiness that will long outlast the tin-
sel and the tree . . . and live on in your hearts through all
the days and years to come.

ROGERS ELECTRIC



MR. AND MRS. JAMES McMORRIES
STANTON, TEXAS



MURR AUTO PARTS
STANTON, TEXAS



STANTON IMPLEMENT



A beautiful,
merry Christmas
to one and all.



ROY'S
BARBER SHOP



RETAIL MERCHANTS
CREDIT ASSOCIATION

Best Wishes



For every town
goes our warmest wish
for a merry and
untroubled Christmas.

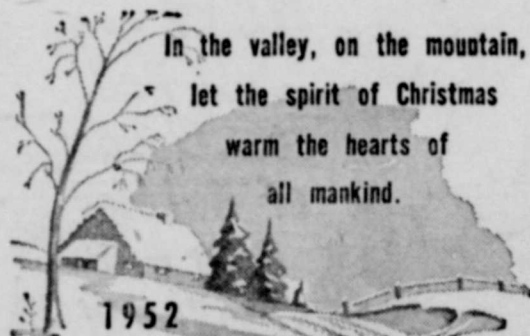


FORD SALES & SERVICE

WHITE MOTOR COMPANY



CITY CAFE



JIM WEBB'S GROC. & MKT.



CALL US FOR THOSE
LAST MINUTE FLOWERS AND GIFT ITEMS
POINSETTAS-POT PLANTS-DECORATIONS

JOHNSON'S FLOWER & GIFT SHOP

500 St. Peter St.

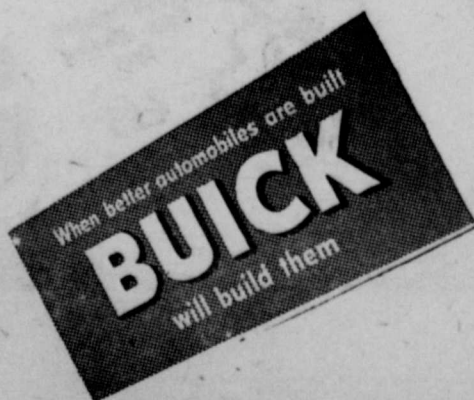
Telephone 161



J. D. RENFRO
JEWELER

HAPPY
HOLIDAY

May your heart
sing with the
true joy of
Christmas time.



WHEELER MOTOR COMPANY

PHONE 108

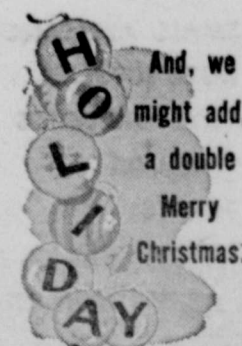
Stanton, Texas

COR. ST. JOSEPH & HIGHWAY 80



REED'S BEAUTY SHOP

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Motor & Impl. Co.

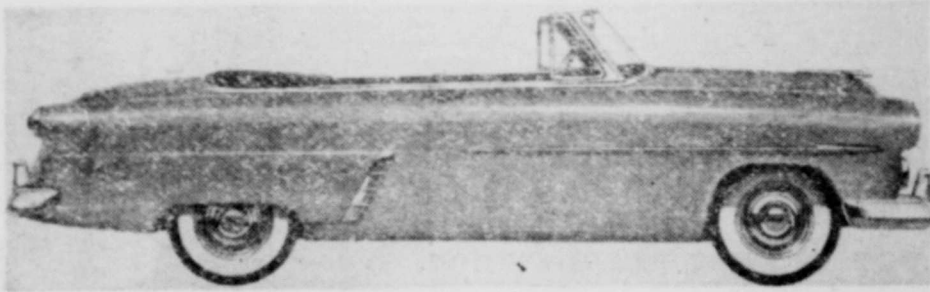
Best Wishes to All

MERRY CHRISTMAS

1952



Thanks for your patronage during 1952... To our customers goes the credit for building our complete home and auto store... May we serve you even better throughout 1953.



**THIS 1952 FORD CONVERTIBLE
WILL BE PRESENTED
CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24**

- FURNITURE
- FLOOR COVERINGS
- BEDDING
- RADIOS
- REFRIGERATORS
- HOME FREEZERS
- RANGES
- SMALL APPLIANCES
- AUTO SUPPLIES
- TOYS AND DOLLS
- WASHERS
- PAINTS
- EXPERT RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE

You'll Find the Appropriate

Last Minute Gift

at

BENTLEY'S
OF STANTON

Stanton's Complete Home & Auto Stores

Firestone
LAST MINUTE
TOY & GIFT
SUGGESTIONS

She's Dick Tracy's Baby!
Bonny Braids DOLL
6.95
Her Hair is Tied in Braids... She Has One Tooth... and She Coo!

Texas Ranger DOUBLE HOLSTER SET
4.98
Twin 50-Shot Repeat-er Pistols. Leather Belt.

NEW...
Just Pull It... Clouds of Bubbles Pour Out the Stack!

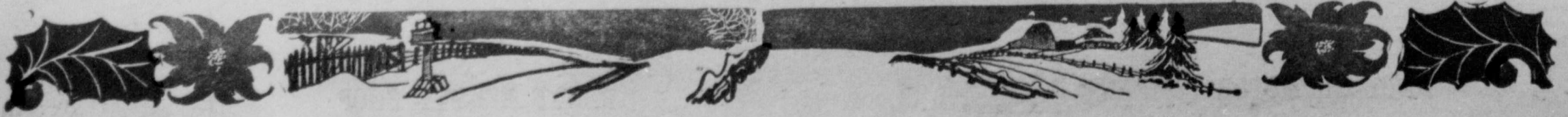
BUBBLE EXPRESS
2.98
Complete with Bubble Solution

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CRUMBS

From the Exchange Table



It is with extreme pleasure that Crumbs has been given the opportunity to read so many of the bright and aggressive newspaper exchanges of West Texas, that arrive weakly at his desk. I'm grateful to these newsmen in the face of \$125 a ton blank newsprint, they've seen fit to exchange their newspapers with The Stanton Reporter, and to those who responded so willingly to a request from this department to send their newspapers on an exchange basis.

Truth of the matter West Texas has the best bunch of newspaper men to be found in the world. While they would reluctantly take the shirt off their back and give it to another fraternal man in need they would rip it down the back and share it with him.

To the personnel of all our exchange newsmen's printshops it is my sincere hope this Christmas will be one of good cheer. Presents are nice, of course... but sincere wishes from friends are nicer.

A Merry, Merry Christmas to all

This past week, up to this Christmas Day, has been one of back-breaking, brain-storming, worn to the nub week for the newsmen of the West Texas newspapers. The "back end" and the "front end" of the printshops have been going in a frenzied gallop to issue their newspapers in time to make the mails by Wednesday morning. It was a "must" that the newspapers be mailed at that time so they would be carried over the routes by the carriers Wednesday morning to avoid the Christmas Day closing of the postoffice. Failure to make the Tuesday deadline, this week, the newspaper would miss the rural routes and remain in the postoffice until Friday for delivery to the subscribers living in the country.

Some of the newspapers will not resume publication until after the first of January to devote a week to cleaning the "debris" left in the shops from the strenuous work performed by the force in publishing the paper during the last weeks before Christmas, and to otherwise cleanup and arrange the shop to start out the new year.

JUNIOR CHOIR OF METHODIST CHURCH GOES CAROLING

The Junior Choir of the First Methodist Church repeated an annual event of 10 years standing when they went Christmas caroling Sunday afternoon and visited the shut-ins in private homes, Memorial Hospital and Mrs. Payton's Nursing Home. They presented the shut-ins with poinsettias.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Miss Pearl Howard is a surgical patient at Memorial Hospital.

James Harrell is a medical patient at Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Virginia Ramsey is a Marvin Brister has been admitted to Memorial Hospital as a medical patient.

A. A. Mills is a medical patient at Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Sid Lacey of Tarzan, is a medical patient at Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Roy Moseley has returned to her home after being a medical patient at Memorial Hospital.

SCHOOL REMODELING PROGRAM SHOWING NEW DESIGN PATTERN

O. W. Winstead, Superintendent of Stanton Public Schools, has reported that satisfactory progress is being made on the remodeling program. Upon completion, present facilities will be modernized in both facilities and arrangement, and additional classroom space provided.

Mr. Grogan, resident supervisor of the operation, said demolition of the elementary and high school building is also finished. Roofing operations are underway while rearrangement of areas are nearing completion. Grogan said, "the new design is now visible."

Installation of the new electrical system and the new gas-

CAP ROCK ELECTRIC AWARDS SERVICE PINS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday afternoon, December 20, Frida Brothers Catering Service pulled their modern chuck wagon into the supply room of Cap Rock Electric Co-Op and at 7 o'clock served a delicious barbecue dinner to ninety-three directors, employees, their families and guests.

After dinner, O. B. Bryan, manager of Cap Rock Electric, introduced Martelle McDonald, attorney for the Co-Op, who in turn introduced Bob Clark, magician from Odessa. Clark performed such mystic feats of magic as the multiplying sewing thimble, color change in silk, 20th century silk (with the able assistance of Lee Castle), a soap box put the women in a doubting frame of mind but the thorough explanation by Clark satisfied them that it was true magic. A rope trick, disappearing dice and changing Hindu sands completed the magic program by Clark.

Christmas Carolers Visit Hospital, Downtown Area

Christmas Carol singers, appearing on business streets, were seen and heard by many shoppers in Stanton Saturday night, December 13. Before coming downtown the county-wide group of singers visited Martin County Memorial Hospital.

Led by Bill Shearin, the group of singers represented Stanton's first annual Christmas Carolers organization, a part of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce Christmas program.

According to the Chamber, all who appeared with the group are considered chapter members, and will be issued a membership card and a certificate of charter membership.

Shearin said a register was not kept and that it would be appreciated if all singers not listed here would call their name in to the Chamber of Commerce.

Among those known were: Mrs. Clark Hamilton, Mary Lynn Hamilton, Jimmy Hamilton, Mrs. W. A. Kaderli, Mrs. Don Gaddis, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Richard Suppliver, Doyle Scott, Wayne Scott, Bill Edwards, Mrs. J. D. Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nichols and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Finley Rhodes and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Roton, John and Don Shoemaker, Mrs. H. O. Phillips, Mrs. Horace Blocker, Mrs. Minnie Simms, Mrs. Opal Jones, Jeanette Jones, Mary Beth White, Mary Haislip, Lewis Stewart, and leader Bill Shearin.

Bridge Club Entertained with Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jones were host couples when the Thursday Night Bridge Club met at the Belvue Restaurant for a Christmas Dinner, December 18.

Two large candy canes surrounded with greenery formed the centerpiece for the table. Places were marked with miniature candy canes.

After dinner the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones to play bridge and exchange gifts from the beautiful decorated Christmas tree.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Forest of Midland.

Couples attending were Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Berry and the hosts and hostesses.

BAPTIST CHURCH HOLDS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The First Baptist Church held a Candle Light Service Sunday night, December 21.

The story of Christmas was told in scripture reading and Christmas carols.

A Christmas offering for Foreign Missions was taken.

The program was under the direction of Bill Shearin, director of music.

Jerre Coon acted as Reader and Virginia Shearin, pianist.

A thirty minute session of Bingo was played.

James Elland, acting in the capacity of Santa Claus, distributed presents to each person present.

O. B. Bryan presented ten year service pins to J. D. McCreless, and D. W. McDonald. Five year pins were presented to W. D. Howell, Martelle McDonald and Ray Simpson. Bryan then presented gifts to the following: John Wood, Thomas Walters, Ray Simpson, W. A. Ringener, Carson McKaskle, R. H. Louder, Robert Lee, Gus Jenkins, H. W. Graves, Glenn Gates, Euel Ferguson, James Elland, Winifred Connell, Frances Crim, Patsy Reed, Mary Thomas, Stanley Barnes, T. S. Liles, Clint Barrett, A. J. Mitchell, Joe Carr, Billy Avery, Millie L. Henson, Francis Kennedy, Mrs. Leroy Linney, Roosevelt Williams, J. D. McCreless, W. D. Howell, D. W. McDonald, Glenn Cantrell, Edgar Phillips, Arath Phillips, Mrs. Lee Castle, C. F. Gray, Paul Adams, Martelle McDonald and John and Margaret Roueche, representatives of the Stanton Reporter.

J. D. McCreless and C. F. Gray were unable to attend the party due to illness.

Local Men Attend Brotherhood Assoc. Meet in Big Spring

Twelve men from the Stanton Baptist Church attended the Brotherhood Association meeting at the West Side Baptist Church in Big Spring Monday night, December 15.

Following the program the church's major brotherhood activities were outlined for 1953.

Attending from Stanton were E. R. Hammock, Roy Martin, G. A. Bridges, Bill Lively, Lewis Stewart, J. T. Davis, E. P. White, T. R. Louder, Bill Shearin and the pastor, E. B. Coon.

LIANS WILL NEXT MEET MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Ed Robnett, president of the Stanton Lions Club, said today that his organization would not have a program on the next regular meeting night. The club ordinarily meets every Monday night, but will miss Monday, December 29, and next meet on Monday, January 5.

VISITORS FROM NEW MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Barfield of Clovis, N. M., will arrive Wednesday to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Prentis Bristow and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Read and children, Alan and Robbie Dell, left Monday for Wichita Falls to spend Christmas with Mrs. Read's mother, Mrs. Blanche Kimberling.

Mary Lee Robb Weds Charles V. Smith



Mrs. Charles Vance Smith

When they return from a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vance Smith will establish residence in West Hollywood, Calif.

The bride, who plays the role of Margie on the Great Gildersleeve radio program, is the former Mary Lee Robb, daughter of Los Angeles. She attended UCLA and is a member of the Juniors of Ebel, the Beverly Hills Junior Woman's Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith of Courtney.

Now employed as a designing engineer for the Utility Appliance Corporation in Los Angeles, he was graduated from Courtney High School, the University of Southern California, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

The couple was married in a ceremony at 4 p. m. December 13 in St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, with the Rev. John A. Bryant officiating.

Attendants were James Whitmer and Morris W. Johnson. Serving as ushers were Walter Tetley, Marvin Ratner and Walter Gill.

Given in marriage by George

Stevens, the bride was wearing an infant gown of white silk taffeta, with a lace yoke embroidered in seed pearls. She carried a small bouquet of Winter hyacinths. Mrs. Whitmer wore a ballerina-length gown of slate blue taffeta and carried fuchsia spider chrysanthemums.

A reception was held in the Garden Room of the Bel Air Hotel.

DOLLAR DAY WILL BE MONDAY, JAN. 5

Dollar Day in Stanton will be Monday, January 5. The next issue of The Stanton Reporter, published Thursday, January 1, will feature Dollar Day advertisements.

January is the month of Clearance Sales so residents of Stanton and Martin County are given this "tip" to watch closely the pages of this newspaper for the very best in values.

The arrival of spring merchandise is just around the corner. Help merchants make room for it by your purchase of items which may be used several more months... and at rock bottom prices.

LETTERS TO SANTA-

Santa never forgets. Especially does he remember letters that impress him. Following is a letter Santa received forty years ago from a lad of eight years. At the time of the writing the Comanche, Texas, Vanguard published the letter and the editor had this to say about the writer: The manuscript of Euell Ferguson was the best. It was evidently written by himself, and very legible, the spelling was perfect, and the spirit is manifest. Euell is going to be known as a man if he lives—mark the Vanguard's prediction.

Here is the letter: Sidney, Texas, Dec. 14, 1914—Dear Santa Claus.—I've tried to be good. Please send me two packages of firecrackers, an au-

tomobile that will run, some candy, and a climbing monkey, and dear Santa, please send me Alice in Wonderland, and Santa, please bring cousin Stewart Bartlett a climbing monkey. I am eight years old. I go to school at Elm Grove. Merry Christmas.

Euell Ferguson

Today the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Euell Ferguson has written a letter to Santa. She knows that Santa fulfilled her Daddy's order forty years ago; so is eager to get her letter in.

Dear Santa Claus:—I am three years old. I would like you to bring me a doll, a doll stroller and a tricycle. And please be nice to all the other little boys and girls everywhere. Your little friend,—Nealu Ferguson.

BIDS INVITED ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STANTON DIAL BUILDING

Contractors have been invited to bid on construction of the new Stanton community dial building, Clifford Fisher, manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company here, announced.

The new Stanton telephone building will be constructed on the lot where the present telephone building stands. The older building will be moved to the rear of the lot, Fisher said.

The new dial building will measure 32 by 42 feet and will be of modern brick design with a deck type tar and gravel roof. It will house both the company's business office and the dial equipment which is now on order from the manufacturer.

"Prior to actual start of construction, we plan to hold ground breaking ceremonies," the telephone official said. "Everyone is invited to attend."

Bids from the contractors will be opened December 25. Awarding of the contract will be announced thereafter.

"Work on Stanton's new dial

system actually has been underway for a long time," Fisher said. "Engineers and architects new system after lengthy studies of Stanton's present and recently completed plans for the future telephone needs."

Each piece of dial equipment ordered from the manufacturer must be tailor-made according to the specifications set forth by the engineers. Many of the materials used in the manufacture of telephone equipment are war-scarce items. Allotments have been obtained from the federal government for the use of these materials for Stanton's new dial telephone system.

"These are but some of the many activities necessary before construction can get under way," Fisher explained.

The engineers have set up a schedule which will be closely followed. Following completion of the new dial building the first shipment of equipment will arrive in Stanton along with a crew of skilled telephone install-

ation men.

These men will install the dial equipment in the new building and solder thousands of wires to interconnect the parts of the dial equipment into operational form.

Meanwhile, other crews of telephone men will be at work checking every foot of telephone cable and wire throughout the city. Dial telephone replacements and adjustments will be made in each home and business served by telephone, a new directory will be compiled, printed and delivered, and hundreds of other details will be completed before the signal is given for Stanton's telephone system to be cut over to dial.

"Converting the entire telephone system of a city to dial is a huge job which Stanton subscribers will be able to observe in the various stages. When it is finally completed they will find their new dial telephone system will provide speedy and efficient telephone service."

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STANTON, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1952

SIX INCHES RAIN LAST FOUR MONTHS IS HALF-WAY POINT FOR GOOD CROPS IN 1953

"Another inch" of rain fell in Martin County on Thursday, December 18. To be exact the measurement in Stanton was 1.1 inches.

This brings to six inches or

more the rainfall since September 1. Eighteen inches is considered normal in this area over a 12 months period.

Martin County's six inches of water in the four months period just ended is right on schedule for a normal year. The rains have been of the slow "drizzly" type, which all soaks into the soil where it falls.

The four-month period just ended, can furthermore be considered the beginning of a year, as far as crops are concerned. Fall and winter rains, which soak into the soil, build up a great reserve of moisture for crops the following spring. Warm weather sets into operation the Creator's system of evaporation which feeds the water to growing plants from beneath their root systems.

Farmers of this area who use irrigation successfully, follow the same pattern. Soils are moistened during the winter months as the deep water evaporation builds even stronger plants than surface moisture. Rainfall or irrigation during the growing season alone keeps root systems near the surface, and absence of water for any period of time at all will allow the plant to die quickly.

The Martin County farmer's position as 1953 begins may be compared to a football team which leads its opponents 12-0 at half time. Caution or "crossed fingers" are still the order—but it a mighty fine lead to hold over any opponent, especially a drouth.

From now on every precious rainfall may well be counted. One inch per month during the spring will set the stage for a good year in 1953. A continuation of present rains will spell complete doom to the drouth in Martin County.

John F. Priddy, Jr. Represents Odessa Insurance Firm

John Franklin Priddy, Jr., has been appointed a special agent in Odessa for the Southwestern Home Office of the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

He will serve under the supervision of Ross Harper, division manager of the agency office in Odessa.

Mr. Priddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Priddy, Sr. of Stanton. He was graduated from Stanton High School in 1938 and studied journalism at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

He is married to the former Miss Laura Gainer of Menard, and they have one child, Jane, 8. They live at 2602 Beatty in Odessa.

Mr. Priddy served in the Air Corps during World War II, advancing in rank from a private to a first lieutenant.

Awards Made in Annual Christmas Lighting Contest

The many beautifully decorated Stanton homes made it difficult for the judges to select the winners in the annual Chamber of Commerce home lighting contest.

First prize went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Graham on St. Joseph Street.

Second prize went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson on St. Peter Street.

Third prize went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Burnam on St. Boniface Street.

Fourth prize went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Tom on St. Peter Street.

The homes receiving honorable mention were Bobbie Haislip, 206 4th St., Poe Woodard and Morgan Hall.

Judges for the contest were E. R. Mount, Don Downing, and Delbert Downing.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Myrick will have their son, James Myrick and family, of Waco, and their daughter, Mrs. Bill Crone and husband of Morton as holiday visitors.

Spencer Blocker is home from Texas Tech to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Blocker.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

JAMES E. HARRELL, Pastor

Next Sunday will be observed as "Student Recognition Day". All students who are at home for the holidays and high school seniors will be given special recognition at the morning service. The pastor will be speaking on the subject: "Launching Into Life's Depths".

The pastor will bring the sermon message at the evening service. Congregational singing will be featured with the singing of the great old hymns of the church. We welcome visitors.

HOME ECONOMIST PRESENTS STUDY CLUB PROGRAM

Miss Joyce Chambers, Home Economist of Texas Electric Service Company, was guest speaker at the Stanton Study Club in its meeting held with Mrs. Alex Haggard, December 18, at her home.

Miss Chambers chose as her subject, "See Your Home in a New Light," and passed out booklets on "Tested Lighting Recipes" which showed how to employ the magic of light to bring comfort, enjoyment and eyesight protection to our home.

Miss Chambers said, "Scientific research reveals that two kinds of lighting are needed in any room, specific light for seeing tasks and general room lighting."

encircled with holly and Christmas ball of silver, red and blue. Over the divan was a wall arrangement of spruce sprayed with silver with large red bows and Christmas balls.

Gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated silver tree.

Fruit salad topped with whipped cream and red and green cherries, cookies and coffee, were served. Favors were miniature canes tied with red satin ribbon, jingle bells and greenery.

Attending was one guest, Mrs. Bill A. Lively, and the following members, Mrs. James H. Billington, Jr., Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Dave Foreman, Mrs. B. F. Smith, Mrs. Ralph Caton, Mrs. S. W. Wheeler, Mrs. R. B. Whitaker, Mrs. S. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. Houston Woody and daughter, Anita, Mrs. Wallace Kelly and the hostess.

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A Soldiers Wish at Christmas Time

Editor's note: This letter was received from Montie M. Castleberry stationed in Greenland.

Dear Editor:

I want to send this letter to each and every one of the people back home in Stanton. Speaking for the soldiers here in the far northern lands and the soldiers all over the world, I would ask every person in the States to take one minute on Christmas to pray for each and every soldier who is so far from home and the love and friendship we miss so very much. Pray, also, for the liberation of all peoples over the earth and that peace may be instilled into the heart of man. I do not think this is asking too much of the people who mean so much to the soldier.

I sincerely thank you for your kindness.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Signed: A/3C Montie M. Castleberry, USAF

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AMAZED TO FIND CHRISTMAS

Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Mustang Draw has discovered it's Christmas time again, his letter this week reveals. Somebody must have told him. Dear editor:

Although it seems like it was only a month or so ago when I wrote you Christmas greetings the last time, here it is time for another one.

People say when time flies fast it's a sure sign you've been busy, but I don't believe that will hold in my case. If I've been busy the past year, it certainly wasn't intentional, I wasn't aware of it, and if I was, I don't intend to be any more.

Of course, being busy is subject to all kinds of interpretations. A man can be busy with his feet propped up on his desk and his eyes closed, if his brain is working. Eisenhower was pretty busy when he was flying to Korea, but I imagine he wasn't half as busy then as he's gonna be if he succeeds in figuring out a solution to the Korean problem.

But I didn't start out to talk about serious things this week. I just wanted to let you know what the Stanton Reporter has been a lot of fun during 1952 and I'm looking forward to writing for you some more in 1953.

In the meantime, Christmas is at hand and it ought to be enjoyed. I know there's trouble in the world, but it takes more than trouble to put a stop to Christmas. Why, in the past 1,000 years there probably hasn't been over 75 or 100 years when the world was completely at peace, the rest of the time there's been a war of some kind going on, but that's the thing about Christmas, you go ahead and celebrate it, war or peace, good times or bad.

But to get off the serious side, I hope you and all your readers get everything you all want for Christmas, not just what you deserve, that's no satisfactory standard to go by. As for me, all I want is to keep my sense of humor. Most people have a sense of humor, but there's one or two I know who could stand to have theirs improved a little. Merry Christmas.

Yours faithfully, J. A.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITAL

What's it like to be a hospital patient at Christmas? The building may be emptied of all those who are well enough to be discharged, or in the case of institutions such as government hospitals, well enough at least to spend the day at home.

Patients who are left behind may be very ill and therefore hardly conscious of Christmas. On the other hand, some of them may like a little Christmas cheer spread their way. The hospital staff or groups organized to give service to hospital patients provide a comfortable bed, a good menu, tray decorations, and reminders of Christmas in the rooms or at least about the corridors. There's something more, though, that the patient needs: the thoughts and good wishes of his friends and family. These may come in the form of Christmas or get-well cards, telephone calls, visits, flowers, or gifts. Visiting the sick is a charity truly in keeping with the Christmas spirit; however, visits should be limited to those well enough to want company, the stay short, and the subjects of conversation carefully chosen.

Hospital patients who are unable to do their Christmas shopping might like for their friends to take over this job. They also may wish to send cards, and if these can be supplied already stamped, so much the better. Also, any help in wrapping gifts and addressing stickers and envelopes and mailing or delivering packages is appreciated by the patient who can't do these tasks for himself.

The things that make Christmas for a hospital patient generally are the ones needed by a patient confined to his bed at home. Homemade decorations can be as effective and much less expensive than "store bought" ones. The tray for Christmas dinner can be colorful without much trouble; it can be covered with a piece of gift wrapping paper or a Christmas napkin. The family menu usually can be adapted to a sick person's diet because roast turkey is easily digested. However, if you are uncertain what the patient can have, it would be better to check with the doctor.

The patient may feel well enough to help with some of the planning, gift wrapping, decorating, and other Christmas preparations, and in being allowed to help, he feels that he is entering more into the family's fun. However, such projects should not be permitted to tire him out.

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We Have Need of Religious Training Within Our Homes

THE formerly common practice of religious education in the atmosphere of one's own home had some fine results as far as impressing the spiritual standards of religious life on members of the family was concerned.

In the Jewish faith, the stately passage: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord, our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul and with all thy might," is held in much the same reverence as the Lord's Prayer is in church worship of today.

But the full effect of these words went beyond the walls of the synagogue. Jewish families have long been bound together with strong home ties and home religious practices. These practices have had a profound influence. Many people may bemoan the fact that the younger generation does not follow in the footsteps of its elders but this is not a new complaint.

It may be partly true, but decline and recurring revival of interest in religion is not uncommon in the religious history of many peoples.

In many Christian homes the reading of the Bible and family prayers are common parts of the family life. But in all probability these homes are not as numerous as they once were. In many homes there is probably no religious activity at all.

It would be possible to view the future of our country much more hopefully if the parents in every home would take the responsibility of teaching their children principles of religion in the way the ancient Jews were told to do. Perhaps in the second half of our present century we will see a new surge of interest in this neglected field.

Unworkable Idea For Equalizing Yule Gift Problem

Editor's note: The Martin County Philosopher on his Johnson grass farm on Mustang Draw won't get anywhere with the odd idea he has this week, but he never does anyway. Dear editor:

I know that the people have voted for a change, but before we cut loose from Washington entirely and start shifting for ourselves again, without of course giving up social security and pensions and price supports and RFC loans and Federal highways and flood control programs and government school lunches, there's one point I'd like to get into the general permanent program.

It didn't come up in the campaign and I don't know how anybody in Washington stands on it, but what I would like to see is a government program to finance Christmas gifts.

Like it is now, Christmas, financially speaking, is about as hazardous as farmin or ranchin. A man don't anymore know whether he's gonna break even on it than he knows when he puts a crop in the ground in the spring whether he's gonna come out ahead or behind next fall.

I ain't talkin about the original Christmas spirit, I'm talkin about the practical one confrontin most people right now, the one of swappin gifts among your acquaintances and kinfolks. Understand, I think the practical one is a fine idea, it's pleasant and upliftin to exchange gifts, a fine human custom that's wholesome, but you got to consider the practical side of the matter. This idea of takin care of everybody on your list in a manner you figure you're gonna take care of you, or as nearly as you can estimate, can sweep a man off his feet and before he knows it he's in the hole and way overdrawn and all he's got to show for it

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is some knickknacks he ain't got much use for.

What the government ought to do is allot some money for every citizen at Christmas time, after all, the spirit of givin ought to be as wholesome for the government as it is for the individual. We send money to Washington all the time without any questions asked, it looks like once a year Washington could break down and return the favor.

I don't know how this ought to be arranged, but I imagine we got plenty of experts in Washington who could figure out a satisfactory program that I wouldn't haggle over the method just so my check got here on time. Whatever the amount was, that's the amount a man would spend for Christmas gifts.

Under this system, when your wife complained over what she got, all you'd have to do is say, don't blame me, it's them short-sighted bureaucrats in Washington.

If you think this system has any merit, let's get busy on it. Christmas is almost here.

Yours faithfully,
J. A.

MRS. CHARLES EBBERSOL HAS HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mrs. Lela Hazelle Boyd of Dallas is spending the Christmas holidays here in the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Ebbesol, 309 St. Charles Street. Also a guest in the Ebbesol home is Mrs. Joeline Vannoy of Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Vannoy was formerly home demonstration agent of Martin County.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCreless is home from Lubbock to spend the Christmas holidays.

Ray Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Taylor visited relatives in Hobbs, N. M. during the weekend.

PERSONALS

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson last week were W. A. Schroder, El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schroder, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Luana and daughter of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. James Albert Wilson and children of Notrees and Mrs. Alice Humble of Post.

O. R. McCreless of Odessa visited in the home of his brother, J. D. McCreless over the weekend.

Miss Lonetha Avery is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bob Wilhite in Morton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Kelly and Ima Kelly visited in Big Spring over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Boie Wilhight of Morton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ogal Avery over the weekend.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP FETED WITH YULE PARTY

The Girl Scout Troop of Mrs. L. E. Thompson's sixth grade met Thursday, December 18, in the home of the co-leader, Mrs. Phil Berry for a regular meeting and Christmas party.

A Christmas theme was used in the decorations of the entertaining rooms.

The group sang Christmas carols and played games.

Punch and Christmas tree cookies were served from the punch table which was centered with an arrangement of angel candies.

Attending were Sandra Shipp, Sharon Kay Russell, Carolyn Stone, Alice Ann Sims, Sue Frith, Barbara Standerfer, Betty Berry, Sandra Gibson, Helen Gunn, Barbara Wooley, Johnnie Rhodes and the troop mothers, Mrs. V. H. Russell and Mrs. Martin Gibson.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Farm Plan Author

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1 Pictured Truman's Secretary of Agriculture

8 He was in the cabinet

14 Love tale

15 Start anew

16 Arabian gulf

17 Sea eagle

19 Love god

20 Number

21 Was borne

22 Deed

23 Harem room

25 Wapiti

26 Group of matched pieces

28 Dance step

29 Sun god

30 Either

31 Louse egg

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37 Morsel

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2 Western show

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4 Girl's nickname

5 Names (ab.)

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12 Frenzied

13 Bird's home

18 "Sioux State" (ab.)

24 Eagle's nest

25 Merits

27 Make edging

28 Genus of grasses

31 Irritate

33 Small wig

34 Play the part (ab.)

35 Bird of host

36 Western cattle

37 Hops' kiln

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF O. A. SCHUELKE, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the estate of O. A. Schuelke, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 8th day of November, 1952, by the County Court of Martin County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence is in Stanton, Texas, and my post office address is Box 456, Stanton, Texas.

ALLIE SCHUELKE, Executrix of the Estate of O. A. Schuelke, deceased.
12:12, 18, 25, 1-1

NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR THE ESTATE OF LAURA ALICE ASTON FLANAGAN, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of Laura Alice Aston Flanagan, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 15th day of September, 1952, by the County Court of Martin County, Texas. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence is at Big Spring, Texas, and my post office address is Box 865, Big Spring, Texas.

E. W. FLANAGAN, Administrator of the Estate of Laura Alice Aston Flanagan, deceased.
12:12, 18, 25, 1-1

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Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Wilson are guests in the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is also visiting her sister Mrs. J. C. Sale on the ranch northwest of Stanton. Mr. Wilson is an employee of Phillips Production Co. in the Spraberry oil field, Spraberry, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Winstead left Sunday on their Christmas vacation. They plan to go to Woodson where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Winstead's father and mother. Before returning to Stanton they will go to Melvin, Texas to visit other relatives.

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Freshman Class Feled With Christmas Banquet

The Freshmen Class of Stanton High School was honored with a banquet in the school cafeteria, Tuesday night, December 16, by the room mothers.

Mr. W. O. Winstead, Supt. of schools, gave the invocation. The individual tables were decorated to represent Christmas packages tied with red ribbon and cedar. Place cards were in the shape of "fish."

Mrs. Pat Orren directed games and the group joined in singing Christmas carols.

Mrs. Pat Orren and W. E. Harrell, class sponsors, were presented with gifts. The room mothers were given corsages.

Those present at the dinner included the freshmen, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Tom, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Koonce, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Winstead, Jo Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. June Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Butcher.

Children Present Christmas Program

The children of the First Methodist Church presented the program when the annual Christmas tree party was held at the church, Sunday night.

The program consisted of carol singing.

Santa Claus presented each child with a bag of goodies from the beautifully decorated tree. The children exchanged gifts.

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Mrs. E. B. Coon Features Pupils

The pupils of Mrs. E. B. Coon, were presented in a Christmas program Monday evening, December 15. The recital was held at the Baptist Church in Stanton at 7:00 o'clock.

Following the welcome by Rodney Roten, the program consisted of:

The Small Boy's Lament — Jimmy Sale.

The Stuff I Hate — Gloria Reed.

Trees — Rodney Roten.

Feet — Freddie Moseley.

What's In My Pocket — George Whitaker.

Four Boys — Rodney Roten.

My Freckles — Sandra Shipp.

His Christmas Present — Sharon Sale.

Christmas Arithmetic — Gene Mott.

whose Presents — Norman Donelson.

Do I Believe In Santa Claus — Sandra Sale.

Mother's Always Do — Marsha Bristow.

Christmas Presents — Gloria Reed.

Is It Fair — Dianne Cooper.

When Christmas Is Over — Norman Donelson.

What's the Use — Robert Whitaker.

The Day After Christmas — Gene Mott.

Making People Merry — Sandra Sale.

Tell Santa — Rodney Roten.

Choosing A Wife — Warner Walker.

Santa Claus Is Coming — Jimmy Sale and Marsha Bristow.

The Story Of A Star — Barbara Woolley.

The Christmas Legend — George Whitaker.

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4-H Clubs Hold Christmas Party

The Annual 4-H Club Christmas Party was held at the Courtney Gym December 18th.

Forty-five 4-H Boys and Girls and visitors were brave enough to come through the rain and mud.

Jo Jon Hall and Bobby Carlile directed games. Skits were presented by the Courtney 4-H Boys and Girls. Neil Hogg and Barbara Stewart presented, "Three Little Bears." Alice Stewart was the narrator for the Melody Drama presented by Marilyn Hull, Leon Hogg, Verna Mae Turner, Neil Hogg and Barbara Stewart.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Owen Kelly, Mrs. Jim Hillger and Mrs. Lewis Carlile.

Friend Has Y In Burl

Members of the Class of the Church were entertained with a Christmas party night, December 15, of Mrs. Clayton Burdette. Co-hostesses were Woody, Mrs. J. Mrs. Edm... The... ered with a... tered with a Santa and... Each member brought a gift of clothing and food to be given to a needy family.

Games were played and refreshments of fruit cake and coffee were served to the members attending.

Rebekahs Have Christmas Party

A free-will Christmas offering was made at the Rebekah Lodge Christmas Party for the I. O. F. Homes, old folks home at Ennis and Orphans Home at Corsicana.

The Lodge voted to send Patsey Pair, their adopted daughter, a check for Christmas and each member will contribute a gift and a box will be packed and sent her.

Ruby Davis, Thelma Fred and Flossie Burnam, were appointed to serve as advisors for the Theta Rho Girls Club when resignations were made by Mildred Hastings, Orla Angel, and Margie Clardy.

Installation of the Rebekah officers will be held January 12. The entire I. O. O. F. Hall was decorated with Christmas decorations and gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree.

Cake and coffee were served to Pearl Bridges, Vera McCoy, Margie Clardy, Cora Vaughn, Alba White, Clyde White, Naomi Yell, Vera Linney, Dallas Thomason, Thelma Fred, Elma Sprawls, Pearl Ory, Orla Angel, Ruby Davis, Mildred Evans, Virgie Johnson, Frances Butcher, Edna Davidson, Jessie Wright, Lettie Fleming, Alice Angel, Margaret White, Mildred Anderson, A. T. Angel, Pat White, Mildred Hastings, Orla Clements, Jennie V. Sharp and Pauline Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Berry and daughter, Betty, will spend Christmas in El Paso visiting Mr. and Mrs. McDonald Leighton and Mrs. Ray Huddleston.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY for members of the Stanton Garden Club was held in the home of Mrs. Paul K. Jones on Tuesday, December 16. Front row (left to right) are: Mrs. Sam Wilkinson, Mrs. Morgan Hall, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Edmund Tom, President, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, and Mrs. Dave Foreman. Back row (left to right) Mrs. John T. Roueche, Mrs. Prentis Bristow, and Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

Mrs. Glenn Brown
Presents Christmas
Story to Garden Club

Mrs. Glenn Brown presented the story of "The Little Mixers" Tuesday, December 16, when the Stanton Garden Club held its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. P. K. Jones, with Mrs. T. Y. Allen as hostess.

Mrs. Elmer Long and Mrs. Prentis Bristow were in charge of the program.

Mrs. Edmund Tom gave several piano selections and the club joined in singing Christmas carols.

The polished table held an arrangement of cedar with pastel Christmas candles and balls.

Other Christmas arrangements were placed at vantage points throughout the room.

Gifts for members were exchanged from the tree.

Refreshments of Christmas tree sandwiches, divinity candy and coffee were served. Plate favors were miniature colored bells.

Others attending were Miss Elina Sprawl, Mrs. A. C. Murr, Mrs. Sam Wilkinson, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. Charles Ebbesol, Mrs. H. A. Houston, Mrs. Glenn Cox, Mrs. A. G. Gates, Mrs. Morgan Hall, Mrs. Guy Eiland, Mrs. John Roueche, Mrs. B. F. White, Mrs. Dave Foreman, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. P. K. Jones, a guest and the hostess.

Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Guy Eiland, January 27. Mrs. Sam Wilkinson will have the program.

Grady 4-H Club Meets

Grady 4-H Club met December 16. There were nineteen members present. The president, Elizabeth Hildreth called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the minutes read.

Our leader announced the Christmas party to be held at Courtney, on Thursday.

We discussed grooming, the colors best suited for us and several other things.

Our leader gave us a list of four recipes.

We were dismissed at 10:30 a. m.

Janie Williams, Reporter.



BETA SIGMA PHIS gather for annual Christmas party which was held at the Humble Recreation Hall. Seated (left to right): Mary Grace Latimer, Earlene Tom, and Cora Kelly. Second row: Betty Read, Vivien Rogers, Jen-to Turner, Joyce Woody, and Carmen Whitaker. Back row: Polly Nichols, Irene Long, Ruth Supulver, Sue Standefer, and Betty Ree Alsop.

Mrs. O. B. Bryan
Presents Rythm
Band in Recital

Mrs. O. B. Bryan presented her Rythm Band in a Christmas recital at the First Methodist Church Tuesday night, December 16. Mrs. Ray Pickett, pianist.

The following program was presented:

Rythm Band Numbers:

The Mulberry Bush—Little Bo Peep—Rudolph—Jingle Bells.

Saxophone Solo—Linda Bess Bryan.

Reading "Mrs. Santa Rides"—Kay Bryan.

Readings and Songs by Class:

Larry Haggard, Bedford Glass, Sheila Turner, Wayne Woody, and Rhonda Sechrist.

Piano Solo: Margaret Ann Byrd, pupil of Mrs. John Wood.

Song: "Thirty Two Feet and Eight Little Tails" Kay Bryan.

Organ Solo: "Silent Night" Linda Bess Bryan.

Song: "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" Kay Bryan.

Mrs. Phil Berry
Entertains WSCS

Members of the Women Society of Christian Service filled two Christmas boxes of clothing and food for needy families when they met for a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Phil Berry, Monday, December 15.

Silver, green and white were accented colors in the Christmas decorations. An arrangement of white candles with silver balls and greenery and an open white Bible at the back centered the coffee table.

Mrs. Finley Rhodes led the group in singing Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. O. B. Bryan.

Those attending were Mmes. O. B. Bryan, Finley Rhodes, Arthur Stallings, J. E. Harrell, J. Barbee, Bob Haislip, B. F. Smith, Floyd Smith, L. H. Alexander, John Poe, Clayton Burnam, M. L. Gibson, Leah Hamilton, Edmund Morrow, R. M. Deavenport, Ralph Newman, Miss Ina Kelly and the hostess.

Mrs. Leo Turner Fetes
Xi Alpha Beta Chapter

The Xi Alpha Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. were entertained with a delicious turkey dinner by Mrs. Leo Turner on Thursday night, December 19 at 7:00 p. m.

Christmas place cards and favors of Prince M Matchabee Perfume marked each place. The Christmas theme was carried out throughout the house.

Cora Kelly and Mary Grace Latimer, guests, were presented gifts.

Gifts were exchanged by the members.

Members present Mary Prudie Brown, Dorothy Deavenport, Mamie Roten, Irene Long, La Nelle Davis, Sammie Laws, Naomi Hedrick, Marguerite Huber, Mary Kathryn Bristow, and the hostess.

Miss Jo Johnson, teacher in Stanton Schools is spending the holidays with her parents in San Angelo.

Mothers Fete Rythm
Band with Party

Members of the Rythm Band were entertained with a Christmas party by the mothers of the group, Tuesday, December 15, at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. O. B. Bryan, director of the band, was presented with a gift.

Gifts were exchanged from the huge Christmas tree.

Members of the band:

George Tom, Beth Biggs, Rhonda Sechrist, Sheila Turner, Guy Brown, Jane Dickison, Larry Haggard, Wayne Woody, Cherry Vest, Jim White, Jackie White, Becky White, Larry White, Barbara Rumfield, Jenny Ann Webb, Johnnie Watts, Sheila Beth Richardson, Donnie Shoemaker, Mike Wood, Nelda Carr, Patsy Vincik, Linda McCloud, Harold Lanham, Ada Dell Brantley, Janie Thompson, Gary Reed, Stevie Edwards, Mark Bentley, Linda White, Linda Brice, Lana Brice, Anita Woody, Virgil Pittman, Larry Pittman, Cindy Dan-

MRS. JIM TOM ENTERTAINS WITH
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE AT HOME

Mrs. Jim Tom entertained Friday morning, December 18, with her annual Christmas coffee.

The refreshment table, laid with a white cutwork cloth, was centered with an arrangement of Christmas greenery and a huge red candle.

Other Christmas decorations

were featured throughout the open rooms.

Mrs. Mary Wilkie, Mrs. Phil Berry, Mrs. Woodford Sale and Mrs. Ralph Caton, alternated at the silver coffee service.

Approximately one hundred guests called during the receiving hours.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Ralph McWhorter of Eunice, N. M.; Mrs. Will McWhorter, Mrs. Kenton Boone and Mrs. Alfred Tom of Midland; Mrs. Hubert Martin of Odessa; Mrs. Bob Bevil and Mrs. Meek of Andrews.

STUDENTS ARRIVE HOME TO SPEND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Students arriving home from North Texas State College, Denton to spend Christmas holidays with their parents include Miss Leslie Jean Tom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Tom and Miss Gracie Weatherall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Weatherall.

Phi Pals for the year were revealed around the beautiful gift-laden Christmas tree. The Christmas theme was carried out in the refreshments of cheese dips, chopped apple cake, coffee and cold drinks.

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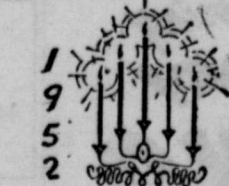
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