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Safety Urged During Holidays

AUSTIN, Dec. 23.—Your greatest gift may be a life!

With this slogan as its spearhead, the Texas Safety Association Saturday took Governor Jester's campaign against holiday traffic deaths to the far corners of the State.

The Association asked the 41 statewide organizations supporting its traffic safety program to spread the word there can be less than the expected 85 deaths and twenty-five hundred injuries between Dec. 23 and Jan. 1 "if individual Texans will assume the responsibility for making it so."

Governor Jester said the Department of Public Safety had predicted 230 deaths and 6,600 injuries for December. In the two days before Christmas, the prediction said, 30 will be killed and nine hundred injured.

The Safety Association also reached out to thousands of industrial workers with a safety message to its 1,600 member firms, and to other thousands of Texans with an appeal to churches to emphasize the holiday danger.

Service clubs were asked to devote three minutes of their programs next week to pointing out the dangers of holiday traffic. Business and trade organizations were asked to emphasize the need for extra driving and walking caution.

The Governor addressed an appeal for action to college and university presidents and school superintendents, asking them to alert students to the hazards of Christmas travel.

In a letter to chiefs of police the Governor expressed confidence that diligent enforcement efforts will be effective in reducing the toll.

Welding Classes Begin January 14

All veterans interested in learning Arc and Acetylene Welding under G. I. Bill of Rights are invited to place the application for training with W. W. Gregory, Coordinator, Dickens Co. Vocational School, Room 4, Spur Security Bank Building.

Class schedule will be from 7:30 to 10:00 p. m., Monday through Friday on half-time basis, beginning January 14, 1949. Substantial payments and eligibility will also operate on half-time basis. Tool kit, books, and consumable supplies will be furnished. Length of course on 1-2 time basis is 3 year.

A qualified instructor will be employed to be in charge of the program of arc and acetylene welding which includes all practical phases of mill and heavy welding, brazing, pipe welding, blueprint reading, estimating, other essential information necessary for the trainee to standard approved welding.

Nature of employed welding during day does not effect veterans under ceiling income. For further information on training program, contact, and substantial payments, check with your Coordinator.

For two months in 1976 Boston was without a locally-printed newspaper.

Santa's Visit Ends Christmas Program for Spur

With the visit of Santa Claus to Spur on Monday, the Chamber of Commerce Christmas program was brought to a successful close, President Norton Barrett announced today.

People have thronged the streets of Spur this week in a last minute shopping spree, and merchants have reported a steady business.

Santa was greeted by over 800 kids when he appeared at the Palace Theatre Monday morning. He distributed candy, nuts and fruits to all the youngsters.

President Barrett of the Chamber of Commerce expressed his thanks to the merchants and others for their cooperation in donating gifts, etc., during the four day Christmas program. Cash awards totaling over \$200 were made.

JOTS BY JOE

JOTS had the feeling of a kid again when Old Santa spoke to him on the streets Monday morning. We noticed that Fike Godfrey was one of his best customers. All in all, the 800 kids that thronged the Palace theatre were in a gay mood and completely enjoy themselves. It's a shame that Christmas isn't every day.

'49 Oldsmobile Now On Display

Another line of 1949 model automobiles — Oldsmobile's new '49' and '50' series cars — is on display at Spur Implements Co.

The new units both feature new power plants and improved styling. The '49' series is powered by a new valve-in-head high compression engine of 135 horsepower. Hydra-Matic Drive, providing fully automatic shifting in all forward speeds, is standard equipment on all 1949 models, known as "Futuramic."

The '50' series powered by a "Big Six" engine which develops 105 horsepower. It occupies a substantially lower price range than the series '49'. The '50' has an entirely new Fisher body with greatly improved vision and wider seats, according to the announcement by S. E. Skinner, general manager of the General Motors Oldsmobile Division.

William Allen White purchased the Emporia Gazette for \$5,000.

20th Century Club Offers Reward for Superior Essay

The Twentieth Century Study Club of Spur announced its project for the year 1949 field of education last Wednesday morning when members of this club appeared before the student body of the Spur High School.

Believing that the greatest need in the education of youth is a sufficient number of trained teachers, the Twentieth Century Club has set about to inform, encourage and reward the local students who purpose to enter the profession of teaching. An essay contest was announced in which students will write themes on the subject, "The Kind of Teacher I Would Like To Be."

This club is offering a \$5 reward for the best essay on this subject submitted by any student in the local high school. The high school English teachers are cooperating in this subject, and the contest will be held under the supervision of the English faculty. Superior essays will be sent to Mrs. Walter Travis of Dumas, Texas, who is district director of Teacher Recruitment, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Travis is offering a \$5 reward for the best essay submitted to her from within this district.

A list of books related to this subject has been recommended by Mrs. Travis. These books are being placed in the high school library.

If the response from the high school boys and girls is encouraging, a scholarship will be offered by the Twentieth Century Club to the member of the senior class of 1949 who is chosen the most promising future teacher. This woman's club hopes to continue this project for more than a year if it proves to be a profitable one.

Mrs. Cliff Bird is president of the Twentieth Century Club. Members of club who attended the assembly exercises were Miss Margaret Elliott, Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, and Mrs. O. M. McGinty.

Mrs. W. R. Weaver of Spur and Mr. Robert Williams, County Superintendent of Schools, spoke to the student body on the merits and rewards of the profession of teaching. They were enthusiastically received by the students of the faculty of the Spur High School.

Celebrate Golden Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Formby will observe their Golden Wedding anniversary with an "Open House" at their home near McAdoo Sunday afternoon, December 26th. Hostesses for the occasion will be Mrs. Frank Duman, Mrs. Vernon, Mrs. John Formby of McAdoo and Mrs. Marshall Formby of Hereford. Friends of the couple are invited to call during the afternoon. The 50th anniversary actually falls on December 27th, but the family is holding the open house on Sunday instead.

Rosa Mae Freeman, a native of Ellis County, was married to Marshall C. Formby on December 27, 1898 at Comu, Hopkins County, near his birthplace. Mr. Formby's desire to move to a country where he could set out his own shade trees brought the couple to Dickens County in the fall of 1916. They bought land from the Matador ranch on top of the Cap Rock and moved into their new house there in 1917, where they still live.

Mr. Formby says he has seen a lot of change in Dickens County during the past 32 years. He hauled his lumber for his house up a wagon from Hereford Springs, 18 miles away, and passed only two houses on the way. The first cotton raised was hauled the same distance.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Formby are active members of the Baptist Church at McAdoo, where he is a deacon and she teaches a Sunday School class.

Their three children and their families will join their parents in the celebration and will be present for a family anniversary supper Sunday night. Those present will be Mr. and Mrs. John Formby of McAdoo, and their son, Clint, a senior at Texas Tech at Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Formby Jr. of Hereford; and Mr. Formby's daughter, Mrs. Frank Duman, and her daughter, Mrs. Carol Ann and Mary Jane, all of Vernon.

Road Projects in Dickens County Okayed by Board

Road construction and repair projects totaling \$28,200 for Dickens County was authorized by the State Highway Commission in Austin in their regular meeting on Saturday, Dec. 18.

The commission authorized similar projects throughout the state with total costs amounting to \$3,290,000.

The allotment for Dickens was deemed by the commission to be vitally needed to keep the highways in service to the traveling public. All work authorized by the commission will begin within next Spring. Chairman John Reditt of the commission said.

Repairs and surfacing projects for Dickens county include:

- Farm-to-market road No. 265, from State highway 70 to Afton, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles, a seal coating, at an estimated cost of \$2,900.
- Farm-to-market road No. 261, from Spur southwest, a distance of approximately 6.4 miles, seal coating at an estimated cost of \$7,400.
- State highway 70, from Motley county line to Dickens, a distance of approximately 15.1 miles, seal coating at a estimated cost of \$17,900.

Bulldogs To Face Tough Schedule in 1949 3-A Tussle

Coach Sam Hawkes and his 1949 Bulldogs will face a tough schedule, according to the program released this week.

The Bulldogs are expected to open their season for the 1949 3-A season with a non-conference foe, Haskell, on Sept. 9. Next in line will be Hamlin (tentative) on September 16, and then comes the eight foes in conference play with Tulla, new member of District 3-A, as their first opponent.

Of the ten games scheduled for 1949, five will be played on the home field.

The schedule as released is as follows:

- Sept. 9, Haskell, here.
- Sept. 16, Hamlin (tentative) there.
- Sept. 23, Tulla, here*.
- Oct. 10, Matador, here.
- Oct. 17, Paducah, there*.
- Oct. 24, Lockney, there*.
- Oct. 31, Crosbyton, here*.
- Nov. 7, OPEN.
- Nov. 14, Abernathy, there*.
- Nov. 21, Rails, here*.
- Nov. 28, Floydada, there*.

*Denotes conference game.

Chief Lee Warns Against Xmas Fires

Because when people are rushed they become more careless of fire hazards, Fire Chief Lawie Lee today issued a reminder to the people of Spur that holidays were particularly dangerous times.

"Some of our worst home fires have occurred at Christmas time," he said, "and even a small blaze can spoil holiday fun."

He listed some of the main fire hazards as decorated Christmas trees, piles of Christmas wrapping paper, electric light cords strung for special lightning fixtures, and heading the list, people's own carelessness.

"Electric lights replacing tree candles have removed one big hazard but trees aren't fireproof yet," Lee pointed out. "Those dangling decorations have to be watched carefully, particularly when they are near an open fire."

Don't put the light cord connecting tree lights or wreath lights under the rug, he declared. Keep an eye on smokers. They are a big fire hazard around shades of aluminum wrapping paper and smokers who aren't too careful about their matches or cigarette lighters.

Seasonal activities, with most of people around all the time mean that cooking stoves, heating equipment and light fixtures work overtime, so it just pays to be on the alert, he concluded.

Graveside Rites Held Monday For Alfred Copeland

Graveside services were conducted in Spur Monday at 3 p. m. for Arnold Alfred Copeland, 54, Brownfield, resident, who died last Friday in the Veterans hospital in Amarillo. The services were under the direction of Plains Funeral Home, Lubbock.

Survivors include the widow, Brownfield; step-mother, Mrs. Ella Copeland, Spur; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Beasley of Meadow; a son, William C. of Kansas; two sisters, Miss Mary Copeland of Austin and Mrs. Beulah Snodgrass of Spur; two brothers, Wilton and Marcus, both of Spur.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin of Guthrie, announce the birth of a baby girl, born Dec. 20, 1948, at the Paducah hospital. The paternal grand parents are Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin of Spur, and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Humphrey of Guthrie.

Students home from school attending the First Baptist Church Sunday Bill Starcher, Mafai Ricketts, Chic Whit, all from Baylor; Ann Hull, Stephens; Ernestine Berry, Denton; Bobbie Morrow and Morris Denson, Wayland; and Joe Max Barclay from Tech.

First Day of Winter Is Mild

The official first day of winter, Dec. 21, was meek and mild in this area. Temperatures ranged from the 30s early Tuesday morning to a high of 60 during the day.

Amarillo and Marfa were the coldest spots in the state Tuesday morning with a low of 34. Only moisture reported was trace of rain in the coastal area.

Besides the first day of winter, Tuesday was also the shortest day on the year. The sun rose at 7:30 a. m. and set at 5:31 p. m., providing 10 hours and one minute of daylight.

Funeral Rites Conducted Tues. For Mrs. Willis

Funeral services for Mrs. Tressie Lee Willis, age 89, were conducted at the First Baptist Church, Girard, at 2 p. m. with Bro. Earl Brewer of Munday officiating.

Interment was in the Spur cemetery under the direction of Chandler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Willis succumbed Monday, Dec. 20, at her residence in the Antelope community. She had been a resident of Kent county for the past 36 years, having come to Kent county in 1912. She was converted at the age of 13 in the Pentecost Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Jo Ann Seal, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Jesse Austin, Strathmore, Calif.; Mrs. Tressie Bural, Wilson, Okla.; four sons, Robert, Clayton, John and George, all of Girard; 29 grand children, and 18 great-grand children.

Palbearers were Clayton Willis, Jr., Clifford Willis, Don Willis, Floyd Willis, Cris Bural and Granville Bural.

Spur Merchants To Remain Open Thur.-Fri. Nights

In order that people of this area may do that last minute Christmas shopping, Spur merchants announced Tuesday that they would remain open until 9 p. m. on Thursday and Friday nights of this week.

The merchants further stated that efficient and courteous service would be on hand to aid in your last minute gift buying.

Stores that announced the late opening were: Gabriels, Dunlap's, Proctors, Milams, Wackers and Ben Franklin, others including the hardware, furniture and electrical appliance stores are expected to be open.

Students Honor Lawrence Cook

Friday morning, Dec. 17, an impromptu program was presented at the High School Gym, and dedicated to Lawrence, Douglas Cook who recently lost one eye in an accident.

Rev. Melvin Rathel read the invocation, a number of Christmas carols were sung by the students and faculty and the High School Band played several numbers. Presentation of gifts to the faculty members and sponsors were made by Mr. Bruce Brown and officers of various classes.

Rev. L. L. Hill spoke briefly on the Spirit of Christmas and of a loving gesture of helpfulness on the part of the student body and toward Lawrence. Joe Randall Simpson, president of the Senior class spoke of the tender affection and stated that the students wanted to express their feelings in a material way. Joe presented Lawrence with a check for \$500.00, which had been contributed by the High School student body.

Bedroom Suite To Be Given Away at Palace Thurs. Nite

The four-piece bedroom suite that has been on display in the Palace Theatre window for the past few weeks will be given away Thursday night, Dec. 23, following the showing of "Johnny Belinda," starring Jane Wymag and Lew Ayres. This beautiful suite is to be given by the Palace Theatre in cooperation with Thacker-Godfrey Company.

'Childe Jesus' Is Presentation of Spur Harmony Club

In a setting of candlelight, the Christmas cantata "Childe Jesus" was presented by the Harmony Club at the Methodist Church December 15 to a large and very appreciative audience.

Preceding the cantata, the Christmas carol, "Joy to the World" was sung by the audience, followed by the scripture reading of the Christmas Story as recorded in Matthew and Luke by Rev. L. L. Hill. Rev. C. Melvin Rathel led the group in a Christmas prayer.

Soloists for the cantata were Mrs. George C. Gabriel, who was also the narrator; Mrs. L. L. Hill, Misses Virginia Ruth Shugart, and Bonnie Beth Henry.

Others singing in the cantata were: Mesdames Jack C. Moore, H. W. Durham, J. H. Bowman, Fike Godfrey, Paul T. Marion, Tony Goldwire, Lester English, J. W. Henry, J. E. Berry, P. C. Nichols, Nell Davis and Miss Faye Middlebrooks.

Mrs. W. T. Andrews was the accompanist and Mrs. Sam T. Hawkes directed the cantata.

We all join in Wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Boyce House "Gives You Texas"

I like little towns, tumbled hills
and the rolling sea.

The 1920's were the golden age
of sport. Can you remember Bob-
by Jones? Ed Granger? Babe
Ruth? Jack Dempsey? And Man-
o-War?

And speaking of sports, that—
unfortunately—reminds us of
sports writers. They do the best
writing on the papers but as far
as being able to tell who is go-
ing to win a great athletic event,
could anyone be further wrong—
always excepting the financial
writers who, if they knew one-
tenth as much as they ostensibly
profess, would cut writing time
for suckers to read at a few sim-
pletons a day and make a million
for themselves in the stock mar-
ket.

All the sports experts picked
Louis over Schmeling in their
first meeting; Dempsey over Tun-
ney and, if the back numbers
were available, we would find no
doubt that they rated Goliath at

98-to-1 over David and selected
the dragon to canter to a decision
in 15 rounds over St. George.
What happens to all the old
razor blades may be a mystery
but I know what becomes of all
the old, worn-out sports experts;
they wind up with jobs in the
weather bureau department in
Texas.

On a moss-covered tombstone:
"Here lies my wife, Samantha
Proctor,
Who ketched a cold and wouldn't
doctor;
She couldn't stay, she had to go—
Praise God from Whom all bless-
ings flow."

Feeds - Livestock Drop Last Week

Many southwest farm products
sold at lower prices during the
past week, the U. S. Department
Marketing Administration re-
ports.
White corn dropped 6 to 13
cents a bushel, and most other
grains fell 2 1/2 to 5 1/2 cents.

No. 2 white corn closed Monday
around \$1.75 to \$1.76 in bulk
carlots at Texas common points,
and yellow corn \$1.62 to \$1.63.
No. 1 wheat sold from \$2.44 to
\$2.48 a bushel, and No. 2 milo
\$2.68 to \$2.73 a hundred pounds.
Hogs lost \$1 to \$2 at Texas
markets and 50 cents to \$1 at
other southwest terminals. Good
and choice handy weight butchers
cleared in Monday's trade from
\$21.25 to \$22 in Texas, Oklahoma
and Kansas, and \$22.25 to \$22.50
at Denver.
Sheep sold generally 50 cents
to \$1 lower for the week. San
Antonio and Fort Worth moved
Monday at \$15 to \$18. Good and
choice slaughter lambs sold for
\$22 to \$23.25 at Oklahoma City
and Wichita, and \$24.25 at Kan-
sas City. Denver asked around
\$24.50 in early trade.
Wool trading slowed, but mod-
erate volumes still moved at firm
prices. Some mohair sold in Tex-
as at 40 cents a pound for adult
and 60 to 75 for kid hair.
Cattle prices varied unevenly
\$1 lower to \$1 higher by class,
grade and location. Calves fluct-
uated rather widely. Medium and
good slaughter calves sold Mon-
day from \$21.50 to \$25 at Hous-
ton and \$21 to \$24 at San An-
tonio. Good and choice grades

turned at \$22 to \$25 at Fort
Worth, \$21 to \$24 at Wichita, and
\$23 to \$26 at Kansas City.
Slaughter calves ranged upward
to \$26 at Oklahoma City.
Turkey prices advanced sharp-
ly at southwest dressing plants
on rather light sales. Toms rang-
ed from 45 to 48 cents a pound,
and turkey hens 52 to 53 cents.
Young chickens held very firm
and hens sold a little higher at
most markets. Eggs dropped as
much as 5 cents a dozen. North
Texas paid 45 to 53 for fresh
eggs.

Improved demand strengthened
the pepper market in the Lower
Rio Grande Valley, where beets
sold firm in fair request. Good
demand held spinach prices firm
in the Eagle Pass and Winter
Garden districts. Slow demand
and dull markets prevailed on
Arkansas Valley onions and San
Louis Valley potatoes at Colo-
rado shipping points. Cured
sweet potatoes strengthened only
slightly in southern Louisiana.
Heavy supplies of cabbage and
citrus fruits at New Orleans met
slow demand at lower prices.

Short grained rice advanced
sharply last week. Long grained
varieties had been rising in price
for several weeks. Strong mar-
kets remained for most foodstuffs
but oilseed meals and alfalfa
meal showed some weakness. All
of the better grades of hay found
active demand at firm prices.
Peanut markets changed little.
Cotton lost around \$1 a bale
for the week at most markets.
Spot middling 15/16 inch closed
Monday at 32.15 cents a pound
in Dallas, 32.00 at Little Rock,
31.95 at Houston and New Or-
leans, and 31.90 at Galveston.

Savings Bonds A Sure Crop

There is one crop that Texas
farmers can always harvest,
come rain, shine, flood, drought,
insects or plant diseases. And
that is United States Savings
Bonds, says C. H. Bates, extension
farm management specialist of
Texas A. and M. College.
The 1947 income from farm
marketings in Texas totaled al-
most two billion dollars, says
Bates, and that's a lot of "lettu-
ce". This figure was 74 per cent a-
bove the 1945 income of 1,115
million dollars Texas received
for crops and livestock.

Dates also has some figures on
the influence of inflation, and
what it means to Texas farmers
and ranchmen who buy "sp-
ur" bonds. Some of the nation's econ-
omists expect our present 37-
cent dollar to be up around the
52- to 63-cent value in buying
power within less than five
years.
Assuming this trend is cor-
rect, Texas farmers and ranch-
men will likely find a good har-
vest in Saving Bonds. It's good
business to salt away part of
these earnings in government se-
curities for at least two reasons:
(1) By purchasing these bonds
the farmer is siphoning off money
which would otherwise be bid-
ding up prices, and (2) it builds
up liquid reserves for more ad-
vantageous uses in the future.
These bonds offer a farmer a
chance to hedge against pos-
sible reductions in farm income
and land values, and, at the same
time offers a rainy day reserve
that is safe and interest bear-
ing.
So it's really a good way to
safeguard your economic future
says Bates.

Texas U. Loan Library Big Help

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Supplying
information on subjects ranging
from the uses of Texas rivers to
visual education, the University
of Texas Package Loan Library
acts as library, encyclopedia, and
information service for the State
of Texas.
During the past year, 29,135
package libraries of material
went out over the state to wo-
men's clubs, civic organizations,
schools, parent-teachers asso-

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ciations, other libraries, county
agents and individuals.
Keeping up with the huge task
of assembling and combining ma-
terial is the job of Miss LeNoir
Dimmitt, director. Her summary
of circulation statistics shows
the package libraries called for
during the past year included
1,441 books, 4,880 club outlines,
and 299,266 pamphlets and peri-
odical clippings.
"These materials went to 983
Texas towns and rural communi-
ties, in 247 counties," Miss Dim-
mitt said. "Schools and women's
clubs were the most frequent
borrowers of materials, and re-
cords show that 12,027 schools
asked for specific material, and
10,875 women's clubs."
Literally thousands of subjects
are catalogued in the Package
Loan Library, which is a part
of the Division of Extension.
Borrowers may write directly to
the Library for material.

Dr. W. F. Patrick
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Legal Notices

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
annual meeting of the stockhold-
ers of Spur Security Bank of
Spur, Texas, will be held at the
office of said Bank on the 11th
day of January, 1949, at Ten
o'clock A. M., for the election
of Directors and the transac-
tion of such other business as may
properly come before the meet-
ing.

Respectfully,
E. S. LEE, Cashier.
7-4tc

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATE

No. 592
ESTATE OF FRANK SPEER,
DECEASED.
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF
THE ESTATE OF FRANK
SPEER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that or-
iginal letters of Administration
upon the estate of Frank Speer,
deceased, were granted to me,
the undersigned, on the 7th day
of December, 1948, by the county
court of Dickens County, Texas.
All persons having claims
against said estate are hereby re-
quired to present the same to me
within the time prescribed by
law. My residence and post of-
fice address are Dickens, County
of Dickens, State of Texas.
LEO SPEER,
Administrator of Estate of
Frank Speer, Deceased.
8-4tp

LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: C. S. Dixon, Clarence
Reed and Theodore Backey, De-
fendants; Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to
appear before the Honorable
110th District Court of Dickens
County at the Court House there-
of, in Dickens, Texas, at or be-
fore 10 o'clock A. M. of the first
Monday next after the expiration
of forty-two days from the date
of the issuance of this citation,
same being the 13th day of Janu-
ary A. D. 1949, then and there
to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed
in said Court, on the 2nd day of
December A. D. 1948, in this
cause, numbered 2061 on the
docket of said court and styled
C. C. Crausbay Plaintiff, vs. C.
S. Dixon, Clarence Reed and

Legal Notices

Theodore Backey, Defendants.
A brief statement of the nature
of this suit is as follows, to wit:
Plaintiff sues in trespass to try
title for title and possession of
the following described land in
Dickens County, Texas, to wit:
Being all of survey No. 1, Cert.
No. 1124, A. B. & M., Abstract
No. 299, Cert. No. 1125, patented
to Jacob Van Hickman, in Dick-
ens County, Texas, containing 640
acres of land, more or less, less
4.53 acres of land, more or less,
heretofore conveyed to the State
of Texas for highway right-of-
way purposes, as is more fully
shown by Plaintiff's Petition on
file in this suit.

The officer executing this pro-
cess shall promptly execute the
same according to law, and make
due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my
hand and the Seal of said Court,
at office in Dickens, Texas, this
2nd day of December A. D.
1948.
(SEAL)
Attest:
L. J. VARNELL, Jr., Clerk,
District Court, Dickens County,
Texas.
Pub. Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you are o. k. I am o. k. I want a sweater, a pair of boots and some blue jeans and skates. My little brother wants a bicycle and my other brother wants an art set. He is going to get it I think.

Your friend, Delores Long Jayton, Texas Rt. 2

Dear Santa, How are you? I am o. k. Hoping you are the same. I am writing you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a locket, bracelet, ring and lots of candy and nuts. Please bring everyone else what they want. Bring the sick and homeless children what they want before you bring mine.

Your friend, Bonnie Faye Hagar Girard, Texas Box 111

Dear Santa, I am in the fourth grade. I would like a purse and a hat. My sister wants a fur set. I think my other sister wants an expansion bracelet. My brother wants a watch.

Your friend, Nedra Hagar Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I am writing you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a watch and a pair of boots, and a lot of candy, apples, and oranges. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Rudolph Burrow Intelya hnlqph Girard Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl in the fourth grade and thought I would like to write to you. I want a bicycle and a bride doll, a ring, a locket, and a bracelet. Please fill my red stocking with candy, nuts, oranges and apples. I want the other poor little children to have what they want. I will not be sad if I don't get what I want.

Your friend, Ruth Willis Afton, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy in the first grade. Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. Come to our school Christmas, too.

love, Tommy Jack Lawson Jayton, Texas Rt. 2

Dear Santa, I am a little girl in the fourth and I am writing to tell you what my little brother and I

Girard, Texas How are you? I am fine. Hoping you are the same. I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want most. I am in the fifth grade and am eleven years old.

First I want to learn to pray better and to understand the Bible. Next, I want a piano. But first bring all the homeless boys and girls something. Then the poor and sick, and if you have any left bring mine. Help all the boys and girls overseas to get what they want.

Well, I will close Merry Christmas Santa and Merry Christmas everyone.

Yours Truly Betty Lee Joiner Girard, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the fourth grade. I am writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a doll and a bicycle and maybe a cash register too. Bring us a bag of nuts and also some candy. I want you to give the other boys and girls lots of toys. Please bring my teacher an electric blanket and some silverware. I haven't much to write.

Much love, Clara Jo Pearson Girard, Texas Rt. 1

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Dear Santa, I am a little girl in the fourth and I am writing to tell you what my little brother and I

want for Christmas. My little brother wants a pair of chaps and I want a bracelet and we want a sock of candy each. We hope you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Zana Lou Phillips Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I am writing you to tell you what my family wants. I want a pair of roller skates, a football, a baseball, and a truck. My sister wants a pair of roller skates and a magic skin doll. And San-



By DANIEL F. LINDSEY KALLY O'NEIL walked slowly up the front steps. Her mother watched her from behind the curtain. Being five years old and having a problem had her near tears. She reached up on tip toes and opened the door.

"Kally, honey, come in here a minute." Kally pushed the hood of her snow suit back and went into the living room.

"What do you want, Mommie?" She shook her blonde curls free.

"Oh, nothing much," her mother smiled. "I just want to know why my little girl looks so sad?"

"Well, Mommie," she slipped her coat off. "It's that girl down the street."

"Yes, dear, what about her?" Kally could stand it no longer. She burst into tears and running over laid her head on her mother's lap.

"That girl says," she sobbed, "that there isn't any Santa Claus."

"Well, now," her mother leaned down and gently bit the tip of her ear. "Who'd ever believe a tale like that?"

"You don't believe her?" "Of course not," she smiled down into the worried blue eyes. "We know there's a Santa Claus."

"B-but she said Daddy was him." "Oh, pooh. Sit down there on the floor and I'll help you get your snow pants off."

"We could ask Daddy," Kally suggested.

"Yes, we could," she had an inspiration. "Better still we can wait until tomorrow night and see for ourselves."

"We can?" she sat up in surprise.

"Sure. You go to bed just like always, then when he comes I'll wake you up."

"Santa was just coming out." She got up from the floor all excited. "You mean we can peek?"

"That's just what we'll do." "George," she turned to her husband that evening after Kally had been put to bed. "Our daughter has quite a problem."

"Women always have problems," he smiled over his newspaper.

"What is it this time?" "She knows about Santa."

"That's too bad," he pursed his lips. "But what can we do?"

"Get someone to put her tags under the tree while she watches."

"Sure," he laid the paper down. "Why couldn't I do it?"

"She heard that you are Santa." He chuckled. "She isn't the only woman in the family thinks that."

"How about Bob Perkins?" she ignored his attempt at humor. "He's the right build."

"Okay," he agreed. "I'll arrange it in the morning."

"Kally," her mother shook her gently. "Santa is downstairs."

"He is?" she sat up rubbing her eyes. "HE IS?"

"Okay," she slipped out of bed and into her slippers. In the early morning light she looked like a tiny blond elf.

ta, please don't forget the other children. Your friend, La Rue Turner Spur, Texas Box 33

Dear Santa, I am a little girl five years old and if you will, I would like for you to bring me a pair of skates. I don't know how to skate but my little brother will teach me.

Sincerely, Carrol Phifer Jayton, Texas Rt. 2

Dear Santa, I am in the fourth grade. I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. Please send me a bicycle and lots of candy, nuts and bubble gum. That is all I want this year.

All my love, Neida Phifer Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I am in the fourth grade. I am writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll and a doll bed. Please bring me a set of dishes.

Sandra Sue Jayton, Texas Rt. 2

Dear Santa Claus, I am in the fourth grade. I am writing to tell you what my teacher, my little brother and I want for Christmas. My teacher wants a set of silverware and an electric blanket. My little brother wants a truck, a gun and a tractor. For myself, I want a necklace and a bracelet. For my family, we want candy, apples, and oranges.

I hope you have a Merry Christmas, Jeanie Chisum Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I want a saddle and a bride

ket. Your friend, Alta Jean Clark Spur, Texas Box 33

Dear Santa Claus, I am writing you a short letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. Please send me a bicycle and lots of candy, nuts and bubble gum. That is all I want this year.

All my love, Neida Phifer Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I am in the fourth grade. I am writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll

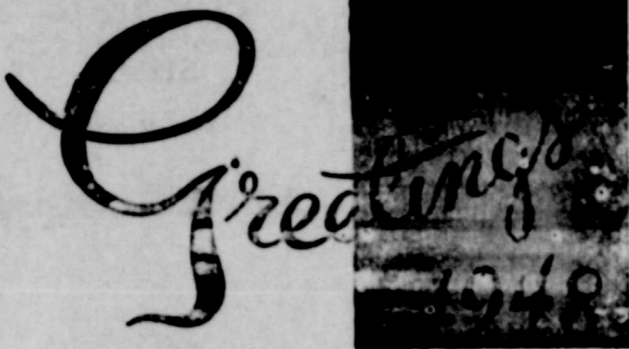
with a case, a set of dishes and a pair of house shoes. My little sister wants a doll, also a set of dishes and a table and two chairs. I want to wish everyone in this world a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Reva Sue Thompson Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I want a bracelet, a pair of skates and a bike. I would like for you to bring my little sister a doll. Please remember all the other children.

Your friend, Ola Mae Cornelius

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Season's Greetings

Symbolic of the spiritual values of Christmas is the church spire in the distance. Let's not forget this phase of the Season.

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Christmas decorating is in full swing at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children as Richard Ooley, Spearman, and John Ballard, Dallas, trim a Christmas tree. The two little girls in wheelchairs, Marilyn Barrett, Odessa, and Tommie Kay Robinson, Hereford, avoid the Christmas mad rush by wrapping their gifts early with colorful paper and ribbon. The Scottish Rite Hospital is supported by contributions and bequests from generous people in the Lone Star State.

Storm-Proof Seeds Developed at Tech

Seeds from two varieties of storm proof cotton developed at Lubbock experiment station and produced at Texas Technological college will be available to cotton farmers after the Christmas holidays.

The cotton was grown on approximately 30 acres of college dry land. The soil was in excellent condition which compensated in part for the limited water the plants received, Dr. A. W. Young, head of plant industry, said.

From about 20 acres where variety 122 was planted, nine bales were harvested. On the 10 acres plot bearing variety 89A, four bales were harvested. A Boone experimental machine was used for harvesting the crop.

The 89A type is a combination of Delta Pine and Mecha cotton, and 122 is Acala combined with Macha. Virtually no loss was experienced from high winds or storm, Dr. Young said.

The cotton seeds are to be available to farmers following

Health Notes

The editor of this paper has just received a beautiful Christmas card signed by Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, carrying the following message to be published for the citizens of Texas:

"The Texas State Department of Health is happy to report that with your help the incidence of communicable disease in Texas has reached an all time low; also people are living longer, on the average, than at any time in the past.

"Christmas is a proper time to give thanks for the degree of health we now enjoy. I want to thank you for your assistance in making this record possible, and ask you to continue your efforts to further public health in Texas.

"May you and all those you hold dear have a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Good Health. Sincerely yours, Geo. W. Cox, M. D., State Health Officer."

seed cleaning and germination which will be finished by Jan. 1.

Retail Sales Decline In Nov.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec.— Texas retail sales were estimated to reach \$433 million in November, a 1-per-cent decline from October dollar sales, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research reported.

Sales of durable goods stores stepped up 2 per cent from October sales of nondurable goods fell 3 per cent.

In the durable goods group, jewelry stores increased sales 35 per cent for the greatest rise during the month. Sales of automobile goods and furniture and household goods were up 3 per

cent from October. Building material, lumber, and hardware dealers' sales slipped 6 per cent.

Only florists and department stores turned in sales increases in the nondurable goods group from October, 7 and 2 per cent, respectively. Declines in sales varied from 4-per-cent drops in country general stores and eating and drinking places to 2-per-cent decreases in filling stations and food stores. Apparel store sales slid 6 per cent during the month.

Retailers believe that December sales will be high, setting a new record for all-over Christmas buying, despite declines in November's sales.

Compared with November 1947,

retail sales rose 1 per cent. Durable goods sales climbed 9 per cent, and nondurable goods sales fell 3 per cent.

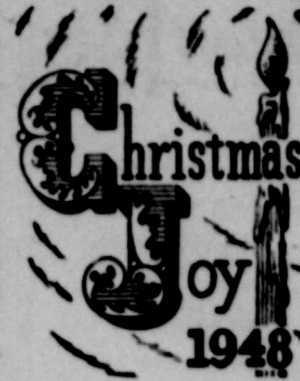
To All Our Friends and Patrons in Dickens County



May the spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and throughout the county, New Year.

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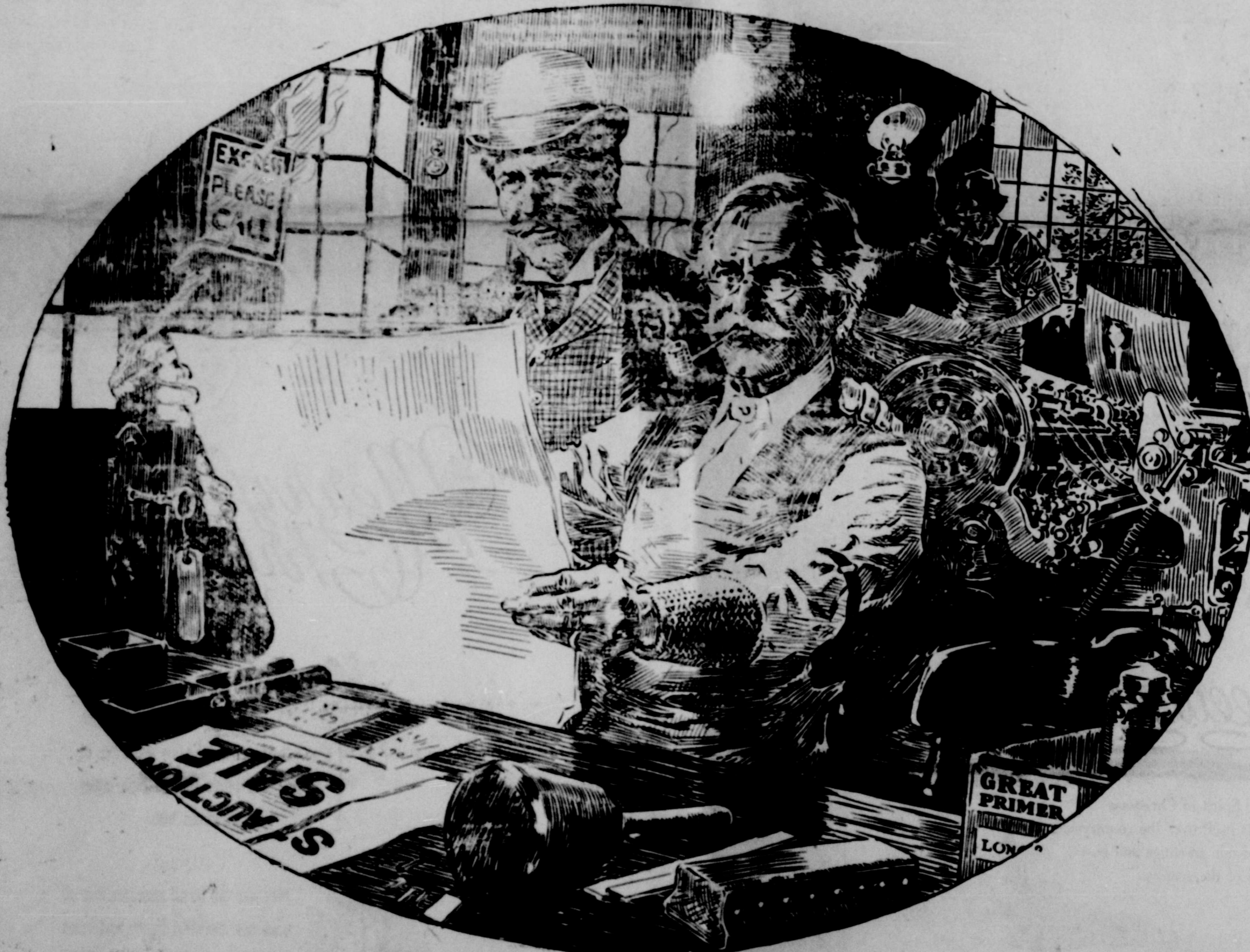
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Choose from our complete collection of gorgeous Lane Cedar Chests. All have Lane's exclusive, desirable quality features. Every Lane Chest backed by moth insurance policy when proper application is made. Hurry. Buy now on easy terms.

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Society-Club News

Margie Russell and W. Carpenter Marry in Lubbock

Margie N. Russell, Spur, daughter of Emma Russell of Corpus Christi, and Walter Russell of Matador, became the bride of Winifred Carpenter, son of Dan L. Carpenter, Tahoka, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. The double ring ceremony was read at the St. John Methodist Church, Lubbock, by Norval Young, minister of the Broadway Church of Christ.

Green Term. Poinsettia, and Lighted Candles Decorated the Church.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Royal Russell of San Antonio, wore a gray brocade satin suit with fitted bodice and bustle skirt. Her accessories were a gray nylon hat with matching gloves and bag and shoes of winter navy. She carried a white bible topped with orchids.

Her matron of honor, Mrs. Ida Lee McInroe, was dressed in black with matching black accessories and a white carnation corsage. Robert Russell of Post, served as best man for the groom.

For the wedding trip to Monterey, Mrs. Carpenter wore a gaily green wool dress with navy accessories and an orchid corsage.

The bride was graduated from Spur, attended Texas Tech and Texas University, majoring in Physical Education. The groom graduated from Post, attended Texas A. & M. and Texas Tech, majoring in Civil Engineering. He served two years in the Navy.

The couple will reside in Tahoka, Texas after January 1.

Ann Hull Sings in College Concert

Ann Hull, a member of the Stephens College Concert Chorus at Columbia, Mo. sang in the annual Stephens concert Tuesday evening, December 14, before an audience of over 2500 in the new Stephens assembly hall.

The concert, in the nature of

a community get-together, followed an inter-national theme presenting music from around the world in the traditional Yuletide spirit. Stephens students from Greece, Sweden, and Palestine highlighted the program with carols and dances from their native lands.

Noted for its excellent choral effects by 150 specially trained voices, the Concert Chorus presents a public concert in St. Louis each spring.

Miss Hull is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hull of Spur.

Thursday Club Honors Husbands

The lovely home of Mrs. Neal A. Chastain was the scene last Friday evening of a Christmas dinner party when the members of the Thursday Afternoon Club entertained their husbands.

Seasonal decorations were used in the entertaining rooms, including miniature Christmas trees for the centerpiece of the serving table and the card tables.

After a turkey dinner, served buffet style, gifts were exchanged.

Those present were Messrs. and Mrs. Raul English, Adrian Rickels, John King, Lynn Buzbee, Bynum Britton, Lee Snodgrass, Harvey Holly and Billy Hilley.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kidd are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Peggy Jolene Kidd, to Rueben Darrell Waddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Waddell of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dillshaw of Angles Camp, California are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Former McAdoo Residents Observe 60th Anniversary

At the McAdoo Baptist Church Activity building, Sunday, December 19, Rev. and Mrs. R. G. McLeod, assisted by the Ladies of Missionary Society, complimented Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rose of Hereford, Texas, with a surprise tea honoring their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose lived at McAdoo for 31 years. They reared their children there, and helped to develop the fine community. When they celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary at McAdoo in 1938, they promised their friends they would see them on their 60th wedding anniversary.

The reception room was beautiful with pink and white motif. The table was covered with white lace over pink, with pink sweetheart roses and white candles. Focal point for the table was a large cake in the shape of a wedding ring. Cake decorations were sprays of sweetheart roses made from the icing.

In the receiving line were Rev. and Mrs. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rose, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Rose. Miss Joyce Rae Rose presided at the guest book.

After Mr. and Mrs. Rose cut their cake and expressed thanks for health, happiness and their many friends, Mrs. Lydia Hickman and Mrs. Nellie Nichols served the cake to the guest. Mrs. Rigby and Mrs. Nickels presided at the coffee service.

Those present from McAdoo were: Rev. and Mrs. R. G. McLeod, Messrs. and Mrs. T. H. Rigby, R. E. Nickels, Loyd Hickman, M. C. Formby, J. C. Jopling, Doug Allen, Riley Wooten, J. C. Formby, A. T. Allen, David Allen, G. W. Allen, H. V. Nettles, Mrs. C. T. Holcomb, Mr. T. M. Brantley, Mrs. Helen Nickels, Miss Billie Nickels, Milton McDonald, Miss Leola Allen, Mr. D.

E. Allen, C. T. Wallace, Mrs. John Burrow and Kalah Donn, Mrs. S. J. Tutthill, Mr. L. E. Bass. From Hamlin were: Mrs. John Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Garza and Chester Gilmore of Hereford. From Lubbock were Mrs. J. M. Gilmore, Mrs. Robert McFar, Miss Daphne Mackler, Mrs. B. C. Spratt, and Austin Rose Jr. from Hereford were Mrs. and Mrs. A. M. Lay, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rose, and Mrs. Joyce Rae Rose. From Post were J. F. Gilmore and Garland Gilmore of Crosbyton. From Spur were Nona E. Starcher and Wm. D. Starcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, W. T. Andrews, Mrs. Edna Daniel, Mr. R. J. McAtter. Also from Roaring Spring were Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Rose.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rose we wish to extend many more years of happiness.

December Wedding Unites Couple in Colorado Springs

COLOrado SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 10.—The marriage of Mrs. Ada E. Black, 2106 W. Bijou St., and Charles D. Bird of Matador, Texas, reads like a story book. Childhood playmates, who had not seen each other in sixty-six years, they met last summer, renewing their friendship, which ripened into a romance in their December years. Mrs. Black is seventy-seven years of age, and Mr. Bird is eighty-two. The wedding was solemnized Thursday at 1 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Black's daughter, Mrs. L. D. Powell, with whom she has been making her home for the past two years. The Rev. H. C. Alley, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird were both

born in Buffalo Gap, Taylor county, Texas. Mrs. Black's grandfather was W. S. Sowell, renowned Indian fighter of Texas fame, and first county commissioner of Taylor county, Texas.

Mr. Bird is the owner and manager of the T. Cross-Bar ranch, near Matador, and is still active in business. He is president of the First State Bank of Matador. He was first president of the Old Settlers organization in Motley and Dickens county.

Four generations were present at the wedding—Mrs. Bird, her daughter Mrs. Powell, Mrs. A. E. Graber, daughter of Mrs. Powell and Patty Graber, ring bearer.

Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Bird left for Matador, where they will make their home on the T. Cross-Bar ranch.—A Colorado Newspaper.

Marions "At Home" Sunday Afternoon

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Marion were "at home" to the personnel of the Experiment Station Sunday afternoon from four until five o'clock.

Coffee and fruit cake were served to the following guests: Madam Ernest King, Mr. Joe King, Messrs. and Mesdames R. E. Dickson, C. E. Fisher, Weldon Grimes, Lester English, Aivis Bilberry.

Hot chocolate and fancy Christmas cookies were served to the following children: Charles and Mary Katherine Fisher, Sue King, Jackie Bilberry, Mills and David Marion.

Charlie Robinson of Richmond, California, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Robinson, and Mrs. B. B. Jenkins and family. Mr. Robinson is assistant manager of the Grapette Bottling Company in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Harris will go to Dallas for the holidays.

We Extend Season's Greetings and Bests Wishes To All Our Friends and Patrons

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One large group of children's hats, caps and toboggans. Value to \$1.95.

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Ladies wool knitted gloves, colors brown, red and navy. \$1.00 value.

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100% Wool Blankets size 72x84, satin bound and boxed, 5-year moth guarantee, colors, maize, cedar, green, white and wine, \$9.95 value.

6.90

St. Mary's Wool Blankets, 100% wool, beautiful new colors, blue, flesh, white, green, blue and yellow.

12.95 value 9.95

16.95 value 12.95

25.00 value 16.95

Double Blankets, plaids, size 70x90, 5% wool, 95% cotton, colors, pink and white, 4.49 value.

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Men's Robes

Only 12 men's rayon Robes, sizes small, medium and large. Reg. 10.95 value.

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Ladies Handkerchiefs

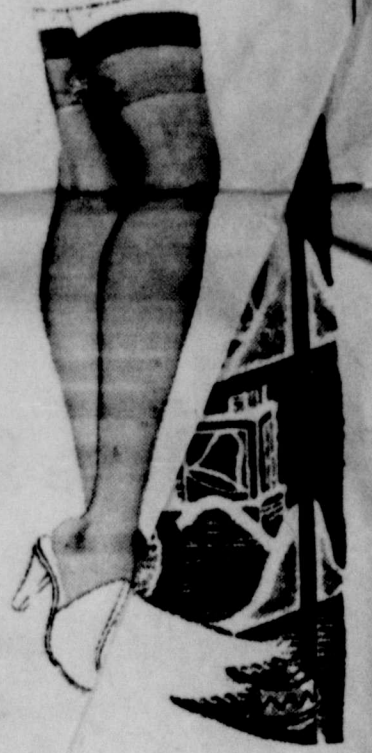
Ladies Handkerchiefs, large assortment, handmade, values to 59c.

39c

Ladies House Shoes

Ladies Houseshoes, satin houseshoes, colors, pink, black, red and blue, 2.95 value.

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300 pairs of nylon hose, 54-gauge, 15-denier, all new shades, of smoke cloud, autumn dusk, bronze lite. 1st quality. \$1.95 value, 3 pairs.

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Ladies Outing gowns and Pajamas, solid and printed patterns, values to \$2.95.

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May the New Year bring you much Happiness and a full measure of Prosperity.

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To You and Yours

May the Holiday Season bring to you an abundance of Joy, Love and Fulfillment.

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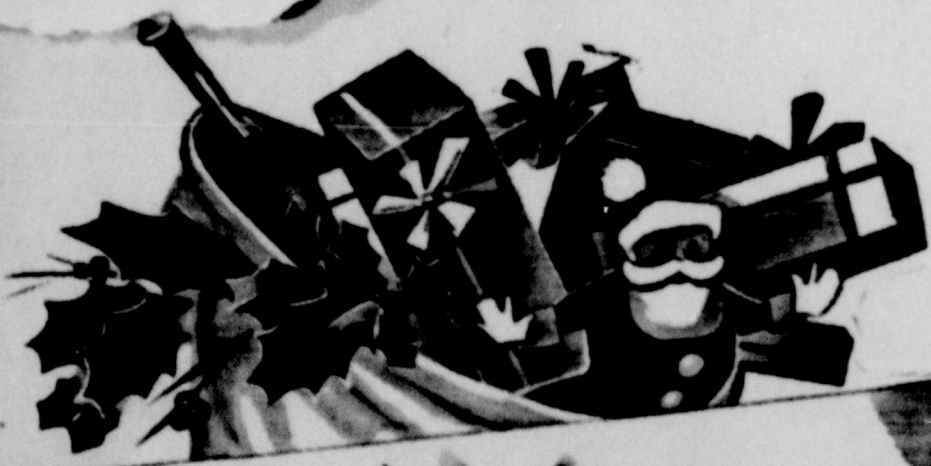
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Christmas is Friendship Time

Time for us to turn from our daily routines and join good, old St. Nick in wishing a Merry Holiday to all the friends and patrons we've had the privilege of serving in the past. MAY WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY PROSPEROUS 1949

Farmer's Co-op Society No. 1

Know Your Potatoes? Housewives Do

Ask the average housewife what she looks for in potatoes, and here's what she'll likely tell you: a medium size potato that is clean, has a smooth skin, no spots, few eyes—and eyes that are not so deep. She also likes potatoes to be light colored and undamaged.

This is what the USDA found in a recent survey of housewives, says Myrtle Murray extension home marketing specialist of Texas A. and M. College. Miss Murray says the housewives' ideal potato is one that will cook up soft, mealy, and even throughout without falling apart.

Housewives buy the medium sized potato because it's the best size for judging portions, it's easy to peel and handle, and can be used for many purposes. The small ones take too much time and too much work to prepare. The large ones do have one advantage, and that's baking. But housewives will tell you that the large ones often have black spots in the center. Those are the reasons Mrs. Average Housewife picks out the medium sized potatoes.

Few people seem to know that potatoes have any food values other than starch. Fact is, says Miss Murray, a helping of potatoes has about half as much iron as two slices of enriched bread, or about half as much as in one egg. And one medium sized boiled potato contains as much vitamin C as a small glass of tomato juice, as well as healthy amounts of vitamin B1.

Quality comes first, but price has its place, says Miss Murray. As incomes go up, people are more interested in quality and size and are not so much interested in the price.

Processed potatoes aren't very popular with housewives. Canned boiled potatoes, frozen French fries and potato flour come under this heading. At least half the housewives interviewed in this survey said they had never heard of these products.

There's one processed potato product that is popular, though.



By HELEN CONNELLY

BETTY JANE threw her purse at a chair and sat down heavily on the bed.

She wore her father's shirt and her brother's blue jeans, a costume she adopted a year before with Woody Anderson's permission.

"What's the matter, dear?" She jumped as the words cut the silence, but she didn't turn. She didn't want her mother to know anything was amiss—not yet, anyway. And then suddenly the tears came, like angry flood waters bursting through a barrier, unable to be restrained any longer.

Mrs. Miller was careful to keep a straight face as she wiped her 16-year-old daughter's face with her handkerchief. "Why, dear? Did Lance upset you?"

Betty Jane shook her head vehemently. Why did mother always think her brother was to blame for



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her tears? Grown women never cried over their brothers! "It's what Lance saw, not what he did," Betty said in a burst of confidence. As her mother waited she continued wretchedly. "He saw Woody buying a bottle of cologne. Cologne, mother, imagine! He was so glib when he told me I looked cute in jeans and now he's two-timing me with some fluff female who actually uses cologne! Oh, how can men be so beastly!"

"Darling, how do you know the cologne isn't for you? Maybe Woody thinks you've outgrown your jeans."

"He knows what I think of these pink and white girls who use that horrible concoction! He wouldn't dare get me any. And besides, I already told him I wanted roller skates for Christmas. . . . I have to be ready for the new rink that's opening next month, don't I? I thought Woody and I would be going together, but now that's all over. She threw her arms around her mother and cried tragically. "Oh, mother, I'll never smile again! I definitely won't."

This time Mrs. Miller smiled over her daughter's head. She well recognized the stage Betty Jane was going through and decided she must take a hand. "You're sure the cologne wouldn't be for a sister or a cousin?"

"He hasn't a female in the family, and his mother never uses it, so who else could it possibly be for? I'll bet it's for Estelle Bryan. All the other fellows like her but Woody used to say she was too fragile. Oh, mother, how he's deceived me!"

HER mother arose. "Well, dry your eyes, Betty, dear. It's Christmas Eve and you want to be happy today. Woody will probably come over with your roller skates tonight and we'll surprise him. If he likes fragile girls, he'll get one."

Betty Jane sat up straight. "Mother, no! Not that horrible blue dress you bought me!"

"You wash up and put that dress on, Betty."

"We'll wait for you downstairs." With that, Mrs. Miller closed the door on her tomboy daughter and hurried downstairs. As she reached the bottom step the doorbell rang and she admitted Woody Anderson, a lanky boy with unruly red hair and freckles marching in perfect formation over the bridge of his nose. He was clutching a box, obviously containing the roller skates requested by Betty Jane.

"She'll be right down," Mrs. Miller informed him, then left him alone for the surprise.

It came a half-hour later when Betty Jane made her appearance. The blue dress looked even better than she had hoped it would.

"Gosh, Betty Jane!" Woody contributed to the conversation. The smile broadened. "For me, Woody?" she asked, nodding toward the box. "Is it cologne?" Lance saw you buying some. So casual, so indifferent.

"Uh—gosh, no, Betty Jane. Gosh, you asked for skates and I got them for you. I bought cologne for Miss Lindsay, the English teacher that helped me with my essay for that contest."

"How sweet of you." She stepped down into the living room and accepted the box from Woody. "Thank you," she said gravely. "Yours is under the tree."

"Gee, I didn't think I'd ever like you dressed up as a girl, Betty," he gaped. "Estelle looked so awful and I was proud to have you run around with me in blue jeans, but, gosh you look wonderful like this!"

And that is the potato chip. Nine out of ten people interviewed buy them for parties, snacks and picnics, says Miss Murray.

VETERANS NEWS

More than a million in a half veterans were treated during fiscal year 1948 under the "home town" medical program, Veterans Administration announced this week.

Treatments averaged three per veteran, according to a VA report showing a total of 4,416,612 treatments by both VA staff doctors and private physicians during the year ending June 30, 1948. Individuals treated numbered 1,626,169.

The private physicians treated 761,165 veterans, cooperating with the VA in a program designed to provide "home town" care for disabilities attributed to wartime service. They were paid \$11,437,739 for 2,735,429 treatments, establishing an average charge-per-treatment of \$4.18 and a cost-per-veteran of \$15.03. VA staff doctors during the year handled 865,004 individual veterans and a total of 1,680,183

treatments. Since these were taken care of in VA outpatient clinics, located in the agency's hospitals and other field installations. The per-patient cost for treatment costs were compiled for this group.

VA's Dallas Branch Area Office, which includes Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, reported 131,524 treatments by private physicians, representing 33,029 individual veterans, at a cost per treatment of \$3.28.

During the same period, VA staff doctors in the Dallas Area gave 123,547 treatments in out-patient clinics to 76,407 veterans.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Q—Under what circumstances is it necessary for me to take a physical examination in order to reinstate my National Service Life Insurance Policy?

A—It is necessary to take a physical examination in order to reinstate National Service Life Insurance in every case where the insurance has lapsed for more than three months.

Q—Under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act in January of 1948, I received my Certificate of "Eligibility for Government Life Insurance."

A—If you wish to enter training under Public Law 346, you should apply for your Certificate of Eligibility at least 30 days before the enrollment date.

Q—May I transfer my National Service Life Insurance policy to any of the private companies?

A—No. Your NSLI is convertible only to one or more of the six permanent plans issued by Veterans Administration. These are Ordinary Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Payment Life, 20-Year Endowment, Endowment at age 60, and Endowment at age 65.

Q—I served in the U. S. Army during World War I. Am I eligible for Government Life Insurance?

A—As a veteran of World War I, you are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 of U. S. Government Life Insurance. It does not matter whether you look out such insurance while you were in the service or have let it lapse.

Tech Add Quarter Horse to Stable

Addition of a purebred quarter horse filly foal to the stables at Texas Technological college increases the quarterhorse herd to twelve, and gives the college an outstanding filly.

Donor Roy Parks Jr., of Midland, is an ex-student of 1945 now engaged in breeding hereford cattle and quarterhorses. He invited Percy Turner, inspector for the American Quarterhorse association, to select a foal from his group for Texas Tech.

The foal chosen by Turner was sired by Cotton Mac, the son of Macanudo, a King ranch quarterhorse sired by Old Sorrel, the foundation sire of King ranch quarterhorses.

Read the Want Ads



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

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WOODY The Builder's Friend

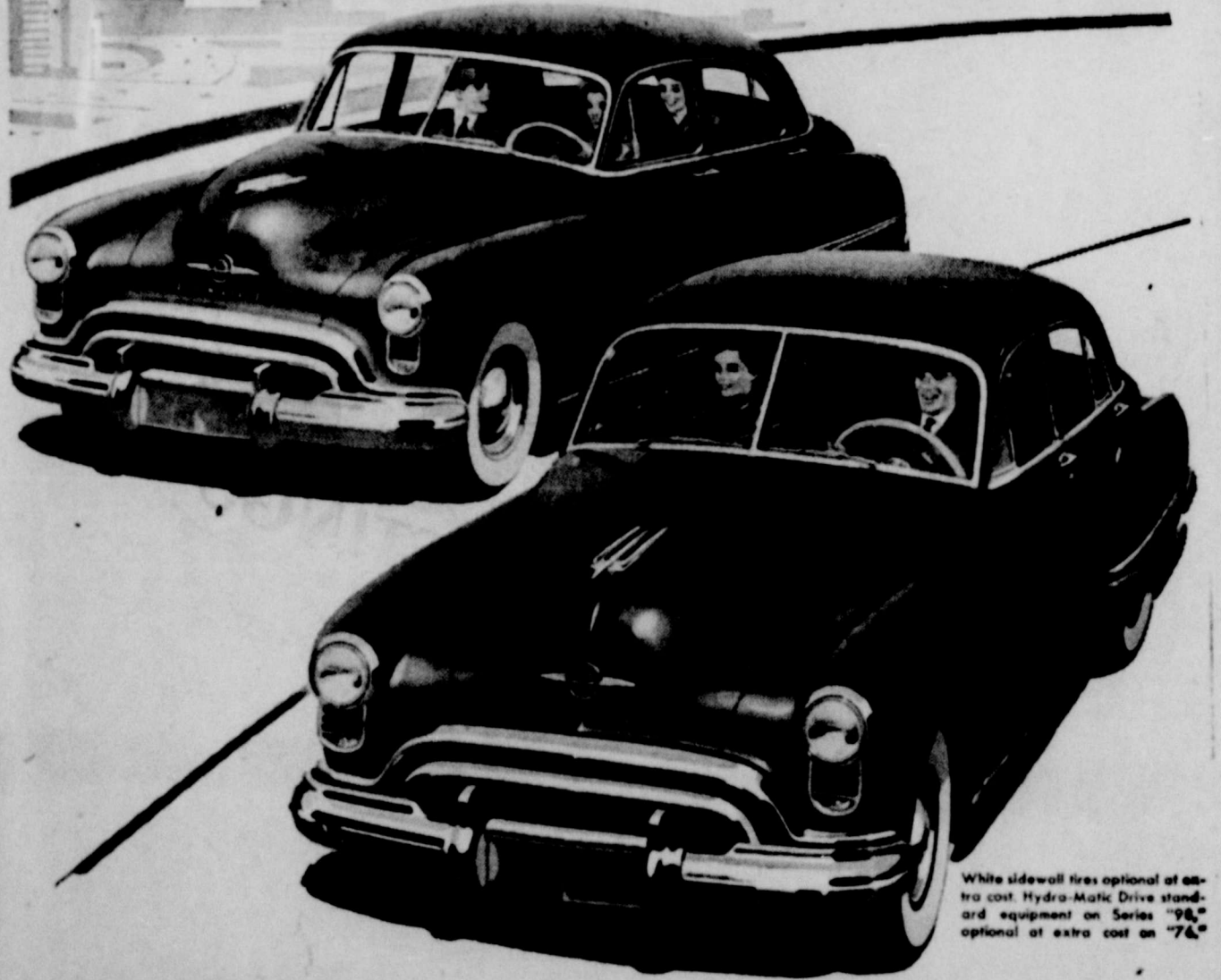


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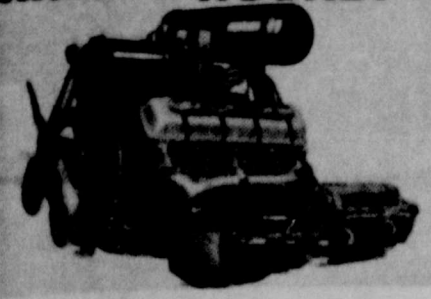
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Oldsmobile "ROCKET"



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They're here! They're new! They're both Futuramic! Two sparkling new Oldsmobiles . . . rolling forward into '49. Upper left, the Futuramic '76 . . . with Fisher's newest body, panoramic vision, plus a remarkable new "Big Six" Engine. And out in front, a newly styled Futuramic '92 . . . with that revolutionary new "ROCKET" Engine you've heard so much about. It's a completely new, high-com-

pression, valve-in-head eight that actually gives you more power on less gasoline! Combined with GM Hydra-Matic Drive, the "Rocket's" performance is so smooth, silent, and spirited, you're got to try it to believe it! Your Oldsmobile dealer invites you to inspect the new Futuramic—examine the new "Rocket" Engine—and experience "The New Thrill!"

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday Services:
 Bible school, 10:00 a. m.
 Sermon at 11:00 a. m.
 Communion at 11:45 a. m.
 Young People, 6:30 p. m.
Mid-Week Meetings:
 Ladies will meet at 3:00 p. m. Monday and continue the study of the life of Christ.
 Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 C. Melvin Rethel, Pastor
 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School for all ages.
 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship
 6:30 P. M.—Training Union—for all ages.
 7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship
 8:30 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.
 Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting, 7:30 P. M.
DRY LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH
 O. N. Reed, pastor
Church Calendar
 Sunday 10:00 a. m.
 11:00 a. m.
 7:00 Young People's Meeting

B. T. U. 7:00 p. m.
 Evening Worship 8:00 p. m.
 Everyone is cordially invited to be present.
Bethel Baptist Church Program
 Rev. Lee Vaughn, Pastor
 10:00 a. m. Sunday School
 11:00 a. m. Preaching
 2:30 p. m. Singing
 5:30 p. m. Training Union
 7:30 p. m. Preaching
 Everyone is invited to attend
SOLDIER'S MOUND BAPTIST CHURCH
 Frank Adams, Pastor
 10 A. M. Sunday School.
 11 A. M. Morning Worship.
 6 P. M. Training Union.
 7 P. M. Evening Worship.
 2:30 P. M. Each second Sunday, singing.
 You are cordially invited to attend.
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 Lester L. Hill, Pastor
CHURCH CALENDAR
 Sunday School - - - 10:00 a. m.
 Worship Service - - - 11:00 a. m.
 M. Y. F. Meeting - - - 6:00 P. M.
 Evening Service 7:00 P. M.
MONDAY
 W. C. S. Meeting - - - 3 P. M.
WEDNESDAY
 Prayer Meeting - - - 7:00
Christian Church Schedule
Sunday
 10:00 Bible School
 11:00 The Lord's Supper
 11:25 Bible Message
 7:00 Young People's Meeting

1:00 Bible Message
Monday
 5:00 Ladies Class
 6:00 ictory Bible Class
Wednesday
 1:00 The Hour of Power
 Not the only Christians.
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 In essentials—unity
 in non-essentials—liberty
 In all things—charity.
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH SCHEDULE
 Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. 8:30 p. m.
 Worship Service, 11:00 a. m. Evening Service, 8:00 p. m.
 Tuesday evening: Prayer meeting, 8:30 p. m.
 Friday evening, C. A. Service.

cent months, but appear to be leveling off right now. House building fell off during the late summer, but has picked up a little the last month. Farm building on a national scale, continues at a faster pace than predicted earlier in the year.
 Prewar building costs are just history now. It's not likely that folks will see them again in any period ahead for which they can plan. In short, for those holding off to build, Allen can give little or no encouragement to wait.
 There's a reasonably good supply of lumber, both in quantity and quality. Hardware, plumbing and nail supplies vary with different localities. But when a little planning ahead is done, these materials can usually be had. Cement supplies are short right now, but more is expected later on.
 There's a need to think in terms of structures for production during 1949. Forecasters believe there will be a shortage of grain storage, and in order to make the most of continued high prices, there's going to be a big need for broiler houses, laying houses, milk sheds, and dairy barns.
 The farm home is just a big part—if not the most important as the farm buildings, reminds Allen.
 So now is as good a time as any to build up the farm production plant.
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REUNION AT CHRISTMAS

By HELEN PETRONE
JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment they called their "ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Rost, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.
 That was just 13 months ago. Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were missing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves.
 Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow

A & M Engineer Says Build Now

Don't wait. Do it now. That's the information W. S. Allen, extension, agricultural building engineer of Texas A. & M. College, has for the folks who are waiting for construction costs to drop back to normal.
 There just isn't much chance that will happen, says Allen. Fact is, construction costs have continued to rise slightly in re-

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Ladies Oxfords, 4.39 and 4.98 values
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Girls Oxfords, 3.98 value ----- **1.98**

Ladies House Shoes ----- **59c**

Ladies Dress Shoes, 4.98-5.95 ----- **2.98**

Ladies Outing Gowns, 2.98 value ----- **1.79**

Men's Heavy Shirts and Drawers, 98c value ----- **59c**

Men's Heavy Union Suits, 2.95 value ----- **1.49**

Men's Pajamas, 2.98 value ----- **1.79**

Boy's Pajamas ----- **1.49**

Boy's Dress Pants, 4.98 value ----- **1.98**

Tennis Shoes, 2.50-3.25 value ----- **1.98**

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Merry Christmas

For a memorable holiday we extend you best wishes for the yule season... may all your joys be fulfilled... We appreciate your friendship and patronage and hope that we may continue to serve you in 1949...

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"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."
 to his pride from the day of their wedding that Janet should continue working. She enjoyed her position in the advertising firm where she had risen from a clerk to copy writer in just two years. Since she left the house after Craig in the morning and returned before him at night, she never felt her working interfered in any way with her household duties. But friends had spoiled everything with their snide remarks about "poor Janet still working," and it was more than Craig could bear. "They think I can't support you!" he'd storm at her, but the more he pleaded the more adamant she had become. And now he was gone.

The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the tears that welled in her eyes at the strains of "Silent Night" were merely tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her souvenir box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again. "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her \$100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone. She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 24 flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fanatic zest that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, tossing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you!"
 He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"
 She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong. I'm going to quit my job right away."
 "No, you mustn't. I don't want to deprive you of any happiness and if you want to work, I'm not going to stop you."
 She laughed softly. "We'll argue that out later, shall we?"
 In an arm they climbed up the stairs.

SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT

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As our thoughts turn to you this Holiday Season, we wonder just how we can convey to you all that is in our hearts.

We finally choose—as always—the simplest and sweetest message of them all: "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

May the Holiday Season bring you an abundance of Joy, Love and Fulfillment... May the New Year bring you happiness is our wish... and, may our continued friendship last throughout 1949 and the years to come.

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 "THE FARMALL HOUSE"
 AND ALL ITS EMPLOYEES



Merry Christmas 1948

Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Girard, Texas R. R. 1

Dear Santa Claus, I want a basketball and a baseball and a cap gun and cowboy suit. My little sister wants a doll. I want a bicycle and story book to read when I don't have any work to do.

Your friend, Larry Turner

Girard, Texas Box 134

Dear Santa Claus, I am writing you this letter to tell you what I want you to bring my family. I want you to bring mother a pair of house shoes and daddy a pair of pants and shirt. As for Leta (my sister) bring her a pair of white boots. As for me, Santa, bring me a bicycle if this is not asking too much. Bring Beta and Squarly something they really need. I am going to close for now.

Your friend, Muriene Briggs

Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine, I want a BB gun and a water gun. My little sister wants a doll that laughs and cries and a little horn. My big sister wants a doll house. My big brother wants a BB gun too and he wants a saw. My daddy wants a new 22 and my mother wants a house coat. I had better close.

Your friend, Weldon Willis

Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I am in the fourth grade and would like to have a bicycle and a little doll, a very pretty one. Would you bring all of us some nuts and apples. I guess I will have to close.

Your friend, Willie Louise Williams

Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I am a little girl in the fifth grade. I am ten years old. My name is Connie Hagar. I want a girl's bicycle for Christmas. My little sister wants a bicycle too. I don't know what my big sister and brother want.

I am sure we will all get what we want because we have all been good. I hope all the boys and girls get what they want. Don't forget anyone on Christmas so everyone will be happy.

Have a Merry Christmas everyone.

Your friend, Connie Hagar

Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I wish you would bring my little brother a tricycle and me a big doll, bicycle and also a piano. I wish you would bring my big brother a basketball and my daddy and mother a big box of candy. I will not forget my little brother, bring him a high chair and all of us lots of nuts, fruit and candy. I hope all little boys and girls get what they want.

I am in the fourth grade. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

Your friend, Vera Mae Stanland

Jayton, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am nine years old. For Christmas I want some dishes and table and chairs. My little sister would like a doll and a stove and some dishes. My little brother

would like a ball and bat. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Your friend, Darlene Hagar

Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, How are you today? I want a shirt and some boots for Christmas. My little sister wants a red wagon. Well, I had better close now.

Your friend, James Long

Girard, Texas Rt. 1

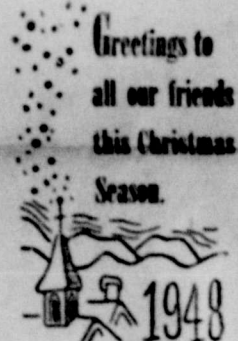
Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you are all right. If you are sick, you cannot give things to boys and girls. I want a watch for Christmas. I want a good one too. I have one but it is not a good one. I do not know what my little sister or brother want.

My mother wants a table and daddy wants a new car.

Your friend, Terry Spradling

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa, I wish you would bring me a bicycle and my brother wants a BB gun. Merry Christmas to all.



McNUTT'S TEXACO Service Station

Your friend, Jimmy Arnold

Spur, Texas Box 722

Dear Santa Claus, Grandma says I am a good boy. Will you please bring me a bow and arrow and some little cars, also some caps for my gun that I got for Christmas last year. I would like some sparklers and some story and comic books. Please remember all my friends.

Your friend, Gary Lee Peck

Afton, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy in the first grade. Please bring me a gun for Christmas. Come to our school Christmas Tree.

Your friend, Donald Joe Conaway

Rt. 1, Dickens, Texas

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a big red wagon, a doll bed, some new cloths for my doll and so little black shoes. Please fill my red stocking with lots of candy, nuts and fruit, and don't forget any little boys and girls.

Your friend, Louise Jackson

Afton, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy five years old. Please bring me a football and a gun. Don't forget my baby brother, he would like a rattler and rubber cradle toy.

Your friend, Thomas Larry Conaway

Afton, Texas

Dear Santa: I have been a pretty good little girl this year. Please bring me a magic-skin doll, story book and some candy, nuts and fruit. Please bring my baby brother, Stanley, something too.

Your friend, Sandy Bateman

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good little girl this year. Will you please bring me a pretty little girl doll and a baton, as I want to be a majorette in school. That is all I'll ask for.

Your friend, Linda Sue Linzen

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With all the joys of the season to you!
GOOD HEALTH, GOOD CHEER and a MERRY CHRISTMAS
May the New Year bring you joy, Happiness and Prosperity

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DICKENS, TEXAS



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- And Many Others



We echo the world-wide greeting to all of you, friends and neighbors.
1948



All the fragile beauty of a snowflake symbolize this shimmering season of joy and happiness. May this Christmas be the most joyous of them all.

Proctor's

Gruben Radio and Appliance Store

Roy Harwell, manager of Lubbock and Spur plants, and Co. has been transferred to Ft. Worth. Mrs. Harwell will spend Christmas in Ft. Worth. Mr. Harwell will join her on the 27th of December.

Little Miss Thelma Ruth Beadle of Lubbock is spending the holidays with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Karr, and her cousins, Louise and Ronald Wayne Williamson of Spur.

Hybrid Acreage One-Half Crop

According to the USDA crop estimates, Texas acreage in corn hybrids in 1948 was right at one-half of the total corn acreage of the state, says E. A. Miller, extension agronomist of Texas A. and M. College. And this was 33 percent above last year's hybrid corn acreage.

The first-year corn hybrids were available in Texas was back in 1941, when only 33 thousand acres were planted. Reason for this was that the farmers couldn't get more. This amounted to only one percent of the state acreage total, says Miller. Since that time there has been a steady increase in hybrid planting. In 1944, the corn hybrid acreage amounted to only 122 thousand acres—three percent of the total corn acreage. And the hybrid corn acreage has been steadily gaining up to this year. In 1948 it was nearly a million and a half acres, which amounted to 50 percent.

Looking at the hybrid corn situation on a larger scale, 75 percent of the United States corn is planted in hybrids, mostly in the corn belt section. In the South, Texas and Oklahoma lead in hybrid corn production. Farmers all over the corn section are becoming convinced that it pays to plant hybrid corn, says Miller. Last year for example, county agents reported 2,191 completed hybrid corn demonstrations by adults and 2,016 by 4-H club boys.

The average increased yield of adapted corn hybrids over the best pollinated varieties is different in one part of the state from yields in another part. But in most cases it runs around 20 to 30 percent, and sometimes even higher.

The Tyler and Denton Experiment Substations and the Brazos River Field Station near College Station are examples of a higher percent increased yield, says Miller.

It's not hard to see that corn hybrids in Texas have climbed the ladder of popularity in the past seven years.



By MARY NELSON

"Happy new year!" The cry echoed down the street as Penny made her way toward the bus stop. Every where about her people were light-hearted and gay and busily wishing their friends good fortune for the coming year. She buttoned her coat at the neck and turned up the collar. It was a bitterly cold day and she told herself she would be happy to reach home and stay in for the night. Let those with pioneer blood go out and stand in the raw wind down at Dayton Circle just to blow a silly horn at midnight ostensibly to usher in the new year.

Penny had always been known at home as a sensible girl with good common sense. She was proud of that reputation and now that she lived in the city alone she was more determined than ever to live up to it. She didn't want to become a sophisticated, worldly wise city girl. Thus, she summed up mentally, it was just as well she didn't.

"Going out tonight, Penny?" The words interrupted her thoughts and she turned to greet Ruby, a fellow worker who was always going out with someone she called "Beanie." You could always tell the status of Ruby's romance by her mood; if she was exuberant to the point of being silly, she was going to see Beanie that night; if she was quiet and petulant, she hadn't heard from him, and if she was downright rude with a sarcastic twist to every remark she made, then they had quarreled.

Penny smiled. "No, I'm not," Ruby replied. "Odd that she should feel such emptiness within her as she said the words. She noted Ruby's quick glance of sympathy and it irritated her. "I don't know



"But her foot missed and came down on a sheet of ice."

anyone here," she defended herself. Then added curtly, "And anyway, I wouldn't dream of going out in such ghastly weather."

Ruby shrugged. "Oh, well, if you feel that way about it, happy new year, Penny." She hurried away before the wretched girl could make any response. "Now why did I act so nasty?" she asked under her breath. Ruby hadn't meant any offense—she was simply so wrapped up in her own little world that she felt sorry for anyone who had no Beanie to which to cling. She was essentially a generous person and now Penny had deliberately hurt her.

AS SHE stood in the middle of the sidewalk, angry and discouraged, she saw her bus speeding recklessly down the street and without another thought to anything else she hurried toward the corner. "Wait, oh, wait!" she called, running breathlessly. No one else was waiting, however, and he careened sharply off the curb, hurrying on his way. "Oh, dear!" She burst into tears at this new disappointment and reached blindly for the curb.

But her foot missed and came down on a sheet of ice sending her into an astonished heap in the street.

For a moment she was too stunned to move. She heard footsteps hurrying toward her and managed to sit up dazedly. A man knelt down beside her but his face was a blur of features. "Take it easy," he admonished, placing an arm across her back. She tried to focus her eyes upon him and hadn't quite succeeded when he cried, "Penny! Why, Penny Lindsay! What in the world are you doing out here?"

And then everything cleared and she saw the handsome, blond features of a former school friend. "Oh, Alan!" Tears tumbled over each other in hasty exit. He helped her to her feet. "Gee, it's good to see someone from the old home town. I've been so doggone lonely," he told her, manipulating the handkerchief skillfully around her nose and eyes.

"I'm lonely, too," she gasped. "I've only been here a month."

"Say! What are you doing tonight? Anything?"

"Nothing." Her heart skipped a beat in anticipation.

"Then why don't we go somewhere and talk over old times? Gee, I'm dying to hear some gossip about the Turners and the Mitchells and all the rest. Will you, Penny?"

And Penny smiled happily this time. "Yes, Alan. Even this ghostly weather couldn't stop me from talking over old times with you."

Junior Historian Winner to Receive Hundred Dollars

A first prize of \$100 will be awarded the winner of the 1948-1949 Junior Historian Contest sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. Twelve papers will receive awards totaling \$345.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to work in the community or local history. Suggestions for topics are: transportation, exploration, natural history, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under twenty-one years of age may be eligible for competition," stated H. Bailey Carroll, editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1949 is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to the Junior Historian, Box 231, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

1948 Crops Break All-Time Season

WASHINGTON — Farmers wrote 1948 into the books as the banner crop year of their all-time.

They combined a fine growing season with improved farm practices to set numerous records, both for total production and yield per acre.

In its annual summary, issued the Agriculture department placed the total volume of all crops at 137 per cent of the 1932-33 base—11 points above the previous high of 126 set in 1946.

Corn, most important of the grain crops in producing high quality steaks and pork chops, led the 1948 output with a final production figure of 3,650,348,000 bushels. This compares with the relatively small 1947 crop of 2,383,970,000 bushels and exceeds the previous record (1946) by about 12 per cent. The yield per acre (42.7 bushels) is six bushels better than ever before.

Other record crop classes are flaxseed, soybeans, peanuts, rice, pecans and sorghum.

This year's record production (1,238,400,000 bushels) exceeded only in 1947. Cereals in the near record group are oat, sorghum, wheat, rye, barley, dry beans, potatoes and citrus fruits.

Above average crops of hay, cotton, barley, tobacco, sugarcane, hops, grapes, cherries and apricots were harvested.

Crops which fell below average production included rye, buckwheat, dry peas, sweet potatoes, sugar beets, apples, pears, plums and prunes.

The combined tonnage of the 25 commercial truck crops produced for the fresh vegetable market was larger than any other year with the exception of 1945 and 1946.

Generally speaking, unfertilized farm ponds will support from 100 to 200 pounds of fish per acre, while a fertilized pond will support from 500 to 600 pounds.

Hogs that are moderately fat and weigh between 180 and 240 pounds live weight, produce hams and shoulders and sides of meat of the most desirable size for curing.



It takes 75 percent more energy to hang out clothes from a basket on the ground than it does from a child's wagon.

It's in the bag — or what else could the flirtatious wink of that jolly little red-faced gentleman mean. Yes, that man's just about here again and before you know it you'll be exploring the exciting contents of his famous pouch. But while in the midst of the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations, why not a sneak preview of what might be in store? Then if you have any last minute shopping there may be a helpful suggestion or two.

What's that on top of the bag, tied tight with a splash of scarlet ribbon? Why, that is yours, Mom, the tag says so. And nesting 'neath the tissue is an ice cream pink robe, so soft and wooly. And glimmers to match!

A bit deeper is a big box with Six's name. Ummmm, can't you see her tearing the wrappings with hopeful determination, then turning all smiles when that lacy slip and nightie peep through? (Better tell her, though, that she can make them look almost like new for a long time if she remem-

bers to launder them carefully, pressing with a warm, not hot, iron. Later on when they show signs of fading, pop them up with all-purpose dye to restore the lovely fresh color.)

As for the gentlemen in the family, watch for Sonny's pleased expression when the box that looks suspiciously like the contents of a couple of pairs of gay Argyle socks you've been keeping the knitting needles clicking on lately. Something for his favorite sport makes a hit, too, a new fishing tackle.

This man of the house has been forgotten? Indeed not, there in the bottom of the bag—the reason Santa's all stooped over — is a brand new set of garden tools. And for good measure, those snowy white linen handkerchiefs you made for him. And does he look pleased?

Now the show's over and there is still the real Christmas to look forward to. But isn't it exciting to imagine just what will be under the tree?

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Love and C. L. Love returned Sunday from a trip through Oklahoma and Missouri. They visited with Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Watson in Duncan, Okla., Mrs. Nellie V. Wilson, Enid, Okla., C. A. Love and the J. E. Hall family, Dover, Okla. and Mrs. Emma L. Smith in Nevada, Missouri.

The contest is sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association.

This special contest has been created with the hope of interesting students in the little-explored field of business history.

Some enterprises suggested are banks, drug stores, grocery stores, merchandising enterprises, printing and publishing establishments, shoe shops, garages, service stations, and trucking firms.

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Letters To Santa: Sour, Texas

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a big doll with long blonde hair and blue eyes. That is all I want.

Donna Gayle Marshall

Dear Santa, When you come through Dickens will you please stop by my grandmother Sloughs' and leave me a gun, a wagon and a pencil and tablet set. I am six years old. I go to school and I like my teacher very much.

Don't forget me, Paul A. Slough P. S. Don't forget my mother and daddy.

ARTHRITIS

Arthritis is a common ailment that causes pain and swelling in the joints. It can be treated with medication and rest. City Drug Co. is a leading retailer of arthritis treatments.

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WE HOPE YOUR HOLIDAY OVERFLOWS WITH YULETIDE JOY AND HAPPINESS.

JOE TERRELL SHOE SHOP

TO OUR FRIENDS

The year 1948 will soon be history. In reviewing the many events that took place during the year we cannot help but express our sincere appreciation for the part you have played in whatever success we have enjoyed. It is the loyalty of friends that make us look forward to 1949 with confidence. Thanking you for your patronage. May we wish you the best of health and happiness for the new year.

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To Our Friends

Bryant Link Co. thanks our friends for the good year business you have given us.

And wish for you and all men every where some of the joy that the Christ brought to the world.

We will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday the 28 and 29 of December for Inventory, should you have an emergency need for Implement parts please phone us. We still think this is a good old world and believe the rains will come in 1949 and be one of those years of plenty. Yes, we think God still reigns and rules too.

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CARL MURRAY

At Christmas-time we want you to know we're grateful for your patronage.

McCluskey Jewels
SPUR, TEXAS

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To all of our friends and patrons who have helped make our year so pleasant — our best wishes to you and yours for a merry Christmas... a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year... and a sincere hope that we may again enjoy your kind patronage during the coming year.

GODFREY & SMART



That's our greeting to you in this happy season.

PALACE DRUG CO.



And lots of it, for friends, old and new.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Spur, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa Claus: I am two years old and think I have been a good little boy. Please bring me what I want. I would like a wagon, records and a football.

Ray Hindman P. S. Bring all the other boys and girls lots of gifts for Christmas. Remember my brother who is 12.

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little boy and would like for you to bring me an electric train, but if you don't have enough to go around, please bring me a doctor set and a little pocket knife. Also fruit, candy and nuts. Remember all little boys and girls.

I love you Santa, Billie Jo Powell

Glenn, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a pretty doll with blue eyes and a magic skin, a stroller, sewing machine and a cooking set. I have been good enough this year. I hope. Please leave tricycles and tractors for my brothers, Ronald Lynn and Donald Kenn.

Merry Christmas, Barbara Janette Hamblen

Girard, Texas Box 215

Dear Santa Claus, I am a fifth grader. I would like for you to bring me a watch and a pair of leather gloves. Connie Lee wants a watch, too. My little brother wants a tricycle.

And Santa please don't forget the sick, weak and old, and bring the toys that other children want. And you have a merry Christmas, too.

Sincerely yours, Gloria Dickerson

McAdoo, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: This is Bobbie Jo Hickman writing you to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a doll that goes to sleep, and a suit case with clothes and bottle for the doll. Also, candy and oranges. Please bring my little sister, Lela Beth, a sleepy doll that says "mama", and my little brother, Lewis Lee, a football.

Hoping to see you at Christmas



Your little friend, Bobbie Jo

Girard, Texas Gen. Del.

Dear Santa, I hope you are fine and well because it would be a great disappointment to all of the children because they look forward to Christmas and so do I.

Here is what our family would like to have. I would like to have a B B gun. My little sister wants a doll and my big sister would like to have a purse. My little brother wants some marbles. Well, I will go now.

Your friend, Clifford Jones

Spur, Texas Rt. 2 Box 63

Dear Santa, How are you? I am writing to tell you what my family wants. My father wants a pair of boots and a pair of gloves. My mother wants a set of silverware and a new dress. My little sis wants a teddy bear and a doll.

I want a watch and a purse. My teacher also wants a set of silverware. I hope everybody gets what they want. Some of the girls in my room want balls and jacks.

With lots of love, Alfrida Taylor Fifth Grade

Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, How are you? Fine, I hope. I am O.K. I want a bow and arrow for Christmas. My little brother wants a gun. My little sister wants a doll and a doll bed. I am in the fifth grade. I guess I don't have anything more to write.

Your friend, Jackie Williams

Girard, Texas R. R. 1

Dear Santa, How are you? I am O.K. I hope that you never, never get sick. If you did, I would not get any toys and the other little boys and girls wouldn't either and that would be awful.

I am in the fourth grade. I have been alright, and I wish you would bring me a piano. Oh, I guess that costs too much, so I don't know what I want. Please bring me something. I want to thank you for going all around the world and giving us boys and girls toys. If it were not for you, we would not have a Merry Christmas.

I wish you a Merry Christmas. I hope everyone gets what he wants. Mrs. Buckleew wants a set of silverware. Mother also wants one. Bring Daddy and the boys something. Bring all of us some apples, oranges, bananas and nuts. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Your loving friend, Janis Gregory

Spur, Texas Rt. 2 Box 64

Dear Santa, How are you? Fine, I hope. I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bicycle. My mother wants a new dress and my daddy wants a gun. Please bring all the children something; bring them candy, oranges, apples and nuts.

There aren't many chimneys for you to come down, but I guess you can come in the door. I wish you and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am eleven years old and am in the fifth grade. I had better close now.

Your friend, Nellie Hilton

Girard, Texas

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? Fine, I hope. I want you to bring my daddy a pocket watch. My mother wants some silverware. Bring my sister something, too. I want a new bicycle and some candy and nuts. I hope you can bring what I want.

Your friend, Shirley Carr

P.S. If you don't have a bicycle, I want a basketball.

Girard, Texas Rt. 1

Dear Santa, I am writing you to tell you what I want for Christmas. Will you please bring me some house shoes and a house coat. I want a lot of things for Christmas, but I will not get what I want. Remember all the little boys and girls. I want a piano. I would like to have a basketball. I want a story book, also some candy and nuts. For the last thing, I want a fur coat. I will quit for this year.

Your friend, Kathren Cox

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Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden mucus and aid nature to soothe and heal raw tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back. CREOMULSION for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis



It's an ideal time to wish for you all the good things in life.

We're delighted to extend this holiday greeting to all our friends.

O. L. Kelley

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Breezes are bursting with gaiety during this season and we're mighty glad to be a part of it all. We hope that this Christmas for you is your happiest ever.

Dunlap's

And All Employees

Spur Security Bank

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Girard, Texas
us,
about Christmas
to think of some
want for Christmas
I want a bill
of greenback in
wants a tricycle
for her birthday, but
And I also want a
ots. I have a pair but
little run down.
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ound. Right now I can't
of much more. So I guess I
better go home.
Your friend,
Ross Wyatt

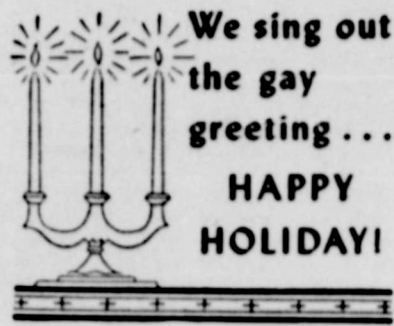


By DANIEL F. LINDSAY
DM LARKIN opened the kitchen
door. His wife looked up with a
ful smile as he entered. He just
ok his head.
"No mail at all?" she said as she
at on fixing dinner.
"Oh, there were a couple of ads
ed to the pump. His white
r was damp around his face when
straightened up again.
"It's just not like Bill," she sighed.
"Bill's got an unforgivin' streak,
ays did have, even when he was
little feller." Pa's old briar gave
a pungent odor as he lit it.
"That this is different, Tom," she
id, putting a pan of biscuits in
e oven, "tomorrow is Christmas.
s a long way to the coast. Maybe
wrote but didn't mail it in time."
"Ma," his tired old voice was
led with bitterness, "there's no

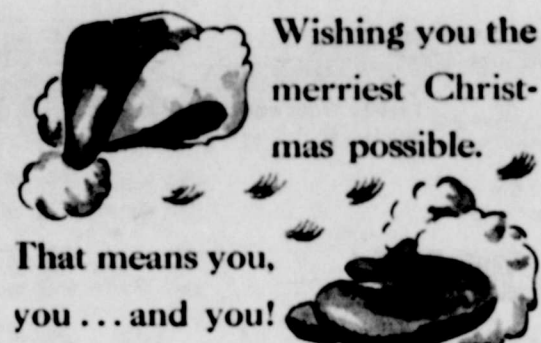


"She could see Pa striding into
the living room."
need to stick pins in yourself by
hopin'. Christmas or no Christmas
... that boy is still mad."
The old lady's eyes shone with
faith. "He might stay mad all
year long but when Christmas comes
... he'll write. I know. I'm his
Ma."
"Don't forget," Tom said as he
blew smoke at the ceiling. His
eyes crinkled at the corners. "I'm
his father."
"Dinner's ready, Pa," she said,
filled with a deep longing and fought
to keep the tears out of her voice.
"I c'n understand that boy still
bein' mad at me, but why does he
have to take it out on you?"
"You're wrong, Tom," Ma replied
as she lifted her head and smiled.
"The day after Christmas, first
delivery, we'll get a letter. You'll
see."
"Not from him," he shook his
head grimly.
"You're forgettin' Judy," she re-
minded him as they sat down. "She's
a good daughter-in-law."
"Oh, I'm not blamin' her," reply-
ing as he covered his biscuits with
gravy, "Judy's a fine girl. It's his
bull headed pride."
She got up and taking the coffee
pot off the cook stove filled his cup.
They ate in silence. Finally he
pushed his plate back.
"You aren't eatin' much," he
scolded.
"I'm just not hungry, Pa."
"I see," he stood up. "I'm goin'
out and turn the heater on in the
barn house. It'll be cold tonight."
His old shoulders slumped forward
as he went outside. She shook her
head and started picking up the
dishes. Her mind sank back into
the past. To the days when Christ-
mas was alive with the excitement
and laughter of young voices. She
could see Pa striding into the liv-
ing room bearing a large evergreen
on his shoulder. Behind him there
was always a highly excited little
boy, bearing an axe. She wondered
if the little boy ever thought of it.

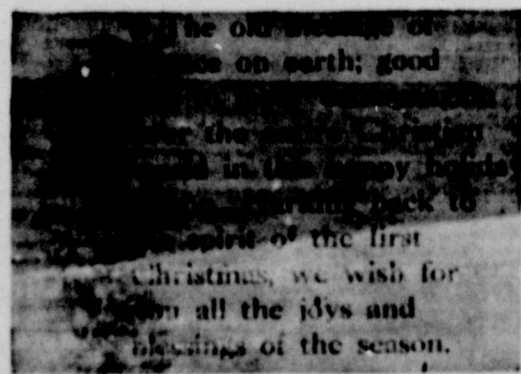
PA CAME back on the porch. She
smiled as he kicked his toe against
the threshold. It's a wonder, she
thought, that there's any threshold
left after all these years. He came
into the kitchen, dumping an arm
load of kindling in the box behind
the range.
"Snowin', Pa?"
He shook his head and took off
his wraps, replying, "Stopped."
She hung the dish towels up to
dry. He pulled a rocker in from the
living room and sat down.
"Everything all right in the
barn?" Ma asked as she threw a
few lumps of coal in the fire.
"Sure," Pa said. A sad smile
crossed his lips. "What's the use
pretendin', Ma? We're both feelin'
blue."
She sat down at the old kitchen
table and started peeling apples, ut-
tered, "I know it."
"Gonna bake me a pie?" he asked.
She nodded. "Apple was always
Billy's favorite, too."
"Now, Ma, what's the use of ..."
he stopped as they heard a car
drive up in the yard. "Must be Jim
Rogers. Said today that saw calf
of his was sick." He opened the
kitchen door and peered out into the
night. She could hear him catch his
breath as he watched a man and
a woman get out. "Ma, who do you
think?" his voice was low.
"I know," Ma laughed as she led
the paring knife down with a hap-
py smile, "I knew it all the time."



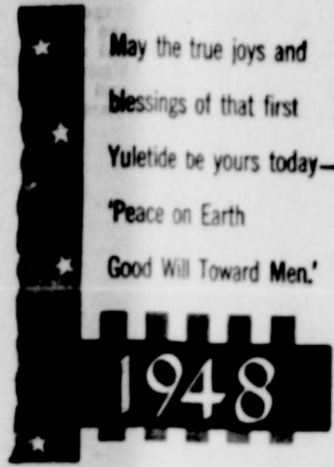
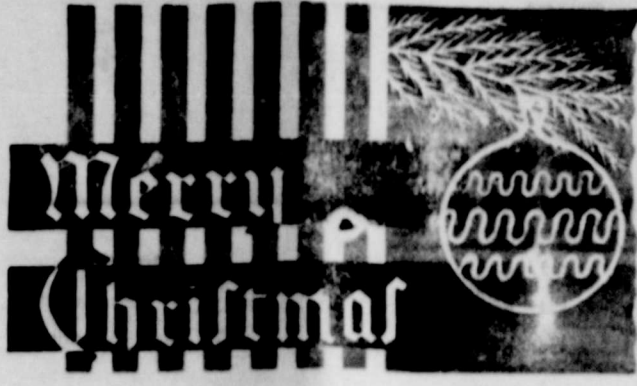
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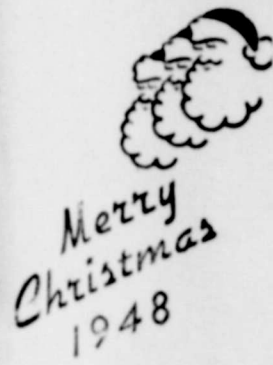
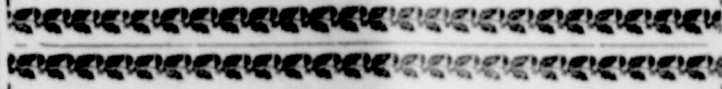
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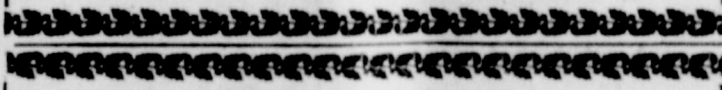


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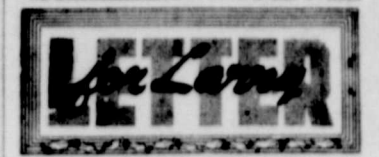
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By LYN CONNELLY

THE sharp wind lashed furiously
about Larry's head and should-
ers, flitting momentarily with the
idea of sending his brown fedora
spiraling down the street, but he
sensed its capricious tendencies and
held the brim of his hat tightly be-
tween his forefinger and thumb as he
ran toward his car parked on the
opposite corner.
It would be the last time he'd heat
that particular path, he thought
grimly. It was Christmas Eve and
everybody was in a gay and antici-
patory mood. Everybody, that is,
except Larry. He had been reason-
ably happy until that morning when
the whole world seemed to have
crashed about him. Opening the
door of the car, he slid in behind the
wheel and started it toward home.
The face of Silas Henning, until
fifteen minutes ago his boss, came
to his mind and again he heard the
words that he dreaded to repeat to
Rosine: "I know you're not happy
in your work, Larry, and it's not
fair to either one of us when you
don't put your best efforts into what
you're doing. I think, therefore, that
you'd better go elsewhere for a job.
Today's as good a day as any to
sever connections."

Fired on Christmas Eve! Of
course, what Henning had said was
true. Larry wasn't happy being a
bookkeeper at Morrison's appliance
shop. He had always yearned to be
a writer, and wrote numerous short
stories during his spare time.
When Rosine told him of their ex-
pected second child he had taken
the job at Morrison's through sheer
desperation. No longer could they
live on their savings. He considered
the job as temporary, but it had



He picked up the letter at the
same time she answered, "Truth
magazine."
lasted seven months with still no
prospects of entering the field he
desired. Henning had seemed sym-
pathetic, although he had cooled
suddenly the past week. Perhaps in
his daydreaming he had been inac-
curate in his figures. At least Hen-
ning spared him any embarrassment
if that were the case, but he could
have waited until after the holidays
to fire him. "And Bob Cratchit
thought he worked for Scrooge," he
mumbled, pulling up before his
house.

HIS feet dragged as he trudged
toward the door. He mustn't tell
her tonight, he decided. He hoped he
was capable of carrying off an act
until the day after Christmas. Open-
ing the door, he let himself in as
unobtrusively as possible. Rosine
was on a step ladder in the living
room, decorating the tree, while
Chuckie, aged five, sat on the floor,
grog at the proceedings.
"Hello, darling," his wife called
out gaily. He tried to equal the hap-
piness in her voice as he replied,
then kissed Chuckie and started for
the kitchen.

"There's a letter for you on the
radio," Rosine said.
"From whom?" His heart leaped
hopefully at her words and he hur-
ried toward the radio. He picked up
the letter at the same time she an-
swered, "Truth magazine."
It was from Truth. His hand trem-
bled as he opened it. "Dear Mr.
Shannon," he read aloud. "Our mu-
tual friend, Silas Henning, recently
submitted one of your articles for
our consideration. We believe it
shows promise and since we were
given a splendid recommendation
by Mr. Henning, we are writing to
ask if you would be interested in a
job in our editorial department. If
so, call for an interview this week."
The telephone was ringing, but
for a moment, Larry and Rosine
merely stood as though mute, star-
ing at each other. Larry became
conscious of the bell first and picked
up the receiver. It was Mr. Hen-
ning, laughing heartily. "Get I had
you worried, eh, Larry?"
"Mr. Henning! I didn't know
... how did you ...?" Larry was
tongue-tied. Rosine walked to his
side, putting one arm gently about
his shoulder.

"I found that article you wrote on
your son and the Atomic age and
sent it in to Asherton," Henning ex-
plained. "He's a good friend of mine
and editor of Truth. Well, I won't
hold you, Larry. Just wanted to
wish you a merry Christmas."
"Merry Christmas, Mr. Hen-
ning," Larry said as the telephone
clicked at the other end. "Merry
Christmas—and thanks for the best
one I've ever had."

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Soldier Mound H. D. Club Holds Annual Christmas Party

Mrs. T. B. Watson was hostess to the members of the Soldier Mound Home Demonstration Club who met in her home Thursday afternoon at 2:30, for their annual Christmas party. After roll call was answered with "Origin of a Christmas

Distribution of Wheat Supply Compared with Average Price Trend 1930-1947

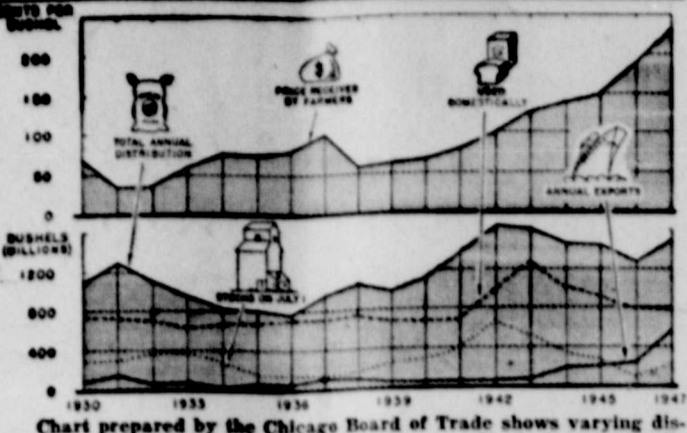


Chart prepared by the Chicago Board of Trade shows varying distribution of wheat from year to year as a result of changes in the relationship between supply and demand. The price graph is based upon the average annual price per bushel received by farmers. Note the coincident rises of price and exports during the last four years. Source of data is the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Baptist Honor New Pastor With Christmas Party

The spirit of Christmas was joyfully illustrated Monday evening, December 20, when members of the First Baptist Church honored their pastor and his family, Brother and Mrs. Melvin Rathel and Dale, with a reception and gift shower in the blue and silver decorations interspersed with trailing ivy vines.

In the receiving line were Bruce Browning, Sunday School Superintendent, Joe Long, Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Grady Lackey, Training Union Director, Mrs. Joe Long, President of W. S. U., Mrs. Jerry Ensey, Church Secretary and Brother and Mrs. Rathel.

Mrs. Grady Lackey, Young People's Secretary, presided at the registry table where guests registered in a hand painted Christmas book made by Mrs. Walter Gruben.

As guests assembled various piano selections were given by Mrs. W. T. Andrews and Miss Lorraine Berry.

After an invocation by Walter Gruben, Mrs. George Gabriel sang "Christmas Morning In Your Heart", accompanied by Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. J. E. Berry registered the guests in the lovely book of Mrs. Andrews, a book she is keeping during her tenure of office as president of Seventh District.

Colored slides illustrating various Christmas carols were viewed and the audience sang the carols as they were projected on the screen.

W. T. Andrews Home Scene of Reception

Following the presentation of the Christmas cantata, the patronesses of the Harmony Club were honored by a reception at the residence of Mrs. W. T. Andrews.

Guests were greeted at the door very graciously by Mrs. H. W. Durham and Mrs. J. E. Berry registered the guests in the lovely book of Mrs. Andrews, a book she is keeping during her tenure of office as president of Seventh District.

The reception rooms were beautiful in their Christmas decorations and very inviting. In the dining room the table was most

attractive. The table burned die surrounded the table with red and white strains of the "Hark, the Herald written on a star with red chief and the notes were with silver stems trays held red and mas stocking cookies green sherbet punch from a cutglass bowl Van North and Miss Minnie Ward.

The following patronesses and Harmony Club members registered:

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Misses Minnie Ola Ward, J. M. Hickman, Faye Middlebrooks, and Margaret Elliot.

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