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Seal Coating Of Part of '66' Is Authorized

Two highway projects in Gray County—both for the placing of seal coat—were approved at a recent meeting of the State Highway Commission. It was announced this week.

First of the two is the seal coating of Highway 96 from the town of Gray to Rockledge, a point about half way between Bertha and Alanreed.

This project calls for seal coating the road in Gray and Doniphan counties for a distance of 31 miles. The state highway engineer has been instructed to proceed with this work at an estimated cost of \$18,000.

The second of the two approvals is for the seal coating of State Highway 152 from U. S. 90 in Gray County to the Wheeler County line. The work will be done on a distance of 18.1 miles and is estimated to cost \$20,000.

Large Labor Surplus in Area

End of the year lull has hit employment in the Pampa area, and it came with a surprising suddenness.

There is in the area, a large surplus of labor, which will doubtless carry over into the early part of next year. This condition, however, is not confined to the Pampa area—it follows this pattern State-wide. L. P. Fort, manager of the Texas Employment Commission Office in Pampa, said this week.

Claims for unemployment pay, both veteran and non-veteran, are straggling rapidly. This results in the quick filling of all unskilled requirements.

The ending of the crop harvesting has released numerous people who work on seasonal labor. Non-agricultural industry usually goes into a short inactivity at this time and is following the regular pattern. It is anticipated that this condition will change in the first part of the new year.

At the present time there are unfilled orders for male bookkeepers, domestic help, salesmen, and an occasional demand for construction laborers.

Fun Nite Planned On Christmas Eve

Fun Nite for teen-agers will be held in the American Legion Hall Friday night beginning at 8 o'clock and continuing until 12. It was announced this week.

Music will be by the Wellington High School orchestra. The dance will be formal.

Co-hostesses will be Mrs. W. W. Shadid and Mrs. E. J. Windom.

A gallon was a large, unwieldy ship formerly used by the Spaniards.

Food prepared au gratin is cooked in grated cheese until brown.



Coming Again!

The picture above, as you can readily tell, is one of old Santa Claus, the white-whiskered and kindly gent who will pay his final visit on the McLean children Friday afternoon—that is, the final visit before he makes his annual rounds Friday night via chimneys, etc. (But, of course, he isn't seen on those rounds).

The visit of Santa, the third in a series the old gent has made to McLean, is under the sponsorship of the McLean Lions Club, and all visits are being financed through contributions made by local merchants.

Santa will hand out candy once more in his final appearance here, and his arrival will not be heralded by the screaming of sirens, etc. Instead, he plans to appear suddenly on the streets, as he did last Saturday, and visit with the children who care to talk to him.

Local merchants will be waiting on last-minute Christmas shoppers Thursday and Friday, for there are always quite a number of the last-minute gifts to buy. How late the stores remain open will probably depend on the number of people doing this late shopping.

The News is being published one day early in order to reach its readers by Christmas. This edition is the annual Christmas greetings affair, and carries greetings from most of the merchants of the town. In addition, the edition contains those gems of thought by the youngsters—the letters to Santa—and there are also a number of Christmas stories.

Most of the churches of the town observed Christmas in their services last Sunday. The First Presbyterian Church Christmas tree and exchange of gifts will be held tonight (Wednesday) in the basement of that church, however.

Schools in McLean were dismissed last Friday for a two-week period. Many colleges and universities also dismissed classes last week-end, and the annual trek of local college students back home began. Others were still arriving this week.

Wayne Stafford In China Sea Area

Edgar Wayne Stafford, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Austin E. Stafford of McLean, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Princeton, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area.

These exercises are being conducted for the purpose of giving officers and men of the task force realistic training in all phases of naval activities. In addition to the training on shipboard, personnel familiarize themselves with the ports and peoples of foreign lands.

Ports of call between training maneuvers include Honolulu, Tsingtao, China, Yokosuka, Japan and Guam.

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 26—Hershel Nicholson, C. C. Howard, J. S. McLaughlin, L. N. Mitchell, Mrs. C. O. Huber, Mrs. Thelma Cox, Martine Cunningham, Dolene Word Conaster, Donald Ray Patterson.

Dec. 27—Mrs. J. M. Noel, Mrs. W. E. Bogar, Lynn Magee, Mary Erwin, Harold Pety, Herman Petty, Terry Himes.

Dec. 28—C. J. Magee, Vickie Mae Christie, A. L. Morgan.

Dec. 29—Charles Edwin Bourland, Mrs. A. A. Christian.

Dec. 30—Mrs. Betty Putman, Clint Doolen Jr.

Dec. 31—Mrs. C. J. Cash, Mrs. W. R. Lawrence, Mrs. J. H. Bodine, Roy Lee Bonner, Lee Willson.

Jan. 1—Mrs. Joe Hindman, Mrs. W. R. Clark, Mrs. W. H. Floyd, Dwight Stubbiefield.

Kiddies—1 to 90— Invited to Free Show at Avalon

A free show for the kiddies (kiddies aged from 1 to 90 years) will be given by the Avalon Theatre Friday morning at 10 o'clock. W. A. Howard, manager, announced this week.

The show will include Chas. Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and "The Night Before Christmas."

"We're having the show this year for all the kiddies, even those up to 90 years of age," Howard said, "and invite all who care to attend to be present Friday morning."

Winter Can Be Disease Time

Every mother is familiar with childhood diseases known commonly as "summer complaints," but many mothers fail to realize that the winter season brings its quota of "winter complaints" from which young children must be carefully protected.

In stressing this important fact, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, state health officer, says: "Certain winter diseases are just as harmful and just as likely to make their appearance as summer ailments, unless children are safeguarded against them."

In the group of winter health hazards, Dr. Cox included influenza, colds, tonsillitis, pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, and diphtheria when no immunization has been given.

Any such disease affecting a child's respiratory or breathing system is apt to be very serious and in many cases it is fatal. Pneumonia often develops from a neglected cold, or may follow a severe case of measles or whooping cough. Bronchial conditions may also prove to be an after-effect of these diseases, and certainly these respiratory diseases are much more difficult to combat than the digestive disturbances commonly called summer complaints.

"These winter diseases are especially dangerous to babies and very young children," Dr. Cox said. "Nearly all of them are spread from the secretions of the nose and mouth. Children not in good health are naturally more susceptible than those who are stronger, and the first line of defense is to keep the child's resistance built up to the highest point; the second is to keep him under competent medical supervision, and the third is to make sure that he avoids contact with persons who have coughs and colds."

Davis Resigns As Lion Secretary

D. A. Davis, secretary of the McLean Lions Club for a number of years, has resigned from that position, and J. M. Payne was elected secretary for the remainder of the Lions fiscal year at the regular meeting Tuesday.

Davis will remain as a member of the club, however, and was elected as a director following his resignation.

The veteran club member, and long-time secretary, stated that lack of the proper amount of time to devote to the work made it necessary to resign.

Rev. A. B. Haynes To Lead Services

Rev. A. B. Haynes of Canyon will conduct services at the First Presbyterian Church in McLean Sunday, it was announced this week.

Rev. Haynes will be present at both the morning and evening services.

Lt. Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell was the founder of the original Boy Scout movement.

"Ritz," a modern slang term comes from the Ritz Hotel, known for their fashionableness.

One of Worst Fires in History Of Town Destroys Local Theater

No Casualties As Lone Star Building Burns



OLD SANTA should be around to see this little girl's face light up with a radiant smile at the sight of her new Christmas doll. Mrs. Santa Claus made the cuddly doll for Santa's bag from striped cotton flour sacks. She also made a toy elephant and clown from the cotton bags—but the doll seems to overshadow them.

Winners in Three Divisions Of Decorations Contest Named

Competition was plenty stiff.

The out-of-town judges said, but the winners in the three divisions of the home decorations contest, sponsored by the McLean Lions Club, were finally selected after the judges had made the rounds both Monday and Tuesday nights.

Here are the winners:

Outdoor: first, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Kemp; second, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Powers; third, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Meador.

Doorway: first, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lentz; second, Mr. and Mrs. George Graham; third, Mr. and Mrs. June Woods. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cooke were given honorable mention.

Window: first, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Crockett; second, Mr. and Mrs. Custer Lowary; third, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis and Mr.

and Mrs. R. G. Florey received honorable mention.

First prize in each division is \$5, second \$3, and third \$2.

In announcing their decision, the judges made the following statement:

"Most of the McLean people who decorated for the Christmas holidays concentrated on doorways, making it extremely hard for us to decide the winners. Outdoor decorations, on the other hand, were few in number, although many people had some form of a window decoration.

"It was extremely hard for us to define the difference between outdoor and doorway decorations, since most of the two were tied together in the decorations. We (Continued on back page)

Fire of an undetermined origin, starting shortly after 11 o'clock last Saturday night, raced through the Lone Star theatre building in downtown McLean on Highway 66 and almost completely destroyed the entire building and its contents.

W. A. Howard, manager of the two McLean theaters, the Lone Star and the Avalon, had closed the building only a few minutes before. The apartment on the second floor of the building was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard, although they were not there at the time the fire started.

The loss, including the building and the equipment, has been estimated at between \$16,000 and \$20,000, one of the greatest fire losses in the history of McLean. Howard stated that the loss was only partially covered by insurance.

The fire was first noticed by a passerby. By the time members of the volunteer fire department reached the scene, the blaze was well underway, and it was feared that other nearby buildings might be ignited.

Help was enlisted from the Shamrock fire department, and members of that group came to aid in fighting the blaze.

Water was kept on the roofs of most of the other buildings in the vicinity to prevent ignition of those roofs from flying sparks.

The west wall of the building caved in during the fire. This, coupled with parts of the roof falling in as the blaze progressed, caused even more danger to surrounding buildings.

The building adjoining the theater structure on the west underwent some smoke damage. Workers went through the Vogue Beauty and Gift Shop with the water hose, and Melba Greer, owner of the shop, stated that some of the stock and equipment in her business was slightly damaged by water.

The front section of the theater building was not completely ruined. The Howard apartment was located in that section. Mr. and Mrs. Howard managed to save most of their clothing, although a great deal of their furniture—all of which was new—was damaged by water and the heat. Peculiarly, curtains in one room of the apartment were not burned, although those in another room were.

The entire roof of the auditorium section was burned and fell through. All seats in the auditorium were ruined. The projection booth, which is lined with tin, was also badly damaged, although some equipment may be salvaged.

How the fire started is a complete mystery. Some believe it started in the space between the roof and the ceiling, since the seats in the rear of the auditorium were not damaged as badly as those in the middle and the front of the building.

The east wall was still standing after the fire died, but the alley was blocked off to prevent possible injury to people who might be walking or traveling through the alley.

The theater and building were owned by Howard, who lives in McLean and manages the business, and Hall McMurry and Bob Powell of Dumas. The two theaters, the Lone Star and the Avalon, were bought by the trio about a year ago from Paul Pierson, who now makes his home in Los Angeles, Calif.

Howard stated Monday that he and his partners were still undecided about reconstruction of the building. The walls, he said, will probably have to be torn (Continued on back page)

Shamrock, McLean May Join Together to Send Two Bus Loads to '66' Meeting in February

There are still plenty of boosters for U. S. Highway 66, and McLean and Shamrock boosters intend to make that fact well known when the next meeting of the Texas unit of the Highway 66 Association is held in Amarillo February 3.

If plans work out, at least two bus loads of boosters from McLean and Shamrock will attend the meeting. Heretofore, only a few, if any, boosters have been attending the association's meetings, and it is believed that such action will stimulate a great deal more activity in the organization. The decision to enliven the association's activities came at a

luncheon held last Thursday noon in the Dixie Cafe in Shamrock.

Attending the meeting were Boyd Meador, Walter Kelly, H. W. Origsby, John R. Pulmer, Lester Campbell, and Emory Crockett from McLean; Dennis Ward, Frank Going, E. E. Smith, O. J. Walker, Baxter Purcell, Homer Boxley, Hack Gillespie, Harold Walker, Coy Hall, and Guy Hill from Shamrock.

The group voted unanimously to recommend to member cities on the highway that local squabbles with the Texas highway department be ironed out at the earliest possible date and highway locations be made as soon as possible, looking to completion of a four lane highway across the

Panhandle of Texas on 66.

After some discussion, it was decided that the sending of two bus loads to the February meeting in Amarillo would be one means of letting others know about the 66 association. Plans are to sell tickets for approximately one bus load in McLean and the other in Shamrock.

Hill, who is secretary of the Shamrock chamber of commerce, announced that the contract has been let to widen the underpass just west of Shamrock, and that work on the project will begin soon. He also announced that the contract for extending the four-lane road on east from Shamrock to the Oklahoma line will be let in February or March



IT'S HANDS across the Christmas tree as a symbol of international goodwill during the Yuletide. That goodwill is expressed by members of the International Club of the YMCA Hotel of Chicago as they gather for the trimming of the tree. Representatives from all over the world are listed on the club roster. Members pictured are as follows (clockwise): Kund Kjellund, Copenhagen, Denmark; S. C. Li, Nanking, China; Vlasta Melo, Prague, Czechoslovakia; George Francis, Springfield, Mass.; Dorothy Schaub, Decatur, Ill.; and Dr. Jose Aponte, Caborojo, Puerto Rico.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little tractor, aeroplane and a pair of skates, also lots of good things to eat.
Your little friend,
Larry Milham.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3 years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me a bride doll, piano, blocks, and a story book, and also some candy, nuts, and fruit. Don't forget my little brother Ronnie, who is 3 months old. Love,
Marilyn McIlroy.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a big stove, a large set of dishes, doll, nuts, candy and fruits. Your friend,
Velma Baker.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a bike, and a BB gun. Thank you,
Jimmy Lee Ellison.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want an iron, an ironing board, a clothes line, pins, and a doll. Your friend,
Edna Faye Volle.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby buggy. I want a baby doll. I want a sewing set. I want a pair of gloves. I want an ironing board. I want an iron. Your friend,
Ella Gail Day.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll, a truck, and some dishes. I would like some booties for my doll. Love,
Toni Mertel.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like a doll, sweater set, and a house coat and some candy and nuts. I have been pretty good this year. A. D. would like a train, gun, some candy, and nuts. He has been pretty good this year. Do not forget the other little children around here. Love,
Rotha and A. D. Reneau.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a boy 12 years old and in the 5th grade. I want a basketball and basket, a 22 target and a new bat. I'll be glad when Christmas comes, won't you? I've tried to be a good boy. Love,
Larry Giesler.
P. S. Also bring me some nuts, fruit, and candy.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I'm a boy 7 years old and in the first grade at school. I've tried to be a good boy, but sometimes I get awfully mad at people. Please bring me a set of two guns and holsters, a caterpillar tractor, and a truck with a steam shovel on it. I also want some candy, nuts and fruit. Love,
Roy Dilbeck.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little four year old girl and have been a mighty nice little girl all year. I want a pretty magic skin doll, a set of cooking utensils, and a gun so I can play cowboy with my brother sometimes. My little baby sister, Martina Gayle, isn't quite a year old but she would like to have a magic skin doll and a little pull toy of some kind. We both want some nuts, candy, and fruit. Love,
Betty Ruth Dilbeck,
Martina Gayle Giesler.

Dorcas S. S. Class Christmas Party Held in Scott Home

Members of the Dorcas Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church held their Christmas party Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. John Scott. Entertainment consisted of the singing of Christmas carols and exchange of gifts. Refreshments of cake with whipped cream, coffee, and cocoa were served. Present were Mesdames Homer Abbott, H. W. Finley, O. L. Tibbets, Bob Thomas, H. D. Hale, Bill Boyd, R. N. McMahan, H. H. Sanders, and Scott, and Miss Eunice Stratton.

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Friends: Sincerest thanks for each greeting and expression of sympathy, also to the dear youngsters for Christmas cards. McLean is a little town with a big heart and I'm truly grateful to live in her midst. May the Yuletide bring to each of us deeper faith, brighter hopes and spiritual strength for the days ahead.

Mrs. R. N. Ashby.
Mrs. R. L. McDonald, Mrs. Homer Abbott, Mrs. Luther Petty, Mrs. Bunia Kunkel, and Mrs. R. L. Appling attended an all day workers conference of the North Fork Association at the Lefors Baptist Church last Thursday.

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T. N. Holloway
Phone 38

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Jim D. Sparks and children of Tipton, Calif. came Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Sparks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Langham.

Zeke Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gibson, has joined the air corps and is now stationed at the Wichita Falls air field.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: J. M. Thomas, GREETING
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 31st day of January, A. D. 1949, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Gray County, at the Court House in Pampa, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 15th day of December, 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 9299.

The names of the parties in said suit are: L. P. Sandford and wife, Audria Sandford as Plaintiffs, and J. M. Thomas and Marshall Scott and wife, Viola Scott, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Suit by plaintiffs against defendants in trespass to try title, plaintiff alleging that he is the owner in fee simple of Lot 6 in Block 2 of the Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa in Gray County, Texas; plaintiffs suing for title and possession to the aforesaid premises, for costs and general, special, legal and equitable relief.

Issued this the 17 day of December, 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Pampa, Texas, this the 17 day of December, A. D. 1948.

DEE PATTERSON, Clerk
Dist. Court, Gray County, Texas.
By LOUISE STUART, Deputy.
(SEAL) 52-4c



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Joyous Yuletide to You All

We've a bounty of good wishes for a wonderful, merry, joyous Christmas . . . a happy year to come filled with health and prosperity. We've also a bouquet of "thank you's" for all our many patrons of the past year. We've enjoyed serving you . . . we hope to have the same pleasure in the New Year just dawning.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year One and All!

C. W. and W. E. Bogan

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Merry Christmas to all of You

May the glow of your Christmas candles reflect all of the joys and fulfilled desires of the past year--and may that radiance forecast the coming year as the best and brightest of them all.

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Christmas Greetings

Each flicker of the Yuletide candles lights the way for us to wish you a wonderful Christmas abundant with health, happiness and prosperity. And may we include in our greeting our sincere thanks for your appreciated patronage of the past year. We look forward to serving you in 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Smallwood.

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McLean, Texas
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Clifford Braly
Thomas C. Braly
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LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a zipper notebook and my daddy wants a white shirt. Dorothy, my big sister, wants a new dress. Another thing I want is a new BB gun. Your best friend,
Tommy Willis.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a baseball, a top, a pair of shoes and some pretty pictures. But, Santa, don't forget the orphans and little children who are very poor. Please send them presents, too. Don't forget the aunts and uncles of all the world because if you did they would be sorry. Your best friend,
Joe Dwyer.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a housecoat and some house shoes and a doll buggy. Your friend,
Pauline Erwin.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pair of skates and a doll and a doll buggy, also a pair of cowgirl boots. Your friend,
Phyllis Hancock.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a doll buggy and I want a piano. Lots of love,
Jacqueline Davis.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some house shoes and a doll and some nuts and candy and fruit for Christmas. Your friend,
Hazel Pearl Oolightly.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football and a BB gun and a little dump truck and candy and nuts. Your friend,
Windell Knutson.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle. I would like a football and a sled. Merry Christmas to you.
Pat Montgomery.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle and a cowgirl suit, and a pair of boots and a doll. I hope you can come, Santa Claus. Your friend,
Lou Ann Graham.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want some boots and house shoes and a doll. I love you.
Flora Jean Simpson.
P. S. And don't forget Barbara Ann. She wants a doll.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football and a pair of boxing gloves for Christmas and don't forget the other little boys and girls, too. Your friend,
Ray Hupp.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much and have tried to be a good girl so please bring me a doll and doll trunk. Please don't forget my dishes and my candy, nuts, and fruit. I love them all. Your friend,
Billie Louise Smith.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a pony, a pair of chaps, and a saddle. Your friend,
Jimmy Allison.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a tricolor and an accordion, and a blackboard with some chalk. I love you.
Dorothy Marie Palkan.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a little football that is white in color. I'd like to have a tool box kinda like my granddaddy's. Could you bring me a little toy stove. I'd like to have a little bit of nuts, candy, and fruit. If you have any little boats, I'd like to have one of them, too. Please don't forget my three little cousins. They have been good and I have, too. With love,
Vernon Kennedy.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle. That is all I want.
Johnnie Anderson.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cut with curly hair and a record player. Thanks,
Caroline Stokes.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me an ironing board, iron, and a doll bed.
Reitha Mary Bragg.



As One Friend to Another

We'd like to take advantage of the occasion to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide, by extending our sincere good wishes for a Happy Christmas. May the smile of fortune wreath every day of the New Year for you.



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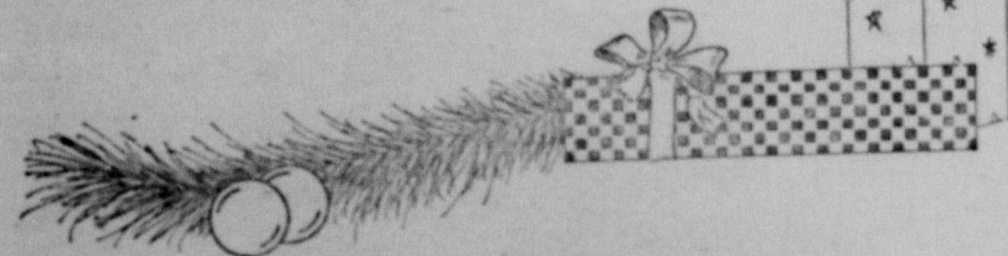
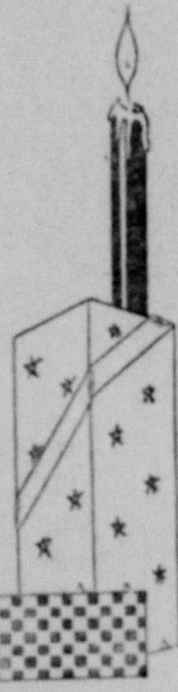
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*The Joys of
Another Christmas*

Once more, as we proclaim the approach of another Christmas season, we find ourselves remembering all the fine friendships and courtesies that have made the past twelve months memorable and enjoyable for us.

Friendships are invaluable—they are essential to a happy existence and we recall with pride the associations we have with a friendly community.

To each of you, we express our gratitude and extend best wishes for a season of great joy!



- - Free Show - -

Christmas Eve - - Friday, December 24 10 a. m.

Showing Chas. Dickens' "Christmas Carols" and "The Night Before Christmas"

All Kiddies—Ages 1 thru 90
Admitted Free at Avalon Theatre

McLean Theatres

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FROM A GROWN-UP

THIS LETTER to Santa Claus was received recently by W. C. Poole Jr. of the Greenville Morning Herald. It was signed by "A Grown-Up Child" and has appeared in the past two weeks in many daily papers. It is being reprinted here because of the thought it expresses, and because of the timeliness of those thoughts. The letter is as follows:

Dear Santa:

It has been a long, long time since I have written to you. I have now moved from the old home on Happy Street to a house of loneliness and doubt, which stands at the end of Disillusion Avenue.

All the gloriously bright little baubles that I had in years gone are now either broken or tarnished and tear-stained.

Please bring me a few of those precious toys that I once had—the shining bubbles of joy; the tinkling bells of cheer that rang in my voice; the candles of faith that shone in my eyes; the frankincense and myrrh of steadfast hope that strengthened my soul and the lode star of universal love that gleamed in my heart.

In the years past, I realize I did not appreciate those priceless treasures or care for them as I should have—but now I repent my carelessness and humbly ask you to remember me with another supply this Christmas.

I will hang my empty heart by the chimney, Santa, and, please, this is what I want:

Give me a large basket of forgetfulness, with which to cover up all bitterness and useless brooding; a larger box of forgiveness for those who robbed me of laughter and filled my eyes with tears; leave me enough of the cement of hope to mend the shattered fragments of joy; tuck in a little song of cheer, and, please, Santa, leave quite a lot of plain old-fashioned faith, understanding, unselfishness, and tolerance that I can share freely with my neighbors. Sincerely and thankfully,

A Grown-Up Child.

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a white record player. It is \$10.95. And I would like a printing press, too. I am sorry the price is so high. But I am sending you this dollar for my things. Thanks. Your friend,

Billy Rodgers.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a baby doll that gets warm when you hold it. And I would like a doll bed for it, too. Merry Christmas to you. Christa Carol Rodgers.

Christa Carol Rodgers.

Alanreed, Texas.

Dear Santa,

I am a girl five years old. For Christmas, I would like for you to bring me a rubber doll, a bicycle, a pair of house shoes, and some candy. I'll be looking for you at my home. Sincerely yours,

Marie Adams.

Alanreed, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a girl 2 years old. For Christmas, I would like to have a doll, a tricycle, and a pair of house shoes. I'll be looking for you. A little friend.

Janet Adams.

LES TALK BY LESTER

This is our annual Christmas edition and brings to our readers many greetings of goodwill and best wishes from the merchants of McLean. We invite and urge you to read each of the advertisements, for they contain some truly great messages.

In addition, you will find in this paper many letters to Santa written by the youngsters of the area. Most of the letters were written by the children themselves, or else the parents put down exactly what the kiddies said—that we could tell as we read each of them. There are some good letters, and some of them contain thoughts which you would not ordinarily think enter the heads of small children. So read them all, too.

The third feature of the paper is the many Christmas stories which it contains. If you are sitting around Christmas afternoon or night, gather the children around and read some of the stories aloud. You'd be surprised how they will bring back memories of your childhood to you—and you'll also be surprised how much pleasure the children get out of hearing the stories.

Christmas always brings back sweet memories to me.

I can easily remember how I eagerly awaited the coming of Santa Claus each Christmas Eve night. For a week or two before Christmas, I always was a very, very good little boy. My grandmother, known as Mammaw, was living with us most of the time. She and Pa—that was my grandfather—used to take care of most of the Christmas preparations.

Mammaw didn't have to tell me to go to bed early on Christmas Eve night. She and Pa and Mama and Daddy would all join together and tuck us in. My sister, who is three years older, already had a pretty fair inkling of the Santa idea; that is, the earliest I can recall, she did. But she never let on.

Of course, we exchanged gifts, too, just as most families do now, and Mama and Daddy usually reserved something for Santa Claus to bring. And they always reserved the candy and fruit and nuts. For a long time, I couldn't figure out how old Santa could possibly carry enough in his sleigh to care for all the children everywhere. I still can't.

As for the exchanging of gifts, sister and I used to do a little sly trading on that before Christmas came. I can remember several years when I would show her her present from me, providing, of course, she would show me my present from her. 'Twasn't fair, naturally, but we did it just the same.

I'll never forget when I first discovered the secret of Santa. A cousin of mine told me, and I didn't much believe him at first. But the pieces all fit in so well I figured he must be right. I didn't tell my folks until after Christmas, for I believed—and still do—that the parents get as much pleasure from the idea as the children.

But Christmas has never been exactly the same since that time. I sorta agree with the spirit of that famous letter written years ago to the little girl who asked if there is really a Santa

Claus. I'm sure you have all read the letter. We reprinted it last year.

The little girl, who is now Mrs. Edward Douglas of New York City, wrote a letter to the New York Sun. The answer was written by the late Francis P. Church.

Mr. Church wrote in part as follows: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would the world be if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished."

"Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those which neither children nor men can see."

"No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Even Santa Claus Needs S. S. Number

"Even Santa Claus must have a social security account number if he works for a local store," stated John R. Sanderson, manager of the Amarillo Social Security Administration office. "All extra workers employed for the holiday season must have social security account numbers," he continued, "and Saint Nick himself is no exception."

With the Christmas rush now in full tide, Sanderson urges each person who has a job or who expects to be employed, part-time or full-time, to get a social security account number immediately, if he does not already

have one. He should show it to his employer at the time he is entered on the payroll.

"Employers," said Sanderson, are required to report quarterly to the Collector of Internal Revenue the correct amount of wages paid to each part-time and regular worker with his or her social security account number. Both the worker's name and social security number are needed to give the proper wage credit on the Social Security Administration's records. If this is not done, the worker may lose credit for the wages he has earned.

"Applications for original or duplicate social security numbers may be obtained at any post office and mailed to our office," Sanderson said.

SANTA LETTERS

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I want a wood burning set, a pair of gloves, an electric train, and a pump gun. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your friend,

Don Van Hus.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa,

I want some candy and fruit, a doll bed, a stove, a doll house, pair of house shoes, and that's all. Happy New Year, and a Merry Christmas.

Sandra Sue Van Hus.

McLean, Texas

Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to bring me a little rocking chair, a set of dishes, and a stick horse. I love you very much and will be looking for you Christmas Eve night. Lots of love,

Johnny Herron.

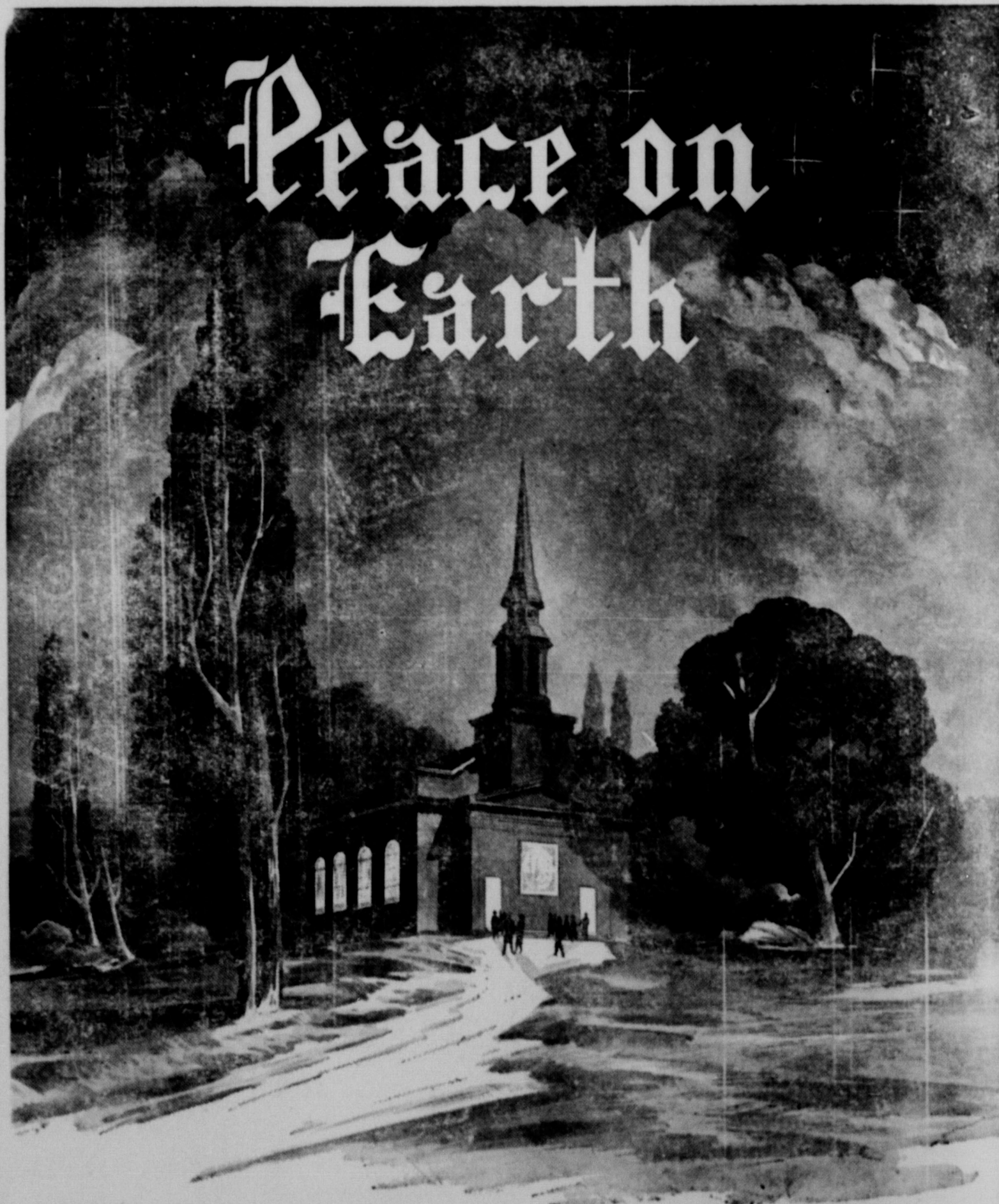
McLean, Texas
ward to your visit. Jimmy would like a pair of chaps, a service station, football. I want a pair of boxing gloves and I want some L. Butrum. We have been pretty good boys and are looking for-

Melvin Dean Butrum



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

SHERIFF G. H. KYLE
AND DEPUTIES



Peace on Earth

GREETINGS



Christmas, to us, means the contentment that comes from the association of loyal friends, the satisfaction of having been of service. It is a time for thanksgiving and reverence, a time to be more mindful of the blessings of peace and the right to live according to the dictates of one's own heart.

DEE PATTERSON
District Clerk

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

24 YEARS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dumas, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and a doll. I have a little brother. His name is Burl Lee. Please bring him a train and tricycle. Please leave some things at Granddads Kunkel and Miller. Thank you.
Bernice Kunkel.
McLean, Texas

M. D. BENTLEY

REAL ESTATE
and INSURANCE
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McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy in the fourth grade. Would you please bring me a BB gun and a football for Christmas? Your friend,
Thomas Ray Caudill.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a toy gun, and a toy truck that runs, and some BB's. Don't forget the candy, nuts, and some fruit. Your very, very dear little friend,
Roy Raye Richardson.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl three years old. I have been a good girl all year. Please send me lots o' candy, nuts, and toys. I want a doll buggy, a doll, a stove, and some dishes. Don't forget my big sister. Your little friend,
Pat McIlroy.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a BB gun for Christmas and I want a bike and electric train, and I want my bike to not have separate bars but I want a big bar so it will be easy to ride. And bring my dog Wags a nice juicy bone. And bring me a big long knife, and Mama and Daddy a nice new car and a nice new house. I guess I will be quitting now. Forever yours,
Bobby Warren Decker
P. S. I am 11 years old and have been pretty good.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 6 years old. I have been a good boy and would you please bring me a filling station with cars and trucks, a punching bag, a tractor with all the implements, and some candy, nuts, and fruit. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. Your friend,
Don Cash.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a set o' dishes and a table and chairs for Christmas. Please bring it to me. Santa Claus.
Carolyn Hugg.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl. I want a blackboard, a doll, a baton, a jar of sour pickles and some fruits, nuts, and candy. Love,
Elaine Mollroy.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 7 years old. I am in the 2nd grade. Would you please bring me a tricycle, a football, a BB gun for Christmas. I would like also some candy, nuts, and fruit. Thank you,
Ronnie Smith.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a horse and a saddle and a rope and a football and a pair of leather gloves and a pair of boots. Your friend,
Jackie Lloyd Sparlin.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old and would you send me for Christmas, a doll, a doll buggy, a set of dishes, a set of aluminum pans, a horn to go on my tricycle, and a set of silverware. Thank you,
Paula Anne Guyton.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
My name is Carolyn Sue Parker, and I am 4 years old. I have been a very good girl. I want a tri-bike, and some dishes. And, Santa, please don't forget Grandma Fowler who is confined to a wheel chair. Love,
Carolyn Sue Parker.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I'd like for you to know that I have been a good boy this year. Please don't forget my cowboy suit and gun. I am visiting my grandmother. Your friend,
Bobby Plum.

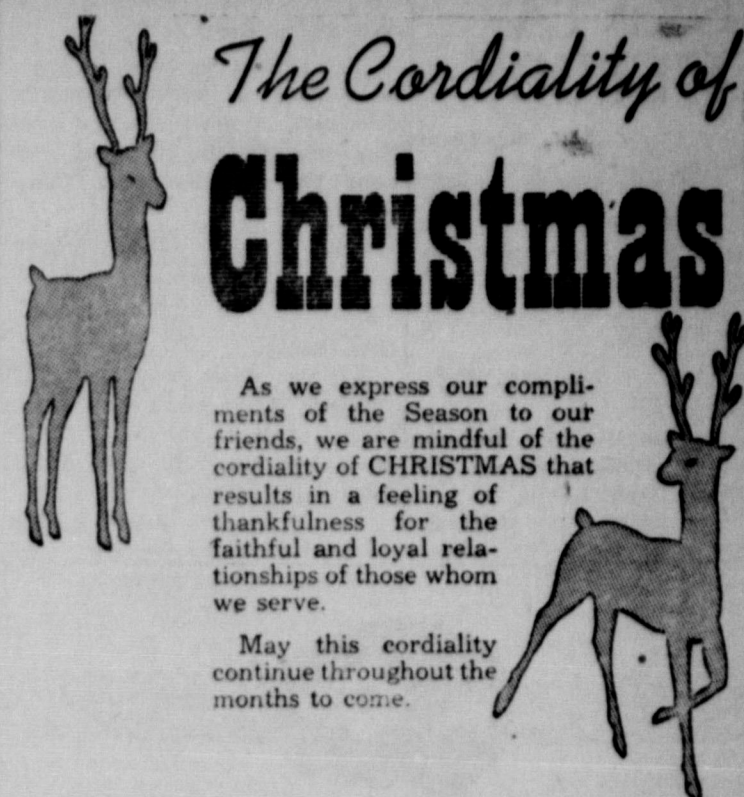
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Commissioner's Court of Gray County, Texas, will receive sealed bids addressed to the County Auditor, Pampa, Texas, until 10:00 a. m. January 10, 1949, for the purchase of one, one-half ton pick-up. Trade in will be one 1940 Plymouth pick-up.

The Court reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all bids.
R. C. Wilson,
County Auditor.

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The Cordiality of
Christmas

As we express our compliments of the Season to our friends, we are mindful of the cordiality of CHRISTMAS that results in a feeling of thankfulness for the faithful and loyal relationships of those whom we serve.

May this cordiality continue throughout the months to come.

PATTERSON MAGNOLIA STATION
Fred and Junior



A HAPPY HOLIDAY DINNER to All

SUPER Food VALUES

As Christmas nears once more, it is our sincere wish that you and yours will enjoy your holiday associations, and that the coming New Year will bring you joy and happiness. We have sincerely appreciated your patronage this past year, and earnestly solicit your business in the future. It has been our policy during the year to give you the highest quality foods at lower prices. Our Christmas gift to you is the following special, low prices, good Thursday and Friday.

CRISCO 3 lb. can **\$1.04**

Sugar Pure Cane 10 lb **89c**

Cherries Maraschino 8 oz. **29c**

Cake Flour Swansdown **39c**

Corn Shurfine Cream Style No. 2 can **21c**

Sugar Powd. or Brown 2 for **21c**

Pickles Circle R Sweet 16 oz. **35c**

Dreft large box **29c**

CHOCOLATES CHASES None better **63c**

Cherries None better lb box **63c**

MEAT DEPT

Hens Nice and fat lb **59c**

Turkeys -- Limited Supply

Beef Roast lb. **49c**

Fruits & Vegetables

CELERY Crisp Crunchy stalk **15c**

ORANGES Texas Luscious lb **6c**

ONIONS Mild Yellow lb **5c**

CRANBERRIES Extra Fine lb **25c**

GRAPES White Malga lb **23c**

ALMONDS Delicious Soft Shell lb **42c**

Cooper's FOODS
The Biggest Little Store in the Panhandle



Compliments of the Season

OLA GREGORY
COUNTY TREASURER

A Yuletide Wish

To You . . . and You . . . and You

May Old Santa remember you with many things in token of our appreciation of the many kindnesses with which you have remembered us during the past.

Merry Christmas
Prosperous New Year

Harris King

Free AIR

A lot of good could be done for the world if nobody cared who got credit for it.

On a dark and stormy night the trainman was signaling to the engineer when he dropped his lantern to the ground. Another man passing by tossed it back to him on top of a boxcar. In a few minutes the engineer came rushing up. "Let's see you do that again!" "Do what?" "Jump from the ground to the top of that boxcar."

We aren't any fancy jumpers at our station, but we'll really jump when you drive up in your car. For we feature A-1 service, plus the fact that Standard products can't be beaten for quality—and performance.

Standard Service Station
ODELL MANTOOTH
Owner

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I want a gun and a game for Christmas. I would like to have a bicycle, too. Your very best friend,
Charles Crockett.

Dear Santa,
How are you and your workers? I want a stretch bracelet for Christmas. Your friend,
Martha Jo McCurley.

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a microscope and a world globe for Christmas. I would like for other boys and girls to get what they want for Christmas, too. Your friend,
Billy Heasley.

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a BB gun and don't forget some candy for us. A book for David. That's all. Good luck to you, Santa. Your best friend,
Jerry Sanders.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cap gun. I would also like a bicycle light, and a knife. I will close now. Your friend,
Roy Treat.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Please bring me a nurse kit and a sewing set. Bring my sister a nurse kit and a set of dishes. Bring my mother something, too. She wants a new dress and my father wants some handkerchiefs. Love,
Marie Kelly.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy ten years old. I want a football and lots of nuts and candy. Please bring my little niece, Linda Kay, a doll. Love,
Maxie Lisman.

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a breast harness and a bridle? I want a BB gun, too, and the rest is up to you. Your friend,
Carl L. Henley.

Dear Santa,
I would like a zipper notebook, a pair of house shoes, and a ring. Mother a new dress, Daddy a shirt, and big brother a gun. Don't forget the orphans and the aunts and uncles of the world. Good-bye, dear Santa. Good luck to you. Your friend,
Nelda Mauree Miller.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a wagon, a gun, and football for Christmas. Don't forget the other children, too. Your friend,
Leon Myers.

Dear Santa,
I want a rain coat and a muff and a blackboard with some chalk, and a bicycle size 20, and a pair of skates and some candy and nuts. I love you.
Helen Ruth Pagan.

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a radio and a pair of field glasses? I will hang my stocking on the fireplace and I want you to put lots of candy in it. Good-bye, Santa. Your friend,
Celan Meharg.

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Of Each Week
In Office of Boyd Meador

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl nearly 7 years old. I can hardly wait until Christmas. I want you to bring me a doll, house coat, pair of skates, and a bubble pipe. Would like some good things to eat, too. Thank you, Santa. Your little friend,
Betty Milham.

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a canary, a cage for it, and a cage for my squirrel. And bring my mother a set of dishes, and bring my daddy a tie, and my sister a pair of house shoes.
Peggy I. Bragg.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you. What do you want for Christmas? I want a watch and coat with a hood. I would like to have a nurse kit, too, and do not forget the little orphan children. Thank you ever so much. Love,
Arlene Gudge.

Thank you, friends and neighbors, for your fine cooperation and helpful courtesies in the past year. We look forward to a bright future and hope you will receive a generous share of the good will and happiness so much in evidence today.

WARM and SINCERE GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Rhodes

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a chemistry set with a microscope in it? Another thing I want you to bring me is a shiny pair of spurs, and of course I know you'll bring me some capdy. I guess the rest is up to you. Your best friend,
Mike Montgomery.

Rheumatism

In a 48 page booklet, a committee of 12 of the nation's leading doctors have issued a complete report of years of research on rheumatism and arthritis. From their findings a formula called Ru-Tel was then tested by thousands and clinical tests have achieved remarkable results in relieving the pain of rheumatism, arthritis, lumbago and neuritis. Ru-Tel Tablets are pleasant to take, do not upset the stomach—give quick working relief. *Some cases overnight.* Now Ru-Tel Tablets are available through all druggists. First bottle must help or your money refunded.

POWERS DRUG CO.

Come In, Santa!



We've been looking for you! We have a hearty welcome because we know you won't forget these fine friends of ours. They're mighty deserving, these friends, and we'll appreciate all you can do for them. Our friends in this community, Santa, are the finest on earth. They're loyal and dependable. Please be as good to them as they have been to us.

CHARLIE THUT
COUNTY CLERK



A Merry Christmas and A Bright New Year

We appreciate our friendly associations during the past year, and with deep sincerity and more pleasure than we can express, we wish for you and yours all the joy, contentment and prosperity that Christmas and the New Year can bring.

M. D. BENTLEY
INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE



It's a good sign

When the air is a little crisper, the shopping crowds are a little thicker, and a feeling of good cheer spreads over everyone, it's a good sign that Christmas is just around the corner, so we take this opportunity to wish you and yours all the happiness for the coming festive season.

66 SERVICE STATION
W. L. Copeland



CHEER AND HEALTH
THIS Christmas
AND ALWAYS

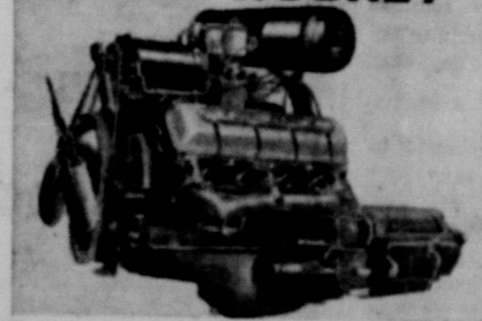
GENTS' FURNISHINGS
M. G. Mullanax

Here they come —
THE NEW FUTURAMICS!



White sidewall tires optional at extra cost. Hydra-Matic Drive standard equipment on Series '98," optional at extra cost on '76."

OLDSMOBILE "ROCKET"



HERE IT IS! Oldsmobile's new "Rocket" Engine, which offers all these features: Rigid-Block Valve-in-Head Construction; Dual Down-Draft Carburetion; Five-Bearing Precision-Balanced Crankshaft; Hydraulic Valve Lifters; Short Sturdy Camshaft; Steel-Reinforced Alloy Pistons.

Oldsmobile rolls forward into '49—with an All-Futuramic line—a new '76," a new '98," and a revolutionary new "Rocket" Engine. 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 '98" . . . 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've 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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LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll, a pair of shoes, and a new dress. I would also like to have a red dress. Much love,
Cinda Kay Pugh

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pair of boxing gloves and watch for Christmas and nuts, apples, oranges and candy. Your friend,
Johnny Wardlaw

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I would like to have a pair of ballet shoes, a coat, and a pair of house shoes. Much love,
Mauree Miller

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a football, pants and shoulder pads, hip pads, and a pair of boots, size 2. I want a pair of signals and a football helmet. Yours truly,
Charlie Bogan.

Texas Kids See Christmas Angels



As a Christmas gift to the children of Texas, the classic Christmas story of "The Littlest Angel" has been brought to life in Dallas. One of the life-size cherub figures is shown, above, to four-year-old Patsy Parker, of Ennis, by Arthur L. Kramer, sponsor of the free display. The huge exhibit, requiring twenty figures of angels, cherubs and birds to reproduce the characters in the story, is on display at Main and Akard Streets in downtown Dallas through Christmas Day.

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



And with everybody's mind on Christmas, we particularly think of our friends and patrons whom we have enjoyed serving this past year. We say to all of you, "May you have a very cheerful and happy Holiday."

Barr Automotive Service

Greetings

FRIENDS

We're wishin' for you everything that's good. You're a swell bunch of folks, and we're mighty proud to have known you, and to call you our friends. **MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

S. G. ROBINSON
ATTORNEY

LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy two and a half years old. I have tried to be a good boy, but it is awfully hard during bad weather. Please bring me a pair of spurs, a tractor, and a gun and scabbard, lots o' candy, fruit, and nuts. And don't forget my sisters, Pat and Peg. Thanks for everything you bought me last year. Your pal,
Ronnie McCracken

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a filling station with the automatic things? I also want some football shoulder pads and a helmet. I would like a good football. Also a basketball and ring. I have been a good boy, sometimes. If you bring me these things, I will be real, real good. Goodbye, dear Santa Claus. I love you,
Carey Don Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a set of dishes, a little cook stove, and plenty of candy and nuts. And please don't forget that we are moving to town. Your friend,
Velma Pearl Baker

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a little pair of skates that will fit a girl five years old. My, I sure would like to have some, and a doll buggy, too. I would like a night gown just like my sister wants. I want some candy and nuts, too. I love you,
Ruth Cooper

Kress, Texas
Star Route
Dear Santa Claus,
Last year we lived in Plainview but now we have moved on a farm and our address is Kress. And, too, we have a new baby brother named Dan, so please bring Dan some toys and bring us a leather holster for our gun, a wood burning set, a bridle for Dick's pony, and a pair of Roy Rogers gloves. Thank you, Santa, and please remember all the little folks everywhere, and big folks, too.
Don and Dick Cooke

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
How are your elks and reindeer? Hope they don't get sick on Christmas night because I have something special I want for

In Appreciation at Christmastime

Arrival of the Christmas Season reminds us of our obligations to the fine people of this community. We appreciate the excellent treatment we have received and take this means of sending our Greetings to each of you.

BRUCE L. PARKER
County Judge-Elect

Holiday Greetings

Among our assets we like to list the one and only thing that money cannot buy—your good will. And so, at this glad Christmastime, we send to you, not only as a customer, but as a friend—our best wishes for your...

★ Health
★ Happiness
★ Prosperity

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Callahan

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McLean, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring me a dollie that cries, a set of dishes, and a tricycle. Please fill my stocking with candy and nuts. Love you,
Neanie Dorsey.

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a football. I am a very, very good boy. Your friend,
Rex Back

J. B. Maguire Jr.
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All Day Tuesday of
Each Week
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LETTERS TO SANTA

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I love you very much and have tried to be a good girl this year. I am asking you to please bring me a doll and a doll trunk. If it isn't asking too much, I should also like to have some candy, nuts, and fruit. Your friend,
Rosie Lee Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want a doll. I want a dress and lots of candy. Love,
Pat Shadid

Wellington, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl five years old and have been good most of the time, so please bring me a doll, bicycle, and a baton, also

candy, fruit and nuts. You will find me at my Aunt Flossie's house, and Santa, don't forget my mother, and little sister in New York and my daddy in McLean, and please bring all the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Carol Cummings

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a nice little girl. Will you please bring me a doll, a piano, a drum, and some candy and nuts. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Doris Van Huss

Alaureed, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a doll with ice skates, a set of dishes, candy and nuts, and a nurse set. Be good to all the kids. Thanks.
Pat Crisp

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me one Roy Rogers cowboy suit, size 5 years, a bow and arrow set, and a small cash register. I am going to school this year and need some ear muffs, too. Your friend,
Malcom Connell

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I want an airplane and a cap gun with bullets and then I want a bulldozer and I am a good boy. Your friend,
Jack Back

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been a very nice little boy. Will you please bring me a pair of boots, a wagon, a BB gun, and lots and lots of nuts and candy. Love,
Randy Wayne Glesler

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll that cries, with some clothes to wear. Then too I want some dishes. I have been a good little girl so I want some candy and fruit. Your good little friend,
Joy Maye Richardson

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you. I would like to have a doll and doll buggy, also a pair of house shoes. Your friend,
Artalee Patterson

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 7 years old. Please bring me a little sewing machine and a pair of skates, anything you have for me. Your little friend,
Sue Kimbell

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little boy 7 years old and I want a train and I want a cowboy suit and a scabbard, and 2 guns.
Dickey and Mary Smith

McLean, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle for Christmas and a doll, a bingo set, a watch and a pair of socks, and a pair of boots. Sincerely yours,
Sagean Davis

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Adrian Leroy Smith, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 31st day of January, A. D. 1949, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Gray County, at the Court House in Pampa, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 8th day of November, 1948.

The file number of said suit being No. 8261.

The names of the parties in

McLean
Lions Club
Tuesday, 12:05
Lions Hall - Visitors Welcome

You won't Go Wrong
When You Eat Our
Home-Made Pies
And Other Fine Foods
MEADOR CAFE

Filed with me, Jesse Hill Smith, as Plaintiff, and Adrian Leroy Smith as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff alleges that defendant was guilty of harsh, cruel, and inhuman treatment toward her and such conduct was of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

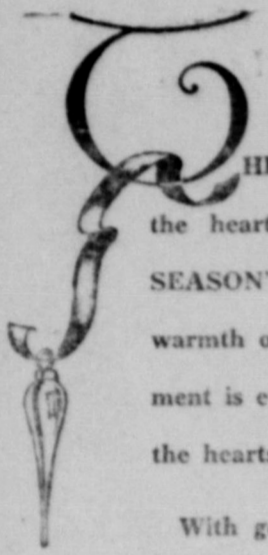
Issued this the 13th day of December, A. D. 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Pampa, Texas, this the 13th day of

December, A. D. 1948.
DEE PATTERSON, Clerk
Dist. Court, Gray County, Texas.
By LOUISE STUART, Deputy.
(SEAL) 51-4-

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There's An Advantage in Using Panhandle Gas
You'll Like It
Butane Delivered to Your Home
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HERE is no restraint in the heartiness of this year's SEASON'S GREETINGS—the warmth of peace and contentment is everywhere. Joy is in the hearts of all.

With good reason, then, we are happy in the belief that this season's greetings is a reality rather than a wish.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOHN F. STUDER
County Attorney-Elect

To each and all of our many friends we wish to say, "Season's Greeting." We gratefully acknowledge the many courtesies shown us and the many evidences of good will that have made our associations with you so enjoyable. May you have a Season of great joy and a New Year of Happiness and Health.

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

Central Drug
"ON THE SQUARE"
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ANNUAL SEASON OF GOOD WILL WELCOMED HERE!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Yuletide Greetings
MERRY CHRISTMAS
THE KEYNOTE OF CHRISTMAS IS HAPPINESS

Here's Our Greeting to You!

Merry Christmas

As you read the messages of Christmas throughout this issue, please accept ours with the true feeling of sincerity with which it is offered.

The McLean News
Lester . . . Martha . . . Eunice . . . Clyde

LIBRARY NEWS

The story of Christmas is old, the friendliness is always sincere wish is that this Christmas may be one of dreams true, a day that will find you truly glad, and the very best you have ever had.

—Lady Bryant.

Hal Mounce son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Mounce arrived in McLean Sunday for the Christmas holidays. Claude is a freshman student at the University of Texas at Austin.

Alvis Shelton, Bill Mounce, Arvin Smith, and Barney Myatt, all students at New Mexico A. and M. in Las Cruces, N. M., arrived home last week for the holidays in the homes of their parents.

Miss Glenda Joyce Smith, sophomore student at Colorado Women's College in Denver, Colo., arrived home last week to be with her parents, and Mrs. Ruel Smith, during Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roach and Miss Charlene Roach of Austin are spending the holiday with their parents.

Uncle Sam Says



Many of my nieces and nephews are going to wake up the day after Christmas and realize they are broke. Many thousands of others will awaken to find they are well on the way to financial security. And the difference will be found in the regular automatic purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds. And the nice part of this is that it can happen to you. If you're not saving money as you'd like to and you know you ought, get on the Payroll Savings Plan where you work. You'll have \$4 for every \$3 you invest, in only ten years. If self-employed, your bank will enroll you for the Bond-a-Month Plan. Sign now and part of your pay check is put into safe, sure, profitable U. S. Savings Bonds before you get a chance to spend it.

U. S. Treasury Department

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell of Quail and Mr. and Mrs. Leo McDonald of Fort Worth spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. Leo McDonald left Sunday night for St. Louis, Mo., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Phillips.

Rev. Leo McDonald of Fort Worth conducted the morning and evening services at the First Baptist Church in McLean Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Duncan and son Arnie left Monday for Amarillo where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham and family will accompany them to Turkey where they will visit with Mrs. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mullin.

Miss Mary Lee Abbott, teacher in the Borger public schools, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCarty and children arrived in McLean Sunday from Las Cruces, N. M., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell visited with relatives and friends in Memphis over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Rives and son Mark of Austin will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Back. Mrs. Rives is the former Mabel Back.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafa Smallwood spent Sunday visiting with relatives in Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mercer and daughter attended a cleaners' clinic at the Herring Hotel in Amarillo Monday.

Mrs. Creed Bogan of Borger visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Houze and children of Austin are spending the holidays with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Payne.

Your Greatest Gift May Be A Life, Safety Group Says

Your greatest gift may be a life!

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

The association asked the 41 state-wide organizations supporting the traffic safety program to spread the word that there can be less than the expected 85 deaths and 2500 injuries between December 23 and January 1. "Individual Texans will assume the responsibility for making it so," Governor Jester said the Department of Public Safety has predicted 230 deaths and 6,600 injuries for December. In the two days before Christmas, the prediction said, 30 will be killed and 900 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 up 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson made a business trip to Shamrock last Thursday.

Fairbanks Morse Products

We now have available a complete line of Fairbanks Morse products—

Windmills, jet pumps, deep well pressure pumps, pump jacks, electric and gas powered, gasoline powered lawn mowers, garden tractors, light plants, irrigation pumps.

Everything for the water well.

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Throughout the coming year

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that list

✓ Good CHEER
✓ Joyous TIMES
✓ Happiness



We're just making a last minute check to make sure that we overlook none in our sincere wishes for cheer with the coming Holiday.

HUELYN LAYCOCK
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Your Happiness

IS OUR FINEST CHRISTMAS GIFT



KATE'S CAFE

Kate and Felix

the Holiday Season

... would be incomplete unless we expressed our appreciation for your patronage throughout the past years. We wish you and yours the most of Christmas joy and...

a Happy and Prosperous New Year



THE TEXAS STATION
EMORY CROCKETT

Merry Christmas

Good Luck
Good Cheer
and Many
Happy Days

LEWIS M. GOODRICH
DISTRICT JUDGE

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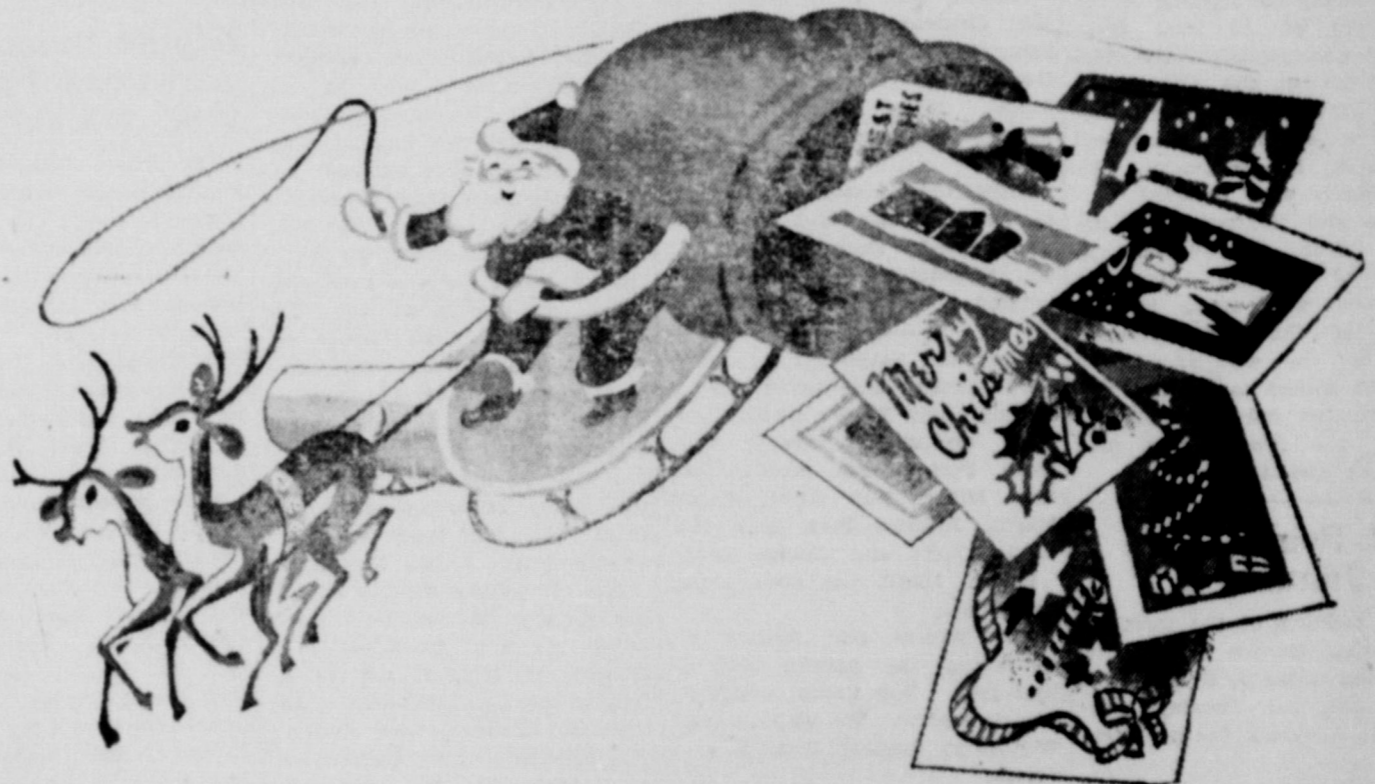
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To All of You

... we extend our most sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May your fondest hopes and dreams come true in the year to come . . . may your Christmas be the best ever. Our very best wishes—our most sincere thanks to you for your appreciated patronage.

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For Sale—2 lb fryers for \$1.00 each. Mrs. G. F. Anders. 1c

Friers for sale. See me at home from 9 a. m. till 4 p. m. Rosa Smith, by Holiness Church. 49-4p

For Sale—Good desk, suitable for home use. Secretarial type. \$25. Inquire at The News office.

MISCELLANEOUS

McCormick-Deering parts, P. & O. parts, International truck parts Hibler Truck and Implement Co. 28-1fc

Expert local and long distance moving. For more information, call Bruce and Sons, Phone 934. Pampa. Agents North American Van Lines, serving the nation. 4-1fc

FOR RENT

Farm for rent—See H. E. Franks, Phone 27. 1p

WANTED

Wanted—Scrap iron, any quantity. Will not buy from children unless accompanied by parents. Cooke Chevrolet Co. 50-tfc

Fire—
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down, although the front section of the structure is apparently still intact.

There were no serious casualties suffered during the fighting of the fire. Roger Powers, local druggist who was aiding in the fire-fighting, fell in the alley while running for more hose and suffered a cut on his face, as well as breaking his spectacles. No other injuries were reported.

Howard and McMurry both expressed their appreciation to members of the fire department and others who aided in the fighting of the fire. Howard stated that he was afraid the fire might spread to other buildings, and that only the efficient work of the fire fighters prevented the spread.

Draft Board to Meet January 4

A full meeting of the members of Selective Service Board No. 52 has been called by C. H. Walker, chairman, for Tuesday, January 4 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The main object of the meeting is to hear registrants who are not satisfied with their classifications. Their sworn testimony will be taken. All registrants who want to appear at this time must have a written request to do so a few days ahead.

Registrants who have married since being classified in 1-A will be carefully investigated before being re-classified as a registrant with dependents. Registrants who have been ordered for their pre-induction physical examination will not be accepted as volunteers by the recruiting service.

IN BALTIMORE

Logan Cummings, McLean school superintendent, left Saturday for Baltimore, Md., to be with Mrs. Cummings and their baby daughter, Mary Jane, during the holidays. Mary Jane is undergoing treatment at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, and she and Mrs. Cummings will remain there until the latter part of January.

Mrs. Lester Dysart and son Gale left Sunday for Pauls Valley, Okla., where they will spend the holidays with their parents and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Harve Williams.

At zero degrees of latitude the meridian is called the meridian of Greenwich.

School News of ALANREED

Our skating rink is proving to be a source of joy and training for many. We hope to skate during the holidays—December 28 and 30, and January 1, from 6 to 10 o'clock each night.

Read the Alanreed news column for future dates. The public is invited to come.

3rd and 4th Grades:
 Our part of last Friday was very enjoyable. Games were played, Christmas records were heard, and prizes handed out. Mothers present were: Grandmother Armstrong, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Goldston. Mothers, we thank you again and again for the nice refreshments.

The Christmas program will be Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. Presents will be handed out after the program. We are expecting Santa.

5th, 6th, and 7th Grades:
 The 5th, 6th, and 7th grades will present "The Three Wise Men" as their part in the Christmas program.

8th Grade:
 The 8th grade banquet turned out to be a very nice affair. There were several guests, including Miss Williams, sponsor. Mrs. Castleberry, Mrs. Armstrong, and Miss Rankin, teachers; Superintendent Knight, and mothers, Mrs. Sherrod, Mrs. Trout, Mrs. Castleberry, and Mrs. Shaw. Students invited were Lindsey O'Leary, James King, Jimmie Shaw, and Ray Miller.

Jo Dean Trout visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Saturday.

The 4-H Club of Alanreed was to have a party Tuesday.

9th Grade:
 The 9th and 10th grades were honored with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Belva Castleberry, sponsored by Mrs. Rose T. Hall and Mrs. Castleberry.

Present were Betty Allen, Ella Mae Castleberry, Aleta Fay Millham, Virginia Hill, James King, George Oakley, and Ray Howard Miller. Many delightful games were played throughout the evening.

After refreshments of sandwiches, hot chocolate, and fruit cake were served. Each girl and boy was presented a gift from their sponsor.

Juniors and Seniors:
 The juniors and seniors had a skating party Friday night. Gifts were exchanged. Present were Gene Fort, Jessie Smith, Ella Mae Miller, Don Allen, Robert Magill, Jeanette Fort, Joan Hill, Willie Davis, and Jimmie Bruce.

Robert Magill has been absent two days.

The juniors and seniors are sponsoring the skating rink in the gym. We thank everybody who has come. We plan to skate Wednesday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Alanreed Personals:
 Mrs. Trout was a visitor in Amarillo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Edmondson visited in Amarillo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith visited in Lefors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Goldston were McLean shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Turbush of Groom. He is a brother of Mrs. Davis.

Mickey Allen visited with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Goodnight of Wellington, Saturday.

Barbara McAnear was a guest of relatives in Brice over the week-end.

Fred Goldston visited with relatives in Clarendon Sunday.

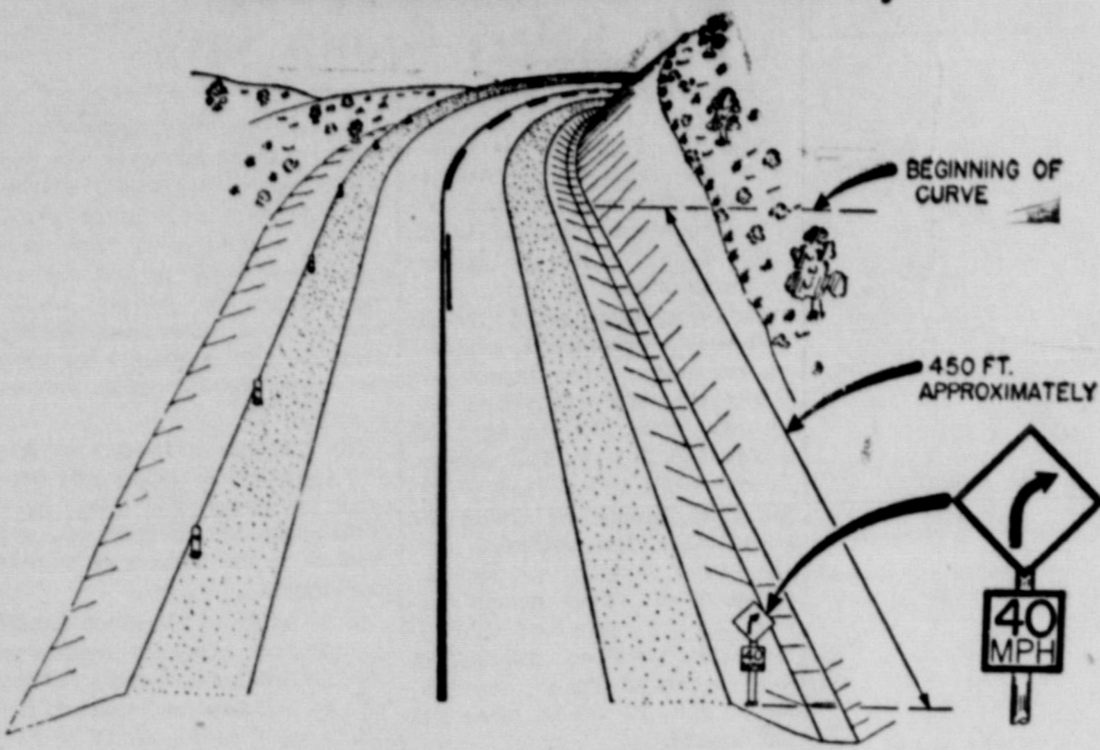
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Goldston have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Hank Miller of Iowa and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Keller and son of California. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Keller are sisters of Mrs. Goldston.

Mrs. Howard Miller was the Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Harold Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Avis Rhodes and family were guests of the Jess Finley family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hill have moved to the Baker farm west of Alanreed.

Recommendations for Safety



A view like the one pictured by the Texas Highway Department and represent a step recommended by the Governor's Highway Safety Conference.

Motorists who utilize the speed advised on these signs will find that there is no side-throw in their cars at this speed.

The speed indicated on the sign was determined by a scientific study of each individual curve and turn, and will vary because of the different elements such as degree of turn and the amount of bank on each separate curve.

Winners—

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chose the Kemp outdoor decoration first, because the tree in the yard was perfectly lighted with colorful lights. The Powers home in addition to having a nice outdoor decoration, had a beautiful doorway, but we made it a point to give only one prize or mention to each home. The Meador home also had a beautiful doorway, but we felt that the three chosen in that division were the more outstanding doorways.

"In picking the Lents home for first in the doorway division, we found it difficult to decide whether it should be in the outdoor or doorway class. However, after due consideration, we decided that the candy canes and the huge wreath all fit into a general doorway scheme. The other two doorways winning prizes, that of the Grahams and the Woods, were also outstanding.

"The Crockett window was chosen because of the unusual effect attained by the large Christmas tree showing through the big window, and beautifully reflected in a mirror in the background. The Lowary window decoration was very unusual, since the Santa standing alongside the Christmas tree actually seemed to be decorating the tree. The Kennedy home was chosen third in the picture of the wise men looking at the star in the sky. The window in the Davis home was very original, having been decorated with Christmas cards to give it an unusual effect. The small but perfectly-shaped Christmas tree in the little window of the Florey home was most unusual, too, but there were not enough prizes to go around.

"We, as judges, wish to express our surprise in seeing so many homes so well decorated. The citizens of McLean are to be complimented on the beauty of the town at Christmas-time, and we feel honored to have been chosen as judges. We feel sure that many others deserved prizes for their efforts and originality, and regret that we could not name others."

Mrs. E. J. Windom Jr. and Eddie J. returned to their home here Monday after a visit in Hereford with their grandmother, Mrs. G. W. Sullivan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stratton, Charles and Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stratton of Tyler came Wednesday for a visit with relatives.

The average high school in Texas in 1946-47 had less than 100 pupils—just 95. Over half the high schools have less than 100 pupils.

Alexander Hamilton is said to have written Washington's farewell address.

Gospel means "good story" or "glad tidings."

Harold Knight Jr. spent the night recently with Jimmie McAnear.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vogue were house guests in the Bill Stubb home recently.

The George Trimble family visited friends in Shamrock Sunday.

Society

Two S. S. Classes Enjoy Outing At Noel Place

Two of the Baptist Sunday School classes, under the direction of John Cooper and Boyd Reeves, enjoyed a mulligan stew Monday evening at the James Noel place.

The group played capture-the-flag until the lights in the car went out, then they came back to town.

Those present were Benny and Dan Cooper, Cliff Callahan, J. N. Smith, Ed Reeves, Pat Reeves, Jerry and Clyde Mounce, Glenn Pharis, and Billy Rainwater. Claude Mounce and E. L. Price were visitors.

Baptist Juniors Christmas Party Held at Church

The Junior Department of the Baptist Sunday School enjoyed a Christmas party in the church basement Monday evening under the sponsorship of Mrs. R. L. McDonald, Mrs. Luther Petty, Mrs. Rush Turner, Mrs. John Cooper, Oba Kunkel, and Wes Langham.

Various games were played. Gift exchanging was enjoyed by means of fishing. Treats from the tree were distributed to the children.

Those present were Thomas Ray Caudill, Thomas Willis, Max Billingslee, Billy Mercer, Charles Williams, Don Van Huss, Gerald and Harold Hugg, Freddy and Danny Brister, Harvey Shelton, Carl Lee Henley, Joe Don Biggers, Glenn Guthrie, Joe Cooper, Larry Glesler, Gary Nicholson, Jo Ann Guthrie, Betty Ruth Dick-

inson, Frankie Tucker, Jo Ann Turner, Nedra and Sandra Graham, and Mary Lou Watkins.

Circle of W. M. U. Meeting Is Held In Church Parlor

The Elizabeth Pool circle of the Baptist W. M. U. met Tuesday afternoon in the church parlor with Mrs. E. L. Price calling the meeting to order and Mrs. R. A. Young reviewing a part of the mission book, "Christianity Our Citadel" by Roland Q. Leavell.

A discussion was held on home missions in various states in 1845, with three objects in mind, evangelize the Indians, work with Negroes, and work in the city of New Orleans. The work has spread and definite work is held now to capture some of the cities for Christ instead of Catholicism, work among the foreign peoples of our own lands, and mission work south of the border.

In attendance were Mesdames Price, Young, Leo Gibson, Homer Abbott, George Colebank, T. A. Langham, R. L. Appling, and Luther Petty.

The next meeting will feature the "Industrial Day" program.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkins and children, Miss Ruby Wilkins and Mrs. Fern Wilkins of Cortez, Colo., visited their cousin Forrest Switzer and family, Sunday.

Fred Bourland and family of Quail and Jimmy Bourland of McLean visited in the F. H. Bourland home Sunday afternoon.

Fra. J. Elbert was the first president of the German Republic

Name Texas Top Ranking 4-H'ers

PHILIPS to the 27th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago were given four Lone Star State club members as rewards for their outstanding records in the 1948 National 4-H Farm Safety, Field Crops, Poultry and Tractor Maintenance programs. The state winners and brief outlines of their records follow:

An outstanding youthful farmer, Edward Hill, 17, of Gariand, has won State honors in the National 4-H Field Crops awards program. This year Edward planted and tended five acres of corn, eight acres of cotton, 5 1/2 acres of soy beans, 40 acres of wheat, and 20 acres of maize, and thus learned much about seed bed preparation, use of fertilizers and approved cultivating and harvesting methods. During seven years in 4-H he has completed 27 projects, including four in field crops, and has served both his local and county 4-H clubs as president. International Harvest Co. provided Edward with a National 4-H Club Congress all-expense trip award.

Herman Schniederjan, 17, of



Edward Hill, Herman Schniederjan, John Humphrey, Bennie West

Galveston, reaps double benefits from his participation in the 1948 National 4-H Tractor Maintenance program in which he learned how to better care for and operate a farm tractor, thus making him a more efficient young farmer. As a result he has been named State winner in the 4-H program. Herman kept a service record for nearly 1,500 hours on the operation of three tractors on his father's 391 acre farm. He also applied daily and periodic tractor maintenance of the air cleaner, lubrication, carburetion, cooling system, as well as care in safe operation. Herman says, "A well running tractor on our farm has saved time and money and increased production". To recognize his many achievements, Stanolind Oil and Gas Company has provided Herman an educational trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago.

By eliminating accident and fire hazards around his farm, home and community, Bennie West, 16, of Memphis, has won top State honors in the National 4-H Farm Safety program. Among the hazards corrected were: dirty chimneys, loose porch boards, firearms within reach of children, gasoline cans poorly labeled, inadequate fire-fighting equipment, matches kept in wooden box, bad lights in the barn, poorly constructed bull pen. In addition to safety work, Bennie has completed four other club projects during his four years in 4-H and has served his local club as president, secretary, and treasurer. In recognition of these achievements, General Motors provided Bennie with an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago.

DRILL FOR SCENIC HIGHWAY



Drilling for oil and other minerals is an old story but it remains for New Hampshire to drill for dollars. Not that dollars will be found but the state hopes to attract tourists with a new scenic highway and from the visitors will come the money.

Cutting through the rugged hillsides calls for leveling and grading operations through solid rock and drilling is necessary. R. G. Watkins & Sons, Inc., contractors on the job, called engineers of the Timken Roller Bearing Company and found the right answer to the rock drilling problem. Using 5 pneumatic hammers and 3 wagon-drills equipped with Timken Rock Bits enabled the job to go ahead smoothly.

When the new highway is finished and the motoring tourists come rolling along the drilling for dollars will pay off.

APARTMENT ARTISTRY



The long, clean lines and distinctive grille of the modern convecter radiator, recessed beneath the double windows, form a pleasing background for the arrangement of the coffee table and matching chairs in this attractive room. Where a fireplace is lacking, as in a modern apartment, such a fireplace-like grouping of furniture is effective. By recessing the convecter in the wall, complete flexibility of furniture arrangement is permitted without sacrifice of heating comfort.



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 nestling 'neath the tissue is an ice cream pink robe, so soft and wooly. And slippers to match!

A bit deeper is a big box with Sis's name. Ummm, 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 remembers to launder them carefully, pressing with a warm, not hot, iron. Later on when they show signs of fading, pep 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 ties boasts 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.

The 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?

Family Fun Group Games

For a real family Christmas... having Santa pack a... supplies or games into... the whole family can... together." This suggestion... E. H. Bagner, a secre... at the University of... many hobbies that can... companionship between... children. Mothers and... like jewelry construction... weaving. Dad and... modelmaking—air... trains and other... interest to the male... enjoys operating a... Small presses turn... that have a real... look. Shellcraft and... are hobbies that pro... useful articles. For... rubber-tipped darts, in... horsehoes and marble... are excellent. There is a time of "upst... Bagner. "Let's cap... the situation by starting... hobby that will encour... some type of companio... around."

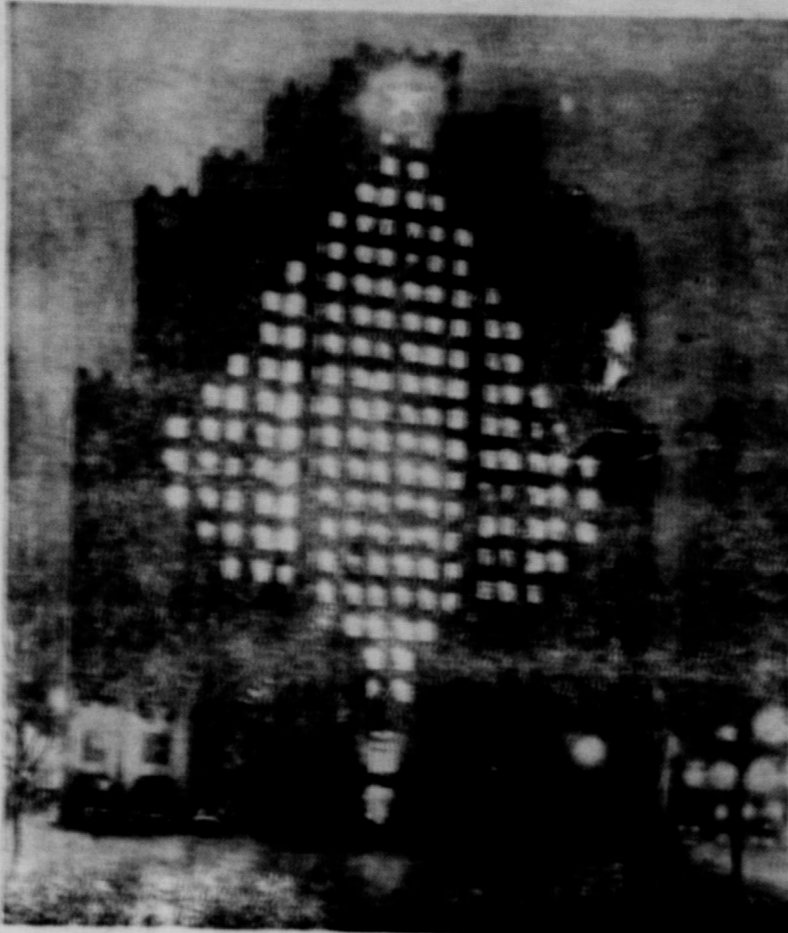
Home-Sick Tailor Cut First Tree

To August Impact, a home-sick immigrant tailor, goes the credit for introducing the Christmas tree to America.

Impact came to this country in 1847 to visit his brother in Wooster, Ohio. With the prospects of a dismal Christmas for the first time away from his native land, August decided to bring to his newly adopted home all the Christmas spirit and festivities he had loved so much in Wetzlar, Hesse. To his young nephew and niece he would show how Christmas was celebrated in the old country.

First, he needed a Christmas tree. This is the way he described how he got it: "I walked up Aggie creek... When I got to where the trees were I found the water so high I could not get across. So I walked along until I found a tree fallen from bank to bank and crossed on that. I cut a tree and carried it to the fallen log. But to get across this time I had to use the tree to my neck and crawl on hands and feet. People looked at me with considerable curiosity when I walked through town with my tree."

Adapt with scissors, Impact cut his own paper ornaments and a local blacksmith fashioned a shiny star for the top.



UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TREE... Just one star and the proper window lighting creates this picture on the side of a Minneapolis, Minn., office building. The tree is four twenty floors high.

Reading Yuletide Stories Adds to Family Christmas

THE reading of literature's most loved Christmas stories, including the Gospels, is one of the best ways for a family to prepare for the day itself.

A family reading session, planned for the last few days before Christmas, will make it easier for the children to stand the tension of waiting and will add meaning and happy family memories to the occasion.

Christmas is, first of all, religious, and the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus ought always to be read first. Both the Christmas tales of Matthew and Luke are beautiful poetry and literature.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas book in the world, after the Gospels, is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. It is a tale which will be told and retold as long as there is Christmas. It is profound enough for the most adult taste and it is still a children's classic.

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story which has become a Christmas classic.

It tells of a fourth wise man who saw the star rising and set out to follow it. The great desire of this pilgrim was denied, yet fulfilled in the denial.

For a good, unoffensive funny story about Christmas try "How Come Christmas?" by Frank Bradford. It concerns the efforts of a group of Negroes to decide which came first, Santa Claus or the little Lord Jesus.

Probably the most famous American Christmas tale is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Santa Christmas Carol." There are other American Christmas tales well worth reading, though, such as Louisa May Alcott's "Christmas at Orchard House" and Vincent Starrett's "Snow for Christmas." Christopher Morley's "The Worst Christmas Story" happens to be almost one of the best.

These are just a few of the possibilities for a literary Christmas menu. When it is selected and served to the family circle, have the freights ring and the tree lights on.

Jewish New Year Is Solemn Rite

Jewish people observe the New Year at a different date and with more religious solemnity than is associated with the Christian New Year.

Rosh Hashana, the name of Jewish New Year's day, may occur anywhere between September 5 and October 5. It is one of the highest of Orthodox holy days and opens a period of penitence, prayer and charity which lasts until Yom Kippur, ten days later. Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement.

Traditionally, Yom Kippur was set apart as a day of atonement by Moses and elaborate ceremonies solemnized its observance until the offering of sacrifices was abandoned after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A. D.

In modern times, no other Jewish fast day or festival is as generally and religiously observed. Services in the synagogues begin in the evening of the preceding day and are continuous until sunset on the day itself. The souls of the dead are included in the community of those pardoned on the Day of Atonement, and it is customary for children to have public mention made of their deceased parents and to make charitable gifts on behalf of their souls.

There is, reportedly, a Book of Life wherein the name of every living creature is written. This Book is sealed annually on Yom Kippur. This is the reason for the customary Jewish New Year greeting, "May you be inscribed for a happy New Year."

A. D. Era Started By Charles III

The notation A. D. (from the Latin Anno Domini—in the year of our Lord) was started by Charles III, of Germany, who affixed it to the years of his reign in 879.

The Christian era begins on January 1st in the middle of the 4th year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753d year of the building of Rome, and in 474 of the Julian period. The era, and its system of dating the years preceding the birth of Christ and dedicating the succeeding years to His greater Glory, was invented about 522 by a monk, Dionysius Exilignus—sometimes called Denys le Petit.

Introduced in Italy during the sixth century, the system was not extensively employed until its use was prescribed for bishops by the Council of Chelsea (Middlesex, England) in 816 and made its debut in world affairs under the sponsorship of Charles III.

Pine Cone Legend

Once upon a time—according to Swiss mountain legend—a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in the house for food. So she gathered the cones and sold them to the villagers for kindling—obtaining enough for the day's necessities.

One morning while she was looking for such cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree.

"Here, here are the biggest, finest cones of all! Take them," he shrieked, jumping up and down excitedly.

Suddenly, there was such a shower of cones that the poor woman was frightened. She tried to run away, but could not move until the little imp had filled her basket. And, having started home, the basket grew heavier and heavier—she wished the elf hadn't disappeared, he might have helped her.

When she finally reached her hut, she called the children to help carry the basket inside. Emptying the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

Commemorating these legendary silver cones, gilded pine cones are still in modern stores, to decorate our homes—to burn and crackle gaily in our Christmas fires.

Christmas Name For Three Islands

Although Santa Claus doesn't live on any of them, there are three islands in the world named Christmas.

One is the largest still in the Pacific ocean. It was discovered in 1777 by Cook, and annexed by Great Britain in 1886. The island is about 100 miles round and less than 100 people live on it. They earn their livelihood by cultivating the island's coconut groves.

Another Christmas island is located in the Indian ocean, 200 miles south of Java. It is 11 miles long by nine miles wide. Surrounded by ocean depths of 14,000 feet, its own highest ground reaches more than 1,000 feet above sea level. It also belongs to Great Britain and a few hundred Chinese, Malays, Javanese, and a few Europeans are engaged in the shipping of phosphate of lime.

Christmas island in the Little Bras d'Or, Nova Scotia, 30 miles southwest of Sydney, is a tiny fishing island of 1,400 population.

A
Christmas
Prayer

MAY THE SPIRIT
OF CHRISTMAS—

"Peace on Earth
Goodwill to Men"

Reign unchallenged
in this world for-
ever more... Amen

GIBSON WELDING SHOP
LEO GIBSON

Thank You

At this time of the year it is appropriate to take time to express to you the appreciation of our entire organization for your loyalty and good will.

Merry Christmas

ARTHUR ERWIN
INSURANCE

**BEST
Christmas
WISHES**

We welcome the approach of another Christmas season because it gives us an opportunity to express our good wishes to all those about us. May this be a happy season indeed

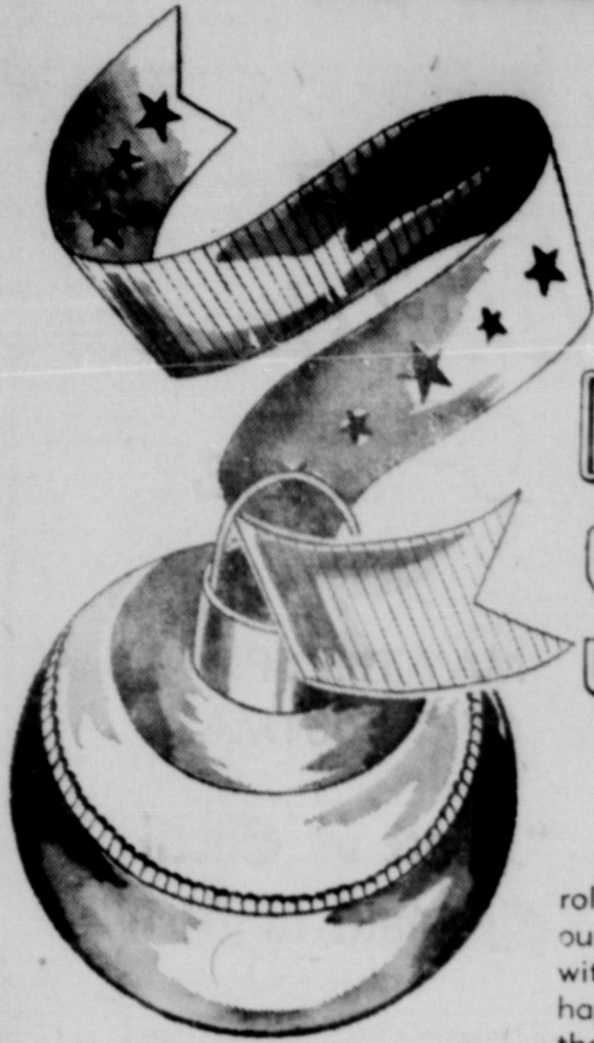
MERCER CLEANERS
MR. and MRS. JACK MERCER

A Friendly
Race with
Santa...

We hasten to beat the old gent to your house to wish you enjoyment to the fullest for this season.

COOKE CHEVROLET COMPANY
McLEAN, TEXAS

WELCOME



to the CHRISTMAS SEASON

When the Christmas season rolls around each year, we find ourselves looking forward to it with anticipation because of the happiness involved. We enjoy the festiveness and the cordiality of the occasion and the friendly atmosphere that prevails.

This year Christmas takes on added significance because we can look back on a year in which we had an extra amount of rich blessings and we are truly grateful.

That is why we are getting more enjoyment out of this Christmas than ever before. We are mindful of these blessings and wish to take this means of expressing our thanks and best wishes.

CLIEFF CLEANERS



By CAROLYN GRANT

IT WAS late when old Dan left the laundry where he worked, and snow fell in great flakes from the dark sky. He stopped for a moment along the street, unmindful of the eager passersby and their thoughtless jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so that the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little drops of water that sought the deep lines sixty odd years had put there.

Snow was a part of Christmas, and after days of hesitancy it had come—just as he and Maggie had always wanted it. "Snow makes the lights seem brighter in the store windows, along the decorated streets of our little town and in our home on our tinsel-draped cedar tree. We haven't missed many Christmases, Dan, having our snow." It seemed long ago since Maggie had said that. Years, it seemed. Yet it had been only last year that they'd stood at their front window looking out at the dark sky, and Maggie'd said those words almost like a prayer.

Dan sighed and let his chin drop into the upturned collar of his overcoat and started on. He wished the snow hadn't come. With Maggie gone, he could hardly bear its soft falling of down about him. He wanted to close his eyes against its brightness with the street lights shining upon it. He wanted to close his ears against the soft music that came from radios along the streets playing Christmas carols, and "White Christmas"—the song Maggie loved best.

Christmas had come again. But for him there'd be no Christmas—



He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there.

not any more. There'd be only memories of other Christmases eddying about him as the swirling snow, and the plans he and Maggie'd made for this Christmas even before they'd carried out the last would pass without realization, now that Maggie wasn't here to help him carry them through.

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others.

Last year it had been the widow Benson and her six little Bensons, who would have been forgotten by Santa if they hadn't bought them gifts. Long ago they'd begun the ritual. They had no children of their own. But Maggie'd said, "We'll pretend that the children about us are ours." And her whole life had been one of giving at Christmas.

This year they'd planned for the O'Shays. They lived in a little house down back of the old depot. "Little Billy's just four and he's never had a wagon, Dan," Maggie'd said, planning even as they trudged through the snow with their gaily wrapped gifts for the Bensons. "And little Jeep has never had a doll that can talk and go to sleep."

Dan shifted his feet, standing there in front of Carter's, and snow gathered along the stoop of his shoulders. Somewhere among Maggie's belongings was a list of the things she'd planned to buy the O'Shays. He remembered it. Each item came clear to him suddenly as the ringing of a bell, and it was as if Maggie stood by him then, warm and alive. She touched his arm and together they went into the store with its crowd of excited late shoppers.

A clerk came up to Dan. "Something, sir?" Dan's eyes were filled, but they were watery from age and being out in the cold wind, the clerk thought.

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."
Maggie smiled, he knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're like a house, Dan," she said. "We can close the doors and windows and others can't tell what we have locked inside. We live to bring happiness to others and for the good that we can do."

Dan looked up above packages piled high in his arms and smiled. He said to the clerk, "Merry Christmas, and now we'll be on our way."

The clerk looked strange. Old people, he thought, were queer, and he called after Dan. "Merry Christmas to you, too, sir! Merry Christmas!"



McLEAN LIONS CLUB

TUESDAY 12:05

Visitors Welcome



It is a sincere pleasure to remember our friends at Christmas with a few words of greetings and good wishes. We are hoping your Christmas will be a happy, successful occasion, long to be remembered.



DR. J. H. KRITZLER



Christmas has always been a time of friendliness and good cheer. One of the oldest traditions is the simple well wishing to one's friends for a Happy Christmas. This year we send to each of you that wish fourfold. . .

MERRY CHRISTMAS

ANDREWS and JOHNSON EQUIPMENT CO.

Clyde Andrews

Truitt Johnson

Your International Harvester Dealers

Americans Bury Old Clock

observe the death of the old clock on New Year's day. Many Mexican families observe the "old clock" on New Year's day by placing a black box surrounded by lighted candles on the dining table. A small clock is placed on top of this casket. The clock is stopped at midnight, and is buried in the garden.

CHRISTMAS 'PUTZ'

The Christmas "putz" is a decorative feature in many Bethlehem, Pa., homes during the Yuletide season. It is a representation of the birth of the Christ Child in the stable at Bethlehem in Judea. The residents of Bethlehem, Pa., follow this custom, which was brought to this country by early Moravian settlers, and spend months arranging the exhibit. The word "putz" is short for the German "putzen" meaning to arrange or decorate.



CHRISTMAS PROJECT . . . The little girls began it, but it was too much for them so they called in the "menfolk." Just one of the thousands of groups of children who celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace in a country dedicated to peace and religious freedom.



"I WAS A GOOD GIRL ALL YEAR" . . . It looks as though Santa believes her, too. Right now Santa is busy with millions of interviews like this, but he's expected to stay on schedule and arrive here December 25.

Mail Carriers Walk Many Weary Miles



LOADED . . . A familiar sight on the streets this time of year. He wishes he had Santa's reindeer to help with the load.

Give a thought to the foot-sore mail carrier, who probably trudges more weary miles during Christmas week than does old St. Nick himself.

His mailsack will be even heavier this year than in 1947. Last December, the nation's postal service delivered 5,000,000,000 pieces of mail. They expect to break that record this Christmas.

You can help spare your mail carrier's bunions—and incidentally speed delivery of your own Yuletide letters, Christmas cards, and packages—by heeding the Post Office Department's suggestions:

1. Shop now—get your Christmas mail and packages off as early as possible.
2. Wrap your gifts carefully. Address them plainly—Aunt Susie may be able to decipher your handwriting, but not all postmen carry magnifying glasses and crystal balls. Register valuable letters. Insure valuable packages.
3. Be sure to put the full address on each piece of mail. Include city zone numbers.
4. Send your Christmas cards by first-class mail. Put a three-cent stamp on every Christmas card and seal the envelopes. They are more personal that way, and if your friend has moved, the card will be forwarded. Third-class mail doesn't have that privilege.
5. Remember that Air Mail for letters and Christmas cards is only a nickel, and it will get them to distant points more quickly—especially if you slip up on Suggestion No. 1.

It's **CHRISTMAS**

Again!



and we're old fashioned enough to want to say

HELLO

J. R. GLASS

PHILLIPS PRODUCTS

Hello Friends

HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS!!

VOGUE BEAUTY and GIFT SHOP

Molita and Alma

Tree Decorations Symbolize Myths

You may not realize it, but most of the ornaments on your Christmas tree are symbols of myths and legends that were popular three thousand years before the birth of Christ.

At that time the Aryan race, living in the foothills of the Himalaya mountains, saw in the rays of the rising sun, bent as they passed through the humid air, the image of a gigantic tree. These sun poets added to the tree image suggestions from the more distant heavens; the sun, the moon and the stars became the golden fruit that hung on the branches. The larger clouds suggested birds, swans and doves flying in and about the tree. The golden flash of heat-lightning became the mystical flower that grew on the tree, the celestial mistletoe. The showers that watered the tree came from the streams at its base.

From these fragmentary old legends in folklore we get the tree itself, the golden tinsel to represent the rising sun, the golden fruit for stars and the moon, swans and doves for clouds, mistletoe for lightning and showers or streamers of silver tinsel for water.

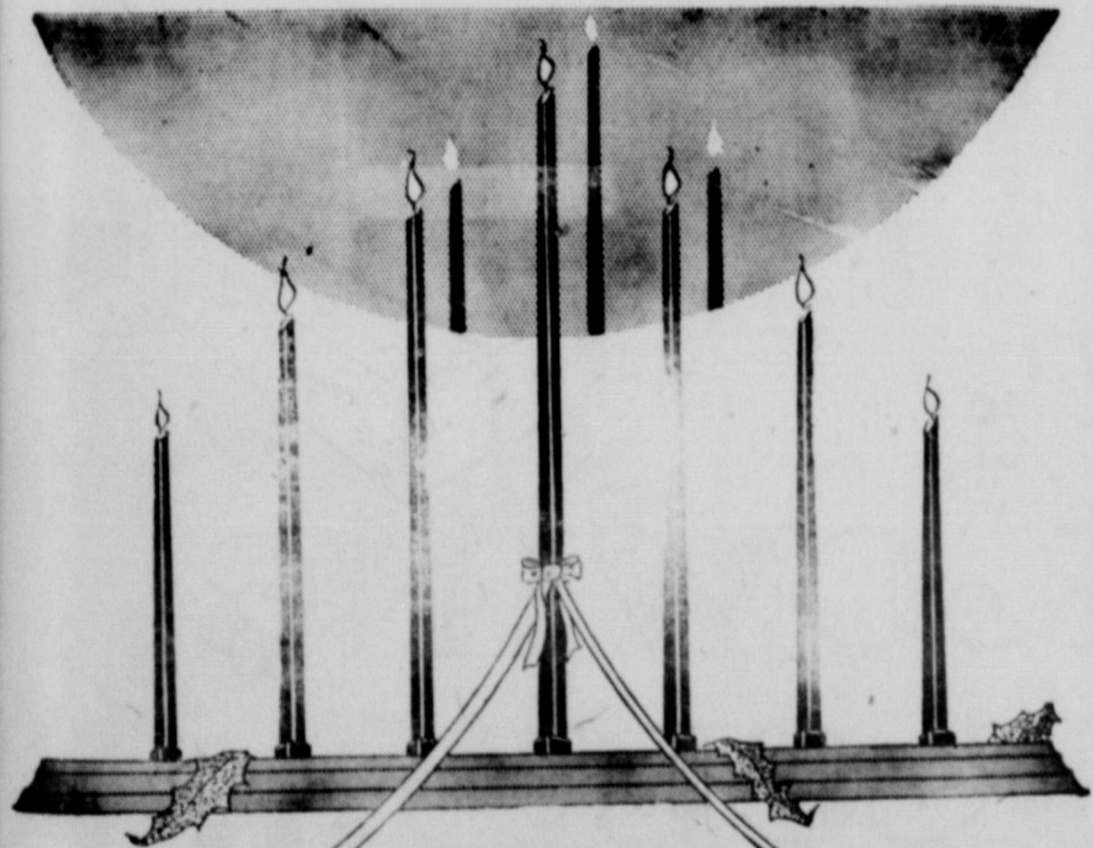
New Year — QUOTES

"What an era is every New Year's Day if well considered! Another stage in our journey, a shifting of the scene without interrupting the continuity of the piece . . . the winding up of our watch that it may tell as the time tomorrow; a fresh page in our Book of Existence, in which much may be written."—Caroline Fox.

"No one ever regarded the first of January with indifference. It is the nativity of our common Adam."—Charles Lamb.

"Every man naturally persuades himself that he can keep his resolutions, nor is he convinced of his impetuosity but by length of time and frequency of experiment. They whom frequent failures have made desperate, cease to form resolutions, and they who are become cunning, do not tell them."—Samuel Johnson.

"There is too much said at New Year's about turning over a new leaf. Are the old leaves all so badly written that we must hasten to forget them? Is the blank whiteness of the untouched page more pleasant to the eye or more fortifying to the will than those closely written, unperfected, untidy, but familiar pages which make up the story of one's life?"—Bliss Perry.



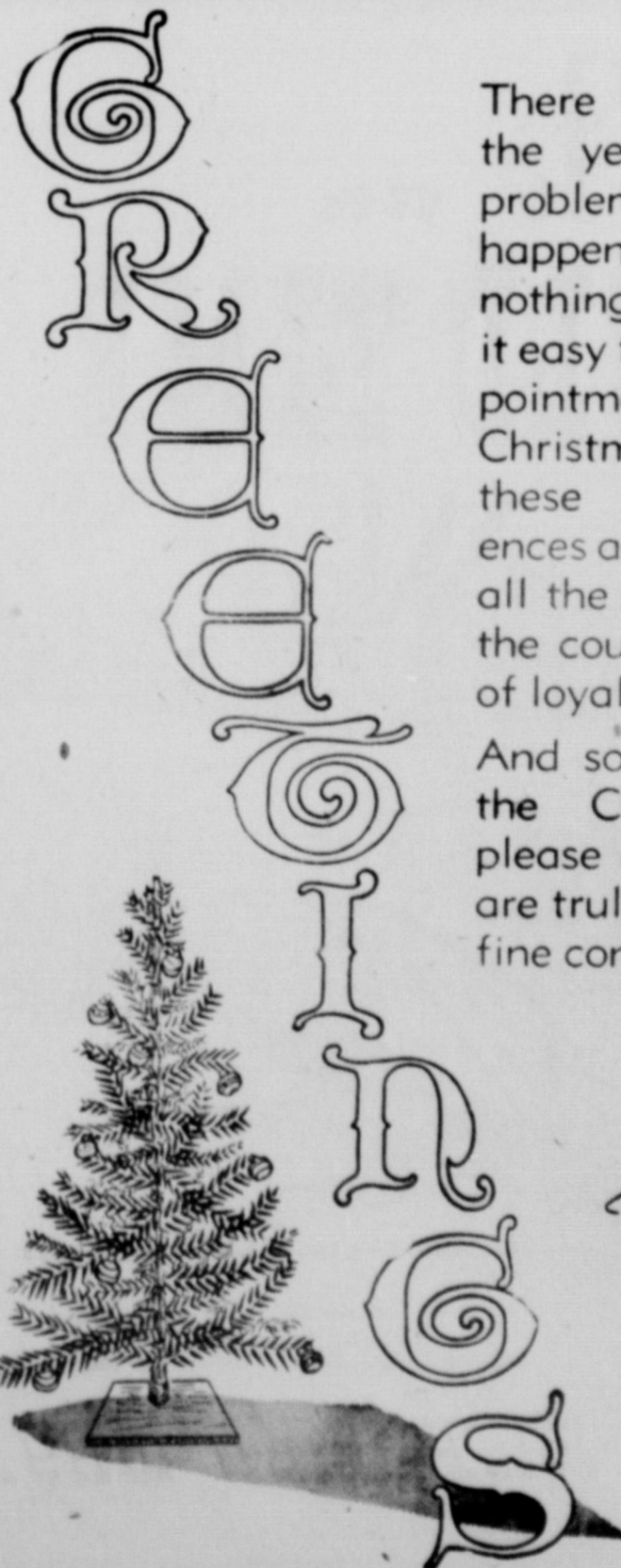
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the glow of the Christmas candles reflect the true significance of this glorious occasion. May their cheerful radiance remind us again of the warm friendships of those about us, symbolizing the trust and confidence of those with whom we have been associated these past years.

It is our fervent hope that each of you will enjoy the Christmas season at its best.

BOYD MEADOR INSURANCE

MR. and MRS. BOYD MEADOR



There comes a time of the year when all the problems and unpleasant happenings fade into nothingness, when we find it easy to forget the disappointments of the past.

Christmas overshadows these unhappy experiences and we see before us all the fine things of life, the courtesies and favors of loyal friends.

And so, as you welcome the Christmas season, please remember that we are truly grateful for your fine consideration.

The Merriest of All Christmases to You!

STANDARD SERVICE STATION

ODELL and NICK

Our Christmas Date Started By Romans

The first celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25 took place in the fourth century. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's Nativity and Baptism was held on January 6.

The first mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalan Calendar" in the year 354, and the first time the festival was celebrated in Britain was in 598, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In the year 567 the Council of Tours declared a twelve-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and in 991-1016 the laws ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. Christmas was established in 813 in Germany and in Norway in the year 960.

Animal Costumes For Christmas

Polish children masquerade in animal costumes on Christmas Eve. It's done to honor the legend that attributes the power of speech to birds and animals during the midnight hour of Christmas Eve in recognition of the animals who, sharing the stable of Bethlehem, warmed the Holy Infant with their breath.

Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bidden them.

Tinsel

Old and tarnished tinsel can be made to look almost as bright as new by washing it in warm soap suds to which a few drops of ammonia have been added. Dry tinsel with a towel and hang it up to finish drying.

Chinese Pay Debts On New Year's Eve

An ancient Chinese tradition demands that all bills be paid on New Year's Eve: anyone who is a debtor on New Year's Day is considered, and considers himself, very much disgraced. Counting-houses hum with activity long after midnight and tradespeople, shielding lighted candles, hurry through the dark streets of residential districts stopping at this door and that door to settle accounts with their customers.

Traditionally, creditors are entitled to their money only so long as their candles remain lighted. Human nature being what it is, we can imagine debtors and creditors have thought of an ingenious way of accidentally extinguishing those candles or keeping them from being extinguished.

CHRISTMAS 'MOTHER'S DAY'

In Yugoslavia, the second Sunday before Christmas is celebrated as Mother's day. While mother pretends not to notice, one of the children slips in a tinny shoe and ties her feet to the door. The other children rush in shouting, "Mother's day! Mother's day! What will you pay to get away!" The mother then buys her release with Christmas gifts.

Brazil New Year's A Summer Holiday

New Year's Day (Dia de Anno Bom) is truly a Red Letter Day in Brazil: in keeping with the hospitality and gaiety universally associated with the observance of New Years, it is the day par excellence for parties, enthusiastic greeting, and general celebration.

Dia de Anno Bom is the 'middle day' of the Brazilian holiday season which begins on Christmas Eve and climaxes on Epiphany. Christmas itself does not stand out as a time of merrymaking so definitely as it does among the Anglo-Saxons: the colorful and impressive Christmas processions are part of the church festival; in the realm of gift-giving, Epiphany—symbolizing the gifts which the Wise Men brought the Infant Jesus—vies with and even holds a slight edge over Christmas, especially among the children.

Since it is really June in January south of the equator, the Christmas season falls in Midsummer instead of during the winter, a fact which has endowed the holidays with many characteristics of Summer-time festivals. In many cities religious and civic organizations sponsor open air "festas." These affairs are attended by throngs of people representing all classes of the population, gifts are distributed to underprivileged children, while music, flags, and flowers contribute to the general gaiety and festivity.

In a land where all festivals are endowed with several sets of customs—those assimilated through foreign intercourse, etc., superimposed upon the ancient traditions brought from Portugal—New Year's Day is included in the list of Brazil's national holidays and is appropriately designated as the day of universal brotherhood.

Parents Can Spoil Children's Play

Here's a Christmas resolution for parents. It's one that ought to be made before New Year's resolutions are even considered. It goes, "I will keep my hands off the children's toys all day on Christmas."

It'll be a hard one to keep because Mother likes to fuss with Ann's doll. She pretends she is showing Ann how to put on the bonnet, but she's actually having a grand time playing. And once Father gets his hands on the train, or the auto that winds up, the boys can't get near them. It isn't fair. The children are crying for a little peace and freedom. After all, adults can play with toys for the next 364 days if they want to.



BLUE and WHITE LAUNDRY
Recently Installed Hammond Tumbler Drier for Your Service

IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE

The past year has been an enjoyable one. We have considered it a pleasure and an honor to be of service to you, our friends and customers. Your consideration and good will are invaluable to us and we wish to take this means of extending our thanks.

Added to this message is our most sincere

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
CORINNE'S STYLE SHOP

Merry Christmas

FROM ALL OF US AT
GREYHOUND DRUG

Here Is an
OLD TIME
Wish...

That you may spend Christmas always
IN THE GOOD OLD-FASHIONED WAY.

STUBBLEFIELD'S DEPARTMENT STORE

The
GROWING CIRCLE...

May this circle symbolize the growing circle of friends whom it has been our pleasure to serve these past years. We are grateful for these associations and wish every one of you a Joyous Season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

POWERS DRUG
GEORGE ORRICK BONNIE WILLIS LA VETTA GUNN
VERA and ROGER POWERS



GREETINGS

ELITE BARBER SHOP
PEB EVERETT

Merry Christmas

JOHNIE F. MERTEL SHOE SHOP

The Blessings

of Christmas



The cordiality of Christmas is one of the finest blessings that any of us can possibly enjoy. To us, Christmas means much more than just the opportunity of presenting and receiving gifts. It's more than a season of exchanging greetings and it goes far deeper than the traditional festive occasions.

Christmas, for us, is a season of genuine good will and happiness, a time of thanksgiving for all.

FRANKS FURNITURE

MR. and MRS. BILL DAY



By WILLIAM TREMON

EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been passing their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. On-ly two dollars. . ."

He was passing now, and Marge, washing the few dishes she and Denny had soiled at their noonday meal, wished she couldn't hear the sound of his shouting voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the money," he'd say. "And our old car just wouldn't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge thought she must go to the door and tell him to stop. She



"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our tree. . ."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms.

"I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's rumped dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear—" she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy. . . ." Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Someday, dear—oh, I hope it never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears. "I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile."

Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of three hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny—DENNY!" She ran out on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY—" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again, "Buy your Christmas tree now! On-ly two dollars. . ."

Marge shrieked against the wind. "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He. . ."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All a week I've had your tree," he said.

"Just put it in the yard," Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

JUST BEFORE Christmas



Excitement is mounting and all over town Parents are trying to slow their kids down.



There are Sunday School tableaux, Neighborhood sings, And sister's play Costume needs new Angel Wings.



While packing the box For Uncle John's folks Dad gets himself all Tangled up in the ropes.



Mysterious bundles Arrive from the store And Mother is busy Behind a locked door.



It's just impossible for all to agree What goes where when trimming the tree.

Where, oh where is the Christmas Card list? We all thought this Person had ceased to exist.

Sure, we're busy, but who can complain? Thank goodness it's Almost Christmas Again!

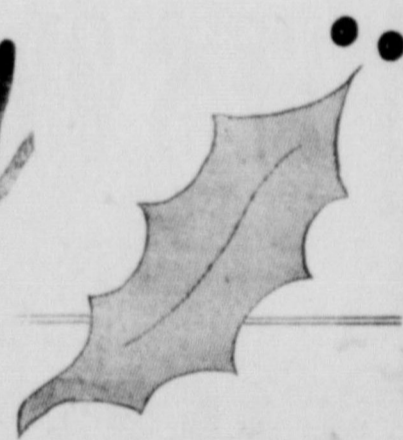
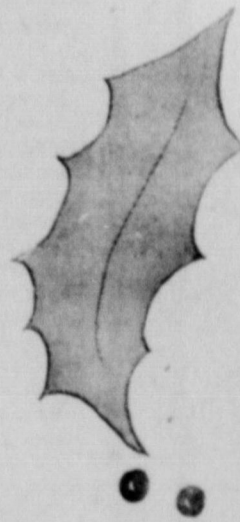


CORDIAL GREETINGS

This is a happy occasion on which to extend to all our friends our sincere wishes for a season of bright prosperity, abundant health and enduring happiness.

C. J. (Monty) MONTGOMERY

Just an Old Fashioned



MERRY CHRISTMAS

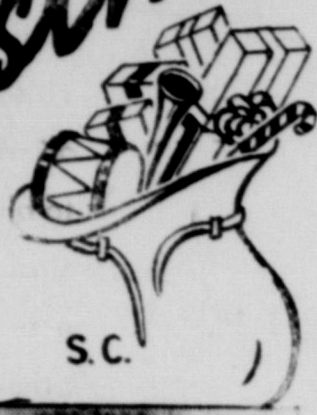
TO THE FINE PEOPLE OF THIS LOYAL COMMUNITY

FROM ALL OF US AT

CICERO SMITH LUMBER CO.

Be HAPPY and GAY

it's Christmas



BEST WISHES

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Glass and Dwyer

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and years for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Cannon Fire Hails Christmas in Rome

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala after-midnight in Rome: hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds—Pifferani—revisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferani play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.



By JESSIE WEST

AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She could hear Clarabelle talking to Mille as she had that day in the store when she'd been standing behind shelves lined with groceries deliberately eavesdropping.

"I do declare, it does look like Amy Wells could get someone," Clarabelle had said. "I suppose she'll die an old maid."

Clarabelle hadn't said anything degrading of course. But from that moment forward, Amy had wondered if people generally didn't assume that old maids just couldn't find any takers.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Of course Clarabelle and the populace of Donovan, a little town of three thousand, didn't know these things.

Amy looked out the window again, and not seeing Clarabelle on the street now, the day resumed some



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of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that years of separation had cast into youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride. Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago, "it'd be fun just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

"Hello," he said. Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up.

"Why, Lance!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his.

"Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily. "But, you married, Lance, I heard?" She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you."

Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle."

"Clarabelle?" Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!



Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers was chewing on his fingernails. He had just been indicted by a federal grand jury for perjury at a senate committee hearing.

Donald E. Blodgett of Evanston, Ill., was extending a hearty welcome to two visitors from St. Nikolaas, Belgium, Mr. and Mrs. George Smet. They had shielded him from Nazis when, as an AAF pilot, his plane was shot down in 1944.

President Harry Truman was wondering what he should do with a brand new spaniel pup. One of his friends in Missouri had sent it to him. The dog's name was Feller. Lt. Glenn Davis (Mr. Outside of the West Point Blanchard-Davis backfield combination) was sulking in his tent. The army had refused to permit him to resign so he could play pro football.

Henry Agard Wallace was being progressive. He announced that he would run for president in 1948 on a third party platform of "peace and abundance for all."

Congressman Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan was being difficult. He set up a barren Christmas tree outside his office and placed a sign on it reading "Nothing for the home folks. They've sent it all abroad."

New Yorkers were calling grumpily for St. Bernards and brandy kegs. They had been presented with 25.8 inches of snow by a 16-hour blizzard.

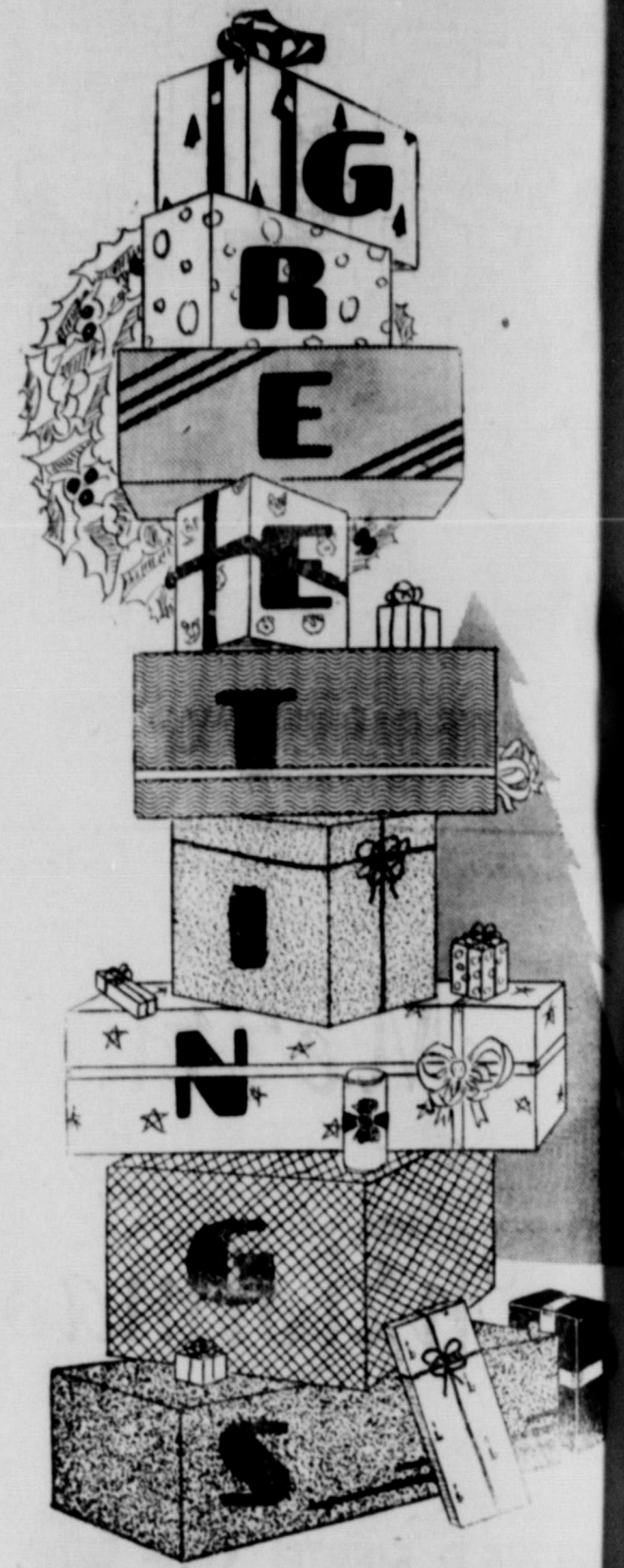
Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault was beaming with happiness. He had just married a Chinese girl, Ann Chan, in Shanghai.

'Pin Money' Began As New Year Gift

'Pin money' is a New Year's expression.

It all started back in the time of the royal Stuarts of England when gift-giving on New Year's day was in fashion. Gloves were considered appropriate gifts for most people, but if a gentleman had saved a little "extra," he gave the money to his wife or sweetheart for pins which were very expensive at that time.

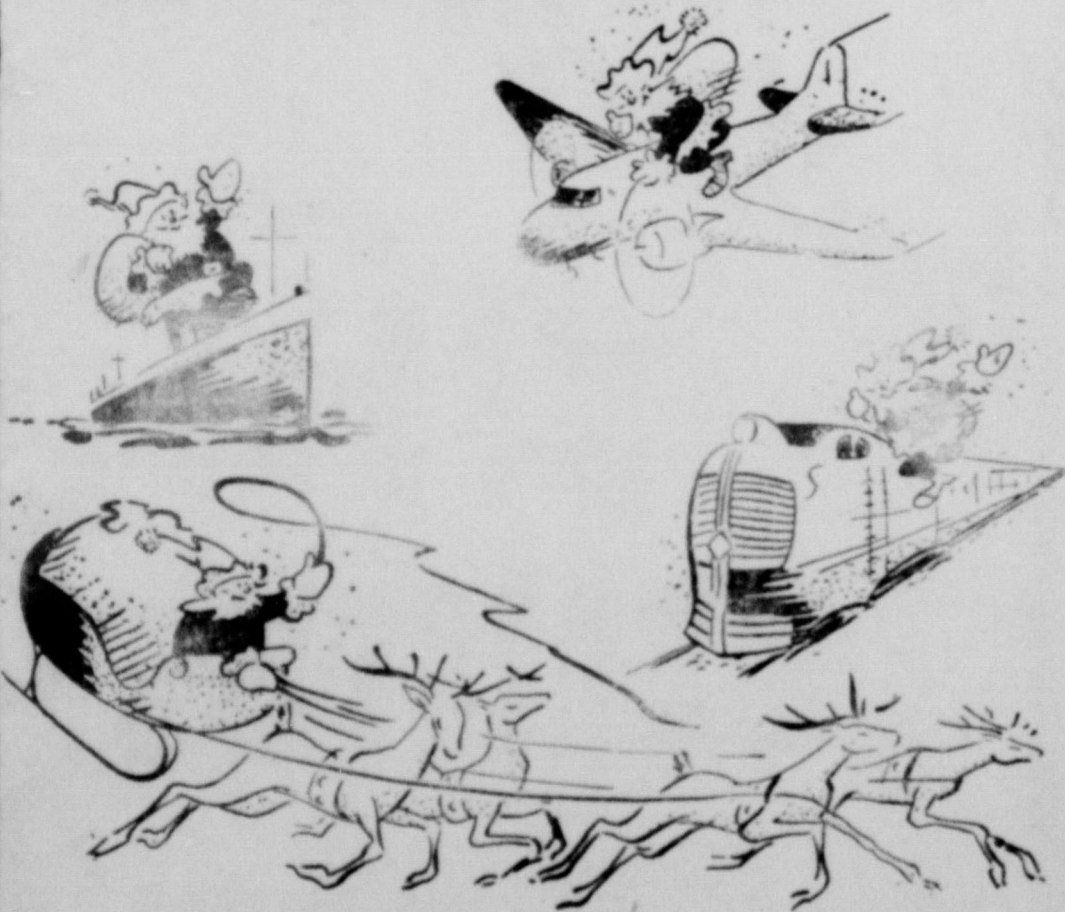
The popular "pin money" phrase in our language has survived both the expensive pin and the New Year gift-giving custom.



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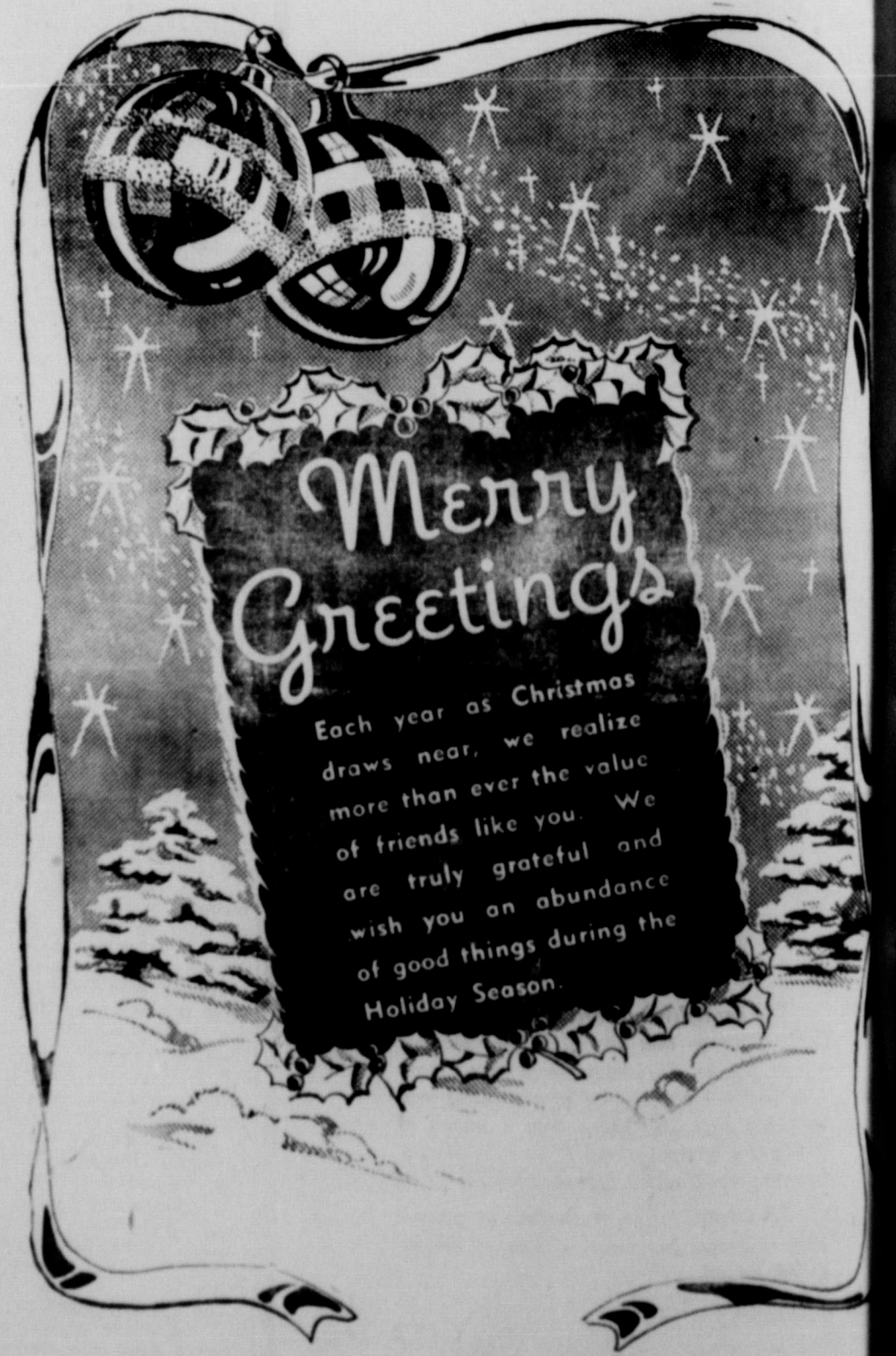
HE'S ON HIS WAY!



Santa's heading this way. He may come by plane, liner or streamliner, or he may hitch up Donner and Blitzen again, he may even hitch-hike—anyway he's heading our way and we'll be mighty glad to welcome him. May the old gent favor you with a multitude of nice things and an abundant share of happiness and prosperity.



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SOMETHING FOR SALLY BY MARVIN J. HINGLES

IT WAS enough to put a fellow in a morbid state of mind. Last Christmas he'd thought, when he gave Sally the inexpensive little china dinner set, next Christmas I'll give her something really nice. Something she can wear and enjoy. Something expensive. It'll not be practical to fit our Christmas budget, because by then I'll be making more. The tide was bound to turn by next Christmas.

Well, it had turned all right. Fate could have been less callous in the direction to which it had turned the tide. It was even worse this Christmas than it was last. At least Sally



Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted.

wasn't out making the living and he, a big hulk of a man, staying home.

The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest.

People were talking. Bill knew. He'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen.

"Well, it just looks a shame that you, such a frail little thing, must work. Bill looks the picture of health. He weighs something near one hundred eighty pounds, doesn't he, Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had visioned with burning resentment her sharp, in-everybody's-business nose twitch with inquisitiveness.

Bill visioned too. Sally's pretty proud head lift when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion. "I believe it's my affair about working. I really don't need to work. We have plenty saved up to take us through until Bill is able to go back on his job. I'm working because I want to."

He'd felt like a cad. There wasn't another guy in the whole universe had a wife like Sally, who through her loyalty would even tell a falsehood. Sally didn't deserve the hardship he was giving her. And now with Christmas upon them and no money of his own, unless he sold his best suit to the re-sale shop down the street, he felt it would be even better for his old heart to quit ticking than to face it and have Sally say, "Oh, you didn't need to give anything, Bill. All I want is you! We'll have a real Christmas when you get well."

Bill put on his overcoat, hat and galoshes. It was about time to meet Sally coming home from work.

Cold rain interspersed the snow and already, the highway in front of their place was getting coated with ice. Cars moved along cautiously.

Their neighbor's boy, Pike, eleven, slid by him on a sled. "Whee-e, watch me, Mister Bill!"

Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted and went into action with a leap when he saw the sled carrying the boy from the sidewalk into the direction of an approaching car up the highway.

It all happened in a flash. If Bill hadn't been gigantic in size, muscular and agile with youth, he couldn't have saved the boy. "Man, Pike," he panted, standing over him on the sidewalk. "don't play along the street!"

"Aw, I could've made it, Mister Bill," Pike said, and dashed back up the street with his sled.

A large man emerged hurriedly from the big car on the side of the pavement and came up to Bill.

"Thanks, fellow! Say," he said, mopping his forehead. "that was a close call! You certainly used your head."

"I snatched him in time," Bill said.

The man pulled out his wallet. "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill toward Bill. "Take this, fellow."

"But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away.

The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!"

He was gone before Bill could do anything.

Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars.

He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.

May we express to those of you with whom we have been associated this past year our best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas. Our thoughts are with you this glorious day and we give thanks for lasting friendships such as yours.

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A New Year's Home Party

ONE of the best places to be on New Year's Eve is right at home—provided you have a party. Successful parties depend upon a bit of prior planning. You must have a theme for the party, and a program to keep your guests amused.

Here are a few good themes for a New Year's Eve party at home: "A Calendar Social," "New Year's Jamboree," "Father Time Party" and "Around the Clock." It will be fun if you tell your guests the theme of your party when you invite them so that they will come in fitting costumes. The best costume ought to win a prize.

There are many games you'll enjoy playing until midnight. At midnight, of course, comes "Auld Lang Syne," and the first snack of 1949.

COUNT THE HOURS—Put into a large paper bag numbers cut from all the old calendars you can find. The figures should range from 1 to 12. Have players "count off" and even numbered players form one team, odd numbers the other. Each person draws a number from the bag. The person who gets twelve "hours" first, scores a point for his team—he lays his numbers aside and draws again when the bag comes around. The player must achieve his "12 hours" by drawing the number 12 or by adding the numbers he has picked. 2, 4, 6, will make the "12." Play until one team scores 10 points.

TIME TO SING—This can be great fun. Select two leaders and let each

choose a singer for his "choir." When the guests are well divided, hand them these words and give them ten minutes to compose a tune for the verse. They must sing it when completed.

I wish I wuz a little clock
That didn't have a chime
Or strike or nothin' all day long.
But just be tellin' time
I'd run on slow time all my life;
I'd never run on quick,
And if they didn't wind me up
I wouldn't even tick.

PASSING TIME—Provide a double set of small tokens symbolic of the months of the year. Calendars for January, hearts for February, rabbits for March, paper umbrellas for April, maypoles, roses or pictures of a bride for June, flags for July, picnic pictures for August, schoolhouse pictures for September, turkeys for November, Santa Claus for December.

Prepare two large cardboard sheets on each of which you have marked in black crayon twelve squares and above the squares, in correct order, the names of the months. Each leader of a team is given a small tray containing a year of jumbled month tokens. On the word "go" the leader start their months, one at a time, down their respective lines. When they reach the end player he puts them in their proper places on the calendar. The side that finishes first wins.

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipango, that fabulous realm of the Orient. Columbus mistakenly thought he had found it.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and despatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

Christmas Banquet.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

Silent Night

The famous Christmas hymn, "Silent night, holy night," was written in Obendorf, one of Austria's loveliest villages, on Christmas Eve, 1818, by the local clergyman, who took the words to the home of the village organist the same night, where they were immediately set to the well-known tune.

Christmas Quiz

How much do you and your family really know about Christmas? Try this one on them when there's a lull in the fun. Both children and adults will enjoy matching wits and everybody will learn something more about Christmas.

1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.
2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the New Testament (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark?
3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana, (b) New York, (c) Washington, D. C., (d) California.
4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore?
5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.
6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.
7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) to decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.
8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1783.
9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Befano instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.
10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) born.

Christmas Quiz Answers:

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| 1. a | 6. c |
| 2. b-c | 7. a |
| 3. d | 8. b |
| 4. c | 9. d |
| 5. c | 10. c |

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the traditional red suit bordered in ermine.

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