

# Christmas Greetings to All

For Unto You is Born This Day in the City of David, A Saviour; Christ the Lord

## Matador Tribune

## Christmas Program Features Nativity

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### Christmas Cards Are Rich In Tradition, Symbolizing Centuries Of Man's Faith

The miracles of Christmas, its origin in Bethlehem and its universal reverence today, are dramatically portrayed on this colorful Christmas greeting.

Many of the new designs were inspired by familiar Biblical scenes. Radiant scenes of the infant Jesus, humble shepherds in worship at the manger, the Three Wise Men bring their symbolic gifts to the Christ Child to acknowledge his worldly reign; frankincense as a token of the reverence of Him; and myrrh with its bitter-sweet scent to prophesy His death.

There is, in fact, a Christmas

card to retell each event in sequence—from the time Mary and Joseph were turned away at the inn, until the Holy Family made their memorable flight into Egypt.

Reproductions of famous religious paintings from the Renaissance are also gaining favor as Christmas card illustrations. Among Old Masters in heavy demand are distinguished portraits by Raphael, Botticelli, and Carlo Dolci.

Our modern attitude toward this holy season is another popular theme. Whimsical little cherubs form celestial symphonies, or come to earth to hang holy wreaths and decorate fabulous Christmas trees.

Churchgoers attend Christmas services, and surpliced choirs sing joyous hymns on many other handsome creations. There are distinctive cut-out cards, too, resembling stained-glass church windows and the Holy Bible.

In recent years, the number of these truly reverent greetings has greatly increased. It indicates a growing awareness that Christmas is the greatest of all religious occasions—and that old Christmas greetings should convey the true significance of all that Christmas means.

### Christmas Spirit

Does Christmas spirit cast old spells? Upon your heart and merry bells... Delight you as you come and go? Do you like holly and mistletoe? The gift-wrapped presents and festooned hall... Gay trees with tinsel and glittering ball... The friends you meet in finest fettle... Salvation lassies beside their kettle... Does not this season bring you mirth? "Good will to men and peace on earth." —Julien C. Hyer

### Story Of Nativity At Hot Springs

An outdoor program telling the story of the Nativity, with music, by song and with lanterns, has become a Christmas Eve tradition at Hot Springs, Ark.

The twenty-one consecutive performances in the combination spa and real community gift to the city.

The site is at the northern end of the Hot Springs showplace, Bathing Row. The program is annually scheduled for the same date and hour, Christmas Eve at 9 p.m.

Simultaneously with the singing of favorite carols by the Hot Springs Choral Club, colorful lantern scenes are spotlighted.

The pageantry stage is on a picturesque high bluff overlooking the heart of the city and the House Row.



MODERN MIRACLE was performed recently when this child's voice was heard across the world by the soldier father, who is stationed in Korea. Clyda Ann Middlebrooks and her mother, Marcia Gilbert Middlebrooks of Matador, portray a Mother and Child tableau similar to those made popular by the world's famous artists since the birth of the Christ Child.

The long-distance telephone call came through at 3 o'clock in the morning and Mrs. Middlebrooks pinched Clyda Ann so the father, who has never seen her, could hear the tiny voice in a brook near Tokyo where he was on brief leave. Cpl. Balesman Middlebrooks is serving with the 45th Division, Co. K of the 179th Infantry Regiment. He left the states March 8 and has been in Korea since April 1. His daughter was born September 28th. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Middlebrooks, of Matador, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gilbert of Matador are her maternal grandparents.

### 'If You Ever Meet Him You Will Know Him'

The story that began in Bethlehem of Judea some 2000 years ago most surely requires no scaffolding.

However, students of the Bible and Christianity who for years have sought secular and political records in contemporary history, will find the most beautiful substantiation of the story of the birth of Jesus in the book titled "Jesus the Christ Messiah" which was copyrighted in the United States in 1884 by a Missouri minister who spent from 1858 to 1883 examining, translating and copying official manuscripts and scrolls made by the senatorial courts of Tiberius Caesar and by the Sanhedrin in the days of Jesus.

These records, found in the libraries at Rome and Constantinople and part of the political and governmental records of that day, were compiled in book form by Rev. W. D. Mahan, who himself sought more secular substantiation of the story of the birth and the life of Jesus.

In the year 88, the records of the Sanhedrin show a communication from Jonathan, son of Heziel, who, complying with official orders, interviewed the shepherds and others in Bethlehem "in regard to the strange circumstances reported to have occurred there." The report, in part, reads:

"Jonathan to the Masters of Israel. Servants of the True God. In obedience to your order, I met with two men who said they were shepherds and were watching their flocks near Bethlehem. They told me that while attending to their sheep, the night being cold and chilly, some of them had tried to warm themselves, and some of them had laid down and were asleep; and they were awakened by those who were keeping watch, with the question: 'What does all this mean? Behold, how light it is!' that when they were aroused it was light as day. But it was only the third watch, for it was only the air seemed to be filled with human voices, saying, 'Glory! Glory! Glory to the most high God' and 'Happy art thou, Bethlehem, for God hath filled His promise to the fathers; for in thy chambers is born the King that shall rule in righteousness.'

"Their shoutings would rise up in the heavens, and then would sink down in mellow strains, and roll along at the foot of the mountains, and die away, in the most soft and musical manner they had ever heard; then it would begin again in the high ups of the sky, and devery vaults of the sky, and melodious strains, so that they could not refrain from shouting and weeping at the same time. The light would seem to burst forth high up in the heavens, and then descend in softer rays and light upon the hills and valleys, making everything more visible than light of the sun, though it was not so brilliant, but clearer, like the brightest moon.

"Thought World Was On Fire

"I asked them how they felt—if they were not afraid. They said at first they were, but after a while it seemed to calm their spirits, and so fill their hearts with love and tranquility that they felt more like giving thanks than anything else. They said it was around the whole city, and some of the people were scared. Some said the world was on fire, some said the gods were coming down to destroy them, others said a star had fallen; until Melker the priest came out shouting and clapping his hands, seeming to be frantic with joy.

"The people all came crowding around him, and he told them it was the sign that God was coming to fulfill His promise made to their father Abraham. He told us that fourteen hundred years before, God had appeared to Abraham, and told him to put all Israel under bonds... sacred bonds of obedience; and if they would be faithful, he would give them a Saviour to redeem them from sin, and that he would give them eternal life, and that they should hunger no more, that the time of their suffering should cease forever; and that the sign of his coming would be that light would shine from on high, and the angels would announce his coming, and their voices should be heard in the city, and the people should rejoice; and a virgin that was pure, should travel in pain and bring forth her firstborn, and he should rule all flesh by sanctifying it and making it obedient. After Melker had addressed the people in a loud voice, and he and the old Jews went into the synagogue and remained there praising God and giving thanks.

Visit Is Described

"I went to see Melker, who related to me the same as the shepherds had reported."

"He said that next day three strangers from a great distance called on him, and they went in search of this young child, and they found him and his mother in the mouth of a cave, where there was a shed propped out for the sheltering of sheep; that his mother was married to a man named Joseph, and she related to them the history of her child, saying that an angel had visited her, and told her that she should have a son, and she should call him Jesus, and he should redeem his people from their sins; and he should call her blessed forever more."

Another chapter of the book relates Gamaliel's interview (years later) with Joseph and Mary, and with others, concerning Jesus, and the report of Gamaliel is recorded in the St. Sophia Mosque at Constantinople.

Gamaliel was a doctor of the law, a Pharisee, and a member of the Sanhedrin, and it was he from whom Saul, later Paul, received his early academic instruction.

Interview's Massalian

Gamaliel's report of his interview with Massalian, who lived near Bethany, reads in part: "He stated further that Jesus

### Christmas Day Is Always In Florida

CHRISTMAS, Fla. — Every day is Christmas in this tiny Central Florida community where "Santa Claus" is middle-aged Mrs. Juanita Tucker.

Christmas has a population of about 200. But because of its name, and Mrs. Tucker's desire to brighten the anniversary of the birth of Christ, 250,000 people from all over the world will send letters through its post office this month.

On a December day a few years ago, Mrs. Tucker decided to write her own little Christmas greeting on letters passing through the post office.

That simple gesture developed into a tradition. Now the personal has been discarded because of the heavy volume of mail, and each letter bears a rubber-stamped greeting: "Glory to God in the highest, Christmas, Orange County, Florida."

### How Carols Were Born

By Henry C. Nicholas

The Christmas Carols we love and sing today were composed by men of many lands and many creeds, and are the nearest approach on earth to one universal language. The same carols are sung in many different tongues and lands, from the frozen reaches of the far north to the steaming jungles of the south Pacific.

There is a similar broad reason in their origin. The music of some of these carols was written by Bach, Haydn, Handel and Mendelssohn, while others were composed by inspired musicians whose names we no longer know.

A young organist in a little Austrian church, a child born on Christmas Eve in the snow-bound Alps, and the invasion of a number of mice, combined to inspire one of the most beloved of Christmas carols, which will be sung as long as man dwells on this earth.

When the young organist started to rehearse a simple hymn and touched the keys, no sound issued from the organ. Investigation revealed that mice had gnawed the bellows of the organ. In that moment of terrible silence a woman entered the church, with the news that a child had been born this Christmas Eve in one of the nearby mountain homes.

In the silent church beside the broken-down organ, the pastor and the organist discussed the tragedy that had befallen them. Together they read the story of the Nativity and certain lines echoed through their minds:

... was a young man who was the best judge of human nature he had ever seen; that he thought at times he could tell men their thoughts and expose their bad principles; and while he had all these advantages of life, he seemed not to care for them not to use them abusively....

"He said that Jesus seemed to understand the prophecy by intuition. I asked him where Jesus was taught to read the prophecy. He said that his mother told him that Jesus could read from the beginning, that no one had ever taught him to read. He said that he (Massalian), in making quotations from the prophets, was sometimes mistaken or his memory failed him; but Jesus could correct him every time without the scroll; and that sometimes he thought Jesus was certainly mistaken, but never in a single instance was he wrong....

"I asked him to describe his person to me, so that I might know him if I should meet him. He said: 'If you ever meet Him you will know Him!'

A life-like nativity scene with choral background, was an effective conclusion to a Christmas program presented Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:30, in the Matador High School auditorium.

Gail McWilliams was commentator for the program which had for a theme, "Christmas in Many Lands," and Christina Damron was a Christmas Fairy, changing greeting cards into reality as Christmas customs in other lands were portrayed by grade school students. First grade enacted breaking of the pinata as children in Mexico. Second grade represented Holland, third grade, Yugoslavia, fourth grade, England, fifth grade, Sweden, sixth grade, France, seventh grade, Italy, and a typical American home scene on Christmas Eve was enacted by the eighth grade.

While a chorus of high school students sang "The First Noel," the curtain was drawn to disclose the nativity tableau, portrayed by Betty Smalley Spray as Mary, Dewayne Martin as Joseph, Rachel Craven and Nancy Vaughn as angels, and representing the Three Wise Men were Jerry Swearingen, Lonnie Lynn and Jack Spray. In conclusion, the chorus sang "Silent Night," and "Joy To The World."

The Gospel account of the birth of Christ from Luke 2:1-17, was read by Miss McWilliams during the tableau.

According to St. Luke

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished, that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Adoration Of Shepherds

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them."

### Moral Teachings Once Mixed With Fun As Christmas Exhibit Of Toys Reveals

By John B. Knox

Children of 90 years ago had to swallow capsules of solid moral teaching along with their Christmas fun.

A peek at the exhibit of early American toys and games at the Children's Museum in Matador no doubt that the Puritan fathers had a big thumb in the Christmas pie. The exhibit gives a rough idea of some items the 18th century Santa Claus carried in his pack.

Likely as not, he'd show up with a phenakistiscope. The whole family would have fun like that. And just when you'd start it, you'd learn he'd left the kids across the street—straw hats, these were the near things to movies and television great grandpa had as a toy.

Of course, you could do other things in those days that you can't do today. You could rush about with wooden things tied on your feet—with gracefully carved flat steel sledrunners on the bottom of them—and you could skate on the snow. That's what it said on the directions, anyway. The 19th century version of snow skates seems to have disappeared.

There were talking books which moaned and bawled when you read about "The Cow" thus: "Are you thirsty, pretty dear? Come and drink the sweet milk here."

The bawling came from the string you pulled when you read about the sheep. All kinds of creatures would hoot and he-

haw, birds would sing and goats m-a-a-a when you pulled the string strings. If you pulled the strings for the sheep and the goat together, the book would say, "mama."

There were walking dolls from France and arm-propelled tricycles.

Apparently the first of a line of eminently respectable games based on the ancient pastime of parchesi from India reached America one of them—entitled "The mansion of Happiness," copyrighted by D. P. Ives and Company of Boston and S. B. Ives of Salem in 1864—allayed the suspicions of parents who might have looked askance at a game based in part on the throwing of dice by the assurance it was "an instructive, moral and entertaining amusement."

There's no doubt that Puritan imagination had added some startling touches to the old Hindu game. A player could zip right along toward "happiness" if the die thrown numbers kept him on the squares depicting him on the squares—gratitude, piety, honesty, justice, prudence, generosity, truth, sincerity and chastity.

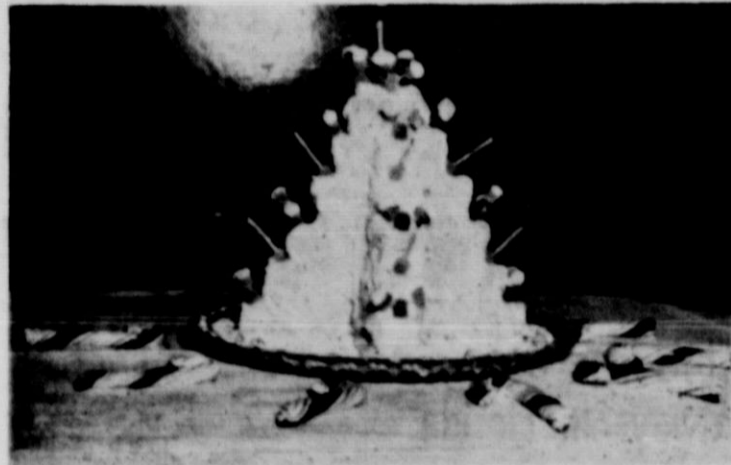
The contestant could retreat just as rapidly toward defeat if he became ensnared in squares symbolizing "drunkenness, immorality, passion, cheating, or even poverty. He was practically in gone goose if he wound up in "the house of correction" or prison.

It was a fine, instructive, moral game and maybe it was even played sometimes on Sunday.



### Church and Society

#### Christmas Tree Cake Is Center Of Attraction At Birthday Celebration



CENTER OF ATTRACTION when Mary Lel Groves celebrated her ninth birthday on December 8, was the Christmas tree cake, shown above, bedecked with gumdrops, candies and candles, surrounded by candy canes. The cake, an exact duplicate of one shown on the cover of a national magazine, was made by the honoree's mother, Mrs. Dick Groves. The cake was used as a table decoration, and the canes were given as favors to nine little friends, who helped celebrate the occasion. Other surprises were in store for the guests when unusual refreshments were served. These were ice cream trees, served with package cookies, and lemonade, with a marshmallow snow man perched on the edge of each glass. The guests were: Marilyn Sue Brandon, Velia Ree Edwards, Dixie Ann Barton, Cherri Barton, Christina Damon, Theretha White, Karmen Jenkins, Sandra Stevens and Carol Lynn Campbell.

#### Methodist W. S. C. S. Enjoys Christmas Program And Party In Hamilton Home

A Christmas program and tree party for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, was held Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the home of Mrs. G. E. Hamilton, with members gathering at 7:30 p.m. An instrumental prelude was presented by Mrs. Hamilton, followed by prayer by Mrs. Annie Tudor. Scripture reading was by Mrs. Duke Lipscomb, and Christmas carols were sung by the group. Mrs. Randall Whitworth gave a Christmas reading, a solo was sung by Mrs. Glenn Woodruff. Mrs. U. L. Willie told of "Christmas Customs of the Orient." A solo by Mary Jane Hamilton, and one by Nelda Wilson, concluded the program which was followed by the gift exchange from the tree. Numbers were drawn and each guest received a gift. Mrs. W. B. Vaughn presented each guest with a small handmade gift as her token of friendship. The W.S.C.S. presented Mrs. A. J. Daffern, president, a lovely copper watering or ivy pot in

appreciation for her faithful services. After the gift exchange, delicious refreshments consisting of fruit cake, chocolate mints, coffee and cocoa, were served the following, in addition to those appearing on the program: Miss Eleanor Frances O'Kelly, Miss Clotele Willie, and Mesdames Earl Stephens, Morris Parks, Fred Bourland, Clarence Jenkins, Joe Gaines, R. P. Moore, Tom Tilson, B. M. Eubank, Fred Simpson, A. W. Ford, Walter McWilliams, W. B. Vaughn, Homer Sheats, Henry K. Ford, Ethel Payne, J. M. Hill, Jr., Jinks Wilson, Vance Gilbreath, H. H. Schweitzer, W. F. Jacobs, Harry Willett, F. M. Jenkins, C. D. Pipkin, J. S. Lambert, Bill Pipkin, Douglas E. Pitts, Sr., A. J. Daffern, C. P. Waybourn, Frank Pohl, F. Z. Martin, Walter O'Kelly, Sterling Price and J. C. McBride; Mrs. Malcolm Morris, of Whiteflat and Mrs. Ray Jacobs, of Dallas.

Benjamin Franklin recommended the turkey as the official U. S. emblem.

#### BAPTIST W. M. U. HEARS PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS

Theme for a Royal Service Christmas program, given Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. before the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, was "Where Jesus Walked," with Miss Amy Glenn as leader. Mrs. Margaret Newman was hostess to the group for the occasion.

Scripture and Meditation by the leader was followed by prayer. A quartet composed of Mesdames J. L. Woodruff, Freeman Thacker, J. E. Edwards and Margaret Newman sang, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Following a talk on "Israel" by Mrs. Colquet Warren, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Thacker sang a duet, "Wonderful Man of Galilee." Other parts on the program included, "Jesus Walks In Lebanon; He has no feet but our feet," Mrs. Velma Fulfer, "They Win Their Friends," Mrs. T. E. Cammack, and "Victories of some who have chosen a more excellent way; Missions and Woman," Mrs. H. S. Watson. Prayer and carol singing concluded the program.

Others present were: Mesdames L. Rattan, V. A. Rattan, Roy Robinson, J. A. Groves, Fred Clowers, Hilton Jones; and Misses Rachel Patton and Maggie Bryan.

#### Much Of Nallon's Mistletoe Grows In Heart Of Texas

Chances are that mistletoe under which you will be kissing this Christmas came from deep in the heart of Texas.

W. E. Thies, "Mistletoe King" of Georgetown expressed more than 20,000 pounds of the berried boughs to florists throughout the nation last season.

From Maine to Florida to the West Coast pretty girls in Christmas finery will walk beneath mistletoe hanging from crystal chandeliers or from doorways in dingy flats. For the silver-berried mistletoe has behind it the tradition of tenderness and love dating back to Norse legend about Baldour, god of sunshine.

Since that time friends have pledged affection and lovers their troth, sealed by a kiss beneath the fabled bough.

Boys gather it for Thies with specially made hooks and garden hoes. In the packing shed it is sorted, the unwanted wood removed and the choice bunches packed into 10 and 20 pound cardboard cartons. Only the heavily-berried mistletoe is wanted on the market. Thies says, and small containers give the fragile plant more protection.

Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Life offers us nothing more precious than the loyalty and understanding of real friends.*

*So this Christmas greeting is sent with a heart full of gratitude for the blessings of our friendship.*

*May you enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



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# Christmas Greetings

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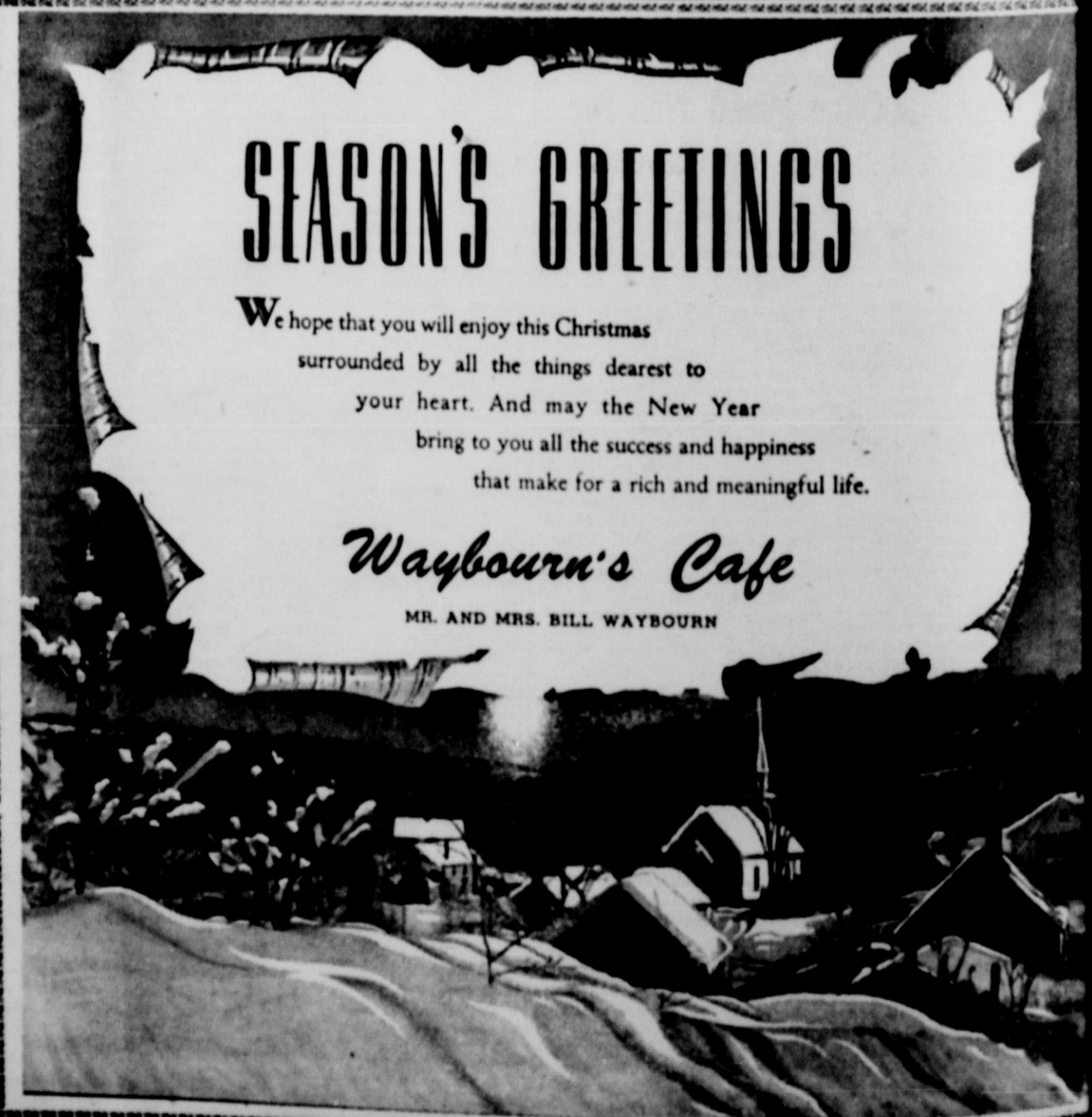
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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

We hope that you will enjoy this Christmas surrounded by all the things dearest to your heart. And may the New Year bring to you all the success and happiness that make for a rich and meaningful life.

## Waybourn's Cafe

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# CHRISTMAS

# GREETINGS

The wonderful thing about Christmas is that each year, without fail, it works its miracle over again. With the approach of the Holiday Season, the spirit becomes refreshed, the heart uplifted, and the world suddenly is full of smiling people, bursting with good will towards their fellow-man.

It is in this atmosphere of good cheer and brotherly love that we wish our friends  
\* very Merry Christmas and  
\* Rich and Happy New Year.



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**It Doesn't Belong To Any Age**

**Many Peoples Have Contributed To Christmas As We Know It Now**

By Harrison W. Fry  
Christmas isn't a season. It is a feeling. It does not belong to any one age, or person, or creed, or sect or church.

Through the ages many peoples and many cultures have given their contribution to Christmas, which has become a part of the culture of America.

Santa Claus came to us by way of Italy, Germany and Holland.

Back in the fourth Century in Italy there was a rich young man named Nicholas, who went about secretly placing coins and gifts in the homes of poor people. Later he became a bishop of the church and eventually, because of his good acts, St. Nicholas. Santa Claus is merely the Anglicized way of saying St. Nicholas.

**Others Contribute**  
He acquired his fur-trimmed suit and whiskers in Germany. There was a time (and perhaps it still exists in some sections) when Belshiel (which is German for Nicholas with furs) visited the Pennsylvania Dutch homes of children on Christmas Eve with cookies and switches—the switches for those who had not been good. Kris Kringle (the Christ child) came later to give the gifts. By way of Holland, the two were combined into the character of Santa Claus.

The Jews have contributed the candles to Christmas and Christ, himself, was a Jew. At the time of His birth, candles were twinkling in the homes of Nazareth and Bethlehem in celebration of Hannukah—the feast of lights.

Hannukah, celebrating the first great battle for religious liberty, is still celebrated at the Christmas period. The Greeks still call Christmas the feast of lights. Pagan festivals used candles, also, and the early Christians met by candlelight when they were undercover.

The ancient pagan Druids gave Christmas the mistletoe, a parasite plant, growing between heaven and earth. It had a mystic meaning to them. Growing on an apple tree, it was said to bring good luck to lovers and to be a reminder that it was time to kiss again.

Holly was called "holy" generations ago and it and the other evergreens used at Christmas

are a reminder that, as they remained green in the barren winter, so there is immortality beyond the winter of life.

**Origin Of Tree**  
The Christmas tree came from Germany where it is said that its spirelike shape—pointing heavenward—was a reminder of man's religious duty to the power above.

The Romans contributed the Christmas feast, say some historians. The feast of the Saturnalia to the pagan god came about the time celebrated as Christ's birth and it was taken over, toned down and given new meaning in the Christmas celebration.

The shiny Christmas tree balls probably date back to the old pagan Roman idea of hanging shiny bits of material on trees with the idea that where the light reflected from them on the soil that soil would be fertile.

The popular customs of the ancient Romans also had an influence and were a contributing factor in the present giving at Christmas.

The Romans exchanged gifts at the beginning of January. Children were given nuts and apples at the earlier autumnal festivals. Then there is also the influence of the magi in bringing gifts to the Christ child.

The mince pie was the contribution of the English to our Christmas — its rich content of spices was symbolic of the rich gifts of spices from the magi. Turkey probably is America's distinctive contribution to Christmas.

**Noted Cartoonist Creator Of Santa As We Know Him**

If you picture Santa Claus as a rotund jolly elf, pink-cheeked and with snowy beard and mustachios, then you carry the image of him as far as he was created about 90 years ago.

Santa Claus, as we know him, was created by Thomas Nast, noted cartoonist whose famous political cartoons helped to break up the notorious Boss Tweed's Tammany ring in New York City.

**CANDLES BURNING CLEAR FORTELL A BRIGHT NEW YEAR**

According to Christmas tradition, anyone who burns a bayberry candle during the Christmas holidays and if the candle burns bright and clear, will have good luck throughout the year and a long and happy life.

There is also significance to the custom of burning bayberry candles at Christmas. The belief is that during the early days of our country's history there was a scarcity of animal fat from which to make candles. So the branches of bayberry shrub were covered with wax

pretty much the same to all of his many admirers, young and old.

**Kris Kringle And Santa Not Alike**

Contrary to popular belief, Kris Kringle is not a German term of endearment for Santa Claus. The name is actually a modification of "Kristkind", who according to German legend is a gift-giver, but does not resemble Santa Claus in the least.

Candlelight gleams from all of the quiet houses in the Bavarian countryside, lighting the

**and burned at Christmas.**

For as long as people can remember, the burning of candles has been an important part of the celebration of Christmas Eve.

way and showing bright welcome to the "Kristkind" on her way from home to home. She is the messenger of the Infant Jesus, and Bavarian children believe that she is the one who brings them their gifts. According to legend, she wears a white robe, with golden wings, carries a small Christmas tree in her hand and wears a crown.

A forger is a guy who gives a check a bad name.

The stronger sex is usually the weaker sex because of the strength the weaker sex has over the stronger sex; or is it because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex?

We feel better every generation. For a while I doubted if there would be

**For 52 years it was called "An Act to Establish a United System of Bankruptcy Through out the United States."**

Recent Congress changed the name to the "Bankruptcy Act." It's encouraging to learn that the bankruptcy really isn't intended to bankrupting all business.

Isn't it peculiar that the man train begins to improve as you grow up then stops completely when you stand up to talk?

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**Season's Greetings**

For us, each new Christmas seems to hold an added significance... a deeper meaning. It's because we realize that whatever we accomplish from year to year is made possible through the cooperation and good will of our patrons and friends. We are grateful for this manifestation of loyalty and confidence and it is with full sincerity that we extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

**Merry Christmas**

Friendship is one of the outstanding rewards in business, and we are grateful for yours. That's why we take such a great delight in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Christmas Card Custom Grew From Art Contest Originated Seventy Years Ago

Christmas cards made their American debut back in 1875 and were promptly acclaimed as another passing fad. No one even dreamed they would soon become a traditional part of our colorful Yuletide life. In fact, another five years passed before this early form of polite public indifference subsided. It was then, except for an annual series of nation-wide art contests, Christmas cards might have passed out of existence. Their failure to attract immediate popular support was mainly due to the designs. Most of them pictured gay summer scenes, children at play, even animals. Only a few bore any resemblance to Christmas or the winter season. Obviously, a face-lifting job was required. So in June, 1880, competition for the best Christmas card design was held at the American Art Gallery in New York City.

Credit for sponsoring this annual contest belongs to Louis V. Fedder, publisher of the first American Christmas cards. He had frankly planned both to improve their artistic character and to arouse national interest

in the pleasant Christmas card custom. Prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$300 and \$200 were offered. A panel of three well-known artists was selected to judge the winners. Nearly 700 illustrations were entered, though only four could win the cash awards. However, there were so many outstanding creations that another 25 were quickly purchased for reproduction on Christmas cards.

Rosina Emmett won first prize. Her painting portrayed a group of choir boys singing, with an angel talking to a shepherd in the background. Today, it has become a valuable collector's item. Results of the first Christmas card contest were beyond all expectations. Large crowds visited the galleries daily. Exhibitions of the prize-winners were held in large cities throughout the nation. Inevitably, it was decided to make this contest an annual affair.

The following year 2500 designs were entered. Again both the four prize-winners and many others were purchased for Christmas cards, and again these originals were widely exhibited. England expressed her admiration by holding a similar contest, and in so doing reminded the world that the first Christmas card was published in 1843. Fedder was probably the best known of the many artists who competed. Several of his paintings are exhibited in the Library of Congress today.

Partly to gauge public opinion, and partly to satisfy those who disagreed with the judges, a double set of awards was offered in 1882. Visitors to the New York exhibit were invited to vote for the Christmas card they liked best. Human nature being what it is, a chance to second-guess the judges created more excitement than ever. Surprisingly enough, however, Dora Wheeler's "Apparition" won both the judges and the "popular" awards that year. This unanimous selection indicated a general agreement on the best qualities of a popular Christmas card had finally been reached.

Although the dual contests continued, their purpose had been fulfilled. People were talking about Christmas cards, delighted to send or receive them. The new Yuletide custom was here to stay, to bring new pleasures and fond memories with each passing year.

The reason your money does not come back to you is that it travels too fast to make a U-turn.

Tribune, Matador, Matley County, Texas, Thursday, December 25, 1952



**HISTORIC READING SESSION.** Carl Olson, postmaster in Kolding, Denmark, reads aloud to two young neighbors, his wife and daughter after the nightly session had been delayed to discuss with Einar Holboell, postal clerk, the possibility of selling a special Christmas stamp to aid children stricken by tuberculosis. The room now stands intact in Goldinghus, national Danish museum. This is a photographic reproduction of the scene as painted in 1904 by a noted Denmark artist. Left to right: Postmaster Olson, the younger Linde brother, Mrs. Olson, their daughter, and with back to artist, Knud Linde, now a retired U. S. army officer who lives in Liberty, Texas. The small picture is a portrait of Postmaster Olson, taken from an old photograph.

**MANY WAYS TO SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS"**  
It's easy to say "Merry Christmas" in many languages with this check-list of greetings in other tongues:  
• Say "Joyeux Noel" — In French; "Froeliche Weihnachten" in German; "Buon Natale" in Italian.  
• The Spanish have the words for it with "Felices Pascuas" or "Feliz Navidad" — in Holland they say "Een Vrolijk Kerstfeest"; the Danes greet each other with "Et Gledelig Jule," or as the Norwegians would say "Gledelig Jule."  
• In Czechoslovakia, they greet one another with "Vesele Vanoce" — in Swedish, "God Jule" — and to each and every one of you — we say "THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS, EVER!"

### Superstition Is That Pines Bring Ill-Luck

An old saying it's very bad luck to leave a single needle in the house after the Christmas decorations have been taken down.  
In some countries, it seems Christmas greens are brought into the house so that good spirits will have sprigs upon which to light when they seek

refuge from the wintry air. Before the twelfth, all of the greens are removed from the house. And, if a single needle or cone is left behind, superstition has it that ill fortune will befall the household.  
Whether or not you go along with such superstitions, it's a nuisance to be picking up needles from the rugs and floors for weeks after the holidays have ended. Besides, if your tree sheds needles at an alarming rate, the experts say it's probably so dried out as to be a fire hazard.

Some day somebody is going to come up with a parking meter for a phone booth, and make a lot of people happy.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK (Matador Brand)

What was your favorite movie in 1952?  
Wayne Shelton — Operation Secret  
Eleanor O'Kelly — Quo Vadis  
Pat Reeves — Son of Paleface  
Nancy Vaughn — The Greatest Show on Earth  
Tom Hamilton — African Queen  
Carol Gordon — The Greatest Show on Earth  
W. E. Russell — Sailor in Every Port  
Beth Martin — Quo Vadis  
James Taylor — Come Fill My Cup  
Betty Montgomery — The Greatest Show on Earth  
Bill Moss — Song in My Heart  
Sara Carson — Skirts Ahoy  
Joe Fair — One Minute To Zero  
Rachel Craven — The Story of Will Rogers  
Robert Smallwood — The Story of Will Rogers  
Frances Traveek — Samson and Deliah  
Kenneth Baker — The Story of Will Rogers  
Ray Nell Tanner — Somebody Loves Me

### POPULAR LEGENDS GIVE IDENTITY TO THREE WISE MEN

The Three Wise Men of the East who brought gifts to the infant Saviour have been identified over the centuries as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar. Melchior means "kind of light," Gaspar or Casper, "the lord of treasurers."  
The first of the magi, offered gold—the emblem of royalty; the second offered frankincense in token of divinity, and the third, myrrh—the prophetic allusion to the persecution unto death which awaited the "Man of Sorrow."  
Medieval legend calls them the Three Kings of Cologne.

and the Cathedral there, claims their relics. They are commemorated on January 2, 3 and 4th, and particularly on the Feast of Epiphany.

members of a priestly caste considered to have great occult powers. According to popular legend, these Magi were reported to have come from the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia.



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*Greetings*

It's not easy to express in cold type the warm appreciation we have for the loyalty and good will of our many friends. Our sincere thanks for your friendship is second only to the pleasure we've had in serving you. To one and all we wish a joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

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The truest joy of Christmas is not found in receiving but in giving. So this greeting is sent with a hope that God's promise of Joy and Love, of Peace and Good Will — will be yours this Holiday Season.

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# Christmas Greetings



Best Wishes To Our Friends And Customers

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## REAL CHRISTMAS GIVE YOURSELF

As the season when decorations appear in windows and shops and everyone takes on the happy glow of Christmas, the answer is simply by trying to give to others.

You can give something of yourself with everything you own personally. If you can, give the gift yourself. Because if at all possible, take the gift to the person to whom you are giving it, your-

self. And in every case, accompany your gift with a prayer that God's blessings go with it.

Let's not limit ourselves in giving. When we make our Christmas list, let's go beyond our family circle, intimate friends, and those who remembered us last year. Let's add to our list a few persons who never gave us anything and who certainly expect to receive nothing from us. We can find real happiness by giving for our own pleasure, for the joy of giving.

Give something to those who are needy and who might otherwise have little joy in the holiday season. Let's not forget that Christmas which celebrates the coming of a Babe, is particularly a children's holiday. Give them the gifts that can make it a memorable one for them. And remember the thousands of children all over the world who have no one to make Christmas what it should be for them. To these children our gift may be more than a Christmas gift, it may mean life itself.

A gift however great or small, speaks its own language. And when it tells of the love of the giver, it is truly blessed. Let's give ourselves with every gift and our Christmas will be a joy indeed.

## KAMPUS KLATTER

Everybody at M.H.S. really had the Christmas spirit this past week. The kids have been wearing Christmas bells and stocking caps. This includes a few cow bells, too.

All the F.F.A. boys have been working on leather the past two weeks. A lot of mothers and girl friends are going to be happy Christmas when they receive the beautiful purses and belts the boys have been making.

Lot of the boys made donkeys out of themselves in the donkey ballgame, Monday night. They say they won't be caught riding one again, but we can almost bet that next year they will be trying it again.

We're all enjoying these Christmas holidays. Only one thing wrong—we wish it would last two weeks instead of one! The ball players are surely glad basketball training is cancelled during Christmas. With all the cakes, pies, candy, etc. around it would be hard to keep training.

Tuesday night the Matador girls gave the visiting Post girls a 30-22 loss. We sure are proud of our girls and we're all pulling for them.

Our boys had tough luck in the game with Childress Tues-

day night, but we're expecting them to come out with a winning score next time.

We had our Christmas Program last Friday evening before getting out for the holidays.

We sang some Christmas songs and then Rev. O'Kelly gave a talk on "The Meaning of Christmas." The best part of all—the gifts were given out and after that we were dismissed until the 29th.

M.H.S.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

What if:

Jeannie were Whiskers instead of Bearden?  
Elwanda were Blue instead of Green?  
Richard were Butcher instead of Baker?

James were Cleaners instead of Taylor?  
Joe were Cloudy instead of Fair?

Barbara were Strangers instead of Neighbors?  
Nelda were Sprinkle instead of Spray?

M.H.S.

## INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE WILL BE HELD IN MATADOR

The District Committee of University Interscholastic League 4B met in regular session in Turkey, Wednesday night, Dec. 17.

Supt. Bert Ezzell of Matador Public Schools was elected Chairman of the Spring Interscholastic League Meet for 1953. All track and field, Literary,

and other events will be held in Matador on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11, with the Literary, Volley Ball, Tennis, etc., to be conducted on Friday and the track and field on Saturday.

All grade school events will be held on Saturday, April 18 at Matador.

M.H.S.

## HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

FORT WORTH, Texas—Dorothy Traweck of Matador is the only student from Motley county attending Texas Christian University during the fall semester. The total enrollment at TCU this semester is 4,943.

Miss Traweck is a senior home economics major and a

member of the Melorist Club, Hoe-down Club, and Chi Beta. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Traweck, Jr., of Matador, and has arrived home to spend Christmas holidays with them.

Most people today are doing all right as far as income goes. The big trouble is that it goes.

Most drug stores could sell twice as much malted milk if they would only fill the glasses.

Stylists are revealing the summer fashions now, but mostly what they are revealing are the women who model them.



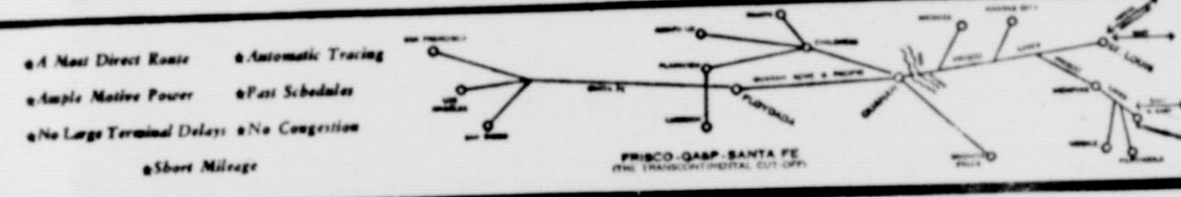
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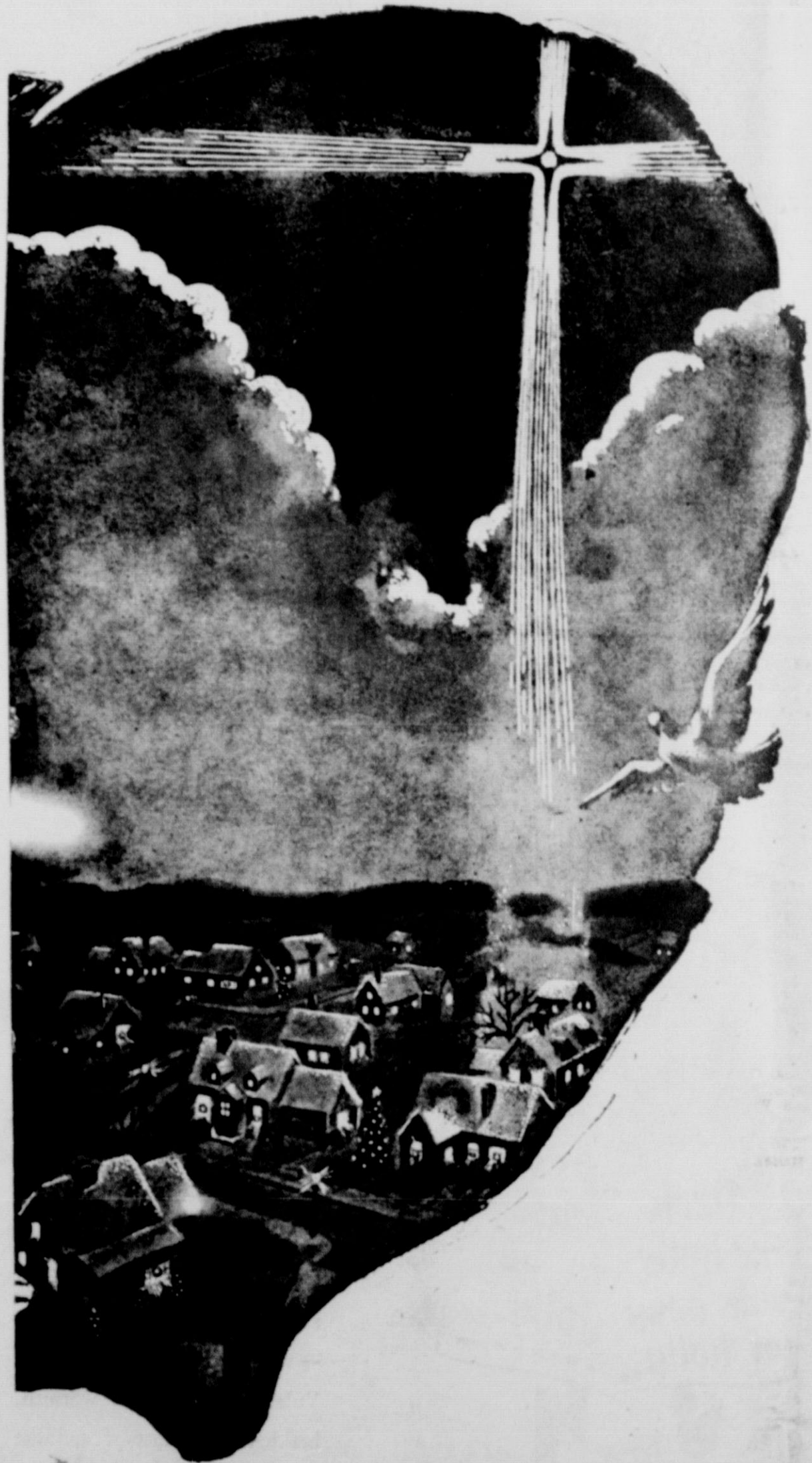
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# With best wishes for the Holiday Season



How good it is to hear the  
refrains of the beloved Christmas  
hymns, coming to us as gentle and  
soothing echoes of heaven to our  
souls. They cause our hearts  
to throb in accord with the universal  
joy of all good people everywhere. It is  
with this feeling of rejoicing and  
good will that we offer you  
our best Holiday wishes. May your  
Christmas celebration be  
one that will be long remembered  
for its happiness and  
good cheer... and may  
the New Year bring to you  
peace and contentment.

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# Matador Tribune

## Slight Chance Seen for White Christmas

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MATADOR, MOTLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1932

PRICE SEVEN CENTS

### Cemetery Group Plan Intensive Campaign

Plans were outlined last week by directors of the East Mound Cemetery association for a vigorous campaign to increase membership and to provide ample funds for maintenance and a program of improvements.

### LARGE CROWD SEES BAPTIST T. U. PLAY

The community turned out Monday night to witness Grandpa's change of heart in "Grandpa Hangs The Holly," a three-act comedy-drama presented by the Young People's department of the Baptist Church Training Union, in the High School auditorium.

### Bank Officials Announce Holiday

January 1, New Year's Day will be observed by First State Bank as a legal holiday, it was announced this week by officials.

### RELATIVES ARE GUESTS

Holiday visitors in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rattan and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes, are the parents of the two ladies, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Cook of Post, and other members of the family, including Mr. and Mrs. Olen Sweeten of Fort Hood and O. R. Cook, Jr., of Dallas.

and others interested in the promotion of the community project, outlined the extensive membership plans.

President Bill Seale said support would be sought from all religious, civic and servicemen organizations to bring about complete cooperation. "Present cost of operating the cemetery is about \$175 per month," Mr. Seale declared. "If we are to improve the grounds and continue the program of beautification, it will require the support of everyone. If the membership is complete and interest is general we will find it easy to make East Mound one of the most beautiful burial grounds in West Texas."

Meeting is Scheduled

A general meeting has been scheduled for Monday evening, January 5th, in the District Court room. Mr. Seale said more complete plans for the membership campaign will be arranged and an effort made to enlist the aid of everyone. The meeting is planned to open at 7:30. We hope to have support from everyone interested in community improvement and especially those who have loved ones interred here," Mr. Seale said.

Bill McCaghren as Mr. Howard, Mrs. Dick Groves as Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Bennie Keltz as Susan Howard, and others in the cast lent excellent support to the principals. Mrs. Bill McCaghren was a newspaper reporter, Miss Birch, Mrs. Forrest Campbell, the Howard's maid, Ann, E. A. Day, was Susan's fiancé, Arthur Colby, and Mrs. Keith McCormick was the Spirit of Grandpa's wife as a young girl, who saved Grandpa from ruining Christmas for the entire household.

Mrs. R. W. White directed the play, and with Rev. Keith McCormick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, expressed profound appreciation for the support and cooperation of all who helped in any way, in presenting the entertainment, with its splendid Christmas message.



MISS PATTI PIPKIN

### Patti Pipkin Named In "Who's Who" By American Colleges

Patricia Ann Pipkin, senior home economics student from Matador, has been named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" for 1932. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pipkin, Matador.

"Who's Who" for colleges and universities is a composite volume of outstanding students of the year compiled at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, and is distributed to industry.

### Highway Death Toll Of 590 Predicted Over Yule Holidays

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 — Christmas travel was reported very heavy Tuesday and the National Safety Council predicted that 590 persons will die on the highways over the four-day holiday.

### ARRIVE FROM DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Shilling of Dallas, are here for a Christmas visit with her mother and sister, Mrs. W. E. Reeves and Miss Verlin Reeves, and also her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Reeves. The latter's son, Donald, who is employed in Dallas, accompanied the Shillings here Wednesday.

### HOME ON LEAVE

Don L. Woods, who has been in training in the U. S. Naval Training Center boot camp at San Diego, is home for the Christmas holidays, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Woods of Flomot, and with relatives and friends here.

### RETURN FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Slover of Fort Worth have returned home to spend Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. They will visit her relatives at Tell, and with Mr. Slover's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Slover of Whiteflat. Other relatives expected by the Slover family are their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Davis of Vernon, and Mr. Slover's sisters, Miss Mary Slover, and Mr. and Mrs. John Funderburg of Breckenridge.

### Lighting Contest Winners Named

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rattan was awarded first place in the Lions Club-sponsored annual Christmas lighting contest in the residence division and first place for business establishments went to Vaughn Drug.

Second place in the residence division went to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stanley, and third place to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stearns.

Spot Cash Grocery placed second, and West Texas Utilities Company, third in the business division.

Out-of-town judges made the selections Friday night.

The winning decoration at the Rattan home was a nativity scene, with life-size figures representing Joseph, Mary, the Christ child, shepherds and wisemen, and a crude, natural-looking stable. The decoration was handmade and displayed in evergreen shrubs further enhanced the scene, and glowing through the living room window was a unique Christmas tree made of a dead cottonwood limb, painted white and sprayed with artificial snow, and lighted with blue bulbs.

The Stanley home was aglow with blue lights, with windows and doors across the front decorated with Christmas stockings, and the Spot Cash window, Santa Claus with his sleigh and reindeer.

Rudolph-the-red-nosed reindeer and Santa extended greetings beside a brilliantly lighted outdoor tree at the Stearns home.

A realistic flame in a fireplace hung with Christmas stockings, decorated the Vaughn Drug, and the Spot Cash window, Santa Claus was preparing to descend into a chimney, with his sack full of toys. A small, decorated tree added to the arrangement.

### MRS. M. REYNOLDS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Pandemonium reigned Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church, when Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus appeared to distribute gifts from a huge tree which reached to the ceiling of the auditorium.

A short program preceded Santa's appearance, opening with organ and piano music by Mrs. John Stevens and Mrs. Glenn Woodruff, who played "Adeste Fidelis," "Holy City" and "When They Ring the Golden Bells." Scripture reading of the Christmas story was given by boys from the Junior department, each reciting a verse.

Benjie Beth Tanner sang "Rudolph, the Rednose Reindeer," and children from the Primary department sang two Christmas hymns. Girls from the Intermediate department assisted with distributing the gifts from the tree.

Mrs. Algie Groves, who was in charge of arrangements for the tree and program, expressed her profound appreciation to those who assisted with the work, in any way.

### HERE WITH PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tilson and children, recently of Biggs Field, are here for an indefinite visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tilson.

### Free Picture Show Provided By Lions

number of comedies, Santa followed the laughing young boys and girls onto the streets where he visited in business places most of the day.

### Santa Presents Many Candy Gifts

That flying fellow—the one that's more talked about than "flying saucers"—pulled his reindeer to a sharp halt and visited in Matador with boys and girls. Old Santa Claus was greeted by some 250 youngsters as they emerged from a free picture show, which started at 10:00 a. m. in the Rogue Theatre, yesterday.

The production was sponsored by the Matador Lions Club, and the organization also furnished Santa with candy gifts for all who attended the show.

Immediately following the picture, which consisted of a

### Tree At Church Brings Cheer To Many Youngsters

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Woodruff for Christmas holidays are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Wingerd of Brownfield. Visitors in their home Tuesday were friends, Mr. and Mrs. Will Orndorf of Bingham, New Mexico.

### PARENTS ARE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Woodruff left Wednesday morning for Grapeland with their small grandson, Jim Bob Dailey, and will spend the holidays with their daughter and family (parents of the latter), Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dailey.

### Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitworth

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitworth left Wednesday for Bullard, where they are spending Christmas with her brother and family.

### MRS. LUCKETT AT SISTER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Leonora Luckett was called to Graham during the week-end where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Jane Roquemore, about 77, who died Saturday morning at Keller, Texas following a series of heart attacks.

Mrs. Luckett was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Godfrey of Spur, and went to Graham from there, returning to Spur afterwards.

Mrs. Roquemore is survived by three daughters and one son. Also by three brothers: Pat McClure of Lovington, N. M., R. E. McClure of Sweetwater, and William McClure of Idaho; and two sisters, Mrs. S. E. Scott of Grafrod and Mrs. Luckett.

### Winter Storm Hits Area; Rain, Snow In Weather Outlook

Moving slowly during the night a storm system over the high plains area yesterday promised the Panhandle its first white Christmas in 13 years.

Amarillo weather station said snow was falling in most of the section, and while it is light, temperatures are so low that it will probably remain to give the area its first ground coverage since 1939. Light snow started falling here about three a. m. Wednesday morning then changed to rain. About daylight the rain began freezing and later changed to snow, which soon covered the ground, but melted before night.

Tuesday night weathermen had forecast a low of 24 degrees in Amarillo but the mercury had climbed a little above that point. Dalhart had received two inches of snow Tuesday night and light snow was reported in many other places.

Rainfall last week (Thursday) brought a total of slightly over one inch of precipitation here. It was general in the Panhandle area. Most of the county reported about the same amount. Elbert Reeves said his rain gauge showed 1.65 inches. B. F. Simpson said the rainfall in Northfield was one inch.

The air had been laden with moisture throughout the week, although the weather had remained generally fair. The storm system bringing the snow yesterday had not been expected to develop more than a trace of moisture but suddenly increased over this area. In event the snow remains today, this will be one of the few places in the nation in which a white Christmas is expected.

### ARRIVE FROM ODESSA

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Fulkerson and daughter, Nola Lee arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with relatives. Mrs. Fulkerson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Tipton. Their son, Gerald has been here since Saturday for the holidays, and assisting in getting the Christmas issue of the Tribune in the mail.

### TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR

Nature was in a peevish mood when the general design for my appearance was approved. Altho I do not remember envying anyone, there was a period in my life when I wished for some single feature which might be attractive. I prayed as a boy that I would not be tall and that my nose would not be long, and my freckles were a constant source of embarrassment. Perhaps only once have I ever felt that my attire was sufficient to arouse more than passing interest. The occasion was a country school Christmas pageant when I wore my first long pants. It was also my first stage appearance and I carried a cardboard star wrapped in tin foil. I had been cast in the play to sing with two other boys but after testing my voice the teacher felt that I could perhaps carry the star to a better advantage. While I find it necessary to make the statement personally, my performance was magnificent.

Progress is a vicious and always hungry animal, willing to take bites out of our complacency at the slightest provocation. Often its appetite is not satisfied with anything short of complete obliteration. No modern trade has taken a greater punishment than the barber. First it was the safety razor that caused many patrons to shave at home, then the electric razor swept across the thin field of remaining customers. About the time the barber became resigned to his fate some inventor goes into a trance and comes up with a gadget to cut your own hair. Unless barbers start inventing new uses for barber shops the prospect is not very bright.



MR. AND MRS. A. J. MATLOCK

### NORTHFIELD COUPLE HOLD OPEN HOUSE IN OBSERVANCE OF 50th ANNIVERSARY

Fifty years ago today, Miss Florence May McCarty and Andrew Jackson Matlock were married at the home of the bride's parents, near Melbourne, Texas and went on a honeymoon trip to Brownwood, where they posed for their wedding picture.

In observance of their Golden anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Matlock held Open House, Sunday, December 21, from 2 to 5 p. m. at their home in the Northfield community, where they have resided since 1919, having come to Motley county that year, in a covered wagon.

For the occasion, the refreshment table was covered with an imported lace cloth. The three-tiered golden wedding cake was decorated with a miniature bridal couple, and on each side of the cake were gold candles in crystal candelabra. At one end of the table was a crystal service from which punch was poured by the hostesses.

Assisting with hospitalities were Mesdames Clem Timmons, Rush Timmons, Tom Moore, A. C. Nimmo, Reece Timmons, O. C. Nimmo, and Mrs. Page.

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PATTON SPRINGS modern school building, above, which serves the large Patton Springs and Afton area of Dickens county. The area is one of the finest farming sections of West Texas and now with the development of irrigation, it is scheduled to become a highly important factor in further agriculture and livestock production. The Patton Springs school is typical of the high community spirit which prevails.



### Farm Safety Their No. 1 Crop



Eight smiling 4-H Club members receive \$300 college scholarships from Paul Garrett, General Motors vice president, for their outstanding achievements in promoting farm and home safety. Looking on is L. C. Goad, executive vice president of GM, who was the principal speaker at a luncheon in Chicago for the 31st Annual 4-H Club Congress in honor of the Program, sponsored for the eighth consecutive year by General Motors. Left to right in the top row are: Mr. Garrett, Donald John Bayer, Muenster, Texas; Joyce Bolton, Keithsburg, Illinois; Beth Fuhr Smith, Poplarville, Mississippi; Ellen Lydon, North Setuate, Rhode Island; and Mr. Goad. Bottom row: Beverly Ann Bantz, Mitchell, Nebraska; Sue Idsardi, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Cathryn A. Hansen, Davis, California; and June Hill, Cleveland, Tennessee.

### HOW CHRISTMAS CAROLS WERE BORN

Next morning, with only the accompaniment of a guitar, the children of this Alpine church sang for the first time the carol that now belongs to the world: "Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright."

For 20 years this carol was sung only in the Alps. Its journey around the world began when a group of children were invited to sing at the court of the king and queen of Saxony. Silent Night was introduced to America when a group of Tyrolese singers visited this country.

The one favorite carol of American origin is We Three Kings of Orient Are. It was written by John Henry Hopkins, an Episcopal clergyman, in 1857, and is thought to have been originally composed for an amateur drama in the village church.

Martin Luther wrote the words of Away in a Manger for his own children. Charles Wesley, brother of John Wesley, wrote Hark the Herald Angels Sing. The melody was taken

from a Mendelssohn cantata. The origin of some of these Christmas carols cannot be traced. Oh, Come All Ye Faithful is clearly of Latin origin and is sung in various versions in all Latin countries today. This has been a favorite in all Portuguese chapels since 1751. It was probably sung in Rome many years earlier.

The origin of The First Noel or Nowell has also never been clearly established. It is claimed by both England and France. While it was first printed in England, most authorities are inclined to believe it originated in France.

During the Tenth Century, in Bohemia, street singers used to appear on the streets in warm weather, as a hint that the generosity of the passerby would be appreciated. Christmas carolers touring the streets are traditional in England even today, although they were once banned by Oliver Cromwell.

The Mauretania held the Atlantic speed record for 20 years.



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### Many Visitors Here For Yule Holidays

Friends and relatives of local residents have been arriving the past several days to spend Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sanders and children, Donna Sue and Gary Dean of Goodland, Kansas arrived Sunday and are visiting Mrs. Sanders' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson, and will also visit Mr. Sanders' sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bailey of Roaring Springs. Other daughters of the Simpsons who will be holiday visitors are Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin and children, Freddie and Nancy of Hereford, who arrived Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cooper and children of Muleshoe, who are expected to arrive today. The Martins are also visiting in Anson with his parents during the holidays, and the Coopers are visiting with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hunter of Freeport, have arrived to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs.

John Jackson and other relatives. John Morgan Rogers, student at John Tarleton, Stephenville, a grandson of Mrs. Jackson's is also here, and will be joined today by his parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Rogers, Jackie and Mary Ann, of Hot Springs, N.M. John Jackson of Hale Center will also spend Christmas here with his mother and sister, Miss Annie Mae Jackson. The Pat Sheridans, including Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sheridan, Jr. and small daughter of Lubbock, will be in the family group also.

### LEAVE FOR WYOMING

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hale and small son, Eddie, left Monday for Thermopolis, Wyoming, where he will be employed in the oil fields. He was employed here by Mutt Berryman the past several months. Mrs. Hale is the former Barbara Spray of this place.

The beaver is the largest North American rodent.

### SEVERAL VISITORS HERE FROM COAST

Several visitors are here from the west coast for a holiday visit with relatives. These include Marine Cpl. and Mrs. William Curtis Graham of Oceanide, Calif., who have been visiting her parents, the John Greens of Roaring Springs, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Graham and family, here.

Former residents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lawrence, Jr. and son Ronnie, of El Cerrito, Calif., have arrived for a holiday visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lawrence, and other relatives.

### VISITING IN AMARILLO

Mrs. J. A. Groves left last week for Amarillo, where she attended the wedding on Monday at the San Jacinto Methodist Church of her granddaughter, Delores Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Howell. She remained through the holidays.

A bidentate animal is one with only two teeth.

### Billy Graham Calls Troops In Korea "Most Compassionate Army In History"

SEOUL, Dec. 20 — Evangelist Billy Graham gathered a dozen GI's around a microphone in Seoul to tell American radio listeners that U.S. troops in Korea form "the most compassionate Army in history."

On a Christmas program, Graham told of what he had seen in his first week on this war-torn peninsula.

Said Graham: "You have heard stories of corruption and vice in the ranks, and there is no denying that there is plenty."

Excellent Job

"But by and large," he declared, "I believe our men are doing an excellent job of representing America."

Graham then interviewed briefly Army and Air Force enlisted men who told about Christmas work in their units and wished Merry Christmas

to their families at scattered points in the U. S.

The program was broadcast from a little room in the U. N. correspondents billets in Seoul by radio telephone to San Francisco.

He plans to visit front-line units and hospital ships until late Christmas Day, then fly back to Tokyo.

Gerald Fulkerson of Odessa arrived here Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Tipton and his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Meador. His parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Fulkerson and Nola Lee, will join him here Christmas, to remain through the week-end.

The emerald is the softest of all precious stones.



# GREETINGS

Always at Christmas time, there comes that special delight in extending to our many friends the greetings of the Season. This year, more so than ever before we appreciate the good will and close friendship that exists between our patrons and ourselves. It is with this fine relationship in mind that we wish you the fullest measure of Yuletide cheer and happiness and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

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## Depot Was Center of Community For Oklahoma Pioneers

By MARGARET KIRK

The church was the center of pioneer communities. Sometimes the schoolhouse was the community center. But at Oklahoma, Okla., everything happened at the depot.

That settles the "place" question. As to "time"—most things happened in 1904.

These facts of pioneer life are recalled by Mrs. Maude Yates, who with her husband, the late Albert Yates, landed in Texhoma on Christmas Eve, 1902.

They had come from Erath County, by the way of Silverton, in a wagon, headed for their claim near Goodwell, Oklahoma. They were cold and tired and their team was thrashed.

They stopped at the boarding house and asked if they could pitch camp near the windmill. "Certainly not, come on in," the proprietor answered, laughing.

"But I have my wife and—"

"Well, we will go get her and help you put up the team," the man replied, grabbing for his bag with one hand and shoving Albert Yates toward the wagon with the other.

"Now our money—"

S. G. McAdams stopped and eyed Albert Yates in disbelief. "Mister, out here we consider the important things before money. It's Christmas Eve. My woman's been longing for another one to talk to. They're just me and her and the two boarders."

At that time Texhoma was the boarding house and the depot. Later, they figured out a boarding arrangement and the Yates boarded with the McAdams until the next spring.

The winter was extremely cold, with lots of snow, which made digging the dugout a slow and tedious process. It wasn't ready until the very last of March. Then a big rain came the day they were ready to move and caved it in.

It was time to start the farming so they put up a one-room house and moved out.

Two years later, Mrs. Yates needed to be near the doctor—with winter—and all coming on. Mr. Yates had been worrying about his widowed mother and younger brothers and sisters back in Erath County, and he wrote her to see if anything "way out here" could entice her to move out.

A claim would do it. Luckily, there was one adjoining his. Yates dug them a dugout on their side and let them use the house on his side and he moved into Texhoma and built the big house—two rooms!

Six years before Maude Yates willingly came west with her husband, she had squalled like a panther, in protest, against her father doing the very same thing. His neighbors, the Kirks and Crawfords, had been out and located in Hutchinson county.

But the tales Dib and "Uncle Bud" Kirk told of the Canadian River—wheew.

Mrs. Yates' mother always spoke of it as the Treacherous Canadian River.

Six years made a grown-up young lady out of little Maude; that's why at 18—with Albert 25—she knew the west had no situations too big for them to conquer.

What she didn't know was how hard some of them would be to conquer—how some of them would test every mental, spiritual and reasoning power and how some of them had to grow out a solution with the slow passing of time.

In many ways, Texhoma was a lousy, frontier town. But the doctor had fixed up beds in his home to take care of his baby

cases—so his wife could help him. The first Yates baby, Macy, was born there. The other patient was Mrs. Claude Chapman, granddaughter of the founder of Buckner's Orphanage Home.

Lots of people were coming to Texhoma to look for locations and Mr. Yates traded his original claim for one proved up a mile west of town, that close, he could work in town and farm too.

Then it was still easy to go to the depot—where everything happened. The settlers gathered there every Saturday night, danced until sun-up, cleaned it up thoroughly and went home to eat breakfast, do the chores, change to Sunday clothes and return to the depot for Sunday school and church.

An unidentified man was found dead by a half completed dugout where he had frozen to death in a blizzard. His body was carried to the depot. The town made up money for a burial suit and casket.

Then they realized there was no cemetery.

Brother Edmonds, a preacher on a nearby claim, gave a plot for one. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Yates sat up with the body, keeping the camphor clothes moist all night. They wanted to put him away "looking natural."

This happened early in 1904. A little later, the original duster hit Texhoma. The noon train had to stop at the depot and wait for safe visibility.

One woman fainted every time she looked at the frightening blackness. The doctor had her moved to the depot, where she could lie down, but she was so scared every time she came to and heard the wind, she promptly fainted dead off again. He sent for Mrs. Yates. Several women had made for the depot when they saw the duster coming.

They got her on the good,

strong, linsay quilt, face down so the dust wouldn't strangle her, and carried her to the old Neely Hotel, being bedded and properly covered didn't help a bit. She kept her fainting cycle going.

"At midnight the train pulled out. The doctor helped get her aboard and gave her a shot. The bell rang and the conductor called, "All aboard." The doctor raced down the aisle, looking back at his patient. Half way, he saw her limber and slump in another faint. The train was moving and he had to get off. "It's an ill wind—"

The next morning, Mr. Yates was out walking over the town to see what the wind had damaged or covered with sand and he found 17 pieces of headgear, derbies, caps, fedoras and Stetsons.

All the passengers had left the train at one time or another to go to the grocery store, the only available food source in town, and they evidently didn't know how to yank head gear for a wind like that or how to hold their heads so the force would help hold them on.

It was still 1904.

The Yates raised greyhounds to chase coyotes. They had a buggy team trained to follow the dogs and it was a great sport. On one big hunt, the horses got as excited as the hounds and Mr. Yates was standing up yelling. Someway, the buggy lunged and swayed and the team yanked free from it, as he fell out forward on his head and Mrs. Yates fell out backwards.

As soon as they saw they were not hurt, they got back in the chase. It didn't work so well on foot, but they kept on.

Two miles later they caught up. The dogs had killed the coyote and were guarding it, knowing the pair would be along after while. The team waited, too, docile and dozing as if they had never been ca-

table of excitement.

The next Sunday, Mr. Yates and the hired man went alone, starting early so they would be back for dinner. Mrs. Yates took the children to Sunday school but didn't hurry home, as she knew hunts never ended as soon as expected.

The dinner was plenty late... and the men were not home. They didn't come... until just before sundown.

Mrs. Yates saw the buggy moving along but it was unnatural looking, both in contour and movement. She went to meet them. No wonder.

Mr. Yates was asleep, in the buggy. One horse... just wasn't there. The hired man was riding the other one, guiding him with one hand and holding the opposite side of the buggy tongue up.

"Albert, you run that horse to death."

"Now Maude, don't make judgment. I examined him and I know he died of heart failure!"

Mr. Yates was the first justice of the peace, postmaster five years and member of the first school board. They still lived on their farm, a mile west of town.

It was a common practice for Mr. Yates to bring strangers home for the night who were looking for a location. It wasn't any trouble to roll out a few pallets and company broke the monotony.

Friends came at will, knowing they were wanted and wel-

come. One day Uncle Bud Kirk showed up at their door for some advice. He had worn all his teeth off even with the gums and Dr. J. Ellard told him there wasn't a decayed spot on them and he didn't want to pull them. He could crown them all with gold and it would be better than all the false teeth he could ever make.

Mr. Kirk wanted to know what Maude and Albert thought about it.

"Why, Mr. Kirk, they won't show with your moustache."

"I wasn't thinking about looks, Maude. I wondered if gold ever cankered?"

The next week, he was back to spend the week and have them all crowned.

In 1914, Mr. Yates bought out a thriving wagon yard, on the Oklahoma side, on Second Street. It was the last word in "up-to-dateness," plenty of bunk space, two four-eye monkey stoves with drum in the pipe for baking biscuits, and tables to eat on. Most of the freighters ate at the restaurant or bought cheese and crackers at the near-by grocery. But there was rarely a night that two or three men were cooking grub... the way they liked it.

It cost a man 25 cents per horse for a night; that also included water for man and beast, bunk house sleeping space, and all men carried their bed roll with them. To say nothing of the fuel and cooking privileges.

It was a good money-making business... then. Texhoma,

on the Rock Island Railroad, was one of the best wheat markets, drawing good trade from Texas and Kansas as well as the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Ben Holt, Kirks, Carrol Crawford, Mr. Penner, Mr. McCray, Mr. Lackey and Mr. Leib usually put up with the Yates Yrad. Many others told them they would if they didn't have to pull their loads across the tracks.

Mr. Yates operated the yard until he died in 1921. It was still doing a big business. He had a way with the public. Now and then something was borrowed from his patrons—because he usually managed to get things returned.

Once a patron sort of got out of line on correct borrowing, he borrowed Mr. Yates' new spring seat off his new wagon and put it on his old vehicle.

Not a word—for or against it—was ever uttered. A few months later, he returned, riding easy on the spring seat. Mr. Yates chatted pleasantly while the patron was putting his team up—he was also changing the spring seat back to his own wagon!

Mrs. Yates still owns her farm but lives in Texhoma. She is the oldest of the original claim settlers living there without moving away. She said she would do it again; the success outweighed the sacrifice. People who came to file were on an equal, high in spirit and mind, determined to build a country and own a home.



**Greetings**

Approaching the close of another year, we pause to weave into the happiness of Christmas time our appreciation for all the good will and cooperation that has been extended to us by our many friends and patrons.

To everyone we send our wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Farmer's Coop Gin**  
NED SHANKS, Manager



**A GREETING**

To all our patrons we extend our thanks... for a year filled with friendship and goodwill. It is our sincere hope that our ways—during the coming year—may once more follow similar paths. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

**Merry Christmas to everyone**



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**Christmas Party Held Saturday By County 4-H Clubs**

Annual Christmas party for the County 4-H girls clubs was enjoyed in the V.F.W. hall, Saturday, December 20, with most of the 4-H clubs in the county well represented.

Guests were welcomed by Karmen Jenkins and Karen Webb. Under the direction of Gail McWilliams, County Club Chairman, a very entertaining program was presented. Mary Folley read the Scripture Christmas story and Joanne Darsey led in prayer. Carols were led by Waydette Martin, Myrna Voy Moore, Peggy Wellington and Kay Norman. Games were conducted by Raynita Dunning, Jan Barton,

Kay Norman, Charlotte Campbell, Lucille Nolen, Sue Carson, Sue McCaghen and Waydette Martin. Interesting skits of Christmas songs were given by each club. Organ music throughout the program was played by Glynda McWilliams. The Roaring Springs 4-H club were Santa's Helpers and presented each girl with a Christmas gift. Refreshments of punch and

large, delicious popcorn balls made by the Flomot club were enjoyed by everyone. Leaders and visitors present from over the county were Mesdames Emmitt Jenkins, Harry Folley, Bill McGann, Varner McWilliams, Mesdames Carpenter, Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Scott. Personal Stationery, Tribune

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**POSTMISTRESS AT FLOYDADA RESIGNS**

FLOYDADA, Dec. 20 — Mrs. Barbara H. Smith, postmaster at the Floydada post office for the past 17 years is resigning her position, effective December 31, 1952. Mrs. Smith's resignation was sent to the Post Office Department at Washington in September. Mrs. Smith is resigning on account of her health. During the past five years she has undergone two operations on an injured foot and finds that she must resign her duties as postmaster.

**CHILDREN ARE VISITORS**

Visiting Mrs. Velma Fulfer this week were her children, Miss Chloe Fulfer of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Newberry of May, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Fulfer and son, Mike, of Stamford. The Elwyn Fulfers also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bearden, here.

**HOME FROM DALLAS**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Farris Fish returned home Saturday from Dallas, where they spent the past month. Mr. Fish has been recuperating from recent surgery in Baylor Hospital, and was conveyed home in a Eudy-Seale ambulance.

**IN SACRAMENTO**

Elmer Stearns left Saturday for Sacramento, Calif., and is spending Christmas with his daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Shaw. He made the trip by plane, non-stop from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Latimer and baby daughter, Sandra, are visiting in Lubbock with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Key of Bell Ranch, N. M. are here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Waybourn and other relatives.



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at  
**Christmas**

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Our dealings with you in the past have been pleasant for us and we hope you have found them equally satisfactory. Our goal has been to please our customers in every transaction and it is our purpose to maintain this policy.

The management and personnel join in wishing you a host of good things and a very Merry Christmas.

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### Greetings Echo in Korean Hills as Plans Advance by Soldiers to Observe Christmas

The bunkers are bulging in Korea. In every front-line bunker, the soldiers are busy with their Christmas preparations. They are taking their place among the sparse furnishings of the combat position. Christmas gifts from state have been pouring in since October, and soldiers eagerly await the hour when they cut the wrappings from their carefully hoarded packages from home.

Well-fed after the Christmas turkey dinner pledged to every man, soldiers still will make time for those cookies from home—for about every "most deposed gift" list in Korea. Soldiers will observe Christmas by attending Catholic Mass or Protestant services in Korean bunkers at the battlefield, in Army tents and chapels in rear areas.

**In the Hospital Wards**  
Army hospital staffs are planning special entertainment for sick and wounded soldiers. Decoration contests are already under way in hospital wards and Santa Claus will distribute gifts to hospitalized soldiers on Christmas.

The traffic in gifts has been a busy proposition, of course, and many exotic items—such as oriental clothing, vases and slippers—have been started home-ward bound.

Although Christmas shopping isn't the easiest thing in the world for the front-line soldier, the Army came to his aid with mobile Christmas shopping centers.

Post exchanges on wheels stocked with items on sale in Japan rolled up to all of the divisions on the line. Soldiers made their selections from samples on display and the gifts were packaged and sent to the United States from Yokohama, Japan.

**Big Day For Children**  
Christmas entertainment will be on the December 25 schedule for many Army units in Korea.

Hollywood film celebrities on a special holiday junket to the Far East will present variety shows for front-line troops. Like U. S. soldiers all over the world the Korean combat men know that Christmas is the year's biggest day for children—and they are helping make it bigger.

A first sergeant—the unit understudy for Santa Claus—reported: "The men collected a lot of lost change and then they worked through the chaplain to find the right kind of orphanage—one that really needed what help we could give."

The chaplain and several members of the unit haunted all the toy shops in the vicinity for several days and bought enough toys to give three gifts to each of the youngsters.

Food was bought on the Korean market and supplemented from Army rations. Candy was sent from the United States, from wives and parents of the men in the organization.

This project was not unusual. Soldiers duplicated it all over Korea.

### Call 45 Men For Pre-Induction Physical Exams

Local draft board No. 45 has called forty-five men for armed forces pre-induction examinations on January 3. In addition there are three transfers called for examination with the local board group.

The men are to assemble on the third floor of the Hale County court house in Plainview at 8 a.m. and will go from here by chartered bus to Amarillo for the examinations.

Draft board No. 45 includes the counties of Hale, Swisher, Floyd and Motley.

The following are called for preinduction examinations: James E. Elliott, Floydada; Charles L. White, Jr., Tulla; Evaristo Reyes, Plainview.

John E. Perry, Jr., Floydada; Arty L. Greenhill, Plainview; James E. Cowan, Plainview; Kenneth H. DeRusha, Plainview.

Doyle W. Jackson, Plainview; Jimmy L. Perry, Plainview; Darrell O. Stephens, Abert.

Lloyd C. Eiland, Lockney; Lesal W. McNutt, Plainview; Floyd L. Field, Hale Center; John Gomez, Plainview; Gordon R. Harmon, Roaring Springs; Jewel W. Hestand, Hale Center.

Edward A. Curtis, Petersburg; J. W. West, Jr., Plainview; William T. Simmons, Tulla; Howell D. Sparrow, Plainview.

Royce G. Welch, Plainview; Kenneth F. Thompson, Matador; Clendon H. Thames, Plainview.

Thomas G. Reames, Happy; Eliga T. B. Wofford, Hale Center; Gleason J. Eakin, Plainview.

Bobby J. King, Kress; Osvil L. Deal, Tulla; Merritt H. Brooks, Plainview; Eddie G. Holcomb, Tulla; Edward D. Wilmet, Kress; Robert L. Morris, Lockney; Harold H. Howard, Plainview.

Richard E. Tilson, Plainview; Edd C. Shelton, Tulla; Audra L. Mosely, Jr., Petersburg.

Tom A. Caskey, Plainview; A. O. Ferguson, Jr., Plainview; Bobby J. Durham, Floydada; Raymorse Ferguson, Plainview; Byron E. Gammage, Plainview.

J. E. Bray, Happy; Willie T. LaRoe, Happy; Robert H. Hollars, Plainview; Uil L. Gunter, Olton.

The following listed registrants have been transferred to this board and will be examined with the above group: George G. Brewster, Edinburg; Jeff Q. B. Spencer, Paris; Fidel Barrera, Edinburg.

#### LUBBOCK VISITORS

Visitors in Lubbock during the past week, with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Donovan, at Lubbock Memorial Hospital, included Mr. and Mrs. Ben Edwards and daughter, Lucretia, on Saturday, and Miss Mary Keith, who spent Saturday and Sunday visiting other relatives in Lubbock.

#### PRE-CHRISTMAS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sheridan, Sr., enjoyed a pre-Christmas visit in Amarillo Sunday, with his mother and sisters, Mrs. J. H. Sheridan, Miss Beulah Sheridan and Mrs. Ann Gaines, and were joined there by the Pat Sheridans, Jr., of Lubbock.

#### VISITING CHILDREN

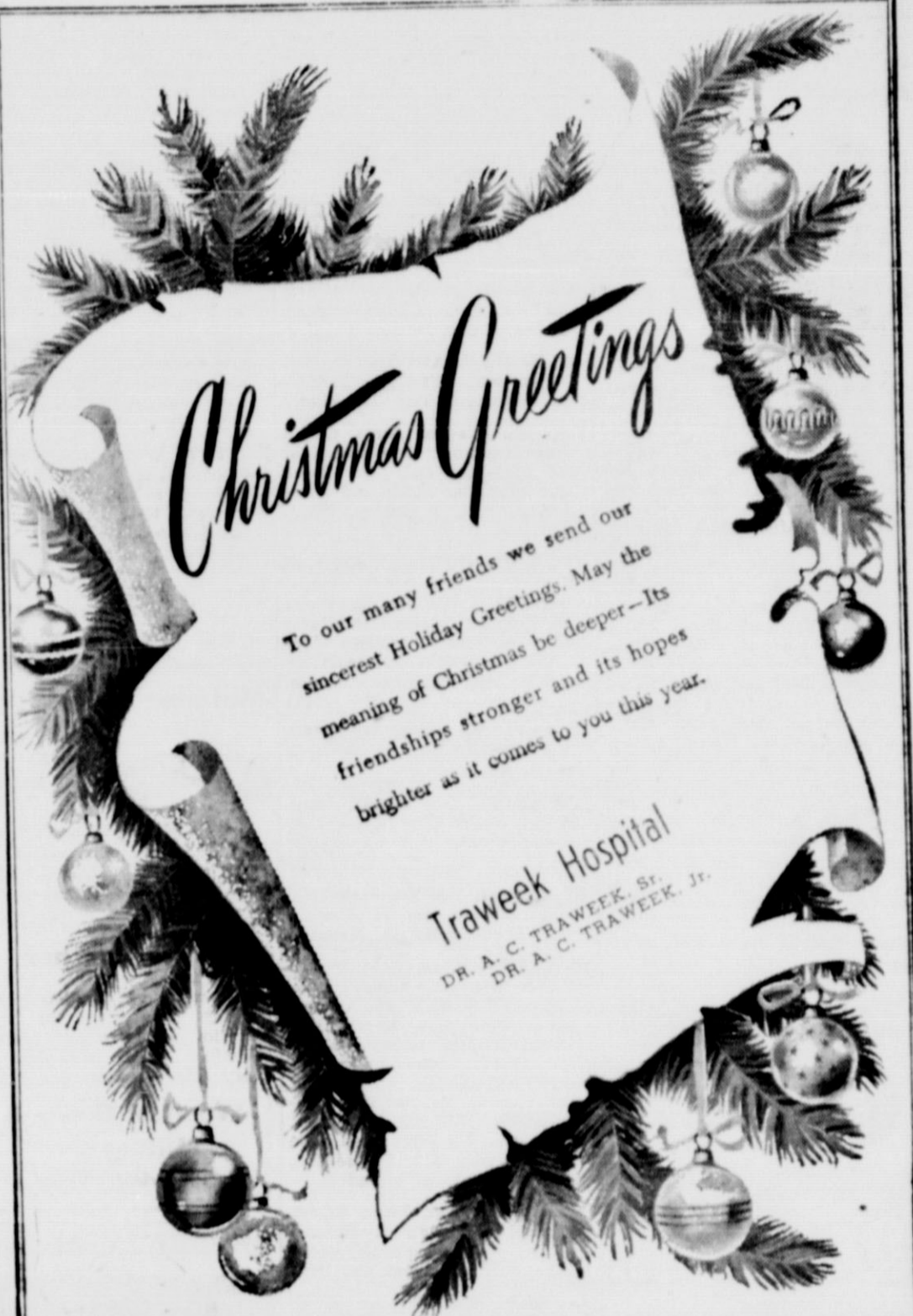
Mrs. Annie Tudor left Sunday to spend the holidays with her children in Dallas and Fort Worth. She will visit a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Masterson in Dallas, and with a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Tudor in Fort Worth.

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*Christmas Greetings*

To our many friends we send our sincerest Holiday Greetings. May the meaning of Christmas be deeper—its friendships stronger and its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.

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DR. A. C. TRAWECK, Jr.

# Greetings

OF THE SEASON



Greeting our friends at Christmas time has become more than a habit with us. It is a manifestation of a deeply felt appreciation of the understanding and good will that we have been privileged to enjoy over these many years. And it is for this reason that we are so anxious now, to extend to everyone our sincerest wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

**Gabriel's DEPARTMENT STORE**  
ANDY HURST and PERSONNEL



**Good wishes...**

Like the gaily bedecked Christmas package, this greeting is filled with joyous thoughts of the Holiday. To all of our patrons and friends, we extend our sincerest gratitude, along with the wish that the coming year bring you bigger parcels of happiness and good cheer.

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**Northfield Couple . .**

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F. Etheredge, Newell Timmons, Nolan Thomas, and Walter Timmons; Miss Edith Amburn of Delwin; Mrs. A. B. Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matlock, and her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Harmon of Roaring Springs, who registered the guests. Fitting the occasion, Mrs. Tom Moore read "That Old Sweetheart of Mine."

Besides their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Matlock have two sons: Walter (Red) Matlock of Northfield, and Chief Petty Officer Howard Matlock of the U. S. Navy, San Diego, Calif. They also have six grandchildren.

Included in the many nice gifts the couple received were a platform rocker and a set of silver.

**Many Friends Call**

A large number of friends and relatives called during the afternoon, and were registered, many being from out-of-town. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Thomas and Raydel, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Timmons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Timmons, Miss Edith Amburn, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Etheredge, M. and Mrs. Ebb Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bethany, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Timmons and Montie, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dobbins, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bain, Mr. and Mrs. Boon Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Leary, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Elliott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Elliott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Delmont Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Moore and Franklin Moore, Childress; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore, Kirkland; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Nimmo and Mrs. Lexie Bain, Matador; Mrs. Ethel Weire, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil

Ashford, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harmon, Roaring Springs; Rev. Coy Finley, Goodlett; Mrs. Loyd Ring, Wichita Falls; and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Simpson and children, Ida May and A. B. Jr., and Walter Matlock of Northfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fulker-son and son, Thurman are spending the Christmas holidays in Odessa with another son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Fulker-son.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Springer are visiting in Lubbock today with her sister, Mrs. Edith Sanders and family.

**In The Want Ads**

**FOR SALE:** Shopmaster jigsaw 15" center. Tilting Table. Extra blades. D. E. Pitts, Jr.

**POLIO INSURANCE:** The Best or we wouldn't write. National Educators. The Gieseckes.

**FOR LEASE:** Ten acres with improvements. One mile east of Matador. Two year lease for 1953 and 1954. Old home place of A. L. Curry, Matador.

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In  
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**TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY**  
December 30 & 31  
"CARIBBEAN"  
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**AT THIS HOLY AND FESTIVE SEASON . . .**

Let us be thankful for the countless blessings granted to us—for the many, many courtesies and favors. Let us accept with all humility that measure of prosperity which has been given us. And, above all, let us face the future with a full and growing confidence. This is our greeting to you.

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# SCRAGGY MESQUITE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR PANHANDLE PIONEERS

By LENORE SHERROD

**News-Globe Correspondent**  
At the turn of the century, there were no spruce, fir or pine trees in the Panhandle, and no corner grocery stores where they could be purchased. But a tree has been the symbol of Christmas since the days of Christ, when the Canaanites worshipped trees and the cross of Christ was thought of as a tree. The early settlers of the Panhandle wanted to celebrate the Yuletide season in the traditional manner.

Mrs. Cline Gilbert of Serman County, recalls one particular Christmas when she was about 14 years old. The men had cut the only type tree available in this area. It was a bare mesquite found growing along a dried creek. This was set up in the court house at Coldwater. The branches were carefully wrapped with cotton. Every person in the sparsely settled county contributed his share, either by stringing popcorn, making chains of colored paper, stringing cranberries or furnishing tallow candles.

Everyone in the county came for the celebration. Mrs. Gilbert says there were always two big celebrations a year, one on the Fourth of July, when the families gathered at some grove and enjoyed neighboring and picnicking for several days and the other at Christmas. She recalled that her home being the most adequate, usually served as an overnight stop for many.

At Christmas, people did not give elaborate gifts such as we know now. Most of the gifts were hand made. Secret hours were spent in perfecting the Christmas gifts. The element of surprise was most important at the Yuletide celebration.

On this Christmas, Mrs. Gilbert recalls, there was a bachelor present. He was a marked man, there being few single men or women in the county at that time. But he insured his place in spotlight when he asked to play Santa Claus. In his nervousness and excitement he hit the branches of the tree, knocking the flaming candles on the cotton at the base of the tree, and fire broke out. There was much hubbub and action among the men, but Santa Claus smothered the blaze with his hands, burning them severely. No other damage was done. Most of the tree was saved and the gifts were not damaged. The

rest of the party was comparatively uneventful. Mrs. Gilbert's father, George Loomis, came to the Panhandle in 1890 and helped organize Sherman County. They made their home in Coldwater, then the county seat of Serman county.

The love of this country shone in her friendly eyes, as she spun back the pages of history and was again a little girl of 10 riding into this new country in a wagon drawn by a team.

"It was a beautiful country, from the Arkansas to the Pecos, soul-satisfying. The Indians were no longer hostile. The buffalo grass was thick, tall, a 'Sea of Grass.' It was not overgrazed, there were no weeds, no fences and no trees, except a few along the edge of the creeks, and lakes were numerous. Cattle knew no disease, no want of pasturage, they were fed no other feed except when snow was on the ground. Large herds of cattle were driven from Mexico to Liberal, Kan., for shipping. The trips took months but the cattle wanted for nothing. There was plenty of grass and water."

Mrs. Gilbert said the buffalo were gone when she came to the Plains. But some of the poorer families would gather the buffalo bones and haul them to the nearest shipping point. Those bones probably rose again in the form of "bone china."

Mrs. Gilbert told of the time the county commissioners met at Coldwater for the usual business. There wasn't much official business at that time. A big snow came, 3 level feet of it. It was a beautiful snow, and it made traveling impossible so the commissioners stayed at her father's home until the trails were passable. Most of the men were 50 years old or older but they built a huge snow man, and engaged in snow ball fights.

Mrs. Gilbert feels the spirit of Christmas is not so evident as it was back in those days when people depended on each other. They were less selfish and looked more into the future by endeavoring to make a better world for their children, she said. The pioneers lived for tomorrow as well as for the day.

Charles Cox of Amarillo visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cox over the holidays.

## Pied Pioneers

BY MRS. M.

How do you read your Christmas cards? Do you glance first at the signature, to see whom it is from, or do you begin at the first, and read the greeting, then down to the signature? Or do you just read the signature, passing up the sentiment . . .

We usually look first at the signature, then go back and read the greeting.

In sending out your cards, do you just go down the line, addressing the envelopes, and stuffing the cards in without further thought, or do you read the sentiments or greetings carefully, selecting an appropriate message for specific persons? We know several who do the latter, and when we receive their cards, we read them carefully, because they convey a personal meaning, direct from the sender to us, which we don't want to miss.

Since we go in for mass production in printing our greetings, and they are all alike, we just address and stuff the envelopes, slap a stamp on them, mail them and sigh, "Well thank goodness that's over with for another year."

Which isn't of course the right attitude at all. As we've said before, the trouble is that being in the printing business, we naturally don't do anything about our cards until Christmas week, and then we are so rushed we're hardly in a condition either mentally or physically to address Christmas cards.

We still love to receive them however.

While all the Christmas cards are well expressed and convey the message of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to man," we were particularly impressed by the following which appeared on a greeting from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lefevre, Jr. of Houston:

"There is no hope, no way, No truth, no life, but leads Through Christmas Day."  
"Although men throughout history have sought to save themselves by spurious means,

it is not recorded that any such schemes ever succeeded, but we have abundance of testimony that real and abiding faith in Jesus of Nazareth by the grace of God has brought salvation to many, as so eloquently expressed by Saint Paul in these words:

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In commemorating His nativity, will come to save us from our folly, we joyously extend greeting to you and yours at this Yuletide."

And this is as we would like to say to you, our friends.

### TO VISIT RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gilbert, with their daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. Bateman Middlebrooks and Clyda Ann, left Wednesday evening for Burnet to spend Christmas with Mrs. Gilbert's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Vaughn, and other relatives who will join them there. These include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Vaughn; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Vaughn; Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Burns and family, all of Harlingen.

### TO DALLAS

Mrs. Margaret Newman left Wednesday to spend Christmas holidays at Dallas with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weaver. Her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Newman and daughter, Mary, will spend the holidays with relatives at Possum Kingdom Dam, and during the absence of the Newmans, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bourland will operate the Motley Hotel.

Roy Taylor from Texas University, Austin, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, over the Christmas holidays.

### FROM TEXAS TECH

Students from Texas Tech who are visiting their parents over the holidays are Patti Pipkin, Rosemary Bloodworth, Rita Wilkinson, and Norman Seigler.

### HOME FROM WTSC

Students from West Texas State who are visiting their parents during the Christmas holidays are Charles Payne, Jerry Warren, and Garland Rattan.

La Befana and Yule Tomten are two foreign names for Santa Claus.

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### ARRIVE FROM A & M

Students home for the holidays from Texas A & M are R. L. Giesecke, R. L. Holt, and Wayland Moore.

Mrs. C. E. Woolery and Mrs. G. N. Wilson of Lubbock, spent the week-end here visiting their father, Joe Meador, and brother, Joe Berry Meador. Mrs. A. B. Groves returned to Lubbock with them to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tomlinson.

Kenneth Dunning who is attending School of Mortuary Science in Dallas, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunning.

Mrs. Eddie J. Leary, attended to business in Lubbock Saturday and was accompanied home by Miss Melba Kimbell, who spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kimbell of Whiteflat.

**Merry Christmas**

If we haven't had a chance to wish you a Merry Christmas personally, during the past few days, may we now say to each and every one of our friends and patrons.

"A Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year"

**Tina Ann Shop**  
Mrs. Ethel Damron

**Cowboy Boot Shop**  
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"Hark! the herald angels sing..."

THIS CHRISTMAS, as we rejoice in the commemoration of the birth of our Lord, let us remember the good his teachings have brought to all mankind.

MAY OUR HEARTS be open this Christmastide to His message that by the power of God's love alone can we be inspired to great deeds and wise action.

**Matador Variety**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jacobs and Personnel

**A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS to ALL**

As the joyous songs of Christmastide ring out again, telling the happy story of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" we extend the Season's greetings to our many friends. May your Christmas be one of contentment and good cheer. May the New Year bring you a full measure of happiness and good fortune.

**CHARLIE'S GROCERY**  
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### Santa Claus Beats Retreat After 'Friendly Kids' Get 'Too Rough'

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20 — Santa Claus quit because "the kids played too rough." Harold Barker, an 18-year-old student at Loyola University of the South, decided Friday that his role as Santa Claus at a New Orleans gasoline station was just too rugged. All he had to do was give away lollipops and act cheerful. Barker became frustrated and frazzled an hour after he reported for work Thursday for the first time when about 200 children decided to take matters in their own hands. They grabbed all the balloons and lollipops and in the confusion, Santa's buttons and wig were ripped off. Children overflowed into the street, cars couldn't get near the gas pumps, and traffic was snarled. With the speed of Dasher and Dancer, Santa fled to the safety of the station house and attendants secured the doors. "They were just being friendly," puffed Santa wearily, "but they played too rough."

### Bethlehem Will Be Open Yuletide City

BETHLEHEM — The guarded border between Jordan and Israel will open for one day on Christmas Eve in honor of the Prince of Peace. The Arab state of Jordan and the Jewish state of Israel technically are still at war. Free passage from one zone to another in this city occupied half by Israel and half by Jordan forces is an impossibility all the year round. But on Christmas Eve every year the soldiers of the Arab Legion, wearing their colorful head dresses, and the stiff guards of Israel, whose caps carry the Star of David, step aside at one crossing point. They stand at attention as a crowd of several hundred, headed by Msgr. Alberto Gori, the Latin patriarch in Jerusalem, solemnly walks to St. Catherine's Church in Bethlehem to celebrate the Nativity. Echo Of War They come from all over the world to attend the midnight

mass in Bethlehem. Rifle fire of the Arab-Israeli war still echoed on Christmas, 1948, when the first pilgrims from abroad were permitted to cross the demarcation line. Since then they have come in increasing numbers. This year thousands are expected. Some travel through Amman, the Jordanian capital. Others from overseas fly to the Israel airport of Lydia. From there they motor to Jerusalem. In the years before the war ripped the Holy Land, the procession started from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. It was met midway by another procession coming from Bethlehem. Now both processions walk to the small village of Bet Jala, near Bethlehem. From there they proceed to St. Catherine's in Bethlehem. Legionnaire Escort En route the procession is escorted by Arab Legionnaires riding motorcycles and horses. The church where the patriarch sings the Christmas midnight mass is packed beyond capacity every Christmas. There are a few reserved seats for the foreign consuls residing in Jerusalem and the senior members of the Arab government in the Holy City. The pontifical mass starts at 11 p.m. Dec. 24. While it is sung the child Jesus is carried in a long procession from St. Catherine's Church to the cave of the Nativity. There the mass is continued and ends around 2 a.m. on Christmas Day. Another mass is celebrated the morning of Dec. 25, but this is attended only by residents of Bethlehem. Christmas is celebrated three times in the Holy Land. The Eastern churches, including the Greek Orthodox, the Coptic and the Syrian Orthodox churches, have their celebrations 13 days after Dec. 25. The Armenians celebrate 13 days after that. Matador, Texas, Dec. 23, 1952 Dear Santa: I have been a good boy this year, so please bring me a transport truck, a telephone, a basketball set, fruit, nuts and candy of all kinds. Roger Wayne Evans.

#### VISITING RELATIVES

Mrs. Ruth Benson of Lubbock, will be joined here for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. I. N. Plumlee and other relatives, by her son and family Mr. and Mrs. Gene Benson and daughter of Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Plumlee and her children plan a family reunion for Monday.

We've had breakfast in bed only once. That was when the wife threw the skillet at us.



May the glad cheer of Christmas with its spirit of wonderful warmth remain as a precious token for all our friends, throughout the New Year.

**SPUR LAUNDRY**  
Spur, Texas

## Season's Greetings

In extending our sincerest greetings to our friends at this time we find an ever deeper meaning in the spirit of Christmas. For it is the furthering of friendship and brotherhood with others that brings to us the true joy of living... A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

## SPOT CASH GROCERY

MELVIN MEASON	MELVIN WARREN	JOHN BRISCOE
NELL WEBB		RICHARD TURNER

# Merry CHRISTMAS

To our many friends we send our sincerest Holiday Greetings. May the meaning of Christmas be deeper — its friendships stronger and its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.

## Stanley Hospital-Clinic

DR. J. S. STANLEY AND PERSONNEL



### MANY LEGENDS CONNECTED WITH MISTLETOE AND USES; EARLY KNOWN AS GOLDEN BOUGH

By Mary Daggett Lake

Christmas and mistletoe! To the English-speaking world they are inseparable. We often wonder why mistletoe is called "the golden bough." Sir James Fraser, in his book "The Golden Bough," gives a number of interesting legends connected with mistletoe and its use throughout the years.

Here in the Southwest the mistletoe is used extensively as a Christmas decoration, and we know the branches turn, together with the berries, a sort of yellowish green as they begin to age.

Virgil first mentions this coloring. Breton peasants hang bunches of the parasite in front of their cottages to herald the yule season.

The fact that there is a natural affinity between a yellow bough and yellow gold has given rise to the tradition, says this author, that where grows the mistletoe, there the mineral abounds.

There likewise is a connection between the fernseed and gold. We are told that in Russia, if you succeed in catching the bloom of the fernseed at midnight on Midsummer Eve, all you need do is to toss it into the air, and it will fall quickly on the spot where gold is to be found. The fernseed is supposed to come into bloom on Christmas night and whoever catches it will become very rich, one would thereby have the key to all hidden treasures.

In antiquity mistletoe was believed to possess the property of extinguishing fire, and today

in Sweden branches are kept indoors as a conflagration safeguard. Branches of mistletoe were hung over the stable doors wherein animals were kept on Christmas Eve, that witches be driven away. Welsh farmers say, "No mistletoe, no luck!" Mistletoe always has been considered an emblem of good luck.

Another legend has to do with the origin of the mystical Christmas Rose. Mrs. W. H. Vick, Elms Garden Club, sent in this legend concerning the Hellebore's flowers: When gifts were being taken to One Little Child in Bethlehem in the long ago, a little shepherdess was very unhappy because she had no gift to take. As she toiled among the grasses, fingering them as she passed, certain ones began to flower, and the heart of the flower became a vivid pink. These she took to be in answer to her need for gift, and she forthwith presented this flower, known as the Christmas Rose, an answer to her prayer.

**SANTA RIDES GOAT, NOT REINDEER IN SCANDINAVIA**

In Scandinavia, gifts are given to the children during the evening meal. Santa comes riding on a goat instead of a reindeer and is accompanied by dwarfs who distribute the gifts. Bowls of porridge are left on the doorsteps by the children for the dwarfs' refreshments.

In Sweden and Norway both, birds are given special remembrance. A choice sheaf of grain is placed on a pole or on fence posts... bits of suet are hung on the tree—for a gala Christmas treat for the birds.

**ST. NICHOLAS VISITS KIDDIES IN HOLLAND**

In Holland, Dutch kiddies wait anxiously the arrival of St. Nicholas. Dressed in traditional bishop's robes of black, he carries a crozier and wears a mitre. He brings gifts for the children which he places in their wooden shoes standing in the chimney corner.

# Season's Greetings...

May your stocking be large enough to squeeze in our appreciation for your patronage throughout the year!



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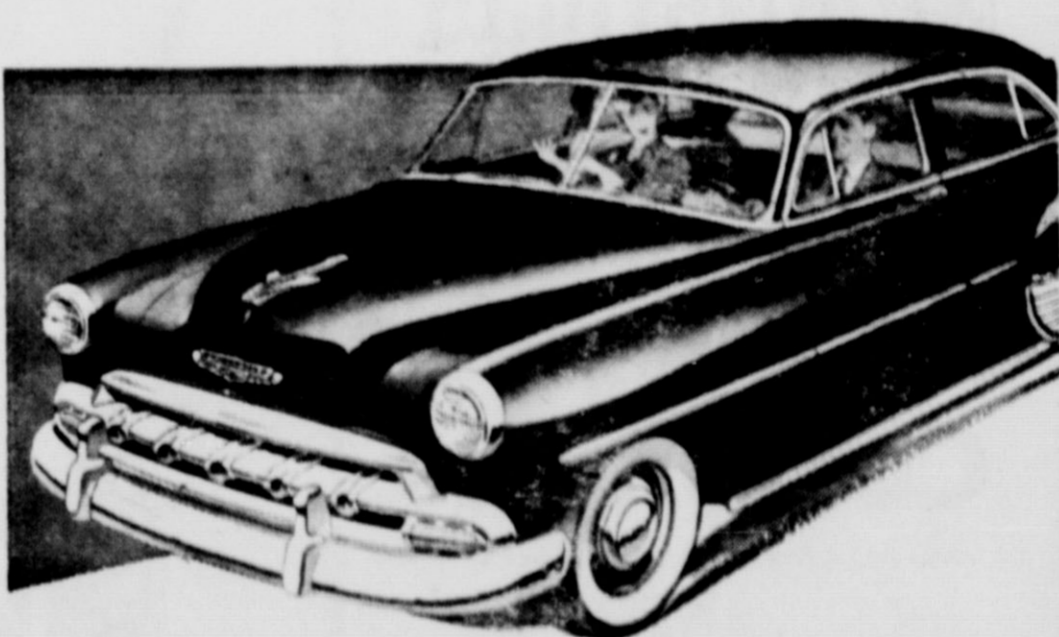
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# CHRISTMAS

# GREETINGS



By a cheery fireside... Santa ends his night —  
A moment's pause to rest a while, ere he takes his flight!  
He has been a busy elf all this passing year  
Making Christmas, bright and gay; brimful of good cheer!  
*Merry, Merry Christmas.*



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### Christmas For War Criminal Aides Of Hitler To Be Brighter This Year

BERLIN, Dec. 21—Christmas comes this week even to Span-dau prison, home of Hitler's aging survivors.

The Allies will relax the tough prison rules briefly to permit a ray of holiday spirit to filter into the snow-capped stone dungeon where seven Nazi leaders spend their solitary hours.

With the Americans in charge this month, the top seven can expect a Christmas dinner that is better than usual. The allies alternate in conducting the four-power jail and it is no longer a secret that the prisoners fatten up under the West and thin down when the Russians are in command.

Christmas dinner will be on the 25th this year. On the same day, and also on Friday, church services will be conducted for both protestant and Catholic by Allied military chaplains. Six of the prisoners look forward to the church services when they are enabled to join in singing

Christmas hymns and carols, accompanied by a small chapel organ.

The seventh, former Deputy Fuehrer Rudolph Hess, disdains the services, even as he disdained the chaplains during his long trial in Nuernberg.

Hess, former Munitions Expert Albert Speer and Hitler Youth Leader Baldur von Schirach are the young men of the seven, and thus are in the best physical shape. Admirals Erich Raeder and Karl Doenitz, Banker Walter Funk and Diplomat Konstantin von Neurath are reported aging badly. Doenitz' 10-year term is up in 1955. The other terms range up to life and the case of 78-year-old Neurath. His 15 years is tantamount to that.

The prisoners are permitted a small Christmas gift package. It usually contains their only touch of luxury through the year in the form of perfumed soap or special face lotion for

after-shaving.

A few sprigs of evergreen are allowed for Christmas decoration, plus a decorated tree. Some of the prisoners get special cakes and cookies from their families at Christmas time. The holiday meal is usually a good roast with vegetables, and fruit. Other prison rules are maintained as strictly as ever, however.

The men must retire at 10 p.m. but a small light continues to burn in their cells. Guards are required to pace past each door every 15 minutes and further illuminate the room with a flashlight.

### Hollywood Has An Anonymous Old St. Nick

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 18 — Thanks to Hollywood's real life Santa Claus, a shivering invalid in Maine will get an electric

blanket for Christmas this year. California widow receives a wheelchair and a North Carolina woman can pay her doctor bills.

Hollywood's Santa is a celebrity of show business who anonymously hands out checks signed only "Santa Claus" to needy persons he hears about.

For five years he's given away \$30,000 a year, and every yuletide I visit Santa he'll climb whose chimney he'll climb down. He wears custom-made suits instead of that red outfit. He is beardless, his "north pole" is a swanky office, and Santa's helper is a gorgeous brunette who wears sweaters.

"I don't want anyone to know who I am or I'd be criticized for seeking publicity," explained Santa a handsome, dark-haired man.

"I get personal satisfaction from this, so it's really a selfish motive."

The town clerk in Owlshhead, Me., wrote to "Santa Claus, Care of Security National Bank, Hollywood 28, California.

A Bryson City, N. D., widow got \$100 to pay milk and clothing bills for her two children. A Glendale, Calif., widow found money for a wheelchair in her mailbox.

Santa also sent a Christmas check to a Van Nuys, Calif., man who walks three miles to work every day to support his two children and has only one suit. A Twin Falls, Ida., couple received \$100 to help pay doctor bills.

Last year Santa helped a Detroit man get a new set of false teeth, and now all his friends are writing in.

Santa has received 4,500 letters since 1948, and has helped 1,500 persons. He turned down the rest because "they were phony, or weren't needy, or wanted large loans." His fame spread even to Europe.

He refused help Tuesday to a jobless man behind the Iron Curtain, since "I was afraid the money wouldn't get through."

One grateful receiver sent Santa a painting, and others re-

member him with Christmas cards, socks and ties. "But some never write to thank me," mused Santa.

### Letters To Santa

Matador, Texas, Dec. 23, 1952

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 13 years old. I want a boy friend and a flash-bulb camera for Christmas. Oh! yes, I would like to have my three front teeth too. Please do not disappoint me. Always, Raynita Dunning.

Matador, Texas, Dec. 23, 1952

Dear Santa: We three girls believe we have been pretty good. Don't know just what Mother and Daddy think, but we have tried to be good. We all want a doll that we

can comb and roll up its hair, three pairs of skates, one ironing board, a folding table with 4 chairs, (so when we have a guest we can have a chair for her.) And of course just any thing you think we could use in our play house that we have in the garage.

Don't forget all the other boys and girls everywhere, also our teachers.

Thank you Santa, Wreathel age 7, Treva, age 8 and Brenda age 4.

P. S. Santa, we will be at Grandmother Woodruff's who lives at Quitaque. The Hicks girls,

Matador, Texas, Dec. 23, 1952

Dear Santa: I've been a good girl please bring me a doll, a telephone, a doll suitcase, fruit, nuts and candy of all kinds. Also bring my little sister a doll and fruit and candy. Margaret and Katherine Evans



# Merry Christmas

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Dear Friends,  
It's been a long, hard pull getting ready for Christmas! But it's been worth the many hours spent at the workshop. For when you stop and think of the sheer delight reflected in every face on Christmas morn, it makes you feel really glad that your efforts have brought happiness like this into the World. So, have a Merry Christmas friends... and a very Happy New Year, too!  
Sincerely,  
Santa

## Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

HENRY FORD BABY WEBB



## WRITER SAYS CHRIST 'ELIMINATED' FROM MODERN DAY CHRISTMAS CARD

By BOB CONSIDINE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Christmas card manufacturers, those wholesale purveyors of a sentiment which neither they nor most of us seem to understand are studiously eliminating the Christ from Christmas.

We've received some pretty cards this year and appreciate them very much. Had a card with a tenderly tinted view of a battleship belching a broadside, a lot of cards with wistful dogs, horses, cats, views of the Manhattan skyline from Brooklyn, a bewildering variety of front doors, a pretty painting of a Swedish bridge ("God jul och god natt ar from bjorne steinrik"), a superbly embossed card from Lucian Sprague, president of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway, giving the first breathtaking sentence of the Constitution, and a shot of a Kremlin tower from my good friend Eddy Gilmore, the AP's Moscow correspondent. As at the start, the remembrance was warming.

**Too Much "Progress"**

About one out of 20 have anything to do with the birth of Christ. Perhaps the card companies, or the people who this season are exchanging the dizzy number of 1,500,000,000 cards, have decided that since everything else in life seems to be moving along they might as well view Christmas with a progressive end and eliminate its traditional factors.

Whatever the reason, there aren't many mangers floating through the mails these days, nor infants, nor Marys nor Josephs, nor Magi, nor oxen, nor Bethlehem stars; nor shepherds nor heavenly hosts.

Call me Scrooge, but I can't quite experience the haunting tangle of bygone Christmases by resting the eye upon a colored picture of the Eiffel Tower. The sleighbells don't ring in my ear as they probably should) when I open a card which is a photograph of a family—usually good friends of ours—staring fixedly at me.

**"Xmas" Also Hit**

For me there's something less than goose-pimples in the picture of a chubby kitten who while playing with a ball of yarn has spelled out "to my cheery, chummy pal, mighty square and true, kind we don't so often meet, but lucky when we do! Merry Xmas!" Worries me. How did she cross that "X" so good, at her age? Things like that. Anyway, I can't squeeze from it that old feeling I had as a child, when after midnight mass the bundled parishioners would troop down into what we called the "lower church" darkened and spooky and marvel at the unveiling of the creche.

Snow is fine and all that, but there wasn't any around when Christ was born. Nor reindeer being ridden by cartooned images of dear little ones of the family. Nor hack poets. There was mainly this child, as I get it, and his mother, and she wrapped him in some of her clothing and laid him in the manger of a cave because, as a good reporter named Luke wrote a few years later, the family had had some hotel trouble.

**Trouble With Room**

The holy family appears to be still having trouble finding room . . . at least room on the cards.

I'm indebted, if that's the word, to Dick Falk, poet laureate of the Barker Greeting

Card Co. of Cincinnati for the 1,500,000,000 figure used above. He also swears on a stack of cards I received from a number of favored gambling hells in Las Vegas, Nev., (holly-encrusted dice tables on a field of mistletoed faro dealers) that the following is true:

The average family sends 75 Christmas cards. Eleven percent of the cards you'll receive came from persons you omitted from your list. Sixteen percent of the cards arrive after Christmas. More than three per cent wind up in the dead letter office. The last item is interesting. And appropriate, when one considers the new trend in Christmas cards. Their designers appear to have given up the symbol of life.

## EGYPTIANS MADE ELABORATE DOLLS FOR CHILDREN

No one knows for sure who made the first doll, but it can be assumed the earliest figures were sacred—gods and ancestor images. These doll-like forms were not toys for the delight of children, but solemn religious figures that preserved the tribe from harm.

Then, somehow, somewhere, a change took place. Dolls became a toy for girls and the most popular Christmas toy of them all.

Dolls have been discovered in Egyptian tombs and ruins, some even had real hair, some were ivory, carved by craftsmen for a king's daughter; others were

made of straw by an overworked mother in a peasant's hut.

In ancient Greece dolls were played with and cherished by little girls until they were ready to be married. Then (their dolls were taken to the shrine of a favorite goddess) and, often with tears, presented to her. The Roman children played with dolls, too, but after the fall of the Empire there came a long period in which there is no record of dolls.

Not until the thirteenth century when dolls were made in Nuremberg and dressed in the fashions of the times did little girls again play with dolls. They were here to stay.

By and by in Europe, the

French fashion dolls became all the rage, not for children to play with but as models from which fine ladies could pattern their own modish costumes.

In America, the Indian children had dolls of their own made of rawhide and feathers and wood. Pioneer children had dolls much like these, and some were made of braided cornhusks, or nuts, or corncobs, or rags, and were dearly loved in spite of their plainness.

Much later, lifelike dolls were imported from Germany, where the doll industry had reached enormous proportions. These dolls had fine china heads with carefully painted faces and kid bodies that were joined at

the arms and legs. Later there came the Japanese-made dolls, which were inexpensive enough for almost any child to own. Then the American-made dolls began to appear—the special dolls, the kewpies, billikens, Buster Browns, teddy bears, Patsy dolls and Shirley Temples and phonograph dolls, with all the host of others that have followed and which are still to come. For dolls always will be part of childhood and part of

Christmas as long as there are little girls and boys to play with them, and parents and fond kin-folk to buy.

The Norwegian pronunciation of ski is shee.

John D. Rockefeller founded the University of Chicago.

Hoover was the only U. S. president of Swiss descent.

Written history is at least 6,000 years old.

## Happy Holiday

May all the joys of the Holiday be heaped on you and those you love. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



**AT THIS time** we wish also to express our thanks and sincere appreciation to all who have visited us, sent flowers, telegrams, cards and letters, and for every inquiry about Don's progress since his hospitalization. Words can never convey what your thoughtfulness has meant to us.

The Donovans

EMMETT — HAZEL — ROSE CAROLYN

## Season's Greetings

May the spirit of brotherhood that is the meaning of our Christmas spread its teachings of Peace and Good Will around the world.

Harry Willett & Co.

**Season's Greetings**

It's our sincerest wish that your Holiday Season may in every way be glad . . . abundant with good fellowship, good health and success in the coming New Year.

**Vaughn Drug**

## CHRISTMAS Wishes

Good health, good fortune and good cheer . . . these are our Christmas wishes for you. And may you enjoy each of them in increasing measure every day of the New Year.

**Sale** (LIMITED TIME)

half price reg. \$2 size \$1.00

**Dorothy Perkins supreme Hand Cream**

We bring you an outstanding bargain . . . so you can save money now by trying this new family size Dorothy Perkins supreme Hand Cream is lanolin-rich . . . soothes, smooths, protects extra-sensitive, dry-skin hands! Hurry . . . get your supply now and save half!

**SAVE A DOLLAR ON EVERY JAR!**

**Harry Willett & Co.**

**W. F. McCAGHREN** AGENT

**Christmas Carols**

**merry christmas**

Once again the season of song and merriment is at hand! As young and old raise their voices in tune with the Christmas celebration may we add to the chorus of harmonious greetings, a cheerful wish for all our friends.

"May you have a Yuletide of comfort and joy—a New Year of peace, good health and continued happiness."

**West Texas Gin**

MATADOR, TEXAS



## Letters To Santa

December 9, 1952  
Flomot, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I would like for you to bring me a stopper gun and a football.

Love,  
Mike Barton.

Dec. 9, 1952  
Flomot Texas.

Dear Santa:  
I would like for you to bring me a Saucy Walker Doll, and a Cinderella watch for Christmas.

Love,  
Dixie Ann Barton.

December 12, 1952  
Matador, Texas

Mr. Santa Claus  
North Pole  
Dear Santa Claus:  
What I want for Christmas is a Cosmic Ray Gun and I would like a Special Paints for Plastic and I want a Wall-type Punching bag and I would like a Plastic Krazy Ikes. That is all for this time.

Love,  
Richard Campbell.  
Five year old  
P. S. Please bring me some nuts, candy and fruit.

December 12, 1952  
Matador, Texas

Mr. Santa Claus  
North Pole  
No address  
Dear, what I want for Christmas is a toy adding machine and a toy sewing machine and a metal loom outfit. This is all for this year.

Love,  
Carl Campbell  
And bring me some nuts, candy and fruit.

December 11, 1952  
Roaring Springs, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a train and a drum and a Roy Rogers holster set, and please bring my little brother Ricky a Rocking Horse and a pull train. I love you Santa.

Love,  
Randy Moss.

December 11, 1952  
Northfield, Texas.

Dearest Santa Claus:  
Jimmy and I have tried to be good boys. Jimmy wants a tricycle. I want a machine gun and a tool set and a maintainer. We hope to see you Christmas.

Love,  
Tim and Jimmy Timmons.

November 13, 1952  
Matador, Texas.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa:  
I want you to bring me a "Heart Beat" doll, a play cash register with play money, and a drug store set, also I'd like to have a sewing set.

I have been a good girl and helped Mother while sister is at school.  
My sister Ann will write you a letter to tell you what she wants for Christmas and will put it in with mine.  
Will close. Hope to see you Christmas.

Love to both of you,  
Ruth Garnett.

November 15, 1952  
Matador, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santa:  
This is what I would like for you to bring me for Christmas—a Blue Bird, a Braille doll, a pink cradle, some field glasses, a

sewing set, and a giant chair. I hope I haven't ask for too much because I want you to see all the other children.

Love,  
Anna Lois Garnett.

December 1, 1952  
Matador, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl 6 years old. I have been Good. Will you please bring me a doll that can walk and talk. Some dishes, a nurse kit, an iron and ironing board. Bring all my Christmas what they want for they are all good children. Don't forget to bring Ray Nell what she wants. Oh! yes, did you know that I have moved to Matador. Last Christmas, I lived at Flomot. We have a cat, so if you are hungry while in Matador just stop at Tanner's cafe and we will give you some food.

Thank you Santa for all the nice things you have given me. I love you,  
Benzie Beth Tanner.

December 1, 1952  
Matador, Texas

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a holster set and a football.  
Remember all other little girls and boys.

Love,  
David Lee Thompson

Box 211  
Matador, Texas  
November 27, 1952

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a coonskin cap, a pretty coat and a tricycle.

Put something in my stocking to play with an Indian set would be nice. If you can manage one or two more gifts for me, please give me a small set of American logs and a trailer truck to haul them in.

Remember Jon and Barry and give everyone a nice Christmas.

Love,  
Jamie Johnson.

December 5, 1952  
Roaring Springs, Texas.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Toni doll, a play refrigerator, a filling station, monopoly board and checkers. That's all, I think.

Love to you,  
Clivia Dehking

December 5, 1952  
Roaring Springs, Texas.

Dear Santa:  
I'd like to have a walking doll for Christmas. Also I want a telephone, an adding machine, and a little cash register.

Don't forget the other boys and girls and my grandmother who is sick.

Love,  
Linda Kay Gillespie.

December 5, 1952  
Roaring Springs, Texas.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl in the second grade. I would like for you to bring me a doll and toy sewing machine and a sewing kit. My little sister Lillie Mae wants a doll, a little wagon and a toy telephone. My brother Jerry

wants a motor, a tire and tube for his bicycle.  
Please fill our socks with fruit, nuts and candy.

Lots of Love,  
Glynda Gail Morris.

December 5, 1952  
Roaring Springs, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me some cowboy guns, a cowboy hat, space car, a rocket and space men, a pirate gun, and army fort and a real live horse.

I've been nice at school and I hope you won't forget Ronda and Rex.

Love,  
Robin Harmon.

P. S. I have moved out in the country.

December 5, 1952  
Flomot, Texas.

Dear Santa:  
I can hardly wait for Christmas Eve to come. I have tried so hard to be good. I'm sure you plan to give me a walking doll. I will take good care of her and give her a pretty, pretty name.

Don't forget to bring my little cousins (Patricia, Jan, Mike and Nancy Ann) something nice. My brother, Bobby Joe, would like cowboy boots.

I love you Santa,  
Eulalia Fern Smith.

December 1, 1952  
Roaring Springs, Tex.

Dear Santa:

My name is Merle Bradley. I am in the second grade. I am eight years old. I want a red and yellow wagon for Christmas.

My little sisters want a stove and some chairs.

Yours truly,  
Merle Bradley.

December 3, 1952  
Roaring Springs, Texas.

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good boy this year, and I would like a B-B gun and a football for Christmas.

Love,  
Bobby Murphy.

November 28, 1952  
Whiteflat, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl three years old or will be at 12:02 a.m. January 1st.

I'm a good girl, most of the time, that is.

Most of all I'd like you to fix it up with Uncle Sam for my Daddy to be home for Christmas.

I haven't seen him since last January. Oh and I'm getting sorta lonesome about it.  
So fix it up huh, Santa?  
Love,  
Deborah Ann Tilson.

December 3, 1952  
Matador, Texas

Dear Santa:  
Bring me some doll dishes, 2 guns, belt and holsters, cowboy suit, and a snow-andra doll.

Love,  
Bobby Jeff Robinson.  
(corner of Newlin and Bundy)

December 6, 1952  
Roaring Springs, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a boy 5 years old. Please bring me a Roy Rogers 2 gun set, neck scarf, and hat, gloves and a football.

I have a brother named Doug Touke who is 24 years old. He and rocky horse.

We have been good boys most of the time. Bring our boys to grandmother Touke's house and we will be there for Christmas.

Love,  
Truman Dobbins.

December 6, 1952  
San Jose, California

Dear Santa:  
I am a Boy 9 years old, or I will be the 22nd of this month. I would please like to have a football for Christmas. My little sister wants a doll. She is four.

And please don't forget all the little polio victims everywhere or my Grandmother's Grandmaw of San Helen, California.

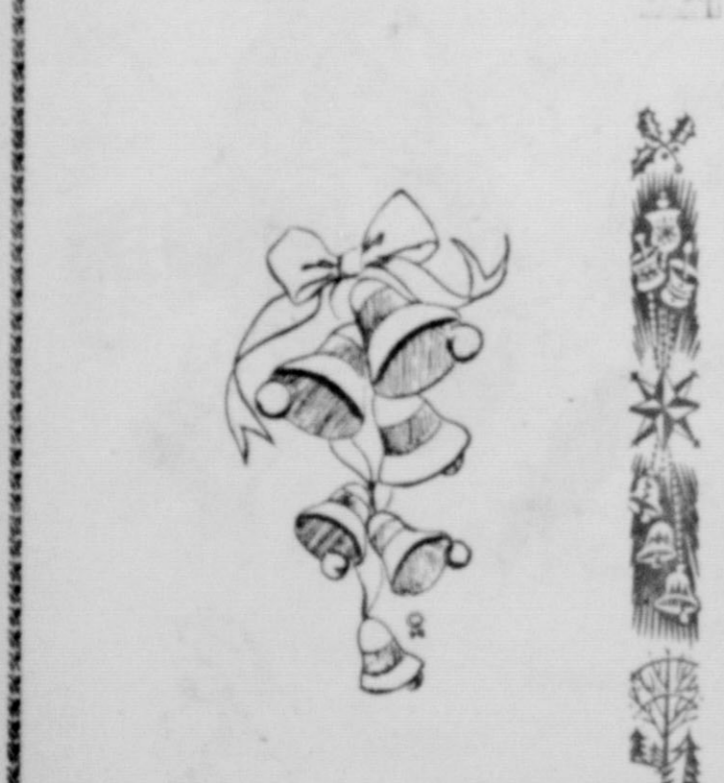
And please Santa Claus, don't forget the Boy's and Father's, especially my Dad over in the cold country of Korea fighting for our freedom.

And for my Mom, a letter from Dad for Christmas. We haven't heard in 11 months. We know he is coming home someday. He said he would. Don't anyone for me, would you forget the meaning of Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Franklin Carrie Mullins.



As joyous songs of Christmas Night  
Ring out in their own sweet way  
May all be calm and all be bright  
In the hearts of our friends this day.  
A Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year to all.



**C. W. Giesecke**  
**AGENCY**  
MR. and MRS. C. W. GIESECKE

# Merry Christmas!



We extend to everyone our warmest wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of good health, prosperity and the happiness of many lasting friendships.

**BURTON-LINGO COMPANY**  
LUMBER AND BUILDING MATERIAL



### You Can Get Away With It At Age Of 7

SPEARMAN, Texas — To everybody who ever wanted to get off a cop," and to people here and in nearby Amarillo, Texas, blonde Nancy Owenby is a real heroine.

Nancy is 7. She and her brother, Jim Steve, 5, and Robbie, 4, were riding down an Amarillo street with their mother, Mrs. Robert J. Owenby of Spearman.

A pickup truck hit the car. The jolt threw Mrs. Owenby out. The car rolled on. Nancy had a sprained foot. But she grabbed the wheel, stood on the brake and brought the car to a stop. She calmly turned off the ignition and picked up her mother's purse.

At the hospital, while Mrs. Owenby was being examined, an officer asked to see her driver's license.

"It's in my billfold in my purse," she said, "but I don't know where the purse is."

"Your little girl has it," said the officer and went to see Nancy.

Nancy looked him in the eye. "My mama's hurt. You can't have her purse."

"But I need her billfold," said the officer.

"You can't have it," said Nancy putting it behind her.

"But your mother told me to take it," the officer said. "I want her driver's license."

Nancy put a hand on her hip. "How do I know she told you to take it? Maybe you're just telling me that to get it?"

"But I'm an officer of the law—I'm supposed to see drivers' licenses . . ."

"You can't have it. You might not even be a policeman. You might just be dressed up like one."

At that critical moment, W. E. Hill of Amarillo, Mrs. Owenby's uncle, arrived. Nancy gave him the purse. He gave the cop the driver's license.

The officer examined it and returned it to Nancy.

"Aren't you going to thank the policeman?" Hill said.

"No," said Nancy. "He didn't thank me."

Then and there in an inspired moment, Franz Gruber, the young organist, composed his famous carol, which has so often been erroneously attributed to Haydn.

### CHECKS NO GAG Even Santa Is Convinced Now

DYERSBURG, Tenn., Dec. 22 — A sidewalk Santa Claus had \$500 to give away today. Where did he get the money? From Santa Claus—who else?

This sidewalk Santa is a genial portly fellow hired by merchants to sit in a cheerful igloo and check the small fry's Christmas requests.

Well, you know how it is. He often felt his heart sink when some thin clad boy or girl perched on his knee to dream aloud about Christmas morning. Their dreams were usually modest, but Santa—with one eye on the worried mother hovering near—had to play it cautious.

Today, with the usual line of eager faces working toward Santa's sidewalk house, the postman stopped by. He thrust a fat envelope into Santa's hand.

Inside were 100 checks, each for \$5, all signed "Santa Claus."

There was a note, too, telling Santa to distribute the checks "where they will do the most good."

Santa immediately rang up the "out to feed the reindeer" sign. He hustled around to the nearby Chamber of Commerce office for advice.

George O. Wilson, executive

secretary, made a quick phone call to the bank on which the checks were drawn.

"It's no gag," said the bank. "Those checks are as good as gold."

So don't try to tell this Santa Claus there ain't no Santa Claus.

CHILD WHO TIED NOTE 0. 14 CHICAGO, Dec. 20 — Eight-year-old Frederick Duffy of Byrnton, New Britain, Canada, will have his Christmas wish answered next week.

Court officials here were preparing Saturday to send Freddy the "biggest, reddest, rubber-tired wagon" they could find after discovering a message tied around the trunk of their Christmas tree.

"I am a little boy eight years old," the message said. "I wish you would send me a wagon . . ."

HOLIDAY VISITORS Visitors here for the holidays include Mr and Mrs. Mose Damron of Canadian, daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. H. S. Watson. They will also visit his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Damron, and his father, Chris Damron. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards and family of Amarillo, plan to join the Damrons here in visiting Mrs. Watson and her other daughter and family, the Bill McCaghrens.

Tribune Ads Pay, Phone 123

### Happy Christmas



To our many friends we wish all the pleasures that a joyous Holiday Season can bring.

### BUS STATION CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Irvin

# GREETINGS



To all our friends and neighbors we give voice to greetings in the true Christmas tradition. With them go our very best wishes for a happy holiday . . . full of joy and peace, good health and contentment.

## King Feed & Seed

CURTIS KING, Manager

JIM RATCLIFF

## With best wishes for the Holiday Season



May this Christmas be one of resounding joy and good cheer for you and all those dear to you . . . and may your Holiday happiness continue through every day of the New Year.

## EUDY - SEALE FUNERAL HOME

Turkey LEWIS EUDY

Matador BILL SEALE

## Merry Christmas

To Each of You, Our Friends

### MATADOR HARDWARE & Furniture Company



# Social Activities

## Roaring Springs Wesleyan Guild Is Hostess To W.S.C.S.

The Wesleyan Guild of the Roaring Springs Methodist Church entertained the Women's Society of Christian Service with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Melvin Thacker, last Wednesday evening.

Everyone brought a gift for the decorated tree, and later received a gift during a musical game.

A program was enjoyed as follows: Opening song by group, "Joy To The World;" Christmas Scripture, Mrs. W. C. King; prayer, Mrs. S. D. Hunter; reading by Mrs. H. P. Cargile, "For Such a Time as This;" vocal tri, Mesdames David Campbell, Clyde Williams and George Morriss; reading "Beggars and the Star," Mrs. W. A. Lewis; group singing of Christmas carols, closing with "Silent Night."

The gifts were then passed around the group while Mrs. Homer Kingery played piano selections. When the music stopped, the gift each person held, became hers.

In addition to those on the program, others present were: Mesdames Jess Bradley, J. M. Carpenter, Alice Basham, Minnie Smith, W. E. Brown, Charlie Baker, Iva Meason, Hazel Bridges, Clyde Clifton, Bob Clem, Lige Cooper, James Moss, J. N. Fletcher, and Misses Bessie Medlen and Lula Mae Swim.

Refreshments of hot spiced tea, sandwiches, potato chips and icebox fruit cake, were served.

Miss Elwanda Martin, who is teaching in Petersburg, arrived home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and her brother, Dewayne.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cuipepper and son, Carson of Oneonta, Alabama, arrived here Monday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Carson and family.

## June Neighbors Becomes Bride Of Billie Earl Myers



MRS. BILLIE E. MYERS

Miss June Neighbors, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Neighbors of Matador became the bride of Billie Earl Myers of Abilene, in a double ring ceremony Saturday, December 20 at 4:30 p.m. in Paducah, Texas. Rev. H. S. Morris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of that place, officiated. Others present were the parents and sister of the bridegroom.

For her wedding, the bride chose a navy blue suit with pink accessories and carried a corsage of pink carnations on a white Bible.

Mrs. Myers was reared here and is a graduate of Matador High School. At the time of her marriage, she was employed as receptionist at Stanley Hospital, having held that position the past two years.

Mr. Myers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Myers of Guthrie. He was reared in that community and graduated from Guthrie High School, and later attended Draughon's Business College in Abilene.

The couple will make their home in Abilene, where Mr. Myers is employed by the Pay-Master Feed Company.

COME TO CHURCH SUNDAY

## Roaring Springs NEWS

Mrs. L. E. Cooper, Correspondent  
Phone 361, Roaring Springs

Mrs. Sladian Warren has returned from a visit in Dublin, Abilene and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and son, Ronny and Mrs. Clyde Davis are spending the holidays in Hearn, with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stanley, parents of Mrs. Jack Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Shavor and sons, of Chalk visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Matney, Christmas Eve and day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clifton and sons, Ronnie and Maurice, were recent visitors in Tahoka with his sister, Mrs. Edward Bartley and Mr. Bartley.

Lt. and Mrs. Louis F. Jones arrived Friday from Kinston, N. C. to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mitchell. He will be stationed at Bryan, Texas after January 1. Other holiday guests of the Mitchells are a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Mitchell, of Lovington, N.M.

Bob Estes of Plainview, is here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Simpson. He is recuperating from an attack of pneumonia.

Eugene Marshall of Washington, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Sr., left Monday for Tulsa, Okla., to spend Christmas with their children, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Jr., and Misses Jama and Kay Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Bowen of Portales, N.M. spent the week-end here with friends. Their son, Pat who is a ministerial student at Wayland College, Plainview, preached his initial sermon at the First Baptist Church here Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Donald Ray Gibson and Mrs. Junior Osborn left Sunday for Camp Roberts, Calif., to spend the holidays with their husbands.

Mrs. Paul Braddock and her mother, Mrs. Johnson visited and shopped here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark left Lubbock Monday by plane, for Charlotte, N.C. to spend the holidays with friends.

Mrs. J. E. Payne is a patient in Quanah Memorial Hospital, where she underwent major surgery recently. She is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Bess Patton of Matador visited here Sunday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Lawrence and children of Matador, were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Green.

Miss Freda Keahy drove to Wichita Falls Friday, to visit through Christmas with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Monteith and other relatives.

Rang Thornton of Mesalero, N.M. spent the week-end here with his sister, Mrs. Roy Bradford and Mr. Bradford. Mr. Thornton was an early day cowboy in Motley County.

Mr. and Mrs. George Morriss and son are spending the holidays in Denver City, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Wyatt.

Mrs. M. D. Hardin was called to McAllester, Okla., Monday by the death of a son-in-law, Frank Weaver.

J. F. Briggs is in Compton, Calif. for a holiday visit with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bridges.

Rev. J. H. McKissac of Abilene, preached at the First Christian Church here Sunday. He and Mrs. McKissac were guests of Mrs. Iva Meason.

Mrs. Minnie Smith is in Paducah, as a holiday guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. Cy Wright and Mr. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goodwin spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Lizzie Osborn and sons are in Plainview visiting with relatives.

**Pupils Have Party**  
The Fourth grade pupils were entertained with a Christmas party in their room Thursday, with the room mothers as hostesses. Claud Lewis led the group in singing carols. Mrs. J. M. Carpenter gave a reading. Mrs. H. P. Cargile read The Christmas Story. Several games were played. Other mothers who assisted were Mesdames Charles Long, W. D. Lewis and Ray Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradshaw and son, Jack Calvin of Bryan, arrived Saturday to visit through the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Russell and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Russell and daughter, Patsy, arrived Wednesday from Waco, for the holidays.

B. F. McIntosh, Jr., of Graham, visited here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McIntosh, Sr., Saturday night through Sunday.

## Letters To Santa

Whiteflat, Texas,  
Dec. 20, 1952

Dear Santa:  
I am not living in a trailer house at Biggs Field anymore but am staying at my granddaddy's house so please don't miss me.

I am 5 years old and have tried to be a good girl. So please bring me a doll bed, baby doll, and a nurse set.

I love you,  
Linda Tilson.

Whiteflat, Texas,  
Dec. 20, 1952

Dear Santa:  
I am staying at my granddaddy's now so please don't leave my toys at Biggs Field. I have been a good boy (as good as boys can be) so please bring be a steam shovel, Dart set and a two gun holster set.

Love,  
Billy Tilson.

December 22, 1952  
Matador, Texas

Dear Santa:

I want a circus train, a mouse for Kitty and a rubber bone for Sandy.

I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Gary Campbell

**HERE FROM QUANAH**

Mrs. J. H. McNabb of Quanah is visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. B. champ, a brother, Vernie, a sister and brother-in-law, and Mrs. John Lawrence.

**MERRY Christmas**

Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and good-will. . . and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year.

**Matador Parts Company**

D. E. Pitts      Douglass E. Pitts, Jr.



**GOOD WISHES**  
for everyone

To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors . . . and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house. And to this wish we add the hope that the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.

**Phillips "66" Station**

HENRY HARRIS, Manager



**SEASON'S Greetings**

Christmas has a merry way with all... it gives joy and laughter to the children, warm and cheerful feelings to the grown-ups, and best of all the grand memory of its joy continues throughout the year. To all our friends we wish a Holiday Season filled with happiness, good health, and contentment.

**Hughes-Cook Implement Co.**  
**Conoco Station**

ED HUGHES, Manager