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City Churches Observe Christmas Season

TRAIL DUST

By DOUGLAS MEADOR



Snow whipped the driver's face as the buggy wheels followed the seemingly endless ruts that extended into the night. The old canvas that covered the man's knees was frozen and ice had begun to form on his mustache as he thrashed the leather reins on the backs of his team. He could not see the fence but the horses stopped and he opened the gate and drove through, knowing his location in the dismal darkness. From a hill he caught glimpses of the distant yellow light and urged the team at a faster pace. At the shed he unharnessed and fed the horses then returned to the buggy and lifted the package from the seat. At the door he stomped his boots to shake off the snow, then entered. Two small children were asleep on a home-made wooden bed, and his wife pressed her fingers to her lips as he lifted the package to her hands. She pointed to the tin pan half filled with ice water into which he plunged his stiff hands to prevent frostbite. The woman hid the package in a closet and somewhere in the night a coyote howled.

A vapor trail dangled in the blue sky like a raveling from the shawl of clouds around the shoulders of space. The plane had vanished into the limbo of distance and left a brief tribute to beauty as a hurrying traveler who might pour liquid silver over a path he had journeyed.

The old rocking chair that was a wedding gift to my parents, was once my cradle. Its beauty is steeped in sacred memories and its wood is stained with years of soft light from coal oil lamps. For many winters it felt the warmth from wood-burning stoves and the sunlight that found its way into small rooms. My mother's gentle hands have left a soothing quality in the curved arms of rich oak; the spirit of time's gentle patience.

The emotion of Christmas transcends the normal state of the human heart to a point where the ordinary becomes an experience of ecstasy.

Christmas is a tribute to the birth of Jesus Christ, with every light, every piece of ribbon and every tinsel wrapping in its small way, honoring His presence on earth.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Parnell Rites are Held at Paducah

Funeral services for Jack Parnell, 67, of Paducah were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Church of Christ there, with Minister Flavil Yeakley officiating. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery directed by Norris Funeral Home. Mr. Parnell, father of Mrs. Bruce Marrs, died about 9 a.m. Thursday in Richard's Memorial Hospital in Paducah, after an extended illness. He had lived in Cottle County 34 years, and was (See back page, this section)



MATADOR'S FIRST FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS - Mayor and Mrs. Kirby Campbell and their two sons, Douglas, at the left and Billy Paul at the right. Mayor Campbell has held office since April. He extends best wishes to all the residents of the community and friends elsewhere.

Heart Attack Fatal To Newton Fletcher

Death, Saturday claimed the life of John Newton Fletcher, 65, member of the Motley County Hospital Board, and prominent resident of Roaring Springs, where he had resided for over 50 years. Mr. Fletcher died about 12:30 p.m. in Quanah Memorial Hospi-

tal, Quanah, where he was conveyed after suffering an apparent heart attack Friday night, at his home.

He was the Roaring Springs rural mail carrier, and also engaged in farming. He served as Motley County Commissioner of Precinct 4, from 1943 until 1952, and was a director of the Motley-Dickens Counties Old Settlers Association.

Rites Held for Mrs. Berryman

Mrs. J. R. Berryman, 69, long-time resident of Matador, died about 7:00 a.m. Wednesday in Quanah Memorial Hospital following an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Joplin, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Roy Collins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wellington.

Burial was in East Mound Cemetery with Seigler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Berryman was born October 9, 1901, in Vernon, Texas. The former Eda Hobbs was the daughter of the late Wallace and Nydia Hobbs, and came to Motley County with her parents in about 1908. She was married to James Richard Berryman, February 6, 1921, at Matador.

Mrs. Berryman was a member (See back page, this section)

SERVICE IS HELD FOR MRS. JACKSON

Funeral services for Mrs. Bertha Jackson, 86, were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church, with Rev. Gene Joplin, pastor, officiating. Burial was in East Mound Cemetery, with Seigler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jackson died about 4:30 p.m. Thursday in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She had been in ill health several years.

She was born Bertha Frances Wierman, November 4, 1884, in Erath County, and passed away December 17, 1970, after attaining the age of 86 years, 1 month and 13 days. She was married to James Andrew Jackson, July 8, 1900, at Stephenville, Texas. They (See back page, this section)

Winners Named In Lighting Contest

Winners in the annual Lions Club holiday lighting and decorations contest were announced late Tuesday. In the residential bracket, first place was awarded the R. M. Stanley home and second place went to the Glenn Woodruff home.

Winners in the business bracket of the contest were, first place, Matador Variety and second place to Bob Stanley Pharmacy. Each of the four winners named above will receive a plaque. Judges awarded honorable mention to the Nativity display at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.



STAN IRVINE

LEADING COACH

Coach Stan Irvine, now completing his second year as coach of the Matadors, was honored with 'Coach of the Year' award, for area class B coach. This year Coach Irvine directed Matador from a pre-season predicted third place to knocking off a powerful Lazbuddie team to capture the District 3-B title.

Matador, in making a powerful comeback this year, was awarded the 'Most Surprising Team' by the Amarillo-Globe sportswriters. The Matadors improved from a 3-7 season last year to a 7-3 season this year.

Honorable Mention

Receiving honorable mention for area Class B back was Bill Barnhill, junior starting quarterback for the Matadors. Barnhill completed 514 yards throughout the year, averaging 5.1 yards per carry, while missing two games with a cracked wrist. In one of Barnhill's most outstanding games against Lazbuddie, he completed 5 out of 7 passes for 95 yards, and gained 83 yards rushing.

Attend 4-H District Gold Star Banquet

James Irwin, 4-H Gold Star boy winner from Motley County, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Irwin, Roaring Springs, attended the District 3 Gold Star Luncheon in Vernon, Dec. 12. Speaker for the event was State Representative Charles Fennell, Holliday. Also attending from Motley County were Lance Jameson, Matador, District Delegate who attended a business meeting prior to the luncheon, and County Agent and Mrs. Bill Pallmeyer.

Christmas Worship Services Planned

A CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Christmas day, in the First United Methodist Church, according to an announcement by Rev. John Fitzgerald, pastor.

Holy Communion will be offered Thursday, Dec. 24, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Rev. Fitzgerald announced.

A cordial welcome is extended everyone to attend the worship service tomorrow morning and to those who wish to join the church membership for communion, tonight.

Christmas At Guadalupe

Mass of the Shepherds will be held Christmas Day, Friday, at 8 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, as announced by Father Larry Hemp, pastor. Confessions were scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Christmas morning at 7:30 a.m.

Baptist Pageant Depicts Nativity

The First Baptist Church was the scene of a pageant, "The Holy Nativity," presented by the young people of the church on Sunday evening during the church service hour. The program was begun by special organ arrangements of 'Silent Night' and 'Away in a Manger' played by Ann Timmons. The pageant narrators, Clarence Woosley and Jeanette Day, told the Christmas story as taken from Luke in the Bible. The nativity story was told by silhouette scenes portrayed behind a spot-lighted cloth screen.

Intermingled with the narration were Christmas carols as sung by a chorus consisting of Jan and Nancy Higginbotham, Patty Edwards, Bridgit Barton, Debra Garrison, Kay Cooper, Elaine Dixon, Mary Ann Woosley, Andy Green and Bill Barnhill, accompanied by Mrs. Stuart Dixon and Mrs. Vann Francis at the piano and organ.

Portraying the nativity scenes were, Kelly Nimmo as Mary; Jim Barnhill as Joseph; Craig Christian, Marty Joplin and Scotty Price as angels; Paul Price, Will Pallmeyer and Mark Joplin as the shepherds, and Mark Joplin as the Wise-men.

Directors of the pageant were Mrs. Reece Timmons, and Rev. and Mrs. Gene Joplin.

Following the special program, the church enjoyed a fellowship during which the pastor and his family were surprised with an old fashioned pounding of food and other gifts.

James Stanley Has Eye Injury

James Stanley was taken to Lubbock Tuesday after suffering an unusual accident. A dog stepped in his eye. He was lying on his bed and playing with a pet dog. Mrs. Stanley tossed a rubber ball, of which the dog is extremely fond, across the bed. In leaping for the ball, the dog stepped in the young man's eye.

The accident occurred Tuesday morning. After going to work he suffered increasing pain, and Dr. Ennis Moss was called for an appointment. Stanley was accompanied by Don Seigler to the doctor's office.

Visiting here Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Whitworth, was their sister-in-law, Mrs. Noble Whitworth of Amarillo, who was en route to Abilene to spend Christmas holidays with relatives.



CAGE HONORS were received by Bill Barnhill and Charla Wason following the recent basketball tournament at Silverton. Each was named to the All-Tournament team and received a trophy. Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barnhill was one of only five boys selected from eight teams and Charla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wason was one of only three guards on the girls team, selected from eight teams. -Tribune Photo

LONG HOLIDAY

Most places of business in Matador will close tonight for a long Christmas holiday. Two food stores, Billy's Grocery and Spot Cash Grocery, Bob Stanley Pharmacy, Salems, Matador Variety, Billie Dean's Drive In and other places of business have announced that they will be closed both Friday and Saturday.

Some places of business will probably be open Saturday, but most offices and businesses will observe the long week end beginning tonight and continuing until Monday, December 28.

Funds Needed For Cemetery Upkeep

An appeal is being made for contributions to residents here and elsewhere who may have loved ones buried in East Mound Cemetery.

J. L. Woodruff, President of the East Mound Cemetery Association said this week that response has been good to solicitations for funds. He said however, that more funds will be needed to continue work through the year.

Mr. Woodruff wishes to express his appreciation for the contributions which have been received in support of the burial grounds. He also expresses his appreciation in advance for contributions which will be made.



DEBBIE SMALLWOOD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smallwood was named to the All-Tournament team last week at the Paducah basketball tournament, and also received an individual trophy. She was one of only three forwards selected from eight teams.

IN PLAINVIEW HOSPITAL

Miss Racene Patton is a patient in Central Plains General Hospital, Plainview and is being treated for a bronchial congestion. She was accompanied to the hospital Saturday, by her sisters, Mrs. J. D. Craven and Mrs. Alvin Stearns. They, together with their other sister, Mrs. L. J. Barkley, have been commuting to her bedside since her illness.

Mrs. Kirby Campbell drove to Friona, Tuesday to visit an aunt, Mrs. Maud Mills, who is critically ill.

Lone Survivor Remembers Tragedy of 15 Years Ago

I have put off writing this for too many years. Now I wish to be heard and give my thanks to the people of Matador, Texas.

I am a young man now, 23, serving with the U.S. Army in Germany. I have recently returned from a two year tour of duty in Viet Nam. I am very young, but I feel so old.

Once I was a little boy, happy with life. But on a cold, freezing night many years ago, I lost all that I had - my family. That night was December 19, 1955, and I was 8 years old then.

I doubt if any of you people remember that night or the days following, but I shall never forget.

I am older now and the aspects of war have made me bitter, but ever since that night I have carried a soft spot for Matador and its people.

But for the people, whom I knew not, I probably would have died. The warmth, the faith and encouragement of those around me meant so much to me then and it has stayed with me all these years.

Perhaps one of you who are reading this will remember me. If there is only one, I hope there is some way perhaps I can now repay you for the kindness dealt to me. I have long wanted to go back to Matador and do some-

thing that would show my gratitude.

If there are those of you out there who would care to drop me a line I will gratefully acknowledge it with a reply.

Thank you, Matador, Texas. Sp. 5 Charles R. Tockey, 444-44-2934 Co. C. 293rd EBC APO New York 09034

Editor's Note: The temperature was 18 degrees below freezing on the night of Dec. 19, 1955, when four members of the Charles M. Tockey family were killed at Teepee Creek curve east of Matador. The family was en route from Lubbock to Oklahoma City and the tragic accident happened as the car failed to negotiate the curve, left the highway and plunged 65 feet across a ravine. The surviving child, writer of this letter, was pinned beneath the body of his dead brother. It was two hours before the accident was discovered and the child was rescued and brought to Stanley Hospital. There, he was showered with Christmas gifts, including a pair of boots from the nurses in the hospital. He was released from the hospital on Christmas Eve, to accompany relatives to Oklahoma City.)

Church and Society

Garden Club Hears Christmas Program

The Matador Garden Club met December 21 in the beautifully decorated home of Mrs. W. W. Clements for their Christmas program and Silver Tea. Mrs. W. N. Pipkin served as leader and introduced Miss Jan Higginbotham, who gave her report as delegate to Girl's State. It was given in a very interesting and informative way.

Carols were sung, with Mrs. Pipkin leading. This was enjoyed and seems to bring the true meaning of Christmas closer to one.

Each member brought a Christmas arrangement and explained how it was made and the materials used. Mrs. Clements made the flower arrangement, "Christmas 1970" in abstract.

After the club was adjourned by the president, Mrs. Freeman Thacker, the guests and members enjoyed coffee, cookies and mints from the attractive dining table that was decorated in the Christmas tradition.

The following members were present besides the ones mentioned above: Mesdames F. C. Bourland, C. D. Garrison, W. F. Jacobs, Clifford Martin, Pat Sheridan, Tom Spears, A. C. Traweck, Jr., L. C. Harp and J. D. Craven. The following guests were present: Mesdames Vernon Higginbotham, Robert Darsey, W. F. McCaghren, J. L. Woodruff and John Moss, and Misses Jan Higginbotham and Amy Glenn.

Christmas Social Is Held by Class

Gleaners Sunday School class of First Baptist Church met Tuesday night, Dec. 15, in the home of Mrs. J. L. Woodruff for a Christmas social.

Mrs. Buford Hobbs read an impressive Christmas story and the group sang carols, accompanied at the piano by Miss Rachel Patton. Instead of a gift exchange, the members brought contributions for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Others present were Mesdames Eddie Russell, Roy Smith, Alvin Stearns, J. D. Craven, Jim Clower, Sally Huey, Douglas Meador, Lois Smart and Audrey Price and granddaughters, Kathy and Lisa Sowell.

W.M.S. Group has Recent Meeting

Dorcas Group of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met Tuesday Dec. 15 in the home of Miss Verlin Reeves for Bible Study from Royal Service, given by Mrs. Edgar Lee.

The group presented Mrs. Lee with a gift of appreciation for her work in WMS.

Mrs. Ben Keltz read the list of names from the Calendar of Prayer for missionaries, followed by prayer by Mrs. Sally Huey. Others present were Mesdames Ed Cammack, E. F. Springer, J. D. Craven, Eddie Russell, Audrey Price, Velma Fulfer, Ann Link and Bill McCaghren, Miss Mary Keith, and two guests, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Stuart Dixon, W.M.S. president.

Hostess For Party
Mrs. Dixon was hostess Thursday afternoon at a Christmas party for the W. M. S.

The house was festive with Christmas decorations, and recorded Christmas carols were played. The table was covered with a holiday cloth, with a centerpiece of tall, red tapers and greenery. Canapes, cake, strawberry confection, candies, coffee and spiced tea were served.

Members of the Dorcas and Jaxie Short Groups attending included Mesdames Bill McCaghren, Gene Joplin, Grace Stephens, Bill Dunning, C. D. Garrison, Ed Cammack, J. D. Craven and J. L. Woodruff.

Mrs. Ted Elliott returned Monday from a week end visit with her mother, Mrs. C. O. McKeehan in Gorman and a sister, Mrs. C. J. Vannatta and family of DeLeon.

Pre-Nuptial Brunch Honors Miss Jones

Miss Jana Jones (Mrs. John Thacker) was honored at a pre-nuptial brunch Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. Billy Wason. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Frank Price and Mrs. L. B. Campbell.

Guests were seated at card tables, covered with red cloths, and centered with large, green bows with green ribbon extending on each side. Fruit cup, egg casserole, sausage, hot rolls, jelly, coffee and cocoa were served.

Present, in addition to the honoree, were Mesdames Ralph Jones and C. H. Murphy and Miss Carol King, Matador; Mesdames J. M. Thacker and M. S. Thacker, and Miss Michelle Smith, Roaring Springs; Mrs. David Rattan, Weatherford, Okla.; Mrs. Dick Moss, Lubbock; Miss Debby DuBose; Dallas; Miss Melinda Eckhardt, Houston and Miss Betty Moldenhauer, Fredericksburg.

Visitors with the group following the brunch, were Mrs. Wade Berryman of Meade, Kansas and Mrs. Bill Seale and her daughter, Mrs. Carl Moore of Snyder.

Sunshine Club has Christmas Social

The Sunshine Club celebrated with a Christmas party, December 16, in the parlor of the Methodist Church.

The members enjoyed singing Christmas hymns with Mrs. Clovis Murphy at the organ and Mrs. Vinie Keltz leading the singing.

Mrs. W. T. Ross conducted a short program, and gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree. Mrs. W. D. Lipscomb, sponsor, was presented a gift from the club.

Others present were, Mesdames Arrie Aulick, Georgetta Smith, Jimmie Ross, Lizzie Birchfield, Oete Smallwood, Ruby Rushing, Lydia Patrick, Stella Tilson, Bell Wilkinson, Teak Stapleton, Audrey Price, May Simpson, Ann Link, Cora Carter, Tose Day, Bernice Knight, and Iris Blevins; Miss Mary Slover and Miss Mary Keith. The club does not meet in January and February.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gilbert are spending Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Middlebrooks, of Athens.



MRS. JOHN REED THACKER

Marriage Vows are Exchanged by Jana Jones and John R. Thacker

Marriage vows for Miss Jana Elaine Jones and Mr. John Reed Thacker were read at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 19, in Church of Christ, Matador. Minister L. E. O'Neal of Lubbock officiated the double ring service.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Jones of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thacker of Roaring Springs.

Altar background for the exchange of vows was a large, white satin heart decorated with powder blue net puffs and greenery, flanked by candelabra with cathedral tapers, and baskets of greenery. Blue satin bows and greenery on the pews, marked the bridal aisle.

Musical selections were presented by members of the Lubbock Christian High School Choir, directed by Eddie Chance of Lubbock.

Gown Is Original

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an original floor-length gown of white silk chiffon and French imported re-embroidered Alencon lace, designed and made by her mother. The gown was fashioned in Victorian styling. The empire bodice, collar, sleeve caps and cuffs were of lace, highlighted with seed pearls. The flowing skirt and sleeves were of silk chiffon. Seed pearls and lace motifs highlighted the silk chiffon train, which was attached to the empire waistline by a sweetheart bow.

The bride's headpiece was a Juliet bonnet, covered with pearl adorned lace. The silk illusion veil was elbow length. Her bouquet of lilies of the valley and stephanotis, centered with a white orchid, was carried on a pearl-backed New Testament.

Maid of honor was Miss Debby DuBose of Dallas. Bridesmaids were Mrs. David Rattan of Weatherford, Okla., cousin of the bride and Mrs. Dick Moss of Lubbock. Bridesmaid was Miss Michelle Smith of Roaring Springs, cousin of the bridegroom.

The attendants wore floor-length gowns of powder blue crepe. The Victorian styled gowns featured leg-of-mutton sleeves and blue satin sashes. Ruffles of white venice lace accented the neck, sleeves and blue Juliet bonnets. Each carried a long stemmed pink rose.

Brothers Are Attendants

Joey Thacker of Roaring Springs, brother of the bridegroom was best man. Groomsman were Jeff Thacker, also a brother of the bridegroom and Chester Dye, both of Roaring Springs, and Charlie Schmidt of Houston.

Ushers were Jerry Jones of Matador, brother of the bride, Dick Moss of Lubbock, Ronnie Clifton and Kelly Hand, both of Roaring Springs.

Candlelighters were Mark Rogers of Kress, cousin of the bride, and Chris Thacker of Victoria, cousin of the bridegroom. Todd Thacker of Victoria, cousin of the bridegroom was ringbearer, and Tonda Rogers of Kress, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Reception Is Held

A reception followed in the

home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Frank Price, aunt of the bride, and Mrs. L. B. Campbell, both of Matador, presided at the bride's table, which was covered with a white net cloth, underlaid with white satin. A blue lace carnation was tied with satin ribbon at each corner of the ruffled skirt. The bride's bouquet served as the centerpiece. The punch service and other table appointments were of crystal. The five-tiered, columned cake was decorated in the bride's chosen colors of blue and white.

Other members of the house party were Mrs. Glen Brotherton, Matador, Mrs. Ronald Bailey, Abilene and Mrs. Ed Rogers, Kress, cousins of the bride, Miss Betty Moldenhauer of Fredericksburg and Miss Melinda Eckhardt of Houston. Miss Carol King, Matador, registered the guests.

The bride wore a red knit dress with black crushed patent accessories for traveling. After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will be at home at 2316-C 14th Street in Lubbock.

Mrs. Thacker is a graduate of Matador High School and is a candidate for graduation from Texas Tech University in May. Mr. Thacker is a graduate of Roaring Springs High School and is a junior at Texas Tech.

The rehearsal dinner for the bridal party, with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thacker as hosts, was held at El Matador Restaurant.

Out of Town Guests

Wedding guests from out of town included Mrs. Cora Mitchell of Trinidad, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lowrance of Amarillo, Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Murphy Jr., of Memphis; Mrs. Jehu Beeson and Ed Rogers, Kress; Ronald Bailey, Lance and Kevin, Abilene; David Rattan, Weatherford, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bynum, Killen; Jackie Bynum, Benbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Max Thacker, Victoria; Mrs. James R. Neblett and Mary, Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hoyle, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moss, and Gary Campbell, Floydada.

Mrs. Ennis Moss, Sr., Dr. and Mrs. Ennis Moss, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James R. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brandon, Ricky Moss and Miss Jean Groux, all of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore, Snyder; Mrs. Karen Cook of Wilson; Mrs. Wade Berryman, Meade, Kansas; and Lloyd Duty of Austin.

Visiting in the home of Arvel Woosley during the holidays were his daughters, Mrs. Ken Benson, Jr., of Arlington, and Mary Ann Woosley, a Texas Tech student. Mary Ann and Clarence Woosley accompanied their sister home to visit and see the Dallas Cowboys and Detroit Lions game in Dallas on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Mrs. Bob Echols left Tuesday for Lubbock to accompany her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. West, to Houston to spend Christmas with her other daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Porter.



MRS. JAMES MICHAEL PATTERSON

Vows are Solemnized Sunday for Sue Stevens, Michael Patterson

Double ring marriage vows were solemnized for Miss Sue Stevens and Mr. James Michael Patterson in a candlelight ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 20, in the First Baptist Church. Rev. Gene Joplin, pastor, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Stevens of Matador. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Patterson of Snyder are parents of the bridegroom.

A Christmas setting in white and gold formed the background, highlighting a white flocked tree trimmed with gold ornaments, with votive candelabra, decorated with greenery and large white poinsettias at each side.

Miss Jan Higginbotham, organist, played a medley of Christmas and traditional wedding music, and accompanied Mrs. Glenn Woodruff as she sang, "More," and "Whither Thou Goest." Mrs. Woodruff offered "The Lord's Prayer," a capella, for benediction.

The bride's attendants included her sisters, Mrs. Ronald Cox, matron of honor, Mrs. Vann Francis, bridesmatron and Miss Shane Ste-

vens, bridesmaid, and Mrs. John Nelson of Amarillo, bridesmatron. John Louis Hickman of Dallas was best man. Groomsman were Louis Karl Bruer IV, William Albert Adams and Buddy Bert Baldrige, all of Dallas. Ushers were Robert Vann Francis and Mr. Baldrige.

Gown Of Chiffon and Lace

Escorted and presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white chiffon and poi de soie. The empire bodice and sleeves of chiffon and lace, were re-embroidered with seed pearls. Lace medallions and seed pearls were repeated on the skirt and cathedral train.

The bride's veil of illusion was attached to a cluster of pearl trimmed lace petals, and she carried a cascade bouquet of white pompons and lilies of the valley.

The bride's attendants were attired in floor-length, empire styled gowns of gold poi de soie, fashioned with long sleeves and round necklines. Their shoulder length veils of gold illusion were attached to matching satin rosettes. Each carried a long stemmed white poinsettia.

Reception in Stevens Home

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Willie Graves of Breckenridge, sister of the bridegroom, registered the guests.

Mrs. Roy George Hobbs and Mrs. Clay Jameson presided at the bride's table, which was laid with a white linen cloth and centered with a white floral arrangement featuring white doves, and surrounding a white and gold candle. The all-white three tiered cake was topped by miniature doves and wedding bells.

Others in the house party were Mesdames John Hamilton, J. E. Edwards, Charles Renfro and Bundy Hal Campbell.

Following a wedding trip to Ruidoso, New Mexico, the couple will be at home in Abilene. For travel, the bride wore a turquoise knit dress, with black accessories, and a white pompon corsage from her bridal bouquet.

Mrs. Patterson is a senior at Hardin - Simmons University, where she is a P. E. major. She was a White Horse rider with the Hardin-Simmons Band. Mr. Patterson played on the Texas Tech varsity football team and is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Out of Town Guests

Wedding guests from out of town included the bridegroom's parents, an aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seale and Kris and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore, all of Snyder; Mr. Graves and sons, Greg, Guy and Mike of Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. James Arnold of San Antonio; Miss Gean Ann Phillips, Mrs. William Adams and Mrs. Buddy Baldrige, all of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Shifflett of Orange; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Campbell of Abernathy; Pete Davis of Hale Center; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson of Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. David Rattan of Weatherford, Oklahoma; and John Nelson, Amarillo.

The rehearsal dinner Saturday evening was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vann Francis with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, as hosts.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

HELD BY G. A. GROUP

Girls in Action group of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the home of Mrs. C. D. Garrison.

Games were played and gifts were exchanged from a decorated tree. Miss Debra Garrison assisted with the entertainment and in serving refreshments of hot chocolate, brownies, cup cakes and Rice Krispies.

Girls present were Connie Carson, Debbie Phillips, Carla Hart, Sharla Green, Pam Francis, Aletha Bumpus, Terri Fish, Julia Martin, Maria Joplin, and Belinda Simpson.

FLOMOT NEWS

Mrs. Leon Cloyd, Corres.
Phone 469-5353

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Spray attended to business in Lubbock, Friday. While there they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers and sons, Richard and Randy, and were accompanied home by the boys, for the week end. They visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers until Sunday, when their father came for them.

Miss Kathy Lou Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, and her manager of the High Fashion Beauty shop in Lubbock, spent Saturday in Floydada at Peggy's Beauty Shop, styling wigs. Mrs. D. M. Gilbert and Mrs. H. S. Gilbert met Kathy in Floydada for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Roys and family spent Sunday in Lubbock, visiting relatives and friends.

George Reed and son, Wendell, of Amarillo spent Monday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace McDonald of Quitaque visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Reed, Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hunter had as their week end guest, Funsho Akingbala, of Nigeria, West Africa, who is a student at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview. Mr. Akingbala spoke at the First Baptist Church, Sunday morning, telling how the Baptist mission work had helped his country. He expressed his thanks, not only to Baptists, but to all denominations who send missionaries to his country.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Scott and family spent Sunday in Lubbock, where they joined other members of the Scott family, for a family Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Gates and daughters, of Los Angeles, Calif., are visiting his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bond for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Judy Shorter and Richard Rhodes of Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Shorter during the week end.

Miss Kay Turbyfill and Bill Turbyfill of Amarillo visited during the week end with their mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. John Speer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cole of Plainview spent the week end in the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Leo Cole.

Church Presents Christmas Drama

The Christmas drama, "Joy To The World," presented Sunday night, Dec. 20, in the First Baptist Church, Flomot, was well attended.

Directing the presentation was Mrs. Wayne Hunter, assisted by Mrs. Dan Kingston, church music director. The drama was in pantomime, with Mrs. Hunter narrating.

The story in song was by the Baptist church choir and depicted the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The cast was in costume fitting the time of each event. The backdrops for each scene for the stage, were painted by Mrs. W. R. Ware and Rev. Leo Cole, pastor.

Following the drama, a Christmas party was held in the fellowship hall, for all the children, and Santa Claus appeared with a sack of "goodies" for everyone.

Funsho Akingbala, of Nigeria, West Africa, who is attending Wayland College, entertained the children with songs of his native land. The group sang carols, accompanied at the piano by Miss Gay Pepper.

The church auditorium was filled with guests enjoying this great and moving drama.

Highlights and Sidelights

FROM YOUR STATE CAPITAL

By Vern Sanford
Texas Press Association

Gov. Preston Smith has called for re-evaluation of Texas' water planning and possible restructuring of the \$9 billion statewide water plan proposed in 1968.

Smith told Chairman Marvin Shurbet of the Texas Water Development Board that he will block spending of all water study funds appropriated to WDB except those obligated under contracts. More than \$1.4 million was appropriated last year for topographic mapping, water studies and investigations. About a third is obligated under contracts.

Governor Smith called attention to the fact that Texas voters rejected the \$3.5 billion bond issue on August 5, 1969, that was designed to pay the state's share of the project's cost.

"In view of the critical shortage of state funds, additional expenditures for water studies and investigations would be inappropriate until we know that they would support whatever revised planning process we should decide to pursue," said Smith in a letter to Shurbet. "Accordingly it will be the policy of the governor's office to support continued outstanding efforts by the Board and its staff as we chart a new course in water resource planning."

One source said Smith feels that a long-range plan would get more support if citizens could see some concrete short-term accomplishments in water development.

Smith reportedly may ask the Legislature to submit to the voters a bond program to finance aid to cities for sewage treatment.

Original study plan to bring surplus Mississippi River water to Texas was turned down by the voters. Consensus is that Texans as well as Mississippians look with disfavor on this idea.

At the DeCordova Bend Reservoir dedication on June 19 Smith declared that Texas cannot postpone development of water resources on a big scale until all controversies about the long-range water plan are resolved.

COURTS SPEAK - State Supreme Court declined to hear arguments in a suit by several state

employees, who hold minor elective offices, to get their November paychecks which have been held up by the Comptroller.

High Court stuck by its November 11 ruling which upheld the constitutionality of part of the state's anti-obscenity law, although it declined to rule on much of it in a Wichita Falls theater case.

In other action the Supreme Court:

*Found Waco and the Waco Independent School District are authorized to levy taxes against Henry W. Stilwell Memorial Residence for retired school teachers in Waco. Home claimed exemption as purely public charity.

*Held against an El Paso firm which wanted to sue a professional auditing concern which failed to discover that a woman employee had embezzled \$40,000 during 1962-65.

BOUNDARY SUIT MOVES ON - Louisiana waited 92 years too long to claim its boundaries extend to the west bank of the Sabine River, Atty. Gen. Crawford Martin argued in a hearing on the boundary dispute.

Martin and former Gov. Price Daniel, serving as special counsel, argued Texas' case before Special Master (Senior Federal Judge) Robert Van Pelt of Nebraska in Houston.

Ownership of hundreds of millions of dollars in oil and gas is at stake from wells in the Gulf of Mexico at the mouth of the Sabine River.

Former Gov. Sam Jones, first governor of Louisiana to stake claim to all of the river, argued as special counsel representing his state.

Texas claims its boundary extends to the middle of the Sabine River, including a disputed area of 36,000 acres on which \$2.6 million has been collected from oil leases for the permanent school fund.

Congress and the Louisiana constitution agreed on the mid-point of the Sabine as the state boundary. Martin contended. However, Louisiana bases its claim on an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

DRAFT QUOTA UP - Texas draft quota for January is 905, a sharp increase from 489 in December.

A total of 4,340 received orders to take pre-induction exams. Jan-

uary call will be filled by local draft boards from those whose lottery numbers had been reached in 1970 but were not called.

Legislative Budget Board has raised its estimate of new taxes for 1971 to \$645.1 million.

House committee has recommended a strong code of ethics bill for lawmakers.

Legislative panel recommends that schools change from the two-semester plan to a quarterly system with districts having the option of operating a full year.

William Steger of Tyler has resigned as Republican state chairman and will be sworn in as Federal District Judge on December 29.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to each of you for the food, flowers and expressions of sympathy. One of God's greatest blessings are our friends.

Bruce, Norma Nell, Judy and Peggy Marrs. (1)

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks for every service performed for us at the recent death of our mother and grandmother, Lorene Price. Your messages of consolation, food and flowers, and many other deeds of kindness were appreciated by each of us. May God bless you, is our prayer.

The Family of Mrs. Sam Price (1)

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to everyone who remembered us in any way during the illness and at the death of our loved one. The beautiful floral offerings, cards and other messages of condolence, and the food provided for the family will always be remembered with gratitude. May you be especially blessed for your many kindnesses.

The Family of Mrs. Bertha Jackson (2)

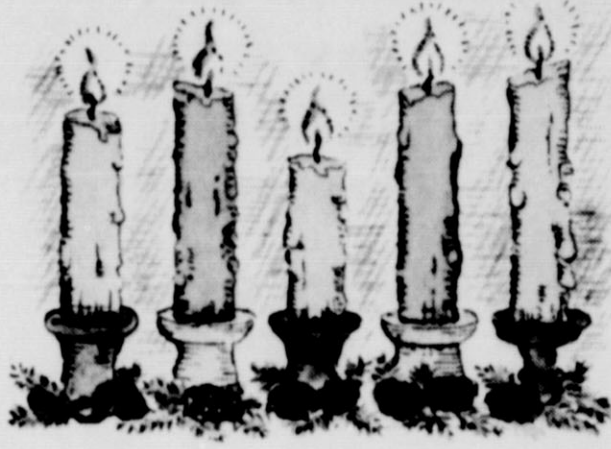


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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Christmas...

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WHITEFLAT NEWS

Mrs. Stella Tilson

Carol Martin, student at West Texas State University, is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Martin. She accompanied Patsy and Virginia Green, also students at W.T.S.U. as they came home for the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green. Miss Martin and Miss Patsy Green drove to Levelland, Saturday to attend the wedding of a schoolmate.

Mrs. Stella Tilson accompanied her daughter-in-law, Mrs. June

Tilson, to Canyon Friday to accompany the latter's daughter, Deborah Tilson, home for the holidays from W.T.S.U.

Miss Elaine Dixon, who is attending Wayland Baptist College, arrived home Wednesday for Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Dixon. The Dixons visited in Wheeler, Friday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Risner, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cooper were in Amarillo, Thursday for his medical check up.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Jenkins and small daughter, Andrea, of Amarillo spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ed-



SANTA AT ROARING SPRINGS last week, talks to Kelly Tipton about what she wants for Christmas. She is the five-year old daughter of former Matador residents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Tipton of Afton. —Tribune photo

wards. Also visiting during the week end were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edwards, Terry, Suzanne and Michelle of Strawn. The grandchildren remained to visit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Perkins have returned home from Amarillo, where he had surgery in Northwest Texas Hospital. Mrs. Hoyt Burnam of Tulia accompanied her parents home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Womack and children of Wilburton, Okla., visited Sunday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. Addie Carroll, as they were en route to Quitaque, where they will make their new home.

Don Cox, Texas Tech student is home to spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cox. Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Cox attended the wedding in Lub-

bock of Randy Smith. Their sons, Ronald and Don were in the wedding party. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cox and Ron of Lockney, were in Matador for the wedding of her sister, Sue Stevens, Sunday afternoon.

BEEF CATTLE NOW OUTNUMBER THE PEOPLE IN TEXAS

In Texas beef cattle outnumber people seven to one. The beef cattle raised in commercial feedlots of the High Plains of Texas produce money in the bank, an attractive economy and enough solid waste each year "to form a mountain."

In three research papers, Texas Tech University specialists told the American Society of Agricultural Engineers meeting in Chicago this month that progressive cattle feeders, universities, state regulatory agencies and others are experimenting with new design concepts based on a systems approach to the entire problem of feedlot waste.

Involved, they said, are pollution abatement, weight gain in cattle, feed efficiency and profit.

The work of six Texas Tech researchers was reported at the national meeting Tuesday (Dec. 8) and other Texas Tech reports on recharge of the Ogallala Aquifer are scheduled for Wednesday sessions.

Chairman George F. Meenaghan of the department of Chemical Engineering reported on "Gas Production from Beef Cattle Wastes." His research was conducted with Director Dan M. Wells of the Texas Tech Water Resources Center, Animal Science Prof. R. C. Albin and Agricultural Engineering Prof. Walter Grub.

Cattle used in their experiments were held in environmental chambers and wastes were flushed into a two-stage digestion system which produced methane gas as an end product.

The system, Dr. Meenaghan told the engineers, is feasible "and can be used for obtaining nominal treatment of beef cattle wastes" although even with the best conditions, the system "will not be sufficient for complete treatment."

The researchers said that while methane gas is produced in suf-

ficient quantities for sale, the only profit to the feedlot operator would be in efficiency of operation which would contribute to a saving in overall cost of waste control.

Prof. Grub, in reporting on composting waste both in a drum digestion system and in open composting, concluded that this too, is a feasible solution but "requires skilled management to obtain satisfactory results."

Most waste now is piled in open composting without any system for stabilizing it, the researchers found. It could be treated in specially designed digesters or in exposed compost piles turned at regular intervals. When stabilized the compost could be stored in a wet or dry state without danger of heating, attracting insects or causing noxious odors. While feasible, this also represents added cost to feedlot operation.

Working with Grub in this study were a graduate student, J. D. Martin, and Instructor L. L. Keeton.

Keeton also presented a paper on the effects of manure depth on runoff from southwestern cattle feedlots. This research was done in association with Grub, Wells, Meenaghan and Albin.

President Nixon has approved plans for a \$14 million replacement hospital for the VA complex in San Francisco.

Merry Christmas

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NEWS

by Mrs. Jimmie McCleskey
Phone 348-2491

Dudley and Buddy Allen visited in Pampa, Texas during the week end.

Ronnie Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Clifton, student at West Texas State University in Canyon is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Clyde Clifton and Mrs. Bill Palmer shopped in Plainview Monday and visited Mrs. Bessie Palmer in Floydada.

Mrs. Bill Peacock made a business trip to Lubbock, Monday.

Kelly Hand of Texas Tech, Lubbock visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hand and sisters Kim and Bonita. Visiting the Hands Sunday were her parents and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gage and Mrs. Bertha Johnson all of Dumont.

Mr. and Mrs. Key Vaughn and daughter Renee of Lubbock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Redd during the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Murphy made a business trip to Bowie recently and purchased miniature ponies for their grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Thacker and sons, Chris and Todd of Victoria spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Thacker and attended the wedding of his nephew, Johnny Thacker. Chris and Todd remained to spend the Holidays with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Murphy visited in Floydada recently with her children, Mrs. Roger Goley, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tilley and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Tilley and family.

Caldwell Smith returned home Sunday from Methodist Hospital. He will spend twelve days at home before returning to the Hospital for more treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Murphy visited in Matador Sunday with his parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Murphy and Mrs. Ed Whitaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Mayo of Sea Brook, visited Mrs. C. E. Marshall recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Marshall and children and his mother, Mrs.

C. E. Marshall visited several days last week in Hobbs, New Mexico with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chance of Lubbock visited Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Redd and attended the wedding of John Thacker and Jana Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tardy and son, Don Carl visited recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tardy.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ashley, Sunday were his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wardell Ashley and daughter, Sandra of Snyder, and a son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ashley, Lisa and Shari of Turkey.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mullins were called to Hereford, Sunday due to the illness of her stepfather, C. A. Saulcy, who had a bad attack of asthma.

Miss Cathey Clem is home from Lubbock Christian College to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clem. Visiting her Saturday was her fiancé, Gary Weeks of Tulia.

ATTEND SHOWER

Mesdames M. S. Thacker and J. M. Thacker attended a kitchen gadget shower in Lubbock, Thursday, Dec. 10, for Sandra Syrus, bride-elect of Lee Moss.

EARLY CHRISTMAS FOR CHARLIE BROOKS FAMILY

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brooks were all present Sunday for pre-Christmas observance with their parents, an annual custom so that each individual family might be at home on Christmas day.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitaker of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Preacher Brooks of Meadow; Mr. and Mrs. John Avara, Rex, Jeff and Stacy of Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. McElton Skaggs and son, Britt and Mrs. Eunice Schmidt of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Edwards, Terry, Suzanne and Michelle of Strawn; Mr. and Mrs. James Price, Morris, Krista, Paul and Scotty of Lubbock; Mr.

and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, Rodney and Randil of Stephenville; Sgt. and Mrs. Paul Zuyns, Brooks and Jeff of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Smallwood and daughter, Mrs. Judy Mathis, all of Plainview, and their other daughter and children, Mrs. Herb Chaney (Linda) of California; and local residents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brooks and sons, Micky and Tim and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Darrin and Shannon.

Visiting them Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fletcher of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Davis of Dallas, Cotton Marshall and son, Dennis of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Holiday Traffic May Claim 87 Lives in Texas

AUSTIN—(Special)—Colonel Wilson E. Speir, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, warned today that traffic crashes in Texas over the Christmas and New Year holiday periods may claim as many as 87 lives.

He said 52 deaths are expected in the 78 hours of Christmas from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 24 to midnight Sunday, December 27. He also estimated 35 traffic deaths during the New Year holiday from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 31 to midnight Sunday, January 3.

Speir said the Department of Public Safety will place all available patrolmen on the highways during both holiday periods to enforce the law and aid motorists. He added that many local law enforcement agencies will be joining in this all-out effort to reduce the number of holiday accidents.

The DPS director said a special "Operation Motorcade" would be in effect over both holiday periods, during which periodic tabulations of traffic fatalities will be made and given the widest possible dissemination in order to focus public attention on the added dangers involved in holiday travel. "We urge each individual driver

to join in these efforts and help us prove the estimate of 87 fatalities too high. Many holiday accidents can and will be prevented if Texans will adopt 'Drive Friendly' as their personal slogan while behind the wheel," Speir added.

TAX MAN SAM SEZ: HOI HOI AND MANY HAPPY RETURNS

The good tax folks have a lot of friends among their neighbors, acquaintances, and (yes) customers. It is customary at this time of the year for many of the friends of the IRS employees to engage in a little good-natured ribbing. They greet the tax man with "Merry Christmas—Ho! Ho!—and Many Happy Returns!"

Since about two-thirds of the income tax returns have a refund coming—Ho! Ho!—the folks receive millions of "happy" returns. If you have a refund coming you might consider filing your happy return. That refund check could get back just a few days after you have paid your Christmas bills. You might even get your creditors to wait a little while.

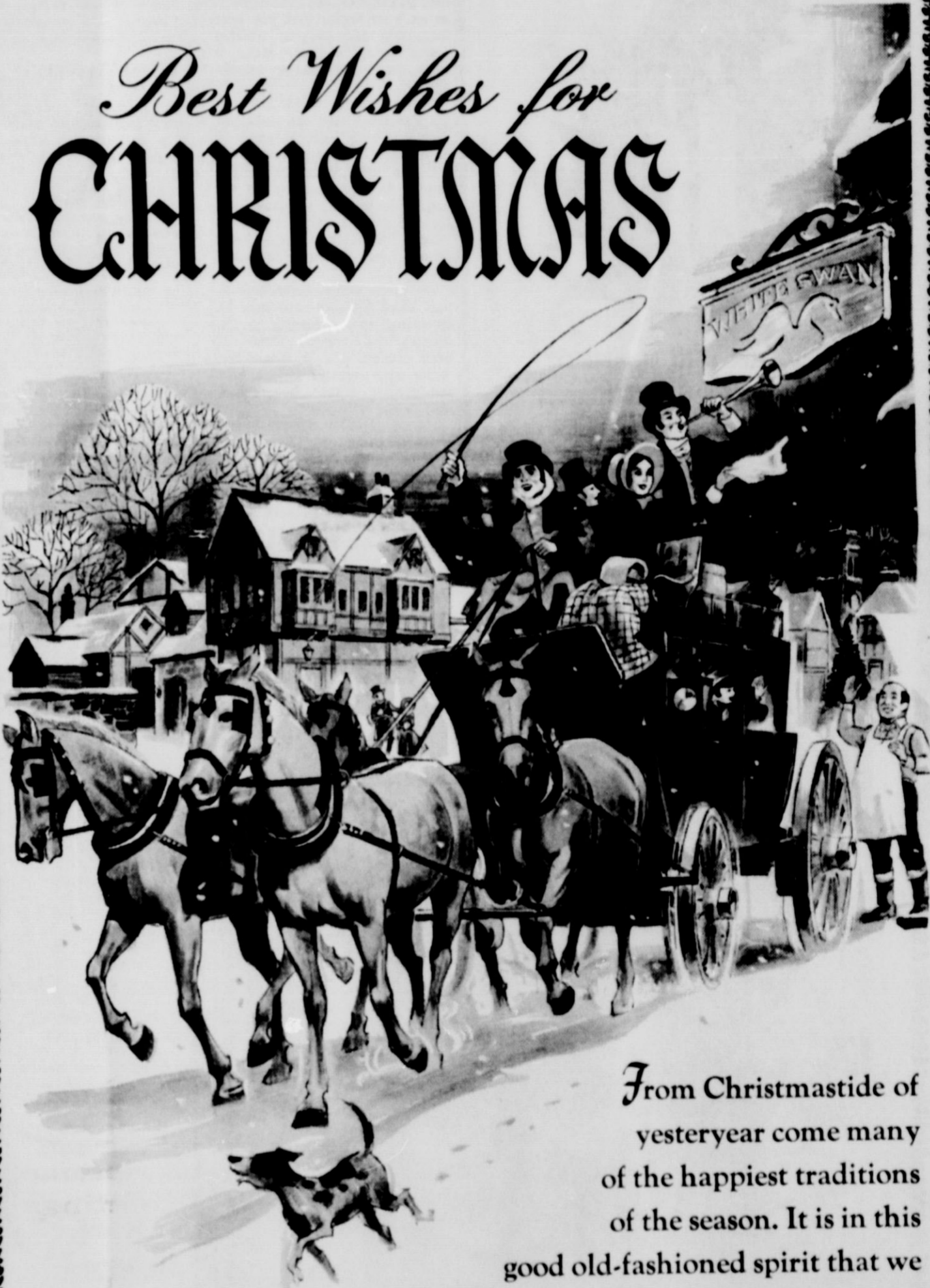


CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A magical season full of dreams come true... that's what Christmas is. We wish you much joy.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Turner
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Best Wishes for
CHRISTMAS



From Christmastide of yesteryear come many of the happiest traditions of the season. It is in this good old-fashioned spirit that we greet you, and wish you all the best the holidays can bring. A very merry Christmas, everyone! We thank you, our customers, for your friendly patronage... serving you is our pleasure, and an enduring privilege.

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An Old Fashioned Christmas

Once more the message of peace and joy resounds across the land. We extend our wishes for a happy and holy holiday.

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AFTON NEWS

Word was received here last week of the death of Laverne Cooksey of Georgetown, who lived at Afton in the 1930's. Burial was at Georgetown last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lewis and children of Abilene visited here during the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Cagle and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bateman and Tammy drove to Lubbock, Sunday to shop and view the Texas Tech Christmas lights.

Randy Lawson, son of Mrs.

Ruth Lawson of Afton and Susan Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Warren of Dickens were recently named Gold Star boy and girl in Dickens County. They received special recognition at Vernon last Saturday, at the District 4-H Gold Star Luncheon.

Lester W. Harvey Dies in Ft. Worth

Lester W. Harvey of Fort Worth, husband of a former Afton resident, was stabbed to death Wednesday night, Dec. 9, at the liquor store he owned and operated in

Fort Worth, during an apparent robbery attempt.

Police were searching for two assailants who were seen leaving the store shortly before his body was discovered.

Mr. Harvey was the husband of the former Louise Collier, who was reared in Afton, and a brother-in-law of Miss Eva Collier of Afton and Robert Collier of Idalou. They had resided in Fort Worth for the past 25 years.

Survivors other than his wife, include one son, three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Worth, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

ACCENT ON HEALTH

Short on resolutions for the new year? Here's a list designed especially for you and your family by the Texas Department of Health:

Promise to give your body at least as good care as you give your car. Periodic examinations are the best way yet devised to detect bodily disorders while they can still be treated successfully, so let your doctor look you over thoroughly once a year whether you're ailing or not. Make it twice yearly if you're middle-aged.

Dental troubles won't kill you, but sometimes they can make you wish you were dead. So check in once yearly with your dentist, too.

If you are putting on weight, resolve to start passing up the candied yams, boiled potatoes and the cream-filled tidbits which almost invariably spell extra pounds and perhaps an early grave.

Too much weight contributes to high blood pressure, and may be associated with hardening of the arteries and various forms of heart disease. Also, it means impaired vigor, greater surgical risk and greater danger from otherwise minor illnesses.

A good, physician-prescribed exercise regimen will keep your body in shape, tone up your heart muscles and put the spring back into your step.

The statistics linking smoking to cancer and heart disease continue to pile up, and it is tougher and

tougher to rationalize the habit. If you still smoke, now's the time to quit. Resolve also to impress the health hazards of smoking on the minds of teenagers in your home.

When driving, consider that every other car is being driven by a madman, and when walking trust motorists only as far as you can see them. Motor vehicle deaths stand far above accidental deaths of all other types.

Resolve to take full advantage of every advancement in medical science aimed at benefitting you and the family, but always on competent medical advice. Start by checking the immunization records of your entire family—not just the children—as a safeguard against diseases and their complications.

Promise to obey local and state laws pertaining to health protection. For example, if your town has a dog leash law, adhere to it. It is a public protective device and you are the public. If you are a pet owner, be certain they are kept in good health.

Last but vitally important, give an occasional thought to such awesome problems as water conservation, pollution abatement, juvenile delinquency, drug abuse and the growing number of elderly people in our society. Lend your support as a responsible citizen to community efforts to solve them.

Your health should be of great concern to you. So get the good health habit by putting some healthful resolutions to work. You will be happier, live longer and enjoy life more.

Fickle Nickel

Nickel can give the metals it is alloyed with seemingly contradictory characteristics. One nickel alloy can stand heat that would melt most metals, while another can endure sub zero cold. Nickel is used in the most powerful magnets. In some combinations it is no more magnetic than wood. Some nickel alloys make thermostats work because they expand with heat and shrink with cold. However, other nickel alloys hardly change at all under fluctuating temperatures.

Underground Highway

At International Nickel's 68-year old Creighton mine in the Sudbury District of Ontario, a 16-foot wide, concrete-surfaced ramp spirals down a 20-degree incline to a vertical depth of nearly 2,000 feet. To be further extended, this ramp provides an economical method of recovering low-grade nickel ores that would be valueless if more conventional mining techniques had to be used.

Stainless Steel School

A new secondary school in Allschwil, Switzerland, has its entire facade, including the window frames, fabricated of nickel stainless steel. This material, which is finding increasing architectural applications, offers resistance to atmospheric corrosion and damage. In addition, it requires little maintenance to retain its good appearance.

Give to the March of Dimes

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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



May the spirit of brotherly love illuminate every heart and home at Christmastime.

Thyra and Adam Shock

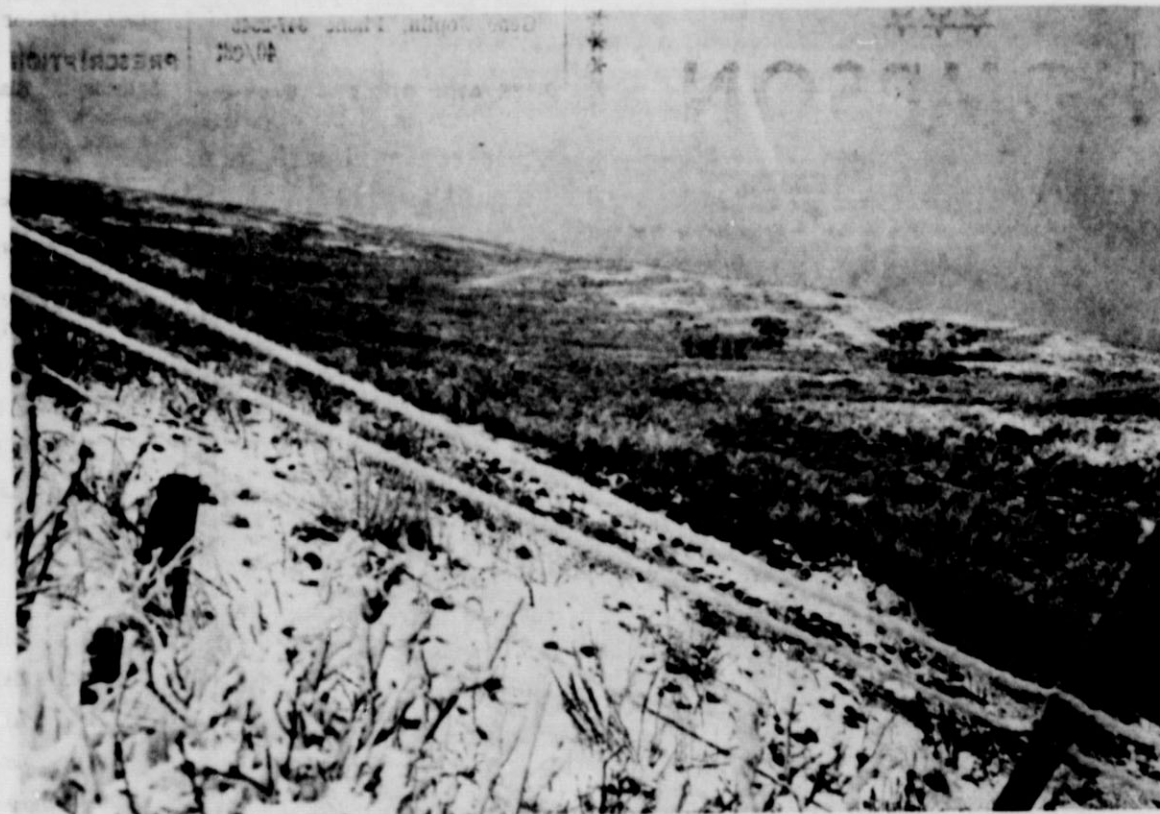


GREETINGS

May your Christmas dreams come true, and your hearth and home be filled with happiness. To our patrons, warm thanks.

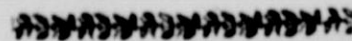
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Peace at Christmas

Joy to the world... the Lord has come! May the spirit of love and understanding the Christ Child inspires each Christmas remain in our hearts in days to come... leading us ever closer to the realization of peace on earth... good will toward men. Merry Christmas, everyone!



First Baptist Church

Rev. Gene Joplin, Pastor

NORTHFIELD NEWS
By Mary E. Thomas

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Secret Pals Christmas party was held Thursday in the home of Mrs. P. A. Simpson. Those attending were Mesdames Allan Thomas, Jack Curlee, Pete Timmons, Del-

mont Hays, Claude McDonald, and Billy Paul Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mitchell of Post and Mrs. Russell of Winters attended services at the Northfield Church of Christ, Sunday and continued to Childress.

Aubrey Duncan of Carlsbad, New Mexico visited Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomas recently.

Mrs. Mannie Crump of Estelline visited her daughter, Mrs. Per-



Joyous Christmas

Here's to you, our good friends and patrons... our sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving you and best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Leila and Carl Tardy



Greetings

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COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"An Santa bring Me a new file, maybe she'll quit gripin' about havin' to chop wood with a dull ax!"

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melia Timmons the past week, returning home Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. Nathan Mulder of South Plains visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Paul Simpson, Sunday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Simpson during the week end, were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Simpson Jr., of Benbrook, also their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Simms and daughter of Amarillo.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timmons, Sunday were Mrs. Allan Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Curlee of Matador, Mr. and Mrs. Delmont Hays and Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Cook.

Bill Bethany was the guest of his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Thomas, Sunday.

In The Want Ads

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NEW FISH ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Fish of Plainview announce their "Family Catch of the Season" by the birth of Richard Irving, on Dec. 16, 1970. He "tips scales" at 7 pounds, 9 1/2 ounces, "has a happy disposition - not a crob," and is "A real angler for attention." Mrs. Hope Fish of Larue, formerly of Matador, is the new arrival's paternal grandparent.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hoyle of Midland visited during the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hoyle and attended the wedding of his cousin, Johnny Thacker and Miss Jana Jones.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wayne Cooper and children, Rhonda and Steve, of Las Vegas, Nevada were here for an early Christmas visit in the home of his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cooper. While here they visited other relatives and friends.

Week end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bailey and children, Lance, Kevin Frank and Andrea of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. David Rattan of Weatherford, Okla.

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Mrs. Berryman . . .

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of the First Baptist Church of Matador. She was active in the Woman's Missionary Society and other organizations of the church. She entered the Quanah hospital on October 26, where she passed away on December 16.

Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. O. V. Johnson (Wandell) of Wellington; one brother, Buford Hobbs of Matador; and four grandchildren, Jon Johnson and Barry Johnson, both of Waco, Jamie Johnson of Dallas, and Dickie Johnson of Wellington.

Palbearers were Curtis King, L. H. Dirickson, John Briscoe, Bill McKelvey, James Stanley and Glenn Woodruff.

Jon Johnson, organist and his wife, Willa Dale, soloist, presented the music for the memorial service.

Mrs. Jackson . . .

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came to Motley County in 1924. Mrs. Jackson was a member of the Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, who passed away August 8, 1947.

Survivors include five sons, Edmund and Elmo Jackson, both of Matador, Elmer Jackson of Houston, Jim Jackson of Amarillo and John Jackson of Wichita Falls; five daughters, Mrs. Jewel Lan-

drum, Mrs. Lucille Gaines and Mrs. Elga Evans all of Matador, Mrs. Randall Hawk (Rowena) of Amarillo, and Mrs. Joe Shirley (Janelle) of Odessa; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Couch of Houston; 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Palbearers were Melvin Meason, Charlie Meador, Billy Wason, Bill Smallwood, Leon Smallwood and Charlie Keith.

J. N. Fletcher . . .

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death, December 19.

Besides his wife, Elizabeth, he is survived by a son, J. N. Fletcher Jr., of Richardson; two brothers, Ralph Fletcher and Claude Fletcher, both of Lubbock; three sisters, Mrs. Lou Ida Nutt of Port Arthur, Mrs. R. J. Harmon (Lolla Belle) of Quitaque and Mrs. Delmer Davis (Sibyl) of Dallas; his stepmother, Mrs. Mae Fletcher, Roaring Springs; and two grandchildren, Marty and Kim Fletcher of Richardson.

Palbearers were John Stokes, Algie Groves, Dean McInroe, Bennie D. Dillard, Bill Peacock and Charles Long.

Jack Parnell . . .

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a farmer and rancher.

He was born Sept. 29, 1903 in Hall County, and lived at Flomot in Motley County for several

years before moving to Paducah.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian; two sons, C. F. and Doyle Parnell, both of Paducah; his daughter, Mrs. Bruce Marrs (Norma Nell) of Matador; four brothers, James and Joe Parnell, both of Lubbock; John Parnell of Los Angeles and Gordon Parnell of Borger; five sisters, Mrs. Ruthie Steuart of Gilmer, Mrs. Sue Holland of Los Angeles, Mrs. Jewel Hanser and Mrs. Clara Carloy of Van Nuys, Calif., and Mrs. Ruby Hanson of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

FORMER RESIDENT LEAVES FOR VIETNAM

Sp/4 Thomas Stegall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stegall of the Shoe Bar Ranch near Turkey, left from Amarillo Monday morning for Ft. Lewis, Washington, where he will embark for Viet Nam. He has one year left to serve in the Army.

He was accompanied to Amarillo Airport by his parents and Miss Fern Ashcraft, after a pre-Christmas celebration in the home of his brother and family, the Roddy Klennerts of Clarendon. Also attending were his sister and her daughter, Mrs. Don Turner and Amy of Turkey, whose husband is due home from the Green Berets Special Forces, on January 5. He will have completed four years duty, including one year in Viet Nam.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Campbell of Abernathy visited here Sunday with his father, Judge Forrest Campbell, and attended the wedding of Miss Sue Stevens and Mike Patterson.

Former residents, Mr. and Mrs. James Price and children, Krista, Paul and Scotty of Lubbock, and their other son, RMSA Morris Price, who is home from the San Diego Naval Base for Christmas, visited here Sunday with Mr. Price's mother, Mrs. Audry Price and other relatives, and with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelan of Fielton, Tex., visited overnight Monday, in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Gene Joplin.

Christmas Greetings

To my friends. May God Bless and keep you.

Hazel Gage



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Christmas

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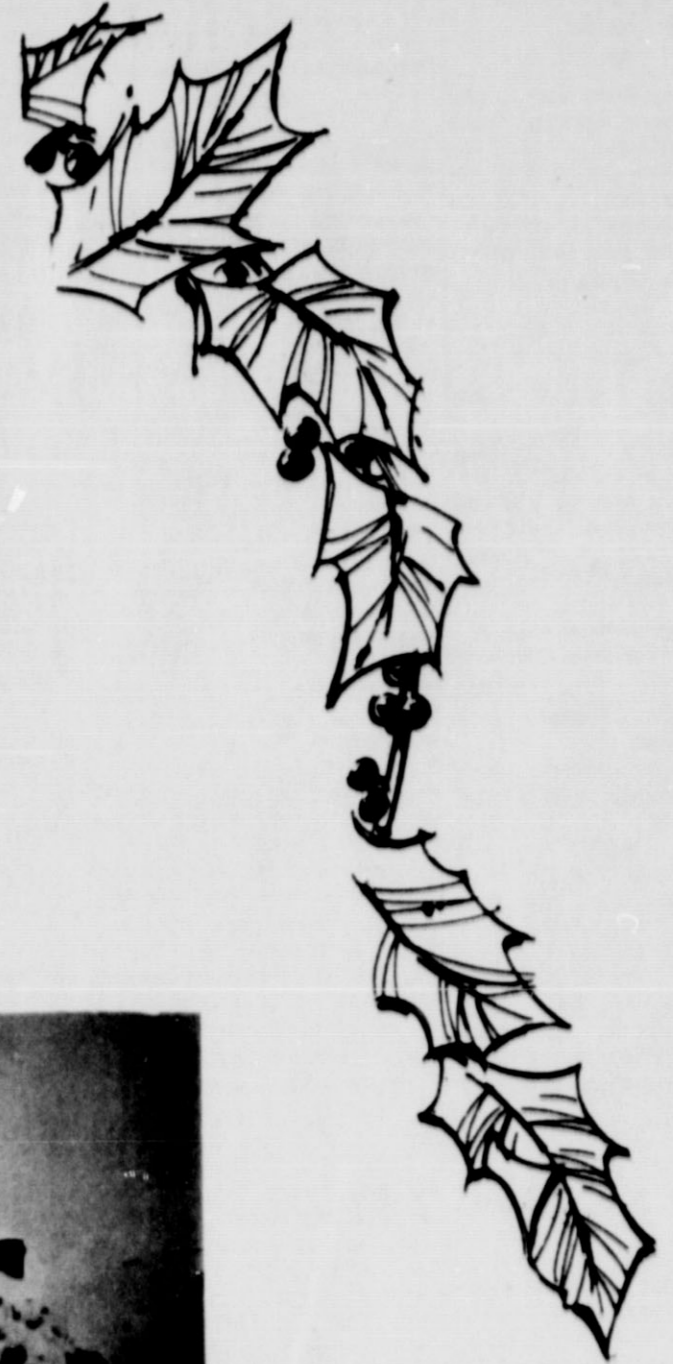
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Letters to Santa

December 9, 1970
Roaring Springs, Texas
Hello Santa,
I have been a pretty good girl this year and so has my sister Sarah. I would like for you to bring me a coat and watch and if you can, boots.

Love,
Mitzy Marvel

Tuesday, December 8, 1970
Roaring Springs, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,
I like you. We are going to put our Christmas tree up. Will you bring us some toys? I will be at town waiting for you. Some babies will be scared of you.

Love,
Jimmy Don Garcia

Roaring Springs, Texas
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a walking doll and a lot of clothing for me. My sister Lillie wants a doll and clothes for the doll. Julia my baby sister, wants a lot of little clothes for herself.

Love you,
Juanita Hernandez

Dec. 3, 1970
Roaring Springs, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,

I am a first grader. Please bring me a bicycle with training wheels. I would like a yellow bike, please. I would also like some guns. Santa, I also want a big red stocking filled with fruit and lots of candy. Santa don't forget my little brother Alex also wants a set of guns. And don't forget Christine my baby sister wants a Barbie doll for Christmas. Santa don't forget my classmates and bring them some toys too.

Merry XMAS Santa.

Mark Guerrero

Roaring Springs, Texas
Dear Santa Claus,

Will you bring me some toys. I love Santa Claus. I have been a good girl. I wish you would bring me some new shoes, and a Barbie doll—also a dancing doll. I am in the second grade. I love you.

Beanie Kaye Davis

Roaring Springs, Texas
Dear Santa,

My name is Jerry Long. I have a sister named Jelene. I am 7 years old and Jelene is 4 years old.

Please bring me a gun, Tonka tots and a hot wheels set.

Please bring Jelene a Barbie doll, dishes and a stove.

Thank you.

Love,
Jerry and Jelene
P.S. We love you.

Roaring Springs, Texas
Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am six years old.

I want a purse.
This is the first letter that I have ever wrote to you.

Love,
Loretta McFatrige

Roaring Springs, Texas
Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl. Please bring me an iron and ironing board so I can help Mama iron. Bring my little brother a toy too.

Love,
Vickie Marshall

December 9, 1970
Roaring Springs, Texas

Dear Santa,
I want a pickup with a trailer on it. I want a car and a fox and a train. I want a tractor. I want a fire truck. I want a cat.

Love,
Bobby McFatrige

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Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling good. This year I want a Baby Tender Love, and a Suzy Home Maker, and a pretty watch, and a game of Mystery. We are going shopping Friday.

Gina Long

AFTON NEWS

(delayed)

Jackie Bennett of Hawaii visited recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennett, and his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bennett and Buffi. He is employed in Hawaii, and returned via Seattle, Washington, where he visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Son Gage of Dallas visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gage and other relatives.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Partridge were their daughters and families, Mrs. Albert Irwin, Jackie and Jeff of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Phillips, Kay and Kim of Monahans and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, Kellie and Melea of Matador.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smallwood, Benny and Penny of Odessa visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ragland as they were en route from Channing, where they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Smallwood.

Recent visitors in the Jerry Lewis home were Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Lewis, Mrs. Alice Day, Mrs. Ray Bateman and Tammy, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bateman, Bryan and Travis of Hereford, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy DeGraffenreid and Sonia of Spur.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Moseley were Mr. and Mrs. Glea Moseley of Tulia, Mrs. Dollie Watson and Mrs. Mary Berry, both of Rails, Mrs. Dannie Holland and son, Aaron of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Moore, Kathy and Kerry of Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Lewis visited recently in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lewis, Monnie and Shelia. The latter returned home with them for a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Shelton of Glenwood Springs, Colo., were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Moseley.

Rodney Bridge, student at Sul Ross, Alpine, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bridge, Alix and Dewayne.

Senator Hightower On Conference List

AUSTIN — State Sen. Jack Hightower of Vernon has been named by Governor Preston Smith as an official delegate from Texas to the White House Conference on

Children Dec. 13-18 in Wash-
ington.

Senator Hightower received his official invitation to the conference from President Richard Nixon. The Texas delegation will include 19 young people (under age 25) and 39 adults from across the state.

Senator Hightower, a practicing attorney in Vernon, has long been active in civic, church, and youth work in addition to his many years in public office.

He was first elected to the Texas Legislature for the 1953-54 term. He served as district attorney for the 46th district in 1955 through 1961, and has been a member of the Texas Senate since 1965.

Five Postmasters Get Appointments

DALLAS, TEXAS—(Special)—Five new postmaster appointments were announced today by William L. Crawford, Director of the

Dallas Postal Region. All are made under the U. S. Postal Service's new non-political merit program. They will take office Saturday, Dec. 12 and will not require Senate confirmation.

This is the third in a weekly series of appointments which Postmaster General Winton M. Blount announced for vacancies existing throughout the nation.

Mr. Crawford said the new appointments included four women and one man, all of whom are career Postal Service employees. Four are in Texas and one is in Louisiana.

The list includes, in Texas: At Blackwell, Mrs. Lillie C. Burwick who has served as acting postmaster since January 1969. At Dickens, Mrs. Willie Faye Felmy who has served as acting postmaster since 1968. At Fabens, Mrs. Helen O. Byrd who has served as acting postmaster since 1967. At Mexia, Milton M. Jackson, a former assistant postmaster, who has served as officer in charge since early 1969.

In Louisiana, at Tickfaw, Mrs. Hazel W. Jacobsen who has been

in charge of that office since 1965. Mr. Crawford said, "With these five appointments, we have filled 17 of the 314 postmaster vacancies in the Dallas Region. I am pleased to see that all of the appointments thus far made under the new system have been accorded to longtime career leaders in the Postal Service."

WHY?

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than twenty years.

BE GRATEFUL

For how many more Christmases will the world be waiting for peace on earth to ALL men? This we do not know. We can though, be grateful for the true meaning of Christmas.

Be grateful to mankind's greatest gift, the birth of the Christ Child. Be grateful for His birthday, knowing that the spirit of good will on Christmas becomes the motto of all men.

Tribune, Matador, Motley County, Texas, Thurs. December 24, 1970



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Roaring Springs Independent School District Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1970

| DESCRIPTION | OPERATING FUND | | | | | | Totals |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| | State & County Available | Local Maintenance | Transportation | Food Service Fund (Note 1) | Interest & Sinking Fund | Other Funds | |
| Opening Cash Balance, 9/1/69 | \$ 4,151.00 | \$ 19,861.00 | \$ 815.00 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 6,938.00 | \$ -0- | \$ 31,835.00 |
| Receipts: | | | | | | | |
| 10 Local Sources | | 43,945.00 | | 4,641.00 | 3,115.00 | | 51,701.00 |
| 20 County Sources | 1,072.00 | | | | | | 1,072.00 |
| 30 State Sources | 10,851.00 | 52,308.00 | 2,451.00 | 1,598.00 | | 6,874.00 | 74,082.00 |
| 85 Interfund Transfers | | | | 900.00 | | | 900.00 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 11,923.00 | 96,253.00 | 2,451.00 | 7,139.00 | 3,115.00 | 6,874.00 | 127,755.00 |
| Total Funds Available | 16,074.00 | 116,114.00 | 3,266.00 | 7,209.00 | 10,053.00 | 6,874.00 | 159,590.00 |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | |
| Budgetary Disbursements | 10,203.00 | 85,479.00 | 2,137.00 | | 4,961.00 | 6,874.00 | 109,654.00 |
| Food Service Fund | | 482.00 | | 7,156.00 | | | 7,638.00 |
| Student Activity Fund | | 999.00 | | | | | 999.00 |
| Interfund Transfers | | 900.00 | | | | | 900.00 |
| Total Cash Disbursements | 10,203.00 | 87,860.00 | 2,137.00 | 7,156.00 | 4,961.00 | 6,874.00 | 119,191.00 |
| Closing Cash Balance, 8/31/70 | 5,871.00 | 28,254.00 | 1,129.00 | 53.00 | 5,092.00 | -0- | 40,399.00 |
| Less: Accounts Payable, 8/31/70 | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- | -0- |
| Unencumbered Cash Balance, 8/31/70 | 5,871.00 | 28,254.00 | 1,129.00 | 53.00 | 5,092.00 | -0- | 40,399.00 |
| Unencumbered Fund Balance, 8/31/70 | \$ 5,871.00 | \$ 28,254.00 | \$ 1,129.00 | \$ 53.00 | \$ 5,092.00 | \$ -0- | \$ 40,399.00 |

Legend of Poinsettia Has Origin in Mexico

Many legends of the Christmas season are concerned with children. This one is about a little boy who wanted to give something worthy to the Christ child.

In a town in Mexico it was the custom for the people to take gifts to the church on Christmas Eve and offer them to the little Christ.

The boy, having nothing to offer, stood outside the church, dejectedly.

But, he thought to himself, at least I can pray. And so he knelt down outside the window where he could hear the organ music.



When he rose again to his feet he saw in the spot where he had knelt a beautiful plant with scarlet leaves and a yellow flower in the center.

Dumbstruck, yet realizing he was witnessing a miracle, he gently plucked the stalk and took it, full of wonder, into the church to lay on the



SHERRY CORINE LONG tells Santa what she wants for Christmas. She is four years of age and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Long of Roaring Springs. —Tribune photo

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Azaleas are making a big comeback as a Christmas flower. You'll find red azaleas, white ones and pink, as well as a pink and white variegated variety.

Opposite Sides

The largest pure nickel coin ever minted was the 20 Franc piece of Belgium, weighing 20 grams. The smallest is the 1.5-gram 10-cent coin produced by The Netherlands.

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco's first tree was made in 1850 from Douglas fir branches wired to a stick by a German Wine proprietor.



Our good wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday to all our friends. We thank you for your most kind support.

Merry Christmas



GREETINGS

Over the fields and through the snow-covered countryside go our warmest Christmas wishes. In this tradition, we greet our friends and customers, with hopes for your holiday happiness, and with genuine appreciation for your good will.

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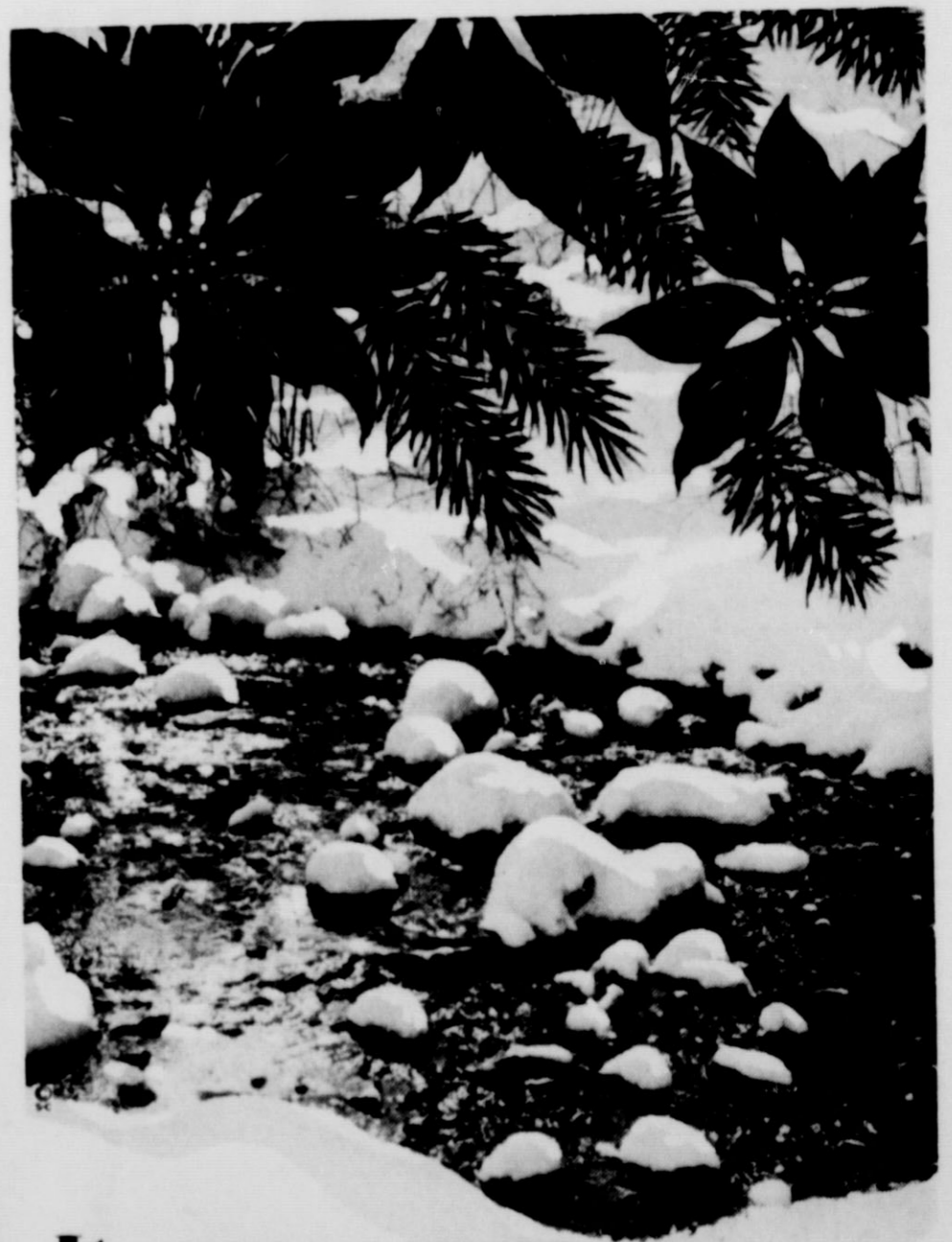
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Greetings for Christmas

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By Ann Timmons

FIRST GRADE: The first grade presented a Chapel Program Tuesday, December 15. Their theme was centered around Christmas Carols.

The program started with "Jingle Bells" with several children caroling in a sleigh. The next carol presented was "Up On The House Top" illustrated by a cardboard house with a miniature Santa and reindeer. David Seigler portrayed the drummer in "Little Drummer Boy" and Karl Pallemeier filled stockings hung on the chimney as the class sang, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." The program closed with "Away in a Manger" with Shelly Jackson as Mary and Crystal Ir-

vine, daughter of Coach and Mrs. Stan Irvine, as the Baby Jesus. The students looked forward to Tuesday, December 22, when the first grade room mothers, Mrs. Glenn Woodruff, Mrs. Bundy Hal Campbell, Mrs. Vann Francis, Mrs. Pat Seigler, Mr. Francis Anderson, Mrs. Lonnie Doran, and Mrs. Pete Knight, served the students refreshments.

SECOND GRADE: The second graders made decorations for their tree. They made little Santa's out of paper and sequins and made other ornaments with small plastic boxes.

The second grade had their Christmas party Tuesday, December 22. Substituting Santas at the party were the room mothers: Mrs. Seigler, Mrs. Bumpus, Mrs.

Christmas Recital Presented by Speech Pupils of Mrs. Whitworth

Mrs. J. R. Whitworth presented her speech pupils in a Christmas recital Friday night, Dec. 18, in the high school auditorium. A Christmas tree and Santa Claus, and other symbols of the season were used as scenes were shifted for the various parts as they were given.

The program opened with "Letters To Santa," by Billie Martin, Deanne Phillips, Holly Hobbs, Nancy Jar Cooper, Tatia Billington and Ferny Kuhlman. Other acts and readings were as follows: "Turkey Wishbones," Bill Luckett, Coke Barton, John Douglas Russell, Brent Campbell,

Martin, Mrs. Binder, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hurt

FOURTH GRADE: The bulletin boards in the fourth grade class room were decorated beautifully with the manger scene on one board. The border around the room was decorated with a clever head of Santa looking over his glasses, made by the students in art class.

Reading and language arts classes have been enriched with Christmas stories and Poems. Mrs. Hamilton showed film strips with records on Friday of outstanding Christmas stories, which included, "The Nutcracker Suite," "The Little Match Girl," "The Little Fir Tree," and "Why the Chimes Rang."

In Social studies the students studied Christmas Customs Around the World, which included the stories and pictures of most of the leading countries of the world.

The class Christmas tree was decorated by the students on Friday, Dec. 18, with decorations they made in art class. On Tuesday, December 22, a Christmas party, program and tree was held in the room from two until three. The program theme was "Happiness is Christmas," and every child took part. After the program and presenting of gifts from the tree, refreshments were served by the room mothers, Mrs. Billy Wason, Mrs. H. R. Jameson, Mrs. Johnnie Phillips, Mrs. Joseph Simpson, Mrs. C. R. Davis, Mrs. Dortha Carson and Mrs. Doyle Rose.

FIFTH GRADE: The fifth grade students had the biggest Christmas tree in Grade School. The tree was furnished by Betty Higginbotham and stood eleven and a half feet tall. The room mothers

Eric Long, Clay Martin and Ray Martin; "Getting Ready For Santa," Tonda Cross, Shelley Jackson, Kimberly Campbell, Susanah Woodruff, and Brenda Renfro; "Our Snowman," Karl Pallemeier and Kyle Hardin; "Decorating the Tree," Brenda Renfro, Kimberly Campbell, Tonda Cross, Shelley Jackson and Susanah Woodruff; "Talking To The Turkey," Kyle Hardin and Karl Pallemeier; "Don't Touch," Joe Don Warren and Charles Ed Cammack; "The Poinsettia," Tanya Simpson, Terri Fish, Connie Carson and Debbie Phillips; "Christmas Gifts," Charles Ed Cammack and Joe Don Warren;

"Christmas Dunces," Mark Wason, Charles Davis, Shannon Jameson and Kenny Rose; "Christmas Symbols," Laura Grundy, Etta Martin, Lisa Parks, and Betty Higginbotham; "Christmas Comes To School," Teacher, Tanya Simpson; Pupils, Debbie Phillips, Terri Fish, Connie Carson, Mark Wason, Kenny Rose, Shannon Jameson and Charles Davis;

"Santa Goes On A Strike," Santa, Bryan Timmons, Newsboys, Grant Johnson, Pat Smith, Etta Martin, Laura Grundy, Betty Higginbotham and Lisa Parks; "The Night Before Christmas," Ben Grundy; "The Day After Christmas," Charlotte Johnson; "North Pole Hook-up," Grant Johnson, Pat Smith, Bryan Timmons, and Ben Grundy; and "A Story Book," by Charlotte Johnson, which concluded the program.

giving the party were Mmes. Bundy Campbell, Clayton Thomas, Garland Cartwright, R. L. Campbell, and Jesse Zarate.

SIXTH GRADE: In the sixth grade all of the mothers helped with the Christmas party with the committee chairmen being Mrs. Freddie Welling and Mrs. Joe Smith. The sixth grade exchanged gifts and were served refreshments.

SEVENTH GRADE: The seventh grade also celebrated Christmas the 22nd, by having their party, exchanging gifts and having refreshments. Mmes. Betty

Moore, Margaret Marshall, and Lucretia Campbell are room mothers.

EIGHTH GRADE: The eighth grade went to the Plainview skating rink for their Christmas party Tuesday, December 15. Afterwards they ate at the Nu-Griddle Cafe. Sponsors for the trip were Mrs. Freddie Welling, Mrs. Grace McDowell, Mrs. R. C. Giesecke, Mrs. Kirby Campbell, Mrs. Ted Green, and Miss Ann Brandon.

Terry Keltz visited the seventh and eighth grade classes, speaking on drugs in Vietnam. He warned the students of the dangers involved in experimenting with drugs.

Mavericks Take Roaring Springs

The Mavericks traveled to Roaring Springs Monday, Dec. 14, to meet the Yellow-Jackets and both teams came home with victories. The girls played first, winning 47-21. Lisa Smallwood scored 25 points for the Mavericks, followed by Doris Thompson with 18.

The boys held off the Jackets

with a score of 52 to 32. Clede Campbell led the Maverick boys in scoring with 19, with Steve Stevens having 11 points.

Matadors Clip Patton Rangers

The Matadors brought home a double victory Tuesday night Dec. 15, after playing the Patton Rangers on their home court.

The girls brought home a 59-37 victory with Brigid Barton high scorer for Matador with 23 points. Debbie Smallwood was close behind with 22 points and Melissa Bailey had 10.

The boys reigned over the Rang-

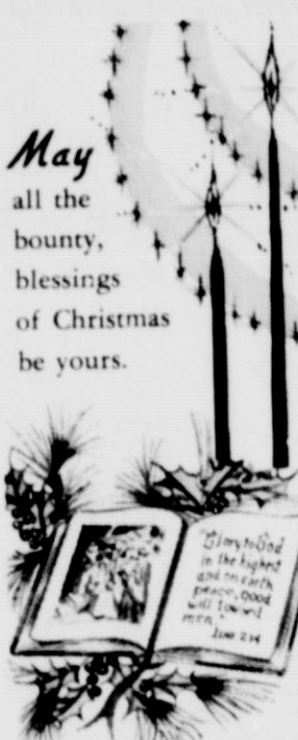
ers 74-63. Bill Barnhill hitting the basket for 25 points was high scorer for the Matadors. Rickey Lawrence was next with 17.

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By Any Name, Santa's The Same

He's Santa Claus in America but he has many different names around the world. He is called "Father Frost" in Russia. Children call him "Kris Kringle" in Germany. "Nice Old Falther" is what the Chinese children call Santa Claus and in Norway children expect gifts from an elf called "Jul Tonten". "Pere Noel" is who the French youngsters receive presents from and in Holland the name is "Sinterklass". The world has many more "Santas", but whatever his name, wherever he exists, he brings happiness to children.



THE NATIVITY — What has been called the world's most realistic representation of The Nativity, the three-dimensional, life-size scene at Gatlinburg's Christus Gardens (Gatlinburg, Tennessee) is shown from several angles. At upper left, Joseph and Mary gaze serenely into the manger-cradle of the newborn King. At upper right, a close-up view of one of the wise men kneeling in the stable before the manger where the baby Jesus lies shows the remarkable detail, both of the figure and of the colorful, authentic costuming. While below, the full scene is shown, with the three wise men at right and four shepherds in center. Three sheep add realism to the scene, and a tiny lamb lies on the straw near the manger. A rarity among Nativity scenes in that it is on display not just at Christmas, but throughout the year, the Christus Gardens Nativity has been viewed by many hundreds of thousands of people from all 50 states and scores of foreign countries.

CHURCH SERVICES

In his diary, Samuel Pepys tells that in 1662 he walked to church where he heard an exceptionally long sermon. Also, three years later, after the Christmas address, he saw a wedding at the church. On this holiday in 1666, Pepys wrote that his wife stayed in bed, as she had sat up until 4 o'clock that morning, watching her "mayde" make the mince pies. In contrast, "I, to church, where our parson Mills made a good sermon . . . thanks to God Almighty, for the goodness of my condition at this day."

Candles & Goblets Upside Down

Goblets become candleholders when they are returned upside down. Stand them in a row on a window sill. Let them light the living room. March them down the middle of the smorgasbord table. They are bright and effective and very quick and easy to arrange. Inside each goblet, place a large Christmas ball, each one a different color. Secure 10 inch red candles to the bottoms of the goblets (which are now the tops) with candle wax or floral clay, hide it with sprigs of evergreen. If you use candlewax, decorate or not as you wish — the wax matches the candle and does not show.

FOR YOUR TABLE

Decorators say that your table arrangements should be kept as low as possible. In this way conversation across the table is possible without dodging heads back and forth.

IN NEWFOUNDLAND

The people in Newfoundland fish during Christmas week. Then, it is customary, they bring their catch to be sold. The funds from the fish sale are contributed to their local parish.

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Torrington, Connecticut, erects for its children in December a Christmas village, where Santa and his elves work on toys, surrounded by shelves loaded with gifts. Santa chats with the youngsters and provides each one with a gift. His sleigh and reindeer are likewise an attraction and include Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. The Nativity scene with the Holy Family is lighted by a Star of Bethlehem.

CARD SCENE

By far the most popular Christmas card illustration is the Nativity Scene. Next to that is winter scenes. In recent years the illustrations of Grandma Moses have become popular.

FOR HUSBANDS

A gift suggestion for husbands and children is: Get together and decide on a time and work saving appliance that will free her from work every day of the year.

Such an appliance is an automatic dishwasher. It doesn't matter whether the housewife has a large family or if there is just a husband and wife, a dishwasher in this day and age is a must.

IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealanders spend their Christmas Day in much the same way as it is in the United States and Europe.



Christmas Blessings

At this Holy Season, let us remember Him Whom we seek, and may His spirit be with you in all the days of the year to come.

Matador Recreation Club



CHRISTMAS

Time to wish all our loyal friends and customers a Christmas season filled with joy and happiness, and express our sincere gratitude for their patronage.

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We Thank Thee...

For family, of course, and friends, and love and plenty;
But for other, rarer things also:
For freedom,
For hope,
For courage,
For the gift of life,

And for Thy Son we thank Thee and for the promise of Life everlasting which has sustained the faith of men for two thousand years.
For all these things, and many more, Our Father, we Thank Thee."

our employees wish you and yours a joyous holiday season

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Behind the outward signs, the traditions and the customs that we know so well, there is One Great Truth, indelibly inscribed in the simple story of the birth of the Christ Child at Bethlehem.

This truth is the spirit that lifts men's souls; it is the well spring of hope and promise; it is the spirit of Christmas.



Throughout the Christian world, Christmas is THE holiday, universally celebrated, universally recognized. Probably no library in the world could house the volume of material that is written about this great holiday in a single season.

Because so much has been written — and will again be written this holiday season — we must consider it remarkable that the story of the Nativity has continued a simple and unaffected narrative — "For God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son."

Traditions and customs are subject to the changing times. Yet, amid the laughter and festivities, whatever carols are sung, however gifts are exchanged, there remains forever unaffected the simple story of the birth at Bethlehem. This is the story of Christmas — an event which took place nearly 2,000 years ago — the birth of a Redeemer and the promise of eternal salvation.

Through centuries of translation, of telling and re-telling, the meaning of Christmas remains simple and universal. Christmas is the birthright of every man.

THE ISLE OF MAN

Long ago on the Isle of Man, women sprinkled ashes on the kitchen floors on New Years Eve. Next morning they looked carefully to see whether there were any footsteps among them. If they saw prints leading toward the door, it was a sign there would be a death in the home. If the steps were reversed, it portended an addition to the family.

IN EDINBURG

Enormous crowds gather outside the Tron Church, in Edinburg, on New Year's Eve, to wait for midnight. As soon as the clock strikes twelve there is an outburst of shouted good wishes, handshakes, toasts, and reels danced to the wild music of bagpipes.

Motley County Agent
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FOR SHUT-INS
A good gift for a shut-in could be a flowering plant. The miracle of blooming plants adds a special touch to the holiday season. A plant expresses your message with feeling and meaning. After the holidays have passed your gift remains as a pleasant reminder to someone that you are thinking of them.

TOYS TO PLEASE
Toy manufacturers say that very often toys are bought for the parent. Parents intend the purchase for their child but neglected to notice how the toy operates. A toy loses very much play value if it has to be operated by a parent. Choose the right toys for your child. It will be easy to determine which type toy is best by watching reactions — take him to the toy shop.

INFORM FRIENDS.
It is foolish to be bashful about writing information letters — information concerning children's ages and interests is helpful and welcome to persons you know will be sending gifts. Children's interests change from year to year. If only the child's age is known, it is possible for the giver to receive helpful advice from clerks.

Christmas

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

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Christmas Greetings

To all, we extend warm and happy greetings in the spirit of this most joyous season. It's our privilege to be a part of this fine community and we sincerely hope to continue serving our friends and neighbors in every way.

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The Christmas Story

ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE, VERSES 1 TO 22 - CHAPTER 2

And it came to pass in these days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was Governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, everyone 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 first born Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

CHRISTMAS FEAST



"For Food and Fellowship, Thank God", says the simplest of all graces, and of these two blessings there has never been any lack at Christmas time. A vast dinner of roast turkey, with all its trimmings, plum pudding and mince pies appear every year on countless tables throughout the world. Turkey, though now traditional, is a comparative newcomer, unknown in Europe before about 1542, and appearing then only as one among a variety of festive dishes. Goose or beef for Christmas pies were the early favorites in ordinary families, while in great houses there were swans, venison, peacocks and the boar's head.

Boar's head was eaten during the Scandinavian Yule in honor of the Sun-boar. At the great medieval Christmas banquets the head was garlanded with rosemary and bay, and an orange or an apple was thrust between the teeth.

Christmas puddings, as we know them today, date only from about 1670, and began as a stiffened form of plum porridge. This was made of meat broth, raisins, fruit juices, wine and spices thickened by bread crumbs.

PETTICOAT TREE

Use a gay petticoat to replace the cotton at the base of your Christmas tree this year.

The "petticoat" can be made quickly with felt and pinking shears. Cut a hole in the middle of the felt and slash from outer edge to fit around the tree. Scallop with pinking shears and decorate.

Christmas Seals Came from Denmark

Slightly newer than the Christmas card is the Christmas seal.

The Christmas seal was originated by a postal clerk, Einar Holboell, who ordered the first Christmas seals printed and sold at regular post offices in Denmark. While stamping letters and Christmas cards in 1903 in the post office in Copenhagen, the idea occurred to him. Why not have a special stamp printed for the many tuberculosis sufferers who need hospital treatment? The first year more than four million stamps were sold, yielding some 18,000 dollars.

The movement for adopting the stamp in the United States was greatly strengthened through the efforts of Miss Emily Bissell of Wilmington, Delaware. She designed the first Christmas seal herself. It had a half wreath of holly and a cross, with "Merry Christmas" in the center and "Happy New Year" at the bottom.

PLANT HOLLY

Holly can be grown in any sunny spot. Although a slow growing tree, a Holly will produce ample Christmas trim in a few years. Holly likes well drained soils and should never be planted closer than 15 feet from a house.

USE TREE

Erect the tree in the backyard after Christmas and convert it into a bird feeder. Pieces of suet, popcorn, peanut butter, and all other morsels of food are tied to the outer branches. Do keep a pan of water nearby for birds must have water as well as food.

OUTDOOR TRIM

Pines, fir and spruce around a house can be safely decorated with lights, and add a Christmas touch to the entire neighborhood. Bulbs of 15 wattage are sufficient for outdoor glow. Hang outdoor sockets downward to prevent water and snow from collecting in them and rubber-jacketed cord should connect the lights.

THE FIRST GIFTS

The first Christmas gifts were those which the Wise men carried to Bethlehem to lay before the Christ Child in the manger. Their gifts given in adoration, were precious items of the day — gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The latter two were gum resins used in medicines and perfumes. But, then as now, it is the spirit of giving rather than the gift itself that makes it most appreciated.

TREE LIGHTS

Decorating the tree need not be confusion. Straighten the strings of lights, and remove all kinks, along the floor. Test the bulbs and replace bad ones. Then, if you are using more than one color bulb, they can be arranged alternately. Starting at the top, string lights around the tree. Place lights on the inside bows first. Disconnect light strings before hanging ornaments.

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Christmas Clean Up

Cleaning up after opening Christmas packages can be quite a chore. Before it's time for opening packages, have handy a couple large shopping bags. Find a good size cardboard box. You'll have a place for scraps of paper, a place for ribbons and trim you want to keep, and a carton for throw away boxes.

DESCRIPTION

He was dressed all in furs from his head to his foot and his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot — he was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf and I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.

Clement Clark Moore gave these words to the world from his "A Visit From St. NICHOLOS".



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A Very Joyous Christmas

Across the years, the blessed Nativity renews in our hearts the message of spiritual joy and peace. We extend to you and your loved ones our sincerest wishes that you may experience to the fullest the wonders of this Holy Season.

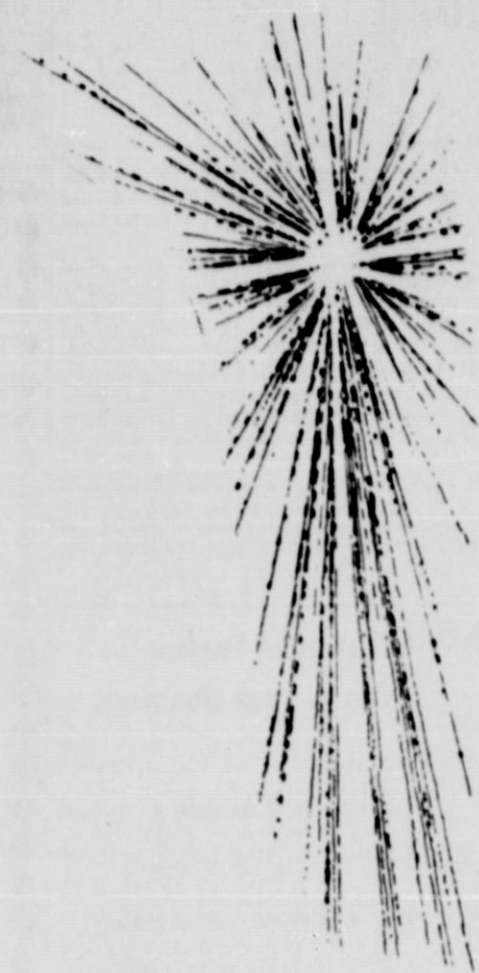
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Merry
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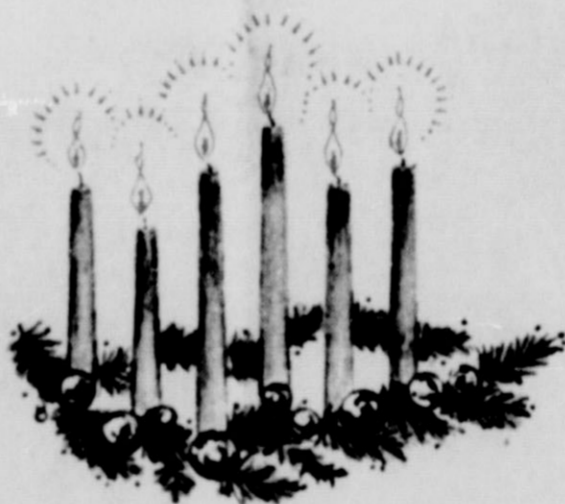


In traditional spirit,
the real meaning of Christmas
brings to the minds and hearts of
everyone the feeling of peace
and happiness, of togetherness,
a season of rejoicing.



With deep appreciation and great pleasure,
we set aside the routine of everyday business, to
greet and thank our friends whose good will we treasure.

To all, a merry Christmas.



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