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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom

Peace...

Good Will...



Everywhere, among good people, there exists a longing to make our world tranquil and prosperous — a desire for man to unite for peace, good will and understanding. For from good will comes forbearance and from understanding, a better way of life.

And what better time than Christmas for every man to renew the realization that all our good human relationships — yes, even our business relationships, are based upon our faith in God and our fellow man. Only through this faith can we assure the continuance of freedom without fear — tolerance without tyranny — democracy and lasting peace.

It is in this spirit of good fellowship that we wish everyone —

A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

MCCLELLAN CHEVROLET COMPANY

Chevrolet Sales and Service Spearman, Texas

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Everyone is invited to town on Christmas Eve, to join in the Festivities! Do your Christmas Shopping at Home!

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

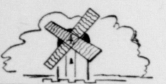
UNITED STATES (Merry Christmas)—Christmas tree, mistletoe and Santa Claus.



BRAZIL (Boas Festas)—A family dinner is first on the list of festive celebrations in Brazil.



HOLLAND (Harsteljke Kerstgooten)—Land of old St. Nicholas, forerunner of our Santa Claus.



ITALY (Bono Natale)—Shepherds gather in villages on Christmas Eve to play musical instruments as townfolk sing sweet Nativity songs.



GREECE (Kala Kristouyeha)—Decorated trees, greeting cards and gift exchanges are season highlights.



PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (Maligayang Pasko)—Church services, singing and dancing are Yuletide favorites in the islands.



First Community Tree At Christmas Was Held In City of Cleveland

THE COMMUNITY Christmas tree idea was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1912. The community raised funds to defray the cost of the tree and celebrations through the sale of preferred stock in Cleveland.

Holder of preferred stock were entitled to "dividends" payable daily in the form of happy voices of robust children.

Sale of stock was pushed everywhere, the most unique place being the Cleveland stock exchange where the stock was listed at the head of other securities.

Christmas cheer for 13,000 citizens, as well as the first community Christmas for the city.



Georgia Porgie

POPCORN

2 Cans 25¢

Christmas Pearls

By Royce Fields

THE JOLLY SANTA, ringing his bell in an appeal for contributions for the needy, grinned his thanks as Dick Slater dropped a bill into the kettle.

One other thing made this a great day for Dick. He was on his way to fulfill a dream. While they were still engaged, he had bought a strand of simulated pearls for Jean.

It was beginning to get dark when Dick got off the train in suburban Roseville where he lived.

"This is a stickup!" the thug snapped hoarsely. "Turn around and get your hands up!"

A feeling of relief flooded Dick as he remembered he had spent most of his money on the necklace. Then the thought hit him—the necklace itself was in his pocket!

"Listen fellow," he pleaded, over his shoulder, with the gunman. "I have a Christmas present for my wife in my pocket. Take my money, but leave me that."

The hoodlum didn't answer. Methodically, he continued taking everything out of Dick's pockets. As his hand started to remove the precious little package, Dick Slater went wild!

AS THE DARKNESS cleared away, Dick became aware that he was in a hospital. Gradually, he realized Jean and little Pete were beside his bed.

"Oh Dick!" Jean half sobbed, half laughed. "I've been scared! The doctor says you only have a slight concussion, though, and you're going to be all right!"

As his head continued to clear, the realization of his loss overwhelmed Dick.

The thief merely stooped back and brought the heavy gun crashing down on his victim's head.

"I had a present for you, Jean," he began.

"I know, Foolish," his wife cut in, "and you almost lost your life trying to save it."

"But it was the string of real pearls I've always wanted you to have, Jean. You know how much they meant to me!"

"Yes, I've known the silly obsession you've had about my wearing simulated pearls," Jean said almost sternly. "It never seemed to occur to you that my husband and little Pete were the real pearls in my life!"

"Well, this is going to be a bum Christmas for me."

"Merry Christmas!"



Season's Greetings

We would like to put into words the very nice things we're wishing you this Christmas. Yet, it is not so much the phrasing of a Christmas greeting but the thought that pervades it that counts. And so we send to all our friends the very old yet always new Greeting—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

TOMATO SOUP 2 cans 15c

MCCLELLAN KRAUSE COMPANY

NOTHING BUT THE BEST

Cut Rate Grocery SPEARMAN, TX

Washington News Letter From Congressman Walter Rogers

December 11, 1952
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE 16TH DISTRICT

CHRISTMAS APPROACHES

As usual, the approach of the Christmas season finds you truly totally unprepared. Every year I make a pledge that it is going to be different next year and that all of my Christmas business will be attended to not later than December 1 and the worries will be over. However, I suppose this is wholly impossible as I have been trying it now for some forty-odd years, and it always works out the same. This year is no different and Jean and I have been running from one store to another trying to find the necessities to partially comply with some of the expressed desire of the children. It is quite a varied allotment. The older ones are not such problems, but the desires of the younger ones change daily as new worlds unfold before their eyes in each store. We have tried to keep them confined to two or three stores, but this is wholly impossible. One of them wants a hot rod, another wants electronic equipment, the twelve year old girl wants quite an array of pretty clothes. I guess all women are alike, beginning in their early ages. The red-headed boy wants a dog and the two little ones want everything they see. I have been planning on taking them to the Smithsonian zoo, but am afraid to do it this close to Christmas. It will have to wait until after the first of the year as I certainly don't want to have the responsibility of burdening Santa Claus with a Camel, a monkey or an elephant. Jean suggested that it would simplify matters if we put all of our names in a hat and each one drew and gave a present to the name that they drew. It sounded like a pretty good suggestion, but the general discussion of the matter immediately brought forth a veto that would compare with a Vishinsky veto of a good plan for peace. The discussion took place at the dinner table and reminded me of the UN meetings, where everybody was trying to talk at once and nobody was listening to what the other one said. The results were the same as some of those meetings, that is, we got nowhere, and it presently appears that everybody is going to give somebody else a gift. But all things considered, it looks like the Rogers family is going to have a very merry Christmas, for which we are all deeply thankful and hope that everyone else is equally blessed.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH BEFORE THE UN.

The comments on President Eisenhower's speech before the UN concerning the danger of the atomic age and what should be done met with approval on all sides. As many said, it was certainly a step in the right direction. However, President Eisenhower, able as he is, could not begin to touch upon the many complex problems that will be involved in such an over-all plan. It would be wonderful if the efforts of mankind could be devoted, as he suggested, to the peace and welfare of humans and to the betterment of civilization. This, of course, can only be realized if the people of the world cooperate with each other toward that end. Such cooperation immediately creates in the minds of World Government theorists the possibility of forming the World Government of which they dream. This immediately sets off the spark or reaction in the minds of those who are violently opposed to World Government, and the battle is joined. We then get into a head-butting contest that results in headaches with no progress in the solution of the problem involved. Certainly this country can not subordinate itself to an over-all world government federation. Each country must stand upon its own feet and build its own strength as an independent nation. Certainly cooperation between the several nations is necessary for building this strength, but a joining of all the nations in a world government would serve not only to weaken the nations that have remained independent and strong, but would create a world social problem that would contribute greatly to the socialistic and communistic doctrines.

The Eisenhower speech laid it on the line to Russia and Red China insofar as peace is concerned. It is their move and the eyes of all peace-loving peoples are focused on them. How they will meet this challenge to put up or shut up may well determine the trend of events for the next decade.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS

The new Directors consisting of J. C. Cates, Wilson McClellan, Jimmy Hester, meet with the old Directors in the managers office Monday, December 14, and elected Gene Cline, President for 1954 and Dr. R. L. Kleberger as Vice President.

Motion was made and carried that deeds to be ordered for all business houses instead of membership plaques also that every member would be issued a membership card.

Motion was made and carried that the Directors change their

eight meeting from second and fourth Thursday to second and fourth Wednesday at noon.

In the next issue we will give you a list of the committees that were appointed.

GREENBACK DRAWING

The greenback drawings are still going over in a big way. The last of war match was won by A. L. Wilson's team and the peanut rolling contest was won by Oscar Donnell. These have been the two outstanding events. Both of these men gave their prize money to the Spearman Welfare Fund.

The cakes donated by several ladies and a Turkey donated by Andy Gorman, helped the welfare Fund by \$33.00.

Thanks to everyone.

SANTA CLAUSE & REINDEER

The Santa Clause and his Reindeer Parade was considered the best Christmas attraction ever held here. This was decided by the 1,500 people that saw it.

STAG NITE

Stag night held on Tuesday 5th was something different and really enjoyed by all the men that were down town.

Christmas lights have been up and on since the first of December, and sure do give main street a holiday look.

UNDEGROUND WATER USERS

The Director of the North Plains Water Users Association meet in Judge Lee's office on the first of December. They made plans for the first hearing by the State Board of water engineers. They also discussed the best method of financing the district until it could be voted in.

The chamber has located several new families in Spearman. Part of these people work for Humble Oil Co. and want houses for a year or longer. This is a good indication that we are going to get more drilling.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The youth employment agency set up in County Judge Lee's office is going full blast, over 30 boys and girls have filled out cards, wanting work. Any kind from dish washing to farm jobs.

The boys and girls have done their part now it is up to us to do our part by finding something for them to do. If you have any kind of odd jobs call No. 2351.

We will have a meeting in the county court room Monday, January 4th, at 7:30 P. M. to discuss further the plans for a planned youth program for the summer. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.

The 4-H Boys and Girls gave the Chamber of Commerce a Bronze Plaque in recognition of the services the Chamber has done for the 4-H organization.

The manager has 2 new maps in the chamber office. One is a county ownership map with all gas, oil, and water wells marked with different colored pins. All pipe lines, railroads, paved roads and county roads are marked in different colored ink.

The other is a city map with lots numbered, streets, named. Gas, Water, Sewerage, and pavement marked. These maps are for everyone's use and information, so feel free to use them at any time.

STIGAN BEETS

Holly Sugar Corporation, has a field mar in Spearman (Elmer J. Margheim) who is contacting all the irrigation farmers in this area to see if there is enough interested among them to justify sending a field man here next summer.

The way we understand the deal the company will furnish the fertilizer, planter, beet thiner, and see that what hand labor is needed will be available. The seed costs about \$2.50 per acre the rent on planter \$1.00 per acre, Rent on thiner \$1.00 per acre. The company will charge this expense against the crop.

According to Mr. Bischoff, Chief Agriculturist of the company this county should yield on an average of 16 tons per acre. The price per ton runs around \$14.00 per ton according to the sugar content.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

The ministerial Alliance have a program for Christmas Eve. They plan to have their Choir's sing on the courthouse steps, for about one hour starting at 2:00 p. m. Thursday. Following this we will have our last greenback drawing, which should be around 3:00 o'clock.



GREETINGS

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

MCCLELLAN CHEVROLET COMPANY

Chevrolet Sales and Service Spearman, Texas

About 1954 Business

Dr. Gordon McKinley, chief of the Prudential Company of America's economic staff, says business next year will be at about the same level as this year. These words, from the top economy expert of the nation's second largest insurance company are noteworthy.

McKinley joins a number of other economists who refuse to believe a serious recession is in store for the American citizens in 1954. Many economic experts, perhaps a majority, are predicting business in general will be five to ten per cent below the 1952 level, and have been predicting a recession for at least a year now.

However, McKinley says there will be a sharp increase in consumer buying in 1954 and that this increase will offset expected decrease in Government spending, home building and other capital expenditures. In addition to his prediction on general business activity, Dr. McKinley foresees the following developments in 1954.

The number of workers employed will be up slightly, not down, in 1954. The average work week will decline slightly, although average wages will increase about six cents an hour. This increase in average wages is one of the reasons Dr. McKinley predicts that consumer buying will increase in 1954.

Since taxes will also be down, this will also increase disposable income, and will probably hike the total amount spent by consumers next year by five or six billion dollars. Dr. McKinley says consumers will enjoy a better market next year than they have since 1950, and predicts a decline in price of two per cent.

Ticket for the West Texas Christmas Doubleheaders are being handled in Spearman by J. R. Linn and in Gruver by Austin Burrus. Reserved seats for the Dec. 28 and 29 games may be obtained through either of these men.

The greatest need in every small community is for tolerance and better understanding.

Farm price supports set new high of \$4,053,142,000.

When I recall, from time to time,
How you inspired this heart of mine:
I find myself inclined to pray,
God bless my friend, this very day—
THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Terramycin Said Effective Against Pinworm Infection

Infection caused by the pinworm, the most common and widely distributed of all human parasites, can now be successfully treated with terramycin, according to a team of 8 American doctors completing clinical trials in Haiti.

Treating 61 cases of pinworm infection, the physicians found terramycin effective in all but two patients. Clinical trials with the wide-range antibiotic drug were undertaken because, said the doctors, "the usual treatment with gentian violet often does not eradicate infection, and not infrequently the drug must be discontinued due to toxic reactions." Several of the patients who had taken gentian violet previously, said they found terramycin "considerably more tolerable."

Pinworm infection is found throughout the world and in all ages. Public health experts estimate it affects 35 per cent or more of the general population. In southern states 50 to 60 per cent of all children have had it. Caused by a small white worm, its most disturbing symptom is itching. Often scratching brings about a secondary infection. Pinworm may interfere with eating and result in loss of weight and anemia. The disease usually infects the entire family.

In their clinical report, appearing in the current issue of the medical journal, "Antibiotics and Chemotherapy," the doctors point out that successful therapy depends upon simultaneous treatment of the whole family. In this respect use of gentian violet's disadvantages, they say, is that young children often cannot swallow the enteric-coated tablets.

Whenever possible, the medical team in Haiti examined whole families and treated them simultaneously with terramycin. Full cooperation was not always obtainable, but "despite inadequate dosage in a large number of cases," says the report, "in only 1 instance did treatment definitely fail by the fourth week after therapy was begun."



We send these sincere greetings with a wish that your Holiday Joys go far beyond your usual dreams.

WESTERN AUTO STORE

Floyd and Lucy

The Church choirs of Spearman will sing Christmas carols on Christmas, Eve, 2:00 P. M. on the Court house steps. The Green-back drawing will be held following the Christmas Carol singing.

Everyone is invited to town on Christmas Eve, to join in the Festivities!

Do your Christmas Shopping at Home!

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS to ALL

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

W. L. RUSSELL JR. Dry Goods and Groceries
Spearman, Texas

Happy Christmas!

The true joy that descends upon each of us during the Yuletide season, comes not alone from the gifts that we give, but in the spirit of giving.

The feeling of complete happiness that fills us when we know we've brought a touch of joy to a loved one is the secret that has kept alive the true meaning of Christmas.

It is in this unselfish spirit that we extend to our friends and neighbors the Season's Greetings.

SLUDER EVANS OIL COMPANY

Phillips Wholesale
Gruver, Texas

Season's Greetings

The Holiday Season affords us the opportunity to express our appreciation to our many friends for their good will and thoughtfulness during the past year.

And with this appreciation goes our wish for a memorable Christmas—one that will be abundant with good cheer and good health followed by a New Year of contentment and good fortune.

ORANGE DISC SERVICE STATION

Gulf Products
Spearman, Texas

Hansford County May Be Scene Of Huge Oil Activity In '54

YOU NAME IT

It looks like the lid has been blown off of this oil and gas business in Hansford County. The latest scuttle-but rumors to you who don't know what scuttle-but means, is to the effect that Humble has announced 15 new locations here in Hansford County. No one knows the exact locations, but here is the latest un-official information.

1st. Humble will probably develop this Collier location, and the next hottest spot is Old Hansford location, where they are drilling on the Williams ranch. The Luther Mathews ranch should be the scene of extensive drilling some-time in the near future.

Phillips is expected to get in the show pretty quick now, and their locations are mostly in the west part of the county. The Texas Company is now in the frying pan, up in the Hardesty Oklahoma strip, and they have got to stay in there awhile. They have already brought in a 22 barrel and 55 barrel per hour well in this area.

So it all boils down to the fact that Humble will develop the Collier Old Hansford block, Phillips will be active in the West Part of the County, and The Texas Company has already struck producing 25 miles north of Spearman in the Hardesty Oklahoma Strip.

The sugar beet situation looks good for Hansford county. Some 1000 acres has been contracted and the sugar beet company is going to spend some \$20,000 dollars in the county developing this acreage. It will include hiring a field man to stay here and supervise the planting. Buying and renting out sugar beet machinery. Building a \$20,000 dollar loading dock.

Most of the stores will be closed Friday and Saturday this week; Merry Xmas to you all, and drive carefully if you leave town over the holidays. A new traffic death record is expected, don't help set this new record!

The Latest From Moscow

The latest Soviet note to the United States Government, in reply to the request of the United States, Britain and France for a conference on Germany, is a blunt and ominous statement. The tone of the note is certainly as cold as anything from Moscow in some time.

Perhaps the most discouraging part of the note, as stated by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, is the conditions set by the Soviet Union for rapprochement with the West. The terms set out in the note make it absolutely impossible for any progress to be made with the Reds, since they listed at least six impossible concessions the United States must make prior to a conference on Germany.

do dramas by the number of listeners that take to the hills—Toronto Star.

DEFINITION

Effortless is that which, if the unscrupulous fellows were speaking for our side, would be a bold stand.—Beetlebob's Lexicon

Green Back Days Will End Xmas Eve! Don't Miss It

Wilson Buchanan announces that the last Greenback drawing of the year will be held Christmas Eve, with a total of 100.00 to be given away to some lucky people.

The Christmas eve program will include carol singing, conducted by church and school officials.

Those who enjoy giving get the most out of the Christmas season.

I WANT TO EARN IT!

Mommie was washing up the new everyday dishes Daddy had brought home the day before. "Every family needs a new set of dishes every so often," she thought. "It's more fun to have and throw a boyish fit at her. It unfolded to reveal two pennies, a tax token and a nickel. "That's all I have. I want to earn this money," he said. "But, Jon, Daddy gave it to you. Why do you want to earn it?"

"Oh, I just want to earn it," he answered a bit vaguely. "Well, Son, you see, Daddy gave it to you for a gift because he wanted you to have it, so you can't very well earn that money. It is already yours, it has been given to you," Mother replied.

His attention turned to the new dishes and soon he had forgotten his remark. But Mommie hadn't. "Funny how a little thing like that will get you started thinking... There are many grown folks who have the same trouble with God's gift of salvation. They want to earn it when all the time it is a gift! For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9).

"But I want to earn it..." How can you, when it's a gift and a gift from God Himself? Take it, then, from His loving hand, knowing that you could never earn it, that you never need earn it. Why did He give it? And to whom? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

ORDER FIXING SALARY OF OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

(Pursuant to Articles 222 and 227-A of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended by the 53rd Legislature, Chapter 418, Senate Bill Number 184, notice is hereby given that effective January 1st, 1954, the Salary of the Official Court Reporter for the 84th Judicial District shall be fixed at \$6,000.00 per annum as provided for in said amendment.

Dated December 19, 1953. Jack Allen JUDGE, 84th Judicial District of Texas.

PARAGRAPHS

AIN'T IT SO? Uniform traffic laws are excellent. The big problem, however, is to get drivers to obey them.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

NOT SUFFICIENT

Lamb prices are the highest in years, and no wonder. The supply is never equal to the demand in Wall Street—Indianapolis News.

TRUCK

Now that they are making auto parts out of vegetables, one realizes what a smart man it was who first named truck gar-

CANADA HEARD FROM

American critics now rate a ra-

New Invention

Molten solder in a cup is provided through the invention of a new type of soldering-iron assembly, invented and patented by Charles R. Wolts, Laurel, Md. The cup rests at the end of the soldering-iron support. Electricity melts the solder in the cup and heats an iron tip, which is bent like a bank to submerge in the molten metal, as the iron rests on the support.

Gibraltar Moves

The monetary unit of Gibraltar is the pound sterling, but Spanish money circulates freely.

Revealing Facts

Publication of the newest Army history book, "Washington Command Post: The Operations Division," brings to light the complicated task of the military staff that planned and directed the first world-wide military operations. The book, seventh in the "U. S. Army in World War II" series, is a part of nearly 100 contemplated volumes covering all aspects of the war.

Splitting Hairs

Tests conducted on hundreds of heads reveal that the diameter of human hair varies from 200 to 200 of an inch. While hair can be classified as fine, medium or coarse, no head contains all fibers of one kind. The diameters will vary from very fine to coarse on every head, although generally one type predominates.

China Belled

The Chinese believe in the power of a little forest root—"Jin-lean"—to prolong life and rebuild flesh and spirit. Until recently about a million dollars worth of ginseng was exported from the United States to China each year. There was not enough in all China to supply the demand.

Old Company

The oldest lumber manufacturing company west of the Mississippi river is Pope and Talbot, Inc. which had even earlier beginnings in Maine.

Can't Ferret News

Way down east in Maine there's a house with walls and furniture made of newspapers which have been slightly rolled and then slacked.

To our faithful old friends, to our devoted new friends and to those friendships we hope to earn—we wish a most cheerful Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things in life—Health, Happiness and enduring Peace.

We extend this greeting, not because it is the customary thing to do but because it is a sentiment genuinely felt, for as the years go by our appreciation of cherished friendships becomes greater and greater.

STANLEY GARNETT

Massey-Harris Sales and Service Spearman, Texas

Merry Christmas

May we extend to you our very best wishes for a Holiday Season rich in happiness and joy.

FRANK JENNINGS FURNITURE COMPANY

Borger, Texas

Insurance For Non-Drinkers

Recent reports have told of a new automobile insurance company in Chicago designed to serve only abstainers. In other words, when buying an automobile insurance policy from this company, the applicant must sign a statement he does not use alcoholic beverages, and that he will not do so during the life of the policy.

The new firm's rates are reported about twenty-five per cent below average rates for liability and property damage coverage. They are about twenty per cent under the average for collision coverage, and therefore those who can obtain insurance from this company do so at substantial savings.

It has long been a known fact that non-drinkers have a small percentage of automobile accidents and that they actually pay some of the cost of insurance for habitual drinkers and those who drive and drink, and therefore have more accidents. The efforts of the new Chicago insurance company is one to give non-drinkers a better rate with their collective accident record.

The new Chicago firm is following an example set in Iowa recently, where that firm also wrote low-cost policies for non-drinkers. Evidently the success of the Iowa firm, which has now been operating in the black for six years, encouraged the founders of the Chicago firm, and it may be that soon many companies will be competing for the insurance of non-drinkers, or drivers without accidents, to their credit, both of which driver classes are entitled to insurance rate adjusted to their accident records.

The money is already flowing through the annual Christmas hills.

The pretty young things will look even prettier on color television.

We are inclined to think the community has too many organizers.

The great Americans all through history have been churchgoers.

There are any number of people who will be glad to borrow ten dollars from you.

Reasoned judgment is a rare commodity, and one of the highest forms of human progress.

Congress will meet again in a little over a month; then the confusion will start all over again.

Fortune tellers wouldn't make a living if a lot of people didn't think they could actually read the future.

The latest Russian note to the U. S. Government leaves little room for optimism about future relations with the USSR.

Washington Notes

F. B. I. CHIEF
J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has been in Government service for 36 of his 58 years. In 1921 he became assistant director of the FBI and three years later at the age of 25, he became director. He has held the job ever since, under five Presidents—Coolidge, Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower.

CHILD LABOR
Half a million more children were employed in 1950 than in 1949, and their total was 1,300,000 at the last count according to the National Child Labor Committee. Most were part-time workers. The increase was greatest among the 14 and 15 year olds, with one child in eleven earning money, against one in twenty-three in 1949. Eighty-three per cent of this age group are part-time workers, still in school.

TO SUBSIDIZE WHEAT EXPORTS

A new subsidy program designed to increase wheat exports has been announced by the Agriculture Department. The Commodity Credit Corporation will offer for immediate sale "a limited quantity" of Government-owned wheat for export, in addition to the wheat moving under the International Wheat Agreement. As of Oct. 1, the C. C. C. owned about 164,000,000 bushels of wheat acquired through price support.

FARM PRICE SUPPORTS

The Government had a record \$4,657,142,900 tied up in farm price support programs on September 23, according to the Agriculture Department. The previous high was \$4,935,175,000 on March 30, 1950. The C. C. C. has authority to commit as much as \$6,750,000,000 at any one time in carrying out the price-support programs.

KOREAN VETS

The Korean war veterans "has a clear picture of where he is going and how he plans to get there," according to the VA, which reports that fewer than two per cent of 230,000 Korean war veterans taking GI training courses, have changed their programs. The law permits a veteran taking classroom, on-the-job or on-the-farm training under the GI Bill of Rights to switch programs only once.

MAIL RATES RISE

The Interstate Commerce Commission has granted increases in the parcel-post rates on catalogues, similar printed advertising matter and controlled circulation publications. These advances, which will amount to about 17 per cent are in addition to a 24 per cent increase in parcel-post rates generally, which is expected to add about \$18,000,000 a year to parcel-post charges.

50 MILLIONTH PHONE

The nation's 50,000,000th telephone in service was installed in the White House in President Eisenhower's office on November 15th. The telephone is black and around the base are 48 gold stars, one for each state. The presidential seal takes the place of the number plate, and the dial and numerals are finished in gold.

MASS POLIO TESTS

A vast nation-wide program to vaccinate from 500,000 to 600,000 children with the new anti-polio triple-vaccine will get under way in the week of February 8, 1954. More than 200 counties throughout the nation will be involved in the mass vaccination program, one of the largest of its kind ever undertaken. In general, second-grade school children will be vaccinated in the non-epidemic period and then observed in the polio season to evaluate the protective effects of the vaccine.

35 DEFICIT?

The Administration's best hope for the fiscal 1955 budget is a deficit of \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000—attainable only if spending can be cut almost \$6,000,000,000 from the current rate. A high administration official, in making this prediction, said that obviously a big part of any \$6,000,000,000 savings would have to come from national security spending, and is not yet in sight.

U. S. DEATHS IN KOREA

The United States battle death toll in Korea is expected to pass 30,000 when the Pentagon finally closes its books on American casualties. After the truce and completion of prisoner exchanges, the death figure stood at 25,694 and the missing at 7,955. The Army recently confirmed 409 more deaths among those previously listed as missing.

News Notes

KILLS OWL WITH SHOE
Laurel, Iowa. — Mrs. Norman McMeekin, discovered that a large timber owl had just killed thirty of her chickens. When the owl lunged at her, Mrs. McMeekin calmly removed one of her shoes and used it to kill

the bird. The owl had a three-foot wing spread.

LINEN SAFE UNSAFE

Salt Lake City — Reading so much about safe robberies, the co-owner of an ice cream company decided to fool any burglars who might have designs on his safe. He hid more than \$200 in a bundle of linen. A few days later, he went to his hiding place. The money was gone but the company safe hadn't been bothered.

PLEASE BE THOUGHTFUL

Hamilton, Ohio — Officials of the McGregory Ice Cream Company hope the next burglar who enters their office will be thoughtful enough to close the refrigerator door. One who recently broke into the plant stole only \$37.91, but his failure to close a refrigerator door cost

the company \$50 in melted ice cream.

UNIQUE WILL

Detroit — Under the terms of the will of the late Carl F. Clarke, 79-year-old art and archeological collector, his personal effects will be split by lot among more than 50 friends at a party to be held at a downtown hotel. Clark put the guest list in his will and specified dinner and refreshments to be served.

DONKEY KILLS BOY

Perpignan, France — Wanting to see what would happen, Bernard Champenois, 12, tied one end of a rope to the tail of a donkey and the other end around his waist. The donkey became frightened and galloped off, dragging the boy to his death over 600 yards of rocky ground.

FUTURE'S BETTER

CHICAGO, Ill. — The last Friday the 13th — on November 13 — was the third Friday 13th in 1953. However, 1954 promises better for the superstitious, it has only one — in August.

MATCHES, HAYSTACK, CHILDREN

McArthur, O. — Seven children none more than 6 years old were building a haystack in a pig pen. One little boy had matches and set the hay afire, trapping the other children. Their parents, visiting nearby, hearing their screams managed to pull five children to safety, but two, Oakley McNealy, 4, fell back into the fire as his parents' hands grasped for him. He burned to death. They managed to get Delores Ann McNealy, 3,

from the pen but she was so badly burned, she died in a hospital a few hours later.

CAR RADIATOR STOLEN

Dallas, Tex. — Unable to understand why his new car began to heat up, Bobby Storey pulled in to a filling station and asked the attendant to see what was wrong. The man raised the hood to find that someone had stolen the radiator during the night and had relocked the hood.

FAMILY OF 13 LUCKY

Chicago, Ill. — Troy McNally, a policeman, thinks having a family of 13 is nice. In fact, because of his 13-member family, McNally got a 25 pound turkey and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinner for having the largest at-home family of any member of the police department.

The eleven McNally children range in age from 14 years to 8 months.

ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

- 1. Who won the Alabama-Georgia Tech game?
- 2. What two teams play in the Orange Bowl New Year's Day?
- 3. Of what conference is Maryland a member?
- 4. Who won the last Gavilan-Frisson fight, and how does that series stand?
- 5. What team won the Wisconsin-Illinois game?

THE ANSWERS

- 1. Alabama
- 2. Maryland and Oklahoma.
- 3. Gavilan, the series stands two wins for the champs and a draw.
- 5. Wisconsin.

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It is our privilege each year to express our warmest Christmas Greetings to those we are proud to call our friends and patrons. May we say once more that we have appreciated your confidence in the past and that we will never cease trying to make each new year rich in neighborliness and good will for you. To everyone we wish a Merry Christmas and a Bountiful New Year.

GULF WHOLESAL
W. A. Ellsworth

A Very Merry Christmas to All our Friends and a Happy New Year, too!

UNIVERSAL OIL COMPANY

Shamrock Products Gruver, Texas

Don't Name It

It certainly is time to begin to commence thinking about how you will vote in next year's elections. The public as a whole is very jittery — and we all want to gain all we can for our respective communities—but at the same time we want TAX RELIEF! This can not be accomplished. Either we have to go a little slower in making the worth while improvements at every government level, or we must be prepared to assume an all time tax burden.

In our own section, where drought has depleted our normal income drastically, the burden of taxes are becoming severe. The only point we desire to make at this time is that the results are up to the individual voters. To prove this point we are reprinting a front page editorial from the TEXAS TAX JOURNAL.

Here it is.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR '54?

With the New Year only a little over a month away, it is not too early for Texas taxpayers to

begin thinking of what is in store for them in the coming year. With insistent demands being made for additional tax revenue, not only at the State level, but by Counties, Cities, School districts and water conservation districts, it begins to look as if the taxpayers are in for another defensive campaign against their pocketbooks.

At the State level are demands for increased teachers pay, increased revenue to the Highway Department for more super-duper highways, a program for additional State buildings at Austin, as well as increased buildings at State hospitals for mentally incapacitated wards. In addition doubtless there will be submitted to the Legislature in 1954 a comprehensive water conservation program, and it will cost money if it is to amount to anything.

Next year the electorate will be called upon to elect a new slate of State, County and precinct officers, from the Governor on down to public weigher. Probably the most important offices to be filled by a vote of the people are those of the State Legislature, and while very little attention is given, or at least not enough is given in the selection of these legislators, these 181 members who comprise the membership of the House of Representatives and the State Senate

are your State's Board of Directors, and they eventually call the tune for the State's appropriations and tax laws. In addition they are the authors of many laws that affect the Counties, Cities and other taxing subdivisions of the State. Between now and next August, 1954, much spade work will be done that effect every taxpayer in Texas.

Upon the selection of the members of the Legislature much will depend as to whether we shall have a conservative Legislature such as our present one as far as taxation is concerned, or whether we shall have one, that under the tremendous pressure that will be applied will want to appropriate and tax everything in sight. The answer to this matter is in the hands of the voters, if they will use it by carefully inquiring of each and every candidate for the offices just how they stand on these questions.

All too often our public officials are elected with little or no consideration given to their integrity, experience or capability to handle the office they aspire to. All too often the voters vote negative votes, against some one, and the mediocre one slips in, not through his or her qualifications, but through neglect on the part of the electorate to be

of inquiring minds. 1954 has been looked upon when we will have a reduction of taxation, nationally that is, but from recent events that welcome fact is becoming increasingly doubtful, and while we cast our eyes towards Washington hoping for this relief, perhaps we are fooling ourselves when we give so little attention to matters nearer home. Appropriations and expenditures of all State Governments have shown alarming and large increases over the last few years. All other taxing subdivisions have also shown these same figures, but because they are not dropped on the taxpayers all at one time, they escape almost unnoticed.

As our country grows, its po-

ulation increases at a rapid rate and this necessarily calls for more taxes each year in the aggregate, but these facts do not justify unbridled spending for many things that should be acquired at a slower rate.

The answer to all of these questions is in the hands of the people, however; if the people are apathetic and show no interest, they are bound to wind up behind the proverbial eight-ball in the hands of the tax collector.

Grasses

College Station, December— Good lawns don't just happen—they result from considerable time and effort. E. M. Treviño, agronomist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says

St. Augustine is a wide-leaved perennial that spreads by surface runners. Recommended for Southern and eastern areas of the

state. St. Augustine grows in shade and open areas. It remains green, longer than Bermuda after frosts. With enough moisture and fertility this grass forms thick, dense turf that usually crowds out other grasses and weeds, but is susceptible to certain diseases mainly brown patch and leaf spot. Certain insects like chinch bugs, leaf hoppers and Rhodogragus scale will attack the grass which needs more water than Bermuda and is killed by extreme cold.

Buffalo, Zoysia, and Centipede grasses are adapted to certain areas of Texas, and Manila grass which can be grown in most areas of Texas. Zoysia includes Japanese lawn grass grown in most areas of Texas, and Manila

grass which can be grown only in Central and South Texas. It forms a tough, dense turf which only grows in the shade and requires little mowing but grows slowly.

After the grass has been selected for your lawn, study the drainage, watering and fertilizing necessary for a good lawn. Information is available at our County Extension agents' office. Ask for B-203 THE HOME LAWN.

LEAVES AFTER 1-DAY HONEYMOON

Hartford, Conn.—Charles R. Goddard, 65, of Washington, has used his third wife for divorce, charging that she left him after a one-day honeymoon last year.

"SEASONS GREETINGS"

We Extend Cordial Wishes For A Merry Christmas
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
—YOURS—
FOR EXPERT BEAUTY CARE
IN THE COMING YEAR



Deana May's Beauty Shop
Phone 6301

Stylist Beauty Shop
Phone 3021

Deana May Douglas — Rhoda Overton

Sincere

Christmas

Greetings



To My Dear Friends and Loyal Patients:

I welcome this opportunity to express to each and every one of you my sincere desire that you and your loved ones have a Joyous and Merry Christmas and that you enjoy a Happy and Prosperous New Year to come.

Dr. R. L. Kleeburger, M. D.

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Views And Reviews

Charles S. Thomas, Assistant Secretary of Defense, in charge of supply of Logistics: "We can get into production almost overnight."

Anastas I. Mikoyan, Minister of Domestic Trade: "The Soviet Union must not adopt the capitalist way of fooling people by exaggerated publicity."

Sidney Weinberg, New York Financier and Mobilization official during the two last war crises: "If you're going to have adequate security you've got to have high taxes."

Letter, House of Bishops Protestant Episcopal Church: "The greatest avowed enemy of Christianity is Communism, with its basic philosophy of materialism."

Sydney Rhee, President, South Korean Republic: "If we stand firm, the Communists will come to terms." John H. Davis, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, speaking to farmers in California: "You shouldn't get any idea that next January, the Administration will come up with a brand new program."

Dr. Edward J. McCormick, President, American Medical Association: "Society is passing through a golden era of tremendous medical advances."

Ezra Tate Benson, Secretary of Agriculture: "There is no magic formula that will set everything right."

William Neil Connor, British columnist, back in London after visit to this country: "Whether it is bulldozing roads in Korea—or breeding hogs in Illinois or making gadgets for removing ice cubes from refrigerators, these people (Americans) are alive, alert, curious, combative and rarin' to go..."

Dr. Ansel Keys, director, Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota: "Overweight of itself, except in extreme degree, is not a primary cause of coronary disease."

Paragaphs

A REAL TEST The real test of liquor control will come when the drug dispenser, coach an agreement as to the size of whiskey glasses. Indianapolis News.

OPTIMISTIC The man is advertising in the Kansas City Star for an honest lawyer. Truly, optimism is returning by leaps and bounds.—Thomson (Ga.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q-Somehow I failed to receive a premium return envelope from the VA for my GI insurance. Does that mean I can skip this month's premium payment? A-It does not. You should pay the premium anyhow, otherwise you'll run the risk of allowing your policy to lapse. Be sure to include a letter giving your insurance number, service serial number and full name and address, so that VA can identify your policy.

Q-I am a woman veteran, and I'm eligible for training under the Korean GI Bill. May I count my husband as a dependent, for purposes of the monthly GI allowance, even though he's supporting me? A-The husband of a woman veteran-trainee may be classified as a dependent, for GI allowance purposes, only if he is in fact dependent upon her.

Q-I am a Korean veteran, and I'm still under 21 years of age. Would it be possible for me to get a GI business loan if I meet all the qualifications of the law, even though I'm under age? A-Yes, it would be possible the loan is valid under your State's laws governing such transactions by minors.

Q-I'm a Korean veteran with a service-connected disability. Would that automatically entitle me to vocational rehabilitation training under Public Law 187? A-Not necessarily. One of the eligibility requirements of the law is that you must need vocational rehabilitation training in order to overcome the handicap of your service-connected disability.

Briton On U. S. Medical Costs

Sir James Paterson Ross, Surgeon to Queen Elizabeth, recently visited the United States. He made a six-week visit in which time he visited many U. S. hospitals and medical centers. What he says about medical costs in the United States will not set well with some members of the U. S. medical profession. For one thing, he charges that the cost of hospital treatment in the United States is badly inflated and a god argument in favor of the British system of nationalized medicine. Sir James pointed to the high cost of American hospitals, calling attention to those privately-owned hospitals as especially high in costs, and said the cheapest room he saw in one of the latter hospitals was \$20 a day. This was without any extra, and

another \$27.50 per day is charged for twenty-four hour nurse service. We have always thought medical care is one thing which should be kept within reasonable cost limits. No doubt most doctors will agree and many hospitals try very sincerely and succeed in their goal of keeping costs down. However, there are too many hospitals, especially private ones, where charges for medical attention are so high that the average citizen often finds himself unable to afford proper treatment.

Proper winter protection for machinery will prolong its useful life and cut repair and maintenance costs. Machine sheds are a sound investment. A time and labor saver is the bumper gate. Plan for constructing such equipment may be obtained from your local county agent. Ask for plan 106-100 per gates. There is no such thing as something for nothing in life.

The Defense Department has announced plans to cut back medical scholarships to assure doctors for the armed forces. Free world is closing its best economic year, says Stassen. Weather experts agree that winters are getting warmer. U. S. imports rise 4 1/2 per cent as exports fall 10 per cent. Christmas Clubs this year will pay more to fewer savers.



Greetings for Christmas

We would like each shining ornament on your Christmas tree to reflect joyous Season's Greetings and our best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Large advertisement for Spearman Dry Goods featuring a Christmas tree in a circular frame and the word 'Greetings' in cursive. Text includes: 'It's not easy to express in cold type the warm appreciation we have for the loyalty and good will of our many friends. Our sincere thanks for your friendship is second only to the pleasure we've had in serving you. To one and all we wish a joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year.'

CUTTER FOOD MARKET Gruver, Texas

SPEARMAN DRY GOODS Roy Russell, Spearman, Texas



An Old Fashioned Christmas at home with the family gathered for the singing of carols and the most important meal of the year... It's a happy scene in which we're pleased to play a small part... To our customers and friends, one and all, we wish a Merry Merry Christmas. -The Staff

Cut Rate Grocery & Market SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Stores Will Be Closed Friday And Saturday For Xmas Holidays

The Santa Legend Should Be Explained, Psychologist Says

CHILDREN enjoy Santa Claus more when they know what he really is... Duke University psychologist Dr. Geiloh McHugh says.

Santa should be a part of Christmas, however, Dr. McHugh believes, but from the very beginning he should be a fun-loving, wonderful pretend game.

Here's How To Choose Your Christmas Tree

NEARLY 30,000,000 Christmas trees will be sold in the U. S. this year. Select one which will retain its needles well indoors.

Fire precautions: Internally—No tree can be made completely flame-proof. Government experts suggest reducing flammability by standing tree in a solution of either ammonium sulfate, ammonium phosphate, calcium chloride or ammonium sulfamate four to six days.

Christmas Greens: Measure height of ceiling before buying tree. If branches must be trimmed from tree, use them for door spray, mantel piece or waz for wazel post.

EXPLANATION... Santa appears within one of his helpers... The benevolent old gent looks on with interest.

PTA Project Ready For Use

The Parent Teachers Association of Spearman is most grateful to the contingent of farmers who answered their call with a string of dump trucks.

ONE OF THEM

By Anne O'Sullivan

HESITANT but determined, Hansome had brought his fiancee, Hilda, home for Christmas to his parents' mountain ranch.

"I'll take care of it, Ma," he called toward the kitchen, "probably just a blown-out fuse box."

"Yes, well, we still got plenty lanterns around."

"Long as we got horseshoes, I'll keep the lanterns ready," it was Ma's turn to laugh.

"Remember the times we trimmed the tree with popcorn balls and salt?" Bridget asked.

"Let's do it tonight, shall we, Ma?"

"Why of course, Pa and I'd get a sight of pleasure out of that. How about you, Hilda?"

"I'd like to help." To Ran she sounded enthusiastic, but maybe it was just politeness.

"A sight more work too," Gloria pointed out. "Why you won't move."

"I'll need another lantern for the kitchen, Pa, if I'm to trim cranberries," Bridget interrupted zestfully.

RAN KNELT beside the deep fireplace, built by his great-grandfather, to stir the coals.

"I wish you'd let me help," Hilda said.

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calls to top the turntable and parking area east of the grade school, they had to get it hauled in, spread and packed down.

Far-Off Lands Come to Life In Yule Toys

GEOGRAPHY comes down the chimney on Christmas Eve. In the flood of toys soon to spill out into the nation's living rooms will be the touch of many different lands.

Similarly, the United States, now the world's leading toy maker, sends abroad its wild west costumes, its shiny playtime trucks and cars and earth-moving equipment.

New toys that startle the world often come from Europe. One such is a German duck which, when set on an incline, proudly walks down the slope.

Winston Churchill was intrigued by the top when he first saw it. In Stockholm, the King of Sweden, a cabinet minister and government physicist, a Nobel Prize winner, got down on their hands and knees at a banquet to study the mysterious flip-top of its stem.

Man of Bethlehem

Jesus Christ is a God whom we can approach without pride, and before whom we may abase ourselves without despair.—Pascal.

The devotion to the person of Christ that steers clear of sentimentalism and trines and precepts of Christ, is but sentimental rhapsody.—Herriek Johnson.

This is part of the glory of Christ as compared with the chiefest of His servants that He alone stands at the absolute center of humanity, the one completely harmonious man, unfolding all which was in humanity, equally at full on all sides, the only one in whom the real and ideal met and were absolutely one.

NATIVITY SCENE... This scene is repeated on thousands of lawns, private homes and public buildings in the home towns of the nation during the Christmas season.

Christmas 'Open House' Was Early Saxon Custom

AT CHRISTMASTIDE, the great hall of the Saxon lord was thrown open to peasant and noble alike—all mingling democratically and exchanging gifts and hearty cheer during a great feast and festivities composed of dance and song.

Just then Hilda rushed out of the room and went upstairs. When she came back, she paused half-shyly in the doorway, an accordion in her arms.

Ran knew them, as he guided her into the circle and saw the family make way for her, that Hilda was one of them and his voice rose exultantly.

Christmas 'Open House' Was Early Saxon Custom

Christmas Carols

Miss Mary Nelms brought four of her music pupils from school to present a program of Christmas Carols at the noon meeting of the Lion Club held at the H. D. Club Room Tuesday noon.

WRESTLING

SPORTS ARENA 1115 South Main Borger, Texas

MAIN EVENT

TWO OUT OF THREE FALLS - ONE HOUR TAG TEAM MATCH

Ivan Kalmikoff and Mr. Sakata vs. George Overhul and Tommie Martendale

SEMI FINAL EVENT

TWO OUT OF THREE FALLS - 45 MINUTES

Billy Wiedner vs. Marcel Petit

FIRST EVENT

ONE FALL - 15 MINUTE MATCH

Mr. Sakata vs. Tommie Martendale

Friday, December 25th 8:15 P. M.

Holy Night

This Christmas... as we rejoice in the celebration of the birth of the Infant Savior... let us remember His outstanding teaching... God is love; love thy neighbor as thyself.

Card Of Thanks

We thank you our friends at Spearman for gifts and cards, and for everything. Your remembering us made us happy.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF A. D. REED, JR., A MINOR

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO MAKE OIL AND GAS LEASES TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE MINOR AND HIS ESTATE.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Official warning is being extended to young folk who insist on vandalism and destruction of property.

CAMPBELL TAYLOR SHOP

Spearman, Texas

Season's Greetings

It is our sincerest wish that long after Christmas Day is gone, you may enjoy its abundant pleasures and fond memories.

And throughout the New Year may there come to you all the precious things of life—Health, Happiness, and Enduring Friendship.

DAVIS BROTHERS OIL COMPANY

Spearman, Texas

The Season's Best Wishes

Many are the joys that come with the Holiday Season—but none could be more pleasant than to greet our many friends with a wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SPARKEY'S CAFE

Spearman, Texas

THIS county. This week North Plains Electric Coop reports that 15 large insulators were shorted from the poles.

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Sixteen New Locations By One Major Oil Company Will Be Made In Hansford County During 1954

We are informed by reliable sources that a responsible representative of one of the large Oil Companies stated recently that sixteen new locations will be made in Hansford county during 1954. This statement, together with the fact that a radio broadcast from Tulsa, Oklahoma carried the information that the Kelly Oil Company planned 20 drilling activities for Hansford county will be stepped up to a new high immediately after the first of the year.

At the present time Humble Oil Companies has four locations in the county that can be classified as wild cat wells. No official announcement has been made relative to the Jackson No. 1, well which was reported to have blown in with six million cubic feet of gas. Exploration work was followed in this well and it is unofficially reported that there has been two showings of oil and two prospective being taken from the well, but this has not been made public so far as we know.

Two other locations of the Humble organization are on the Harold Collier land near Hitchland. The first well was deepened after the showing at the Jackson No. 1, and Mr. Collier was interviewed in Spearman. Collier had a pop bottle of oil which he stated had come from the Collier No. 1. He seemed to think that oil production in the Collier No. 1, would be handicapped because of salt water. The Collier No. 2, is drilling ahead on the section just north of Collier No. 1. With the information made available in the exploration work in Collier No. 1, it is possible that oil production can be gained in the Collier No. 2. Unofficial information indicates that there are two sands in the two wells on the Collier land which are capable of producing both gas and distillate.

A large map at the court house showing the location of all oil and gas and irrigation wells, together with the latest lease information, indicates that if and when oil and major gas production is accomplished in Hansford county, there will be marked increase of activities.

since most all the Major companies have holdings in and near the prospective production.

Sid Beck In Perryton Hospital

Sid Beck is some improved this week, after being in the Perryton Hospital since Dec. 15. Mr. Beck was rushed to the hospital early last Wednesday. Attending physicians do not say just how long he will have to remain hospitalized but they say his condition is some improved.

Attend NFBF At Chicago

Stanley Garnett attended the National Farm Bureau Federation at Chicago last week, returning home Friday. He chose the Field Crops Conference as the interest of Farm Bureau members in District One are chiefly concerned in crop production. Stanley, FHF District 1, said he was impressed at the attitude of farmers from all over the States toward the future. General feelings showed that there was a farm program similar to the one now in operation.

While in Chicago he visited his brother-in-law, Commander Howard Garnett who is in the Navy hospital where he was recuperating from surgery. Secretary of Ag. Ezra Benson addressed the delegates at a general session. Stanley left Chicago as the storm came in Thursday, lowering the temperature to three degrees above zero. The 1954 National Convention will be in New York City.

Faculty Dinner Wednesday Night

The faculty of Spearman Schools enjoyed a pot-luck dinner Wednesday at 6:00 p. m. in the Home Economics Rooms. It was arranged by the faculty committee. The pot luck turned out to be good luck a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings. The teachers had their families as guests. Fifty were present to enjoy the sumptuous meal and the exchange of gifts.



PRAYER . . . "O come let us adore him", these children pray on Christmas eve. Their prayer is the true and greatest gift of all.

'Silent Night' Hymn Is Often Called Song From Heaven

"Silent Night" is often called the "Song from Heaven" because the story of its inspiration and composition is one of the most beautiful Christmas stories in existence. On December 24, 1818, in the Austrian village of Hallein, as Father Joseph Mohr sat reading his Bible, there was a knock at his door. It was a peasant woman who wanted the priest to visit a poor charcoal-maker's wife to whom a child had been born. The parents had sent her to ask the priest to come and bless the infant.

Father Mohr was strangely moved by the visit to the mother. And that evening as he returned to his home saw that the dark slopes of the Alps around the village were



Light with torches of the mountaineers on their way to church. Him it was a Christmas miracle.

Later, as he tried to put down on paper his feeling and experience, the words kept turning into verse. When dawn came he found he had written a poem—a beautiful and moving poem.

On Christmas Day his friend, Franz Xaver Gruber, music teacher in the village school, composed music to fit the verses.

Village children heard the priest and teacher singing the song and learned it. From there it spread throughout the world. Today, it is regarded as the greatest Christmas hymn and wherever there are men of good will they sing:

"Silent night, holy night— All is calm, all is bright, Round my Virgin, Mother and Child;

Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace— Sleep in heavenly peace."

History of Christmas Seals

When you see the Christmas seal do you ever wonder how it started? It was born in Denmark, home of the fairy tales of Hans Christian Anderson.

Einar Holboell, a Copenhagen postal clerk, was sorting mail one snowy afternoon before Christmas, 1903, when he thought of the idea of a penny stamp to swell a fund for children's hospitals.

Authorized by King Christian, the first Christmas seals were sold in Copenhagen in 1904. Holboell's scheme outgrew his wisest imaginings, far before his death in 1927, he lived to see it spread to 45 countries.

The seals found their way to America on letters and packages and first attracted the attention of Jacob Ris who wrote an article about them. Few people, however, were interested in the idea.

Then, in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a public health worker, concerned about the fate of a small sanatorium, recalled the article and sat down to sketch America's first Christmas seal, a wreath of holly encircling the words "Merry Christmas."

With 50,000 stamps printed and nowhere to sell them, Miss Bissell at last enlisted the aid of a columnist on a Philadelphia newspaper. The idea caught and within a few weeks \$3,000 was collected.

The first nationwide sale was held the following year and was backed by newspapers all over the country, religious and civic groups and sponsored by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association.

Season's Greetings

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

R. L. McCLELLAN AND SONS
Case Dealers — Spearman, Texas

Come all ye faithful...

Christmas...what a hold it has on the hearts and imaginations of man! Its spirit puts a beauty and joy into our lives so we may carry good cheer and good will wherever we go. In this spirit of deep-down gladness we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Merry Christmas

Once again we pause as another joy-filled Yuletide season arrives, to wish our many patrons and friends prosperity, health, contentment and peace this Christmas Day and throughout the year to follow.

WHITE HOUSE PROPERTIES
Ed Hutton, Manager, — Spearman, Texas

SPEARMAN SUPER SERVICE
Spearman, Texas

Christmas Cards From Out Of Town

While most of the greeting cards and letters the Millers have received would not be of a great deal of interest to our readers, we do have a few that rate public interest.

Nearest home, and for the purpose of bragging on the Joneses—we acknowledge outstanding cards (all of us) from Doc Irene and Dottie Jones. The cards represent a lot of personal care, since most of the cards feature "Dottie" in pictures taken during her travel all over the United States. Dottie is shown in color picture standing beside a state capitol building—and Dottie is most as tall as the building. The caption is "48 Capitols".

A greeting card from Former Chamber of Commerce Manager Glen Waggoner and Flo is from Lake Charles, La. There is not any personal message, but we assume that Glen is still in his chosen profession as a C. of C. manager.

The cards from the Words (Doc and Ruth Pearl) former Superintendent of Spearman schools is worth copying for reader interest and comment. Here it is.

Dear Faye and Bill: Just want to say "Hello" to dear friends like you at Christmas time and wish you a prosperous New Year.

From what Bill writes in the paper I take it that Stevie is quite a boy. Anyway, I had rather read about him than deer hunting and fishing. I am dying to know if he is musical. (Ed comment) Ruth Pearl he can dance like no body's business and keep perfect time with feet and hands. He tries to imitate all the dancers on television, and he can get quite a bit of volume out of the piano, but it does not sound musical.

Continuing the card—"Wish you were close enough to share the mustard and turnip greens out of our garden. Already we have two new lambs and expect more everyday.

Editors comment (Gosh Ruth Pearl, hore you and Doc aint raising lambs. You still have to get up in the middle of the night and bottle feed the little ones, and it gets cold even in Denton county).

Continuing the letter. "Denton is lighted up like a Greek Synagogue. Vacation began today and I baked Doc fresh fig bread for supper. We love you.—Ruth Pearl and Doc.

A card from Lala Mae Heard "Hi: Bill and Faye, Bless your hearts. You know I love you and miss you a lot. Wish I could see you once again. Gosh I miss my Hobbs and the fine people at Spearman. I have been real busy here in the shop. I demonstrate these Ball point pens, and sure have made some gor-

geous things. Everyone compliments me over my original ideas, so I keep busy. Kiss Stevie for me.

A letter from the former Rachel, Jeanne and Dick Rossos. Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year to our good Texas friends. Wish we could see you all—and can't you make it out West soon? Have lots of room and will show you all a good time and talk your arm off. Dick has the sweetest little wife. We love her so much. Jeanne has a grand boy friend too—think we will be loosing her in the Spring—but our loss will be Flapstiffs gain. She will live there.

ALL OUR LOVE TO TEXANS and do come to see us, signed Rachel (Laura Wellington)

Hospital News

December 22, 1948
Mr. Walter Wilmoth of Spearman who has been in the hospital since December 8th is doing fine at present.

Mrs. D. M. Guines of Spearman was admitted for medical treatment December 10 and was dismissed December 12th.

Mr. Gordon Parrish of Spearman was admitted to the hospital for medical treatment December 11 and dismissed December 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ross are the parents of a new son born December 16th at 10:45 A. M.

He was named Donald Jay and weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. Mrs. Ross and son were dismissed from the hospital Dec. 21.

Mrs. Gertrude Rinehardt was a medical patient from Dec. 16 to Dec. 18th at which time she was dismissed in a much improved condition.

Mr. Homer Allen of Spearman was admitted for medical treatment Dec. 17th and dismissed December 20th.

Bobby Nollner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nollner of Spearman was admitted for an emergency appendectomy Dec. 18th. Bobby was dismissed Dec. 22.

Mr. Jim Eddleman of Gruver, was admitted for medical treatment Dec. 20, and is doing fine at the present time.

We regret to announce at this time, the resignation of Miss Virginia Whitaker, our supervisor of nurses. Miss Whitaker left Dec. 15th. She was married Dec. 19 and will make her home

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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year

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Dumas, Texas

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We urge you to visit the new Steak House today

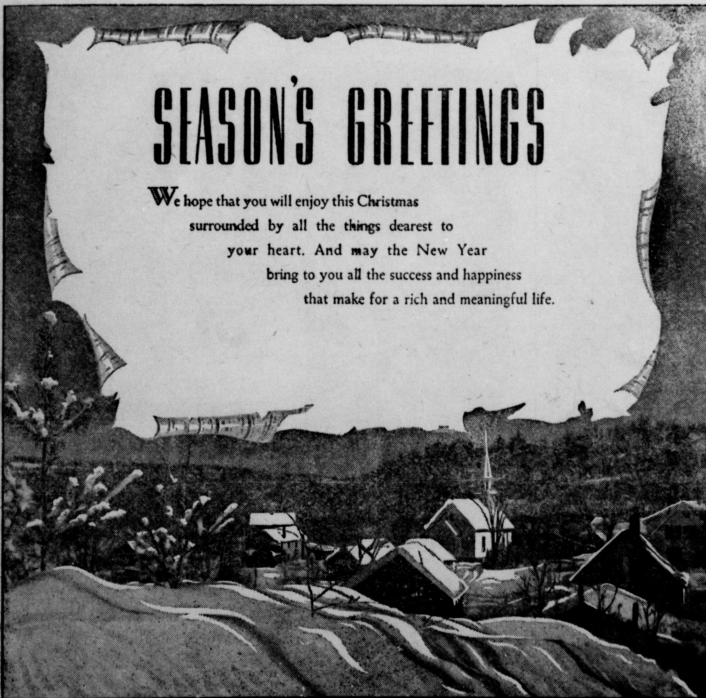
ANTHONY ELECTRIC

L. L. Anthony — Phone 3361 — Spearman Texas



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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



SPEARMAN NATIONAL FARM LOAN

Gene Richardson — Spearman, Texas

Christmas

On that blessed night, the world was hushed with wonder, and hope arose anew for all mankind... Christ the Saviour was born. Today, we pray for His guidance, that we may find peace in our hearts and renewed faith in a world in which men everywhere shall live in good will and understanding with one another.

R. L. MCCLELLAN GRAIN CO.

Spearman, Texas

Spearman Steak House Is Now Open For Business In City

Announcement is carried in the advertising columns of this newspaper that the new Spearman Steak House is open for business. The new Cafe originally opened in the Glover building by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson has been vacant a few months since the Robinson family moved to Snyder, Texas. The entire building has been redecorated and brand new outstanding fixtures have been installed in the Cafe building.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Huffman of Borger, who have earned an enviable reputation in the Cafe business, owners of the Steak House at Borger have moved to Spearman and are actively in charge of the new Cafe.

Two rows of booths are in the Cafe department of the building. They are upholstered in grey leather with glistening tile table tops. The tables are approximately one third larger than the conventional booth tables, thus affording customers plenty of room.

The counter table is in similar covering and new wall equipment is featured throughout the Cafe. In the dining room of the new Cafe seats are available for 55 customers.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman announce that they will feature a Turkey and all the fixings for their Christmas Day menu. The public is invited to eat at the new Cafe on Christmas Day, but it is suggested that you phone or see the new owners today (Christmas Eve) for fear the preparations will not be

Mrs. Johnson Club Hostess

The Morse Home Demonstration club met Thursday Dec. 17, in the home of Mrs. Jack Johnson Sr. for their annual Christmas party. Several games were played by the group, followed by carol singing and a visit from Santa. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals were revealed.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames: Joe Reiswick, Desmond Kelly, H. B. Parks, Sid Board, Si McCloy, Audrey Sedlack, Jack Johnson Jr., Ella Parks, Joe Hanan, Jim Womble, Jean Thuet, M. W. McCloy, Bessie Henderson, Buddy Parks, Dorsey Shadd, one guest Mrs. Lex Board, the hostess and children of ladies present.

Wool Revue At Morse Features Home Made Clothes

Ten sewing groups of Hansford County HD clubs and organized communities presented 50 women and 12 girls in a wool revue Friday night at Morse, in the school auditorium.

The suits and coats were made the tailoring classes conducted by Miss Gibbs and her trained helpers during the past two

months.

The garments were modeled amid an elaborate Christmas scene created by the Morse Home Demonstration women.

The snow drifts glittered from the star light of a blue sky. Two Christmas trees marked the stage and the eight foot ramp built for the models carried out the holiday motif with its cedar border and Christmas lights.

Miss Gibbs, narrator, gave the cost and value of each garment as it was modeled.

Mrs. Harry Stedek introduced guests.

Between the modeling of groups a program of skits, music and readings were given.

Youngest model, Vickie Rosenbaum, twenty months old, modeled a wool suit, along with eleven other little girls.

Miss Gibbs gave the history of the sewing projects leading up to the tailoring course. The program was climaxed when Santa came with sacks of treats for 150 children.

Coffee and pie was served to approximately 400 people.



May a joyous Christmas usher in a New Year of happiness and good health for all our cherished friends.

Season's Greetings

There is something in the very season of the year that gives charm to the festivity of Christmas.

We feel a special glow of warmth and gladness when we think of our friends and neighbors.

It is in this spirit that we wish every one a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IN PROPER ORDER.

SEEK YE FIRST

THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU. — MATT. 6:33

FOOD CLOTHING SHELTER

Merry CHRISTMAS

from THE WORLD OF SPORTS THE WEST TEXAS AREA

and YOUR PUBLISHER and SPORTS STAFF OF THE NEWSPAPER

AS OVER HALF THE EARTH RETIRES HUNGRY TONIGHT

SOME OF IT WILL BURN, SOME WILL FLOW UNDER, SOME WILL DISTRIBUTE UNEQUALLY FOR GORBING AND FOR STARVING SOME WILL WASTE OR STORE AWAY AND LET ROT THE REMAINDER WILL EAT AND BE THANKFUL FOR.

WEATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS THAT REMAIN, THAT NOTHING BE LOST. — CHRIST (JONAS)

WELCOME IN

HOTY BIBLE

...YOU SHOULD ALL BE OF ONE MIND LIVING LIKE BROTHERS WITH TRUE LOVE AND SYMPATHY FOR EACH OTHER, GENEROUS AND COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES. — 1 PET. 3:8 (PHILIP 75)

Christmas Greetings

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

CLUB CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gould
Spearman, Texas



GOOD WISHES for everyone

To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors... and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house.

And to this wish we add the hope that the New Year brings to you a measure of good health and prosperity.

WAGON WHEEL DRIVE IN THE ATRE

Ruby Jo J. D. Wilbanks

BERRY'S CLEANERS

John Berry
Spearman, Texas

Infant Tastes

The newborn infant has a much more highly developed sense of taste than of sight or hearing. Even day-old child already has preferences as to what tastes he likes or dislikes.



By Virginia W. Struble

IT WAS SNOWING when Carrie Stanton and her grandfathers changed from the large Overland coach at Virginia City, Montana Territory, to the jerky, which was to take them north.

The driver, standing beside the box-like coach, was a middle-aged man dressed in buffalo and mittens. A hide-wrapped package was pressed under his elbow.

Carrie approached the coach and asked, "Will we get to Helena for New Year's?" "The schedule says so," he replied without looking at her.

"Are the roads very rough?" Her lip trembled as she spoke. "Rough enough," he snapped. "Don't take it so hard, Miss Stanton," said the young man on the seat facing her.

About noon they changed to a hobbled. Its bottom was full of straw and there was a pile of buffalo robes for cover. Carrie found the familiar sled preferable to the rocking chair motion of the coach but the wind stung her face.

"Shall we try singing?" one of the young men suggested with a grin. "It might warm us up." He started "Home Sweet Home" and Carrie joined in with a wail.

"Shut up!" yelled the driver. "Ye think this a singing school?" The young people grimaced and one of the men called, "Hey Sam. Where we goin' ter spend the night?"

"At Cedar Breaks." "It's New Year's eve, Sam. Why strand us in the country?" "I said Cedar Breaks." The cold penetrated their wraps and Mr. Stanton called, "Driver, you have an extra hide around your treasure chest. Let us use it. The treasure won't suffer."

"It's my hide and I'm keeping it." THE PASSENGERS crouched low in the box and were silent. Darkness settled with snow as the storm grew worse.

"Where is Cedar Breaks," asked Grandfather Stanton. "It's a way station 'tother side o' Whitehall, over a high range of mountains. God forsaken place."

"And in this weather," mused Mr. Stanton and said no more. While they huddled the stove in the Whitehall station, the agent said, "Better hole up here 'til morning, Sam. Storm's getting worse. Ya might get lost."

Sam's face became more sullen than ever. "We're not stopping this side o' Cedar Breaks." They crowded back into the sled and Sam drove up into the clouds. It was a steady climb and the horses showed the strain. They floundered through drifts. Twice

"Are the roads very rough?" Her lips trembled as she spoke the men had to get out and push. Once a runner caught in a rock and threw them all into a snow bank.

"Cedar Breaks ahead," one of the men volunteered. Carrie raised her head to look at the dim light. The door burst open and a small girl ran out, jumping up and down in excitement. A man caught the lines Sam threw to him, and a woman stood fringed in the candle-light doorway.

Sam leaped from his seat, the skin wrapped package in his hands. "You've brought it! You've brought it!" screamed the child. Sam leaned over and offered the package to her. She threw both arms around his neck and hugged him before she took it and ran into the house.

Juvenile Crime Report

The juvenile crime problem has reached a point where it calls for a clear and unemotional analysis of the offenses being committed by minors. The large number of children just beginning to reach the minimum delinquency age forebodes a dangerous situation within a very few years unless something is done to reduce the high crime rate prevalent in this segment of our society.

Some aspects of the seriousness of this problem appears clearly from the Uniform Crime Reports figure for the calendar year 1952. While persons under 21 years of age represented only a little more than 13 per cent of all arrests, they accounted for approximately 68 per cent of the arrests for burglary, 47 per cent of the arrests for larceny-theft and 37 per cent of the arrests for robbery.

In some crimes against the person the percentage are smaller but still serious. For example, those under 21 years of age accounted for 35 per cent of the arrests for rape and approximately 20 per cent of the arrests for other sex offenses.

In cases where the charge was carrying or possessing weapons, offenses which carry a potential threat to the person, more than 19 per cent of those arrested were under 21.

These are serious crimes, not the pranks of adolescent children.

Family Night For Medlin HD Club

The Medlin Home demonstration club held their annual family night dinner Saturday Dec. 19, at the club room.

Mrs. Joe Entrekim was in charge of table decorations which were bowls of popcorn filled with gingerbread cookies. These were flanked by tall red Christmas candles.

Games were enjoyed by Messers and Mesdames: Jack Whitson John Trindale, Bob Hays, Allen Pierce, Joe Entrekim, Clarence Renner, Johnnie Closs, James Sparks, Joe Day and Mrs. L. T. Dossett. Miss Gibbs and Miss Helen Neims, also the children of the families present.

The next meeting of the Medlin club will be an all day meeting held in the home of Mrs. Frank Davis. The meeting is to begin promptly at 10:00 on Jan. 15.

When you get right down to it, life is a grim business for those without money.

Weather

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	RAIN
15	45	19	0.00
16	57	18	0.00
17	41	24	0.00
18	49	21	0.00
19	55	23	0.00
20	58	23	0.00
21	63	26	0.00

Low Wednesday Morning 3 Degrees above.

Dutch Island Refineries

Lake Maracaibo and its larger tributaries comprise a Venezuelan inland waterway second only to the country's Orinoco River system. Small boats, ferries, and tankers ply its length and breadth, and make Maracaibo an important port for coffee as well as crude oil.

The most satisfactory weed control is obtained when weeds are sprayed with 2-D while small and growing actively.

SPORTS BULLETIN

Porton Gibson continued to lead the Lynx Tuesday night, as he racked up 32 points in their game against Groom. The Lynx won easily, but the Lynxettes were edged slightly.

Gibson racked up 29 points in his previous game against Groom, at Groom.

Due to the early publication this week, we are unable to carry the box scores, but this Lynx team is improving with each game, and we urge you to attend them all!

From now through mid-January the new crop of automobiles will make its appearance.

The rush for presents is now on, and many a housewife is looking forward to December 26.

Borger Wrestling Friday Dec. 25th

Four husky athletes from different parts of the globe are expected to give Borger wrestling fans a fully holiday value Friday night.

Ivana Kalmikoff of Russia takes up a new, if temporary, tag team partner, Mr. Sakata of Japan and Hawaii, for a main event struggle against Tommy Martindale of Milwaukee and George Overhaul of Amarillo.

Martindale returned to the Southwest States territory last week after a long tour which carried him through most of the other sections of the country.

The acrobatic blond appears to be in better shape than ever, and more ring-wise than before. Overhaul, too, hasn't been "home" for some eight months until he reopened his campaign here last week. He also shows vast improvement, and tag wrestling seems to be his dish.

The main event runs two out of three falls to a one-hour time limit, and is certain to be a fight with rough and ready wrestling.

The boys should be warmed to their main task after the first two matches of the program. Overhaul challenges the mighty Kalmikoff, co-holder with Karol Krauser of the Southwest States tag title, and Martindale gets a taste of Japanese style opposition by singling with Mr. Sakata in individual duels.

Each of the first two events is scheduled for one fall or 20 minutes.

Pre-War Army

Six months before World War II began, the Army contained 29 infantry and cavalry divisions at nearly full strength, totaling more than 400,000 officers and men, plus an armored force of four divisions with a total strength of 45,000 troops.

The Army history, "Washington Command Post: The Operations Division," credits mobilization of the National Guard and induction under the Selective Service Act for this rapid expansion of strength.

Old Saying There was an old Roman saying which goes, "Never think of leaving perfume or wine to your heir. Administer these yourself and let him have your money."

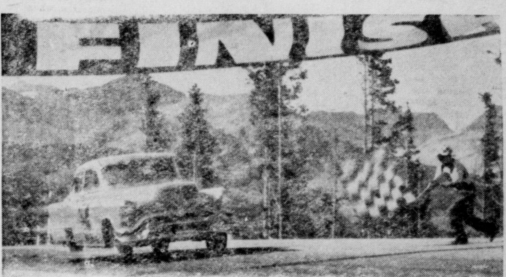
Filling Number The phone number of the Knights of Columbus, New York chapter of 66, is Columbus 8-142.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Just Wait!...FOR THAT NEW '88!



1954 Oldsmobile "Rocket" Engine Outperforms '53 by 30 Seconds in Rugged Rockies Test!

SALIDA, COLORADO... Crossing the finish line at the top of the Continental Divide, this 1953 Oldsmobile test car, powered by a 1954 "Rocket" Engine, proves that it's a real record-breaker. In a grueling five-mile test run up Monarch Pass in the heart of the Rockies, the 1954-"Rocket"-powered car completely outperformed this year's Super "88". Even Oldsmobile engineers were amazed at the brilliant performance of next year's "Rocket" Engine. Watch for the new "88"... coming to your Oldsmobile dealer's January 20.

COURY MOTOR COMPANY

HIGHWAY 117 SPEARMAN, TEXAS PHONE 5254

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This will inform the people of this area that the

DAIRY KREEM DRIVE IN

has been closed for the Winter Months. We will again open the Drive in March 1st, of 1954.

We take this occasion to THANK the many friends and customers who have been so liberal in their patronage during the time the Dairy Kreem has been open for business in Spearman.

Allow me to wish one and all A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Frances Sims

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas Day be one of happiness, peace and contentment, with your loved ones at your side!

Most of our employees will have the day off, too... to spend with their families and friends, but I'll be on the job as usual to light your tree, brighten your home and operate your electrical appliances.

Warmest best wishes of this joyous Holiday Season to you and yours from all of us!

Reddy Kilowatt
Your Electric Servant

REWARD

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Is offered to any citizen or individual giving information that will lead to the apprehension of the party or parties who have been destroying insulators and other property of the

NORTH PLAINS CO-OP. ELECTRIC COMPANY ANY INFORMATION CAN BE REPORTED TO J. B. COOKE SHERIFF OF HANSFORD COUNTY

Parents are urged to prevent the seriousness of this situation to their children so that vandalism of this kind will not happen again.

There is a record instance where vandalism of this kind was the cause of the death of 4 people in the state of Kansas.

SIGNED NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COMPANY

No Room At The Inn

Scripture Luke 2: 1-14

Text Luke 2:7 "Because there was no room for them in the Inn"

The birth of Jesus occurred when the Roman Empire was at the height of its glory. The order had gone forth that every man woman and child must be registered. That was the Roman requirement in contrast to the Jews who only registered in deference to the Jews, however, they were allowed to go to their own cities for registration. Therefore Joseph and Mary came to Bethlehem. Bethlehem was the birthplace of David, who was born a humble shepherd lad. So Jesus, the son of David, is born in the same city in humble surroundings, because He too is destined to be a shepherd and a King. Bethlehem means "house of bread", therefore it is fitting that He who was "the bread sent down from heaven" should be born there. Rome was in her glory, no wars were in progress, so that peace lay over the earth as the "Prince of Peace" was born.

The Angels sang celebrated the birth of the Messiah, causing the inhabitants of highest Heaven to rejoice. Thus bringing to earth peace. The reconciliation of God and man, and so opening the way for all of the blessings of divine good will.

There are three thoughts to which I would direct your attention "No room in the Inn". (1) of course not, (2) The shame of it, (3) The Glory of it.

OF COURSE NOT What old text really says is, "there was no room in the guest chamber". Why should there be? The Jews were looking for an earthly King. Not a humble babe born under questionable circumstances. Certainly there was no room for such in the "guest chamber". The stable was the proper place for them. The Jews did not want a Saviour, they wanted a King who would give them revenge against their enemies and oppressors who would make them a great nation, world conquerors, give them wealth and a place in the sun. Ah, if such a one as that should appear, then there would be room for him anywhere. But for this humble babe, whose father no one knew, but whose mother was the wife of the carpenter Joseph; certainly there was no room for him. The prophet years before, looking down the ages, said, "He would be despised and rejected of men"

ject Him who came to change it to purity, love and usefulness. What a shameful thing it is, that there are hearts reading this who are still rejecting Him; who will not welcome Him into the guest chamber of your life, but instead banish Him to the stable outside. Oh the shame, the undying shame of it. Opportunity knocked at the door of that Inn, if they had only recognized the opportunity that was theirs that little Inn to-day would be known to all the world. It would be a shrine, with pathways from all over the world, leading to its doors. Let us not this morning make the same mistake. Let us make room in our hearts for Him. Yes, it is a shameful fact, that there was no room for him, but thank God, it was glorious too.

THE GLORY OF IT
People who patronize an Inn are not there permanently. They stay for awhile, and then go back home. So it was fitting that he should be born at an Inn, even though not in the guest chamber. His stay there was to be short, and then He would go back home. Then suddenly, He will return again and take all of His loved ones back with Him, forever. Isn't that a glorious thing. So the Inn was just an incident.

Then Jesus Himself is like the Inn, for the Inn, receives all comers. So does He, so after all the Inn was a fitting place for Him.

What a glorious thing it is, that the Divine Son of God, the Counselor, the Prince of peace; He who came from a throne, and returned to a throne, should be stabled to come to earth in poverty, in the meanest part of an obscure Inn. What a glorious place that stable became. To it wended their way the wise men, and in that place of poverty, laid the wealth of the world at the feet of a little babe. Could anything be more glorious. The little town was abuzz with light. Folk were there from everywhere. But that dark, evil smelling stable was transformed that night, by the glory of the light of Christ. The hills were ablaze with the Glory of the Lord. Truly it was spoken, "the light shined in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not". But the light and the glory were there.

Oh my friend, what a glorious thing it is. The world knew him not, the rich and the haughty refused Him place, but to the lowly in heart He came, and came gladly. Not angry that the rich and powerful refused Him, but happy because the poor and the lost, received Him gladly.

No, there was no room in the guest chamber, but He glorified the Stable with His Presence.

CONCLUSION

We are told that history repeats itself. How true this seems. This same Jesus is still seeking an entrance, into the hearts of men. But men and women are still engrossed by the things of the world. Room for pleasure, room for business, room for everything, but no room for Jesus.

THE INNKEEPER'S LAMENT

By Robert R. Pattison

They came, he knocked, she seemed in great distress. I said, "No room!"—Behold my wretchedness!

I let wealth in, true Wealth I welcomed those of fame, true Fame denied, I might have had Messiah as my guest.

Myself, how honored! How had my inn been blessed!

Shame overwhelms me; mine a woful moan:

"I did not know, and yet I might have known."

Thou standest, Christ, before my hinging heart.

I hear Thy voice, I too can say, "No room!"

Instead, I pray that Thou wouldst not depart.

Least also I be filled with shame and gloom.

With joyful hand I open wide the door:

Be Thou my guest and leave me nevermore!

Enter Thou in, my Saviour, as Thou art wont to do.

Enter Thou in, be born within my heart:

Madrid

The golden age of Spain's power and westward colonial expansion was in full swing when Madrid became the official seat of Spanish government. Through subsequent wars and peace, the capital has continued to grow and develop. Today it is the nation's largest city, its chief rail and air junction, a hub of inland commerce and industry, an archbishop's see, and the center of Spanish culture. Life in Madrid drifts and eddies about its hundreds of cafes and taverns. Swank or humble, they serve Madrid's population of nearly a million and a half in offices, clubs, forums or trysting places.

Saving Young Vision

To save vision, children should not be encouraged to read until they enter school, experts say.

Imperial Oysters

Emperor Napoleon III established two "Imperial Oyster Parks" in shallow bays of Arcachon. These were "underwater farms" to produce oysters. Chinese cultivation of oysters is reputed to go back 2,000 years.



A PRAYER for Christmas

As the curtain begins to draw across the old year, we pray that the spirit of Christmas be kept in the hearts of men not only this one day... but every day. For with Christmas in our hearts nothing in life could ever quench the joy or dim the light of our peace.

BRUCE PONTIAC

Tommie Bruce, — Spearman, Texas

Announcement

This will inform the public that your new Cafe

SPEARMAN STEAK HOUSE

Is now open for business. We plan our OFFICIAL OPENING

SATURDAY January 2, 1954

We invite you to come in NOW and inspect your new Cafe. Kitchen is open for inspection at any time.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DEC. 25TH.

TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS

YOUR SPEARMAN STEAK HOUSE

Wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy NEW YEAR in 1954.

Mr. And Mrs. Howard H. Huffman

Peace... Good Will...

Simple words — yet how deep is their significance to-day! In these few words is recaptured all the soaring glory and spiritual beauty of Christmas. We know it is the hope highest in all hearts at this time and in greeting all our friends we express our message with the sincerity of a prayer —

"May the blessed Peace of Christmas be yours forever
May the spirit of Good Will prevail over all."

SPEARMAN HARDWARE

Mr. And Mrs. John Bishop — Spearman, Texas

Oslo News

Sam Martin of Dallas was a recent visitor in the Gordon Stedje home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Erickson and son of Sequin, Texas, are spending the Christmas vacation in the Emil Knutson home. Mrs. Erickson is the former Amy Knutson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. David Knutson, who are attending school at Stillwater, Okla., are also spending the vacation in the Knutson home here.

Mrs. Joseph Knutson and children are visiting during the Christmas week-end in the home of her sister, Mrs. John Steinbeck of Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Pete Dahl and Joe Walker families had Sunday dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fisher of Optima, Okla.

The former Miss Arleta Hill, now Mrs. O. B. Barton of Des Moines, Iowa, has been visiting recently in her former home here, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson will spend the Christmas week-end in the former home of Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Jackson at Bagley, Minn.

Mrs. Archie Nelson and baby daughter of Jefferson, Okla. are spending the Christmas vacation in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson.

David Knudson who is attending school at Austin is spending his vacation with his homelike here, Pastor and Mrs. J. P. Knudson and Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jefferies and children had Sunday dinner in the James Stedje home.

The Ladies Aid had a very enjoyable Christmas party in the new parsonage on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17.

The Young Peoples' Luther League also had an enjoyable Christmas party in the parsonage on Sunday evening, Dec. 20.

This was also their annual meeting. The election of officers resulted as follows: President Bobby McFadin, vice-president Dorothy Soan, Secretary Louise Knudson, Treasurer Gerald Telbeest, Pocket Testament Secretary Richard Hill, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee Clifford Stedje, news reporter Pastor Knudson. They also decided to go caroling on the following Monday night.

Holt HD Club Christmas Dinner

The Holt HD Club entertained their husbands Friday night with a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holt, at 7:30.

The dinner was served on quartet tables, with the Christmas motif carried out in the appointments. The club members put a gift on the tree for their secret pairs, and the guests exchanged gifts by matching numbers.

Those present: Mrs. B. C. Holt, Messrs. and Mesdames: Granville Lilly, C. A. Batton, Wayne Hutchison, Willis Lackey, Raymond Kirk, Nolan Holt, Al Baker, Marvin Jones, O. C. Holt, Phil Jenkins, Ray Moore and Fred Holt.

Miss Womble Recuperating

Miss Sallie Womble returned to Spearman last week after a sojourn in an Amarillo hospital. She let someone continue with her class work while she recuperated and caught up on home work. Miss Womble will spend Christmas in Hansford with her family.

Dr. Kleeberger in Nebraska

Dr. R. L. Kleeberger left Tuesday night to spend Christmas in Nebraska with his parents. Dr. plans to bring them back to Spearman, where they will be guests in his home while his father is recuperating from an injury he received about six weeks ago.

Canada's 1935 wheat crop is its second highest.

Steel production was higher in October but below year ago.

Wilson hints that Air Force build-up will be favored.

Olympic committee favor dropping 1,000 from '32 games.



All Christmas

May the warmth of the Yuletide spirit surround you and your loved ones throughout a bright and healthy New Year.

WAGON WHEEL DRIVE-IN

Ruby Jo — J. D. Wilbanks

The Church choirs of Spearman will sing Christmas carols on Christmas, Eve, 2:00 P. M. on the Court house steps. The Green-back drawing will be held following the Christmas Carol singing.

Everyone is invited to town on Christmas Eve, to join in the Festivities!

Do your Christmas Shopping at Home!

Season's Greetings



Christmas is wonderful... and its arrival always brings to us the realization that we have such wonderful friends. May your Holiday Season be filled with outstanding happiness.

CRAWFORD IMPLEMENT COMPANY

Ott Crawford — M. And M. Irrigation Motors, And Farm Equipment

Spearman, Texas



Good wishes...

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

COURY MOTOR COMPANY

Oldsmobile Dealer — Spearman, Texas

Season's Greetings



Times change and we with time — but not so the age-old custom of extending Christmas Greetings to those whose good will and friendship we cherish and hope to maintain.

This year as always, we are happy to send you the Greetings of the season — with our sincere wishes for good health and joy at Christmas time and throughout the New Year.

HANSFORD ABSTRACT CO. - LYON INSURANCE CO.

Pal Lyon — Spearman, Texas — P. A. Lyon

Christmas Game

Snopdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 300 years ago...

Serving of Boar's Head One of Old Christmas Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring...



God Bless Christmas

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say..."

The Prophecy

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder...

Christmas criss-cross



Here is a Christmas puzzle that will be fun for all the family to work in. Fill the words into the right spaces. One letter "X" given as a starting point. The completed puzzle is at the bottom right.

Answer: A list of words used in the crossword puzzle, including names like Santa, Mrs. Claus, and various Christmas items.

Funeral Rites for Ira Pearson Held At The First Baptist Church

A loving family and a host of friends throughout the Panhandle area were shocked and grieved Saturday Morning of last week to hear of the death of Ira Pearson...

Funeral rites were held at the First Baptist church in Spearman Monday afternoon December 21st at 3:00 p. m. Rev. O. L. Bryant pastor of the church...

Texas City; Mrs. Barrett Goodson of Arlington, Virginia; Mrs. Wm. C. Blackburn, of Lance Creek, Wyoming...

College Kids Seen On Main

David Slavic, Joel Lee Lacker, Texas Tech; Lester Mundy Jerry Harbour, Claudine Jackson, Leslie and Billy Joan Reynolds, West Texas State...

Gladiola Club Christmas Party

The Gladiola Flower Club was entertained December 17, in the home of Mrs. W. C. Davis for their annual holiday party.

An exchange of gifts highlighted the evening. Medallions present besides those mentioned included: Marcus Larson, R. E. Sanders, Ray Robertson, Louis Schnell, Dayton Barkley, Jobbie Lige, and the hostesses.



Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tangle of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbons, beneath its green boughs...

The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled the First Christmas may be interpreted in many ways. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance...

OBITUARY: Ira M. Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Pearson of Perryton, Texas, was born March 16, 1909 at Joshua, Johnson County, Texas...

Bank will be closed for business Friday, December 25, Christmas Day. Also Saturday, December 26. FIRST STATE BANK, Spearman, Texas. Member, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Large advertisement for Phillips Retail Station. Features a circular illustration of a snowy winter scene with a house and trees. Text includes 'Greetings' and 'PHILLIPS RETAIL STATION Leon Chesser - Gruver, Texas'.

Large advertisement for Chase Motor Company. Text includes 'For Sale...', 'Due to ill health I have decided to sell the Chase Motor Company.', 'THIS SALE WILL INCLUDE the Chrysler-Plymouth Agency if approved...', 'Merchandise includes, Parts, the very best of shop equipment...', 'ZENITH Radio and Television has been moved from the Chase Motor Company to Gulf Retail Station on the Highway.', 'We take this occasion to thank one and all of our customers and friends for their past loyalty, patronage and friendship and to WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHFUL NEW YEAR IN 1954'. Signed R. C. Chase and J. F. Chase.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR... Junior members of a church choir lift their voices in song during the annual Christmas candlelight service. Truly, they represent the spirit of Christmas.

Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found in Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1773 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns' product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained: "It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1770-1828). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary medium.

Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, not does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolizing mankind's hope for a bright future, the nostalgist of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an

adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may not be more pleasant. Thus, it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to

"Drink a cup of kindness yet For Auld Lang Syne."

Christmas Eve Memory Check

Did You Remember... to take home a few extra toys? If you are expecting two or three neighborhood small fry to drop in, you can be sure six will show up. And three toys and six children do not enhance "Peace on Earth."

Did You Remember... to check the Christmas tree lights? Not day before yesterday. Not last week. We mean right now. A few stores are still open and you can supply new ones.

Did You Remember... that you told all those people to drop in for refreshment tonight? Better check on the cake, cookies, soft drinks, and other goodies.

Did You Remember... those last minute Christmas cards? If not, you can send telegrams to friends too far away for cards to reach them by December 25. You can even have a messenger call at your house while the guests you invited in for snacks are there, and probably everybody will remember someone far away who should have a Christmas greeting.

Did You Remember... to hang some kind of Christmas decoration outside the house, so passing strangers may enjoy some of the Christmas glow that is in your home and reflect it around your town? Remember, everyone has a part in this Christmas cheer, not just your small circle, and the more cheer you scatter, the more you will gather.

First Christmas Card Was Created in 1842

Over 250 years ago English school children wrote Christmas expressions of good will called "Christmas pieces." From this school chore came the gracious custom of sending Christmas cards.

The first known Christmas card was created in 1842 in London by a young etcher named William Egley.

In the United States, Louis Prang published the first Christmas cards. During the 1870's and 80's Prang produced thousands of Christmas cards and has become known as the grandfather of the Christmas card.

Special Holiday Gift

There is an easy way to get a special Christmas gift for the children and the dog. Buy a small dog and a small dog house. The dog house is made of wood and has a small window for the dog to look out. The dog house is also a good place for the dog to sleep.

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CHRISTMAS FEAST... The toys have been opened and church services are over. Now, it's time for that Christmas feast and a turkey drumstick.

Bethlehem Rites Feature March To Nativity Cave

CHRISTMAS is observed in Bethlehem on December 25 by the Roman Catholics and Protestants, and on January 6, by the Greek Orthodox and affiliated churches, and on January 19 by the Armenians.

All Bethlehem, however, turns out on December 24 for the arrival of the Patriarch of Jerusalem—Cardinal of the Holy Land—who each year brings an ancient effigy of the Infant Jesus to Bethlehem which he lays in the manger within the cave where Christ was born.

Dramatically the procession approaches, heralded by a single horseman, his banner streaming aloft. A corps of native police mounted upon fiery Arabian horses follow and then another single horseman upon a prancing black steed carrying the cross on high; the Patriarch in his cardinal and ermine, mitred bishops, clergy in embroidered vestments and white robes, acolytes—wearing golden censers—precede the jeweled pavilion of the Holy Child. Magnificent corteges of government officials, foreign embassies, bands, religious organizations follow, and finally, American-made automobiles mingle with native two-wheeled carriages.

The procession enters the Church of the Nativity. The public is not permitted to witness the actual placing of the effigy, as that part of the Church—built above the Cave of the Nativity—is under the jurisdiction of the Greek Orthodox church.

The grotto-like Cave of the Nativity in no way conforms to the modern conception of a "stable"; in biblical times, however, shelters for man and beast were hewn into rocky ledges—thus, the Stable of Bethlehem.

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Yule Tree Business Figured in Millions

CHRISTMAS TREES are a multi-million dollar business. Throughout the nation, some 15 million trees are supplied to the holiday demand. Prices range from \$1 to \$5, and that adds up to real money.

A Christmas tree, in the lake states, is usually a balsam or a spruce. The same is true in New England and the Appalachian section. Elsewhere in the country, virtually all kinds of evergreens are used.

The lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are frequently used in Colorado. On the Pacific coast, it is principally Douglas fir.

In Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D. C., a scrub pine takes a trimming.

In other localities, white pine, southern pine, hemlock, red and white cedar and redwood are used.

The business of harvesting this annual crop begins in the fall, when cutters go into the woods after trees. It continues as truckers bring huge loads to metropolitan markets.

Many land owners manage their swamps to make them yield a crop of trees year after year. Thinning operations are another source of Yule trees.

Farmers have discovered that they can get a cash crop from eroded acres by harvesting Christmas trees 10 or 15 years after they are planted.

'Hansel and Gretel' Join the Procession

The original score of "Hansel and Gretel" was composed by Engelbert Humperdinck as a Christmas piece.

The musical fairy tale created a sensation.

Since Humperdinck was one of Wagner's most intimate assistants, his harmonies have been dubbed "nursery rhymes—Wagnerian style" and since fairy tales and nursery rhymes are appropriate at Christmas, "Hansel and Gretel" has joined the procession of traditional Christmas music.



Season's Greetings...

It's Christmas! And there's fun all around... we see it in the merry gleam in people's eyes... in the festive air of mistletoe and holly pinned up about the house. We see it, too, in the gay gift wrappings strewn 'round and in the tinsel and shining lights that decorate Yuletide trees. And we express the fun and good will of this holiday season with our own joy-filled wish for you... that this be truly the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year of all!

CITY OF SPEARMAN

Leo Dacus, City Manager

The Church choirs of Spearman will sing Christmas carols on Christmas, Eve, 2:00 P. M. on the Court house steps. The Green-back drawing will be held following the Christmas Carol singing.

Everyone is invited to town on Christmas Eve, to join in the Festivities! Do your Christmas Shopping at Home!



Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy, to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book on complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.



FULL REHEARSAL FOR THE BIG DAY . . . Robert wanted Nick, the dog, to have dinner with him at his private table, but Dad and Mom were not enthusiastic until Robert demonstrated that Nick's table manners are impeccable. He did it with a dress rehearsal, which you see here. Nick seems to be enjoying nonchalantly an after dinner cigarette.

'Lord of Misrule,' 'Hodening Horse' Make Noel Jollier

A DIFFERENT playtime observance for your Christmas festivities is the game "Lord of Misrule." When your guests have all arrived and have been greeted by the music of the minstrels and the song of the carolers, it is time for the most honored guest of the evening to arrive. With much fanfare the "Lord of Misrule" is announced. He enters with great pomp and ceremony and takes his place as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

The Lord of Misrule comes to us from the Tudor courts where he was elected annually to reign over the Christmas festivities. His word, during the festivities, was law, and the ridiculous commands he laid upon the guests had to be obeyed.

At your party, the Lord of Misrule will command each guest to do his bidding. He may call for singing, dancing, pantomime, imitations and stunts of all kinds. Failure to do the bidding of the Lord of Misrule results in the payment of a forfeit. And here another unusual note may be injected. The forfeit, instead of being paid to the Lord of Misrule may be paid to another Christmas character, the "hodening horse."

It was the custom in Kent, England, for young men to go from house to house with the hodening horse, an imitation of a horse's head attached to a long stick. Two boys, forming the body of the horse, were hidden from view by a covering of cloth resembling horse's skin. The hodening horse was accompanied by paraders who rang the bells throughout the town and begged for money or food.



WALKING TO WISKEYS . . . The all little boys who love Santa Claus this time of year have a sublime treat in the old wood. This young man obviously wishes he were somewhere else.

Chemical Solution Protects Christmas Trees From Flames

To fireproof your Christmas tree, which is still a hazard even with electric lights, select your tree four to six days before you intend to decorate it. Then weigh the tree and buy one-fourth as many pounds of ammonium sulfate as the tree weighs. This chemical is available in most stores that sell seeds and fertilizers. For each pound of ammonium sulphate use 1 1/2 pints of water to make the fireproofing solution. Mix the solution in something tall and narrow that will hold the tree upright. Then saw off the tree diagonally so as to give a large cut surface. Set the tree in the solution in a cool place, away from the direct sunlight, and leave it there until most of the solution is absorbed.

You Can Make a Big Christmas Candle

You can make a big, long-burning candle to fit into your Christmas decorations if you have a number of odds and ends of paraffin tapers around the house. Melt them and pour into cardboard containers and remold. Use ice cream cartons, oatmeal containers or others. Use plain cord for a wick. When the wax is beginning to set, tie the wick to a pencil and suspend it in the wax. Let set hard, remove carton and there is a nice candle for your table.

1 B. C. and 1 A. D. Were Not a Year Apart

According to our calendar, one would naturally assume that between the year 1 B. C. and the year 1 A. D. there should be a year called zero. As a matter of fact, no such year exists, as far as historians are concerned, and the year 1 A. D. follows directly after the year 1 B. C. A person born in 2 B. C. would not be five years old at 2 A. D. but would be four years old when one is calculating data in that period. When adding B. C. and A. D. years, it is necessary to always subtract one to compensate for the year zero omitted between 1 B. C. and 1 A. D.

Why Christmas Candles?

On Christmas Eve the Christ Child wanders all over the earth seeking deserving people—people who are kind and thoughtful of others, and people who have loving hearts. Lighted candles are placed in the windows by such people so that He may not stumble and fall. In the course of His search He visits every castle and hut, no matter how rocky and rough His path may be.



"Twas the Night Before Christmas..."

All through the house there's a stir of breathless excitement of this Christmas Day to come! Of the beautiful trees bedecked with tinsel, candy cane and gay, shiny-ornaments. Of the gifts to be given and received and then opened . . .

And though a dream the night before, the Day fast becomes a memory rich with the sound of voices and laughter expressing good wishes and good cheer as relatives meet and friends greet. For above all, this is a Day of brotherly love and warm friendships.

And in this same joyous spirit—we add our own wishes that this Day and the coming year as well—brings you the joy of dreams and expectations come true!

EQUITY

Dude Hart, Manager, Spearman, Texas

Disaster Loans Are Available To Hansford County Producers

Authority to make Economic Disaster loans in all counties of Texas has been received by L. J. Cappelman, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration. The effect of the designation, Mr. Cappelman explains is to continue the making of Production Disaster loans throughout the state during 1934 and to authorize the making, for the first time, of Economic Disaster loans.

There is a difference in Economic Disaster loans and aid in the case of a production loss. The farmer who has suffered crop losses because of drought, floods, insects or other natural causes is eligible for a Production Disaster loan if he is unable to obtain operating funds elsewhere. If the farmer is a sufferer from the effect of insufficient income and excessive operating costs he is eligible for an Economic Disaster loan if unable to get needed credit from local sources.

Production Disaster loans were first made in Texas in 1949, following the disastrous freeze in the Rio Grande Valley and the tropical hurricane which swept the rice area in October of that year. Later, the loan authority was extended to the entire state because of drought, insect infestation, and adverse weather conditions.

In announcing the new loan Cappelman said that the \$11,850,000 fund allotted Texas for crop production loans is now practically exhausted, although \$3,000,000 was added in the closing days of November.

He pointed out in addition to the disaster and economic type loans to established ranchmen to carry on their operations. Funds of this type already advanced to ranchers total \$7,800,000, he said. Ranchers, in addition to borrowing for operating expenses, may obtain funds to restock their ranches and replace herds depleted by effects of the drought.

Dairymen who need to replace animals to build up dairy herds to normal may obtain funds for such purpose, he said. Disaster funds, advanced primarily for crop production purposes has passed \$6,000,000 total.

Special Livestock loans provide emergency credit at 5 per cent to ranch operators who are unable temporarily to obtain from recognized lenders the credit needed to continue their operations and have reasonable prospects of working out of their difficulties.

Applicants certify in writing the extent of damage they suffer and the fact that they cannot obtain the needed credit from other sources. Their eligibility is determined in all cases by a County Committee familiar with the conduct of farming and livestock operations.

Production loans are approved for a wide variety of purposes such as purchase of feed, seed and fertilizer, or to meet other essential operating expenses.

Special Livestock, Disaster and Economic loans are scheduled for repayment over the minimum period consistent with the borrower's ability to repay. They are secured for the full amount. Those secured by liens on cattle or other livestock are scheduled to be repaid as determined by the borrower's ability to pay, in no event longer than 3 years. Credit extended for crop production purposes or feed ordinarily is scheduled for repayment when the income is to be received from sale of the crops and livestock products produced with the loan. Funds are available and applications may be submitted at the office of Arthur R. Turner County Supervisor, located in the Courthouse Annex building in Ferris.

Cattle Grubs Are Costly

College Station, December—Cattle grubs play havoc with the profits of Texas livestock producers to the tune of several million dollars annually. In fact, says F. M. Fuller Jr., assistant extension entomologist, few common cattle parasites are as costly. The yearly loss from damaged hides, lowered meat quality and reduced dairy production could be added to producer's income if the grubs were controlled, Fuller adds.

More readily killed in the fall when they appear as lumps under the hide in the back's of dairy and beef animals, the entomologist says rotenone sprays, dust or dip is very effective in eradicating the bothersome insects. Seven or ten half pounds of derris or cube powder containing five percent rotenone to 100 gallons of water makes a good spray application. A spray machine with 200 pounds pressure is recommended.

Add 10 pounds of wettable sulphur to the above recommendation if a dip is preferred. As the animals are run through the dip, Fuller says scrub their backs with a long-handled brush to assure thorough insecticide penetration.

A dust can be compounded from one pound of derris or cube powder containing five percent rotenone and two pounds of a heavy non-alkaline dust such as talc, trolopic earth or pyrophyllite.

THE HOLIDAY TURKEY

College Station.—There will be plenty of turkey for holiday dinners this year. According to F. F. Beamblossom, poultry marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the supply is adequate to furnish turkey on every table at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Although not as many as last year, the number of turkeys on the market will be sufficient to meet the needs of Texas families.

The specialist says with the plentiful supply, families can afford to be selective when shopping for the turkey of their choice. He suggests the shopper look for quality birds, well-fleshed and finished, and processed to provide meat of good flavor. "Don't waste your money buying a bird with too much fat," he advises. "Get a large bird with enough fat to insure good flavor."

If the turkey has been killed and dressed right, the meat will look white instead of reddish in color, and there will not be pin feathers and bruised marks on the flesh. "Ask someone dressed turkey to check for these signs," Beamblossom says. "Notice if the lungs, kidneys and all sacs have been removed from the body cavity. These only add weight and are not desirable for eating."

"The larger bird you buy the less cost per pound," the specialist comments. "It is wiser to buy a 15 pound tom rather than a 10 pound. If you have access to a home freezer or some other storage for the extra meat, the turkey will come in handy for later meals. If not, then buy a half a turkey."

Shopping for quality in the turkey you select is not only efficient consumer buying, but helpful to the poultry market in providing the kind of turkeys, most in demand.

Corn Bread

College Station.—Corn bread, a favorite dish with many in Texas, has taken on a new importance in family meals.

According to Jessie Whitacre, head, department of rural home research for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, corn bread can now furnish a great deal more in the way of food value than just calories, if the corn meal is enriched. Corn is among the cereals low in certain nutrients such as thiamin, and if enriched when milled, can assist in overcoming vitamin deficiencies and promoting general good health.

As a result of a study on corn meal and grits as prepared for eating, the research shows that enrichment of corn meal and grits by the addition of thiamine, riboflavin, niacin and iron to both cereals, and of calcium to corn meal, makes them excellent foods. However, the greatest possible benefit from enrichment can be realized only if corn meal and grits are cooked to retain in palatable and attractive form as much as possible of both natural and added nutrients.

A Standardized Texas Corn Bread was developed, based on a collection of recipes from homemakers in the state, and two recipes were used in the study conducted by the Experiment Station, one calling for sweet milk and the other for sour milk.

One serving of the enriched corn bread was found to furnish approximately one-fifth of a man's and one-fourth of a woman's allowance of thiamine and riboflavin, and approximately a sixth of a man's and one-fifth of a woman's allowances of niacin. Enriched corn bread contributes about two times as much thiamine, about one and a half times as much riboflavin and three times as much niacin as the non-enriched.

Dr. Whitacre says, "Corn meal and grits are used extensively in the South. These cereals may have an important part in the betterment of Southern diets if their quality is improved by enrichment."

Orchard owners will find that fruit production next year often times is greatly influenced by the management practices carried out during the late fall and early winter. Now is the time to do the winter pruning and dormant spraying jobs. Bad weather later could mean not doing them at all.

Beautiful home lawns just happen but are the result of careful planning, soil preparation, planting and the selection of the best lawn grass for the area.

Butter consumption per capita has dropped almost one-half during the past several years while milk consumption has increased almost 10 pounds per person per year during the same period.

Ready prepared dusts should contain at least 1.87 percent rotenone. Work about three ounces into the back of each animal, he says.

The treatment, whether dust, spray or dip, should continue at 30 day intervals as long as necessary, Fuller concludes.

Greetings

This Christmas, our hearts once more are filled with a feeling of rejoicing as we recall the rich friendships and grand associations that have been our proud possessions these many years. To all our old friends and new acquaintances we extend our warmest and heartfelt greetings for Christmas and the New Year.



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This 'N That



Around Gruver

Our column will be short this week, as we have another article that we hope Mr. Miller will use this week. First then we want to thank all of you for the Christmas Cards. There are so many of them, that we cannot respond to them all. But we do thank you and pray that this shall be a very blessed Christmas for all of you.

Most of our college boys and girls are at home, and next we will try to tell you about them. One of them will not be home. Lynn Hart is playing Basketball in Kansas City at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lieb are mighty happy just now. They have a second grandchild. Their daughter, Peggy Jo, and her husband, Donald Perryman, are the proud parents of a brand new son, Donald Chester by name, weight 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Congratulations.

We are sorry to report that Jim Edleman is in the Spearman hospital suffering from Virus Pneumonia as we write these lines. We hope that by next week he will be well again.

Over in Amarillo we saw Mrs. Will Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hart and Mrs. Robert Alexander. We also saw Mrs. Don

Hudson (Dorothy Hart) and her two little girls. Over in Borger, Mrs. Price Miller, Mrs. J. M. Ayres, Doc Jones, Irene and Dottie.

Mrs. Art Evans spent several days in a Peryton Hospital but is back home again and feeling some better. There is a possibility she may have to return later for further treatment.

Mrs. Tommie Bruce and her mother Mrs. Lawson shopped in Borger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burke and children drove to Pampa Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Caro and Mrs. Red Beeson were Borger visitors Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kirk spent Saturday in Amarillo.

Mrs. H. R. Hartman won the \$50. at the merchants drawing Saturday. Mrs. Bill Miller won the \$25. and Mrs. Ed Wilbanks was called for the \$15. she won \$300. at the show the night before.

Kirk Allison of Borger spent the weekend with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. DeLoe Kirk.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kankle and children shopped in Borger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Womble of Morse were visiting in town earlier this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bradford of Hardesty were Spearman shoppers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Milan of Dumas spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Trimble and two children of Borger visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Kiff White over the weekend.

Veto Majority
A two-thirds majority of both houses is necessary to override a presidential veto.



With Best Wishes for A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As tolling bells pierce the early morn with their Christmas proclamation, we extend to each and every one of you, our sincerest wishes for a Joyous Holiday.

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The Church choirs of Spearman will sing Christmas carols on Christmas, Eve, 2:00 P. M. on the Court house steps. The Green-back drawing will be held following the Christmas Carol singing.

Everyone is invited to town on Christmas Eve, to join in the Festivities!

Do your Christmas Shopping at Home!

With best wishes for the Holiday Season



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

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Riches and expensive gifts do not alone make a Christmas merry. The simple, familiar wishes of neighbors and friends are just as important for a full enjoyment of the holiday. Mindful of this we are anxious to voice our homey, old-fashioned greeting: "To all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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Merry Christmas!

If your holiday be merry, your tree laden with good things and your happiness unending. Simple pleasures of the old-fashioned, homespun variety are still the most enjoyable at Christmas time, even in this streamlined age! So in the modern manner, with old-fashioned sincerity, we say, "Merry, Merry Christmas."

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Christmas Double Header At Canyon Will Be Outstanding

Britain-France Show The Way

Between England and France, in the English Channel, are a group of islands known as the Minquiers and Ecrehou. For some time now, both the British and the French have claimed ownership of the islands.

But, instead of letting this issue flame up into an emotional threat to peace, the British and French agreed to submit the question to the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

Unlike the dispute between Yugoslavia and Italians over Trieste, and between many other countries over minor territorial areas, the British and French decided that their relationship with one another was more important than the status of the minor territories involved in the dispute.

Accordingly, in 1930, the British and French submitted their dispute to the International Court. Recently, the court ruled out the French claims to ownership and confirmed British rights to the islands.

Peggy Bort Entertains Harmony Club

The Harmony Club met in the home of Peggy Bort recently to make up the regular November meeting which had to be postponed because of conflicting school activities.

During the business session it was decided to have the Christmas party on December 21 and to invite all former members of the club as honor guests.

Cireno and McDowell - Ann Porterfield.
Piano solo - Suelton Hawkins
History of McDowell Colony-Patricia Cluck

Magazine Highlights - Jeanette Thoreson - Nell Thoreson.

The meeting closed with the reading of the Club Collect and a social hour and lovely refreshments were enjoyed by Marilyn Alexander, Patricia Cluck, Janet Eddleman, Mariene Graver, Suelton Hawkins, Romona Jones, Louise Knudson, Ann Porterfield, Nell Thoreson, Jeannette Thoreson, Viola Dahl, the hostess Peggy Bort and counselor Mrs. W. J. Eddleman, and Mrs. Claude Watkins.

Tickets for the West Texas State Christmas Doubleheaders are being handled in Spearman by J. E. Linn and in Granger by Austell Burras. Reserved seats for the Dec. 28 and 29 games may be obtained through either of these men.

This year's great basketball attraction features Southwest Missouri, two-year national champion; Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., last year's national runner-up; Texas Tech and West Texas State.

Pairings for the two-games-a-night bill are Dec. 28, Hamline vs. Texas Tech at 7:30 o'clock; Southwest Missouri vs. West Texas Tech at 9 p. m. Dec. 29, Southwest Missouri vs. Hamline at 9 P.M.

Admission per night is \$1.50, regular admission price for all Buff home games.

Secretary Dulles declared that Soviet reluctance to join Big Four talks on European problems was "not a sign of strength, but of fear."

Fins are found to be cool to closer ties to Soviet.

Protestant churches have been urged by President Eisenhower to minimize their differences over ritual and emphasize religious cooperation for democracy.

How many hunting accidents have you almost had this year? The test of a pretty girl is how long he looks on the first stare.



THEME: JESUS ASSURES BELIEVER HE HAS TAKEN THE STING OUT OF DEATH.

TEXT: I Corinthians 15: 55. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is the victory?

Security in love and in death is one of the greatest blessings to a Christian's heart one may have. Jesus himself makes the definite statement, "I will go and prepare a place for you, and I will come again and receive you unto myself." What an assurance to the Christian's heart—to know that Christ has made reservations for him and will return for him. This assurance guarantees that death will be the end of all disappointments in this life, thus taking the sting out of death. "O death, where is thy sting? O, grave where is thy victory?" The victory of death is the crowning success of a successful life. There would never have been any death if there had never been any sin. Adam and Eve brought the sting of death on the human race. Christ died to free us from our sins, taking the sting out of death, by cleansing and washing us in the blood of the Lamb. The purer and cleaner we live in this life, the harder the devil will make it on us. By the help of God, we can whip the devil's ears down in any and all temptations. It is no sin to be tempted. Christ said we would be tempted. He assures us we will not be tempted above what we are able to bear. If we obey God, we will never lose a battle in this life with the devil. Thank God for

this divine promise which he has left to his children.
Looking at life from the Spiritual standpoint, Christ has taken the sting out of death. In a material way, we are subject to any and all torture as long as we are in the flesh, as sinners are. God takes care of us as long as we obey orders and live the cleanest life possible. There is no power among men and devils, on earth or in hell that can rob a Christian of his Spiritual birth-right. God takes the fear out of life, this we do not fear the sting of death.

for anything that will give him any comfort in the life to come. The fear of life makes the fear of death. All Christian people will have to do is to be transformed into a better life. Sinners have to die the second death, and he cast out into outer darkness. No wonder sin makes cowards out of sinners. Christ is the light of the world and that light always drives away all fear in the hour of death. Sinners are walking in darkness and the nearer they get to the end of life, the darker it gets to them. The sting of death is a sinner's heart is fear, fear of the judgment, fear of justice. Sinners have turned down the light of the world and they are walking in darkness. To have a tooth knocked and

hold the pain back, then lay and suffer all night from the effects of the medicine is worse than having a tooth pulled, and suffer the pain for a second and not have any after-effects. The man who has his mind doped by the devil and makes the individual feel there is no hereafter is just spiritually doped, and when he wakes up to the truth, he will have to suffer through eternity. Killing the sting momentarily is the same as having our sins forgiven and our hearts deceived. Deception only adds to the sting of death. Sinners know they are lost, but they will have to be willing to be found before they can and will be saved. When a sinner's eyes are open to the truth and he is honest with him-

self, he has found the things that have been lost to him all of his life, and will be saved. When God picks a sinner out of sin and sets his feet on the solid rock which is Christ Jesus, every Christian rejoices with him. Even the angels in heaven shout the praises of God all over heaven. He has lost the sting of sin, and he has found joy and happiness in the new birth in Christ Jesus.

Did you ever see a saint go out of this world? To see the peaceful rest on their face and the assurance that the angels have come after them is worth all it cost to live a Christian life. There is no pain nor sting in a death like that. But it is that way only for the Christian. The darkness that comes over a sinner's death is horrible. Sinners and Saints are like light and darkness; all we can do is to contrast them. The sting in a sinner's death means they "are cast out into outer darkness." Saints pass away in peace and comfort. Sinners are deceived when they think there is nothing to this life after we pass off this stage of action. They always wake up but they wake up too late when they just keep putting it off until the judgment day. The way it will be. The judgment is just and will not take the sting out of death. It is taken out before we get there.
By J. H. Nichols



We hope that this Christmas brings fulfillment of your every wish and that it finds you happily surrounded by the things and people you love. For this is what makes for contentment—and nothing is more precious! And if our greetings were to add one iota to your enjoyment of the holiday, then our Christmas will be happier too!

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To Call A Merry Christmas
At this joyous season of the year, when everyday cares are overshadowed by good fellowship and kind thoughts, we extend to our many friends our sincerest holiday greetings. A Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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R. V. Converse Finds Letter Written To Him July 18, 1900

My Dear Ray:
July 18, 1900

Geneva, Switzerland
P. M. & all night & then all day Friday & then that night but when we got up it had gone down & the sea was smooth. Every wave sent more than a foot of water over the deck. Some of the waves were over 30 feet high. Almost everybody got sick. We went past the coast of New Foundland & the fog was so dense that they had to stop for they could not see. When they started it was so dense yet that you could not see over 1 length & a half of the boat. It was awfully cold. In England we spent a day at Stratford on Avon where Shakespeare was born, where he married & his grave etc. etc. When we got in London we thought we were up against the real thing sure for it is certainly a quite a village. I never saw such crowds all the time.

London is really so crowded that they have streets under the streets. This sounds like a joke but it is not. All of its street cars and trains are under the ground & they also have a great many underground streets. While there we saw the future King of England. He is the oldest son of the Duke of York & he is the grandson of the Prince of Wales. Paris is not near so crowded as London. Paris now has about 3 million inhabitants while London has between 3 & 6 million. Paris is very gay &

all that you hear of it is about weather after Christmas forces growers to abandon their operations. In many areas of the state, particularly in East Texas, fruit trees have put on unusually heavy growths and bud crop. Cut back bearing trees just enough Hutehison says, to reduce excessive numbers of fruit buds. And, if current season growth is bunched where pruning cuts were made last year, thin these sprouts, too, he says. Where this condition exists in the tops of trees leave only one or two sprouts about one-third to one-half their original length.

Low trailing branches which may interfere with cultivation and sucker sprouts from trunks and yower frame work branches should be removed, if possible, before the ground. Detailed plans for the burner which may be built in any farm blacksmith shop are available

Prune seedlings according to the first season, the horticulturist says properly trained young trees will not require heavy pruning until they commence to bear. While in the past disposal of pruning has offered a major problem, many fruit growers are clearing their groves of several limbs and branches with an "orchard brush burner," a trailer tractor incinerator, developed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Prunings are readily burned after three to four weeks. They may be loaded onto this all-metal incinerator and burned in the orchard, clearing the grove of trash that later will obstruct cultivation.

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Bankers Solidly Behind Future Of Agriculture . . .

College Station, December—The nation's commercial bankers have confidence in the future of agriculture and expect to continue furnishing a large share of

credit needed for farm production, says J. Wheeler Barge, professor of agricultural economics, Texas A & M College. Barge recently attended the National Agricultural Credit Conference in Chicago sponsored by the American Bankers Association. More than 400 bankers participated.

"Bankers are not unduly alarmed about the decline in price of cattle and other farm commodities," says Barge. Although current price reduction are painful to the producer, they are adjustments that stem from over expansion in the cattle industry and a decline in farm exports due largely to curtailment of foreign aid programs.

"Bankers believe severe immediate adjustments have passed and agriculture's net income in 1954 will be within five per cent

of this year's farm income," the professor says.

They realize, however, he adds, that wartime and postwar profits in farming have ended and farmers and lending agencies must be more cautious hereafter. Application will be examined more closely to determine whether the borrower is a competent manager, has an economic size unit and a sound production plan. If these requirements are met, Barge concludes, bankers may be expected to supply adequate credit.

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First Frost Is Orchardman's Cue

College Station, December—The season's first frost is the cue for Texas orchardmen to sharpen their shears and start pruning. In fact, says John E. Hutehison, extension horticulturist, a completed winter pruning and dormant spraying operation is one of the best Christmas gifts an orchardman can have. Oftentimes, he explains, inclement

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Merrie Christmas!

The approach of the Holiday Season brings a wonderful flow of memories of Yuletide scenes of long ago... and though time has wrought many changes, the spirit of Christmas remains today, as warm and hearty as ever.

You can see it in the smiling welcomes and outstretched hands; you can hear it in the tinkling laughter of the children; you can feel it in the expectant hush that fills the home as Christmas Day approaches.

Midst all this good cheer, hospitality and good fellowship, we wish to extend to our friends and neighbors our heartfelt good wishes.

May you enjoy a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Spearman, Texas

Stinnett Dominates 1 - A All-District Selections

STINNETT, Dec. 17. (Special) Stinnett's Rattlers dominated polling for position on the All-District 1-B football team at a meeting of league officials here today.

Stinnett, which copped the district 1-B championship and beat Turkey in the bi-district playoffs before going to defeat in the Regionals against Meador, placed six players on the district first team.

Only three other schools in the eight team district placed players in the remaining positions. Claude, Groom and Vega each placed two players apiece in first team slots.

Spearheading the Stinnett selections was Rob Groves, the smooth-working quarterback who field-generalized the Rattlers through an undefeated district schedule and into the Regional playoffs. The other Stinnett players on the first team included end Kenneth Ballard, guard George Bodey, center Jack Pritchard and backs Bob Pritchard and Fred Dawson.

Claude had Joe Caldwell, tackle and back Don Rutherford pooled into first team berth. Tackle Bob Craig and back Jack Quirk are Groom's representative on the squad while the remaining slots went to end Jerry Cook and guard Don Ferguson of Vega.

In other business discussed at the annual league meeting, Graver was officially raised to the Class A league and Sunray and Darrouzett were brought into the Class 1-B league.

The increase of enrollment during 1952 made it necessary to raise Graver to the 1-A league.

FIRST TEAM

Ends—Kenneth Ballard, Stinnett, and Jerry Cook, Vega.

Tackles—Joe Caldwell, Claude, and Bob Craig, Groom. Guards—George Bodey, Stinnett, and Don Ferguson, Vega. Center—Jack Pritchard, Stinnett. Halfback—Jack Quirk, Groom. Don Rutherford, Claude; Bob Pritchard, Stinnett, and Fred Dawson, Stinnett.

SECOND TEAM

Ends—Gene Wyatt, Graver, and Gene Richardson, Vega. Tackles—Tony Atherton, Stinnett, and Dale Clark, Groom and Levi Harvey, Texline. Center—Curtiss Robinson, Texline.

Quarterback—MacKebone, Texline and Phil Price, Vega (tie). Backs—Gerald Sides, Vega, Warner Coker, Vega; Jimmy Marshall, Texline.

Honorable Mention

Ends—Kenneth Friend, Groom; Billy McClennan, Texline, Tackles—Tony MacMillan, Graver; Bob Newman, Stratford; Phil Nelson, Stinnett; Ronald Houser, Groom. Guards—William Rass, Vega; Allan Winkler, Graver; Wilbur Hull, Spearman; Austin Burgin, Groom; Charles Cobb, Claude; Bill Luckey, Spearman. Center—Paul Rutherford, Claude; Currey McAdams, Groom; Dave Crowder, Spearman, Quarterback—Don Clark, Groom, Backs—Dwain Summerville, Spearman; Bob Garrote, Stratford; Ray Thompson, Claude; Kenneth Mason, Graver; Jimmy Echols, Groom, Peyton Gibner, Spearman.

Red Cross plans to seek \$85,000,000 in 1954.

Russia is reported to be dumping oil on world markets.

Decline In Pipe-Smoking

Despite the steady rise in cigaret consumption, and in other uses of tobacco, it seems that pipe-smoking is slowly losing out in the competitive tobacco battle. President Dwight D. Eisenhower noted this trend in a statement he issued recently, explaining his rejection of a Federal Tariff Commission recommendation for an increase in tariffs on briar pipes.

The President pointed out that annual sales of pipes in this country had fallen from 20,700,000 in 1948 to 14,000,000 in 1952. This is a sharp decline, amounting to a drop of almost thirty-three per cent in four years. The President also noted there had been a sharp decrease in domestic consumption of pipe tobacco in recent years.

Aside from smoking angle, the decision was the second time since President Eisenhower took office that he refused to hike a tariff. The other case involved imports of silk scarves from Japan and, in this case, he also rejected a Tariff Commission recommendation for higher duties on the scarves.

The President's figures on pipes, and pipe tobacco, indicate that the country's men might be turning away from the pipe as a dapper smoking instrument. The stampede to the cigaret-smoker status seems to be damaging even the pipe industry.

Good Looking Politicians

The Republican Party's National Chairman, Leonard W. Hall, has come up with some advice to would-be politicians. He says recent elections have proved voters today want candidates who can put their personalities over well on television screens.

The Republican National Chairman says it helps if the politicians are good looking, and explains that modern communications media are changing political campaign techniques. This appraisal, with which we are in general agreement, makes it probable that the field of politics will attract more earnest while glamor boys than heretofore. We have no particular objections to this except that the trend might spread to the opposite sex and we might soon find ourselves witnessing keen competition from members of the fairer sex to attract voters.

The more we think about this, the more interesting it becomes, and the ladies might be able to put on quite a show. Whether the candidate is male or female, however, it appears that a good camera technique is going to be one of the major necessary qualifications for successful politicians in the future and those who seek to achieve success in politics would do well to start brushing up their camera technique.

Eisenhower And 'McCarthyism'

The New York Times Washington Bureau recently polled some eighty newsmen in the National Capital to see if it could get the answer to former President Harry S. Truman's charge that the new Administration had embraced "McCarthyism." Mr. Truman claimed that it was now evident that the Eisenhower Administration had embraced the political tactics of Senator Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin.

When the New York Times Washington Bureau polled the new Administration had embraced the President's weekly news conference, it was found that a majority thought the President innocent of this charge. The

Dr. Eisenhower Makes His Report

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, who recently made a five-week study of U. S. relations in Latin-American countries, has handed his report to his brother, President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The report was not totally discouraging. In fact, Dr. Eisenhower's group (representatives of the Department of State, Treasury and Commerce accompanied him), reveals that political relations with Latin-American countries are generally "quite good."

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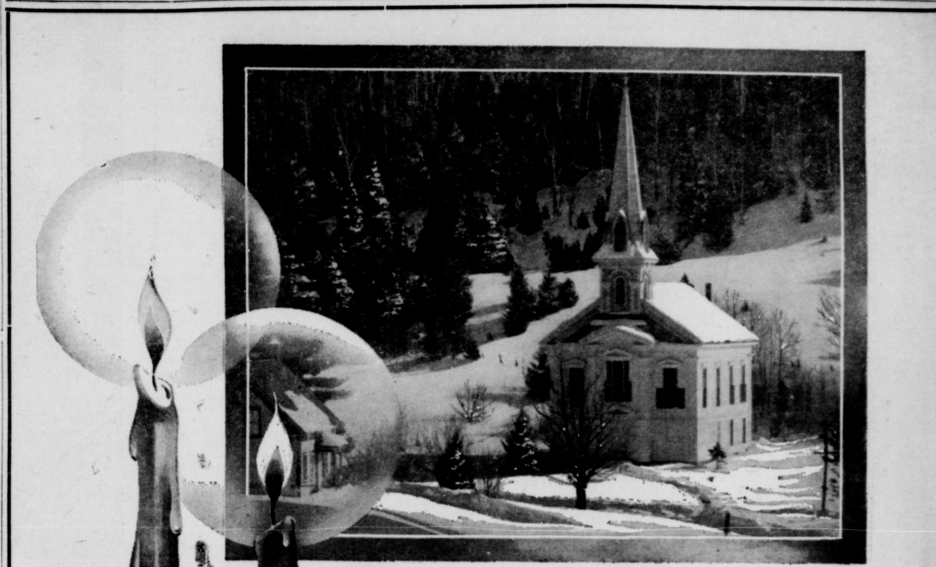
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filtrate Latin-America are assuming serious proportions. If the United States can maintain the solidarity of this hemisphere, Latin-American might well mean the difference between victory and defeat in a desperate, all-out war.

Thus American solidarity and cooperation is a goal worthy of the efforts Dr. Eisenhower recommended.

Life insurance dividends may reach new high in 1955. Michigan State picked to play in Rose Bowl game. Greece is now producing nearly all her own food. Dutch fear the end of U. S. arms aid after 1955.



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Recently, a group of scientists and engineers was asked to predict what's next.

Now that we have electrified farms, factories and homes, is that the end? The answer would be no, that the electrical industry is a "giant boy" with its great growth still ahead. Here are some of the predictions.

Take a personal thing first. Millions of homes will have heat pumps to heat and cool automatically—using electricity for fuel.

You can expect to cook food someday by electronics—in seconds. Electrical incinerators will consume your waste paper and waste food. Dust will be taken from the air electrically. The day may come when TV screens hang like pictures on the wall, with only a tiny wire to the set.

Nuclear fuels are on the timetable of the scientists. Energy from the atom will eventually be a major source of power, regardless of whether fossil fuels are seriously depleted. By century's end, most new plants generating electricity will operate with atomic (fission) fuel. Aircraft, battleships and the like will measure fuel consumption in grams.

Storing heat from the sun is another long-range project of scientists, with billions in savings as the potential result.

The year 2000 looks big and distant. Actually it is only 47 years away. By then, any puny prognostications made today will have been rewritten many times. But larger. Electricity has always been a field where each new fact generates many more things new. The years should be interesting to watch.

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Season's Greetings

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Hansford County Heart Assn. Plan Campaign In Spearman

The initial organizational meeting of the Hansford County Heart Association was held December 20 in the Spearman Steak House.

Mr. Malcolm Wyatt of Pampa, President of the North Plains Heart Association, opened the meeting with a short history of the Heart Association and gave a resume of its aims and purposes, and an accounting of the disposition of funds collected in the name of the Heart Association. Dr. Wyatt pointed out that 60% of monies collected stayed in the respective counties for use where financial aid to Heart Patients was needed, and for educational and special examination procedures. The other 40% was sent to the State Association for division between State and National research projects. The study and investigation carried on in research centers is the most important work of the Heart Association, as this ultimately leads to better methods of prevention and treatment of Heart Diseases.

The Hansford County Heart Association was formerly organized with the following officers: President, Rex Sanders; Vice Pres. Bruce Sheets; Sec'y-Treasurer, C. A. Gibner; Chairman of the Board of Directors, Virgil Matthews. Medical advisors, Drs. G. H. Spiller and R. L. Kleeberger.

Dr. Wyatt emphasized that the Heart Association is primarily composed and operated by persons NOT in the Medical Profession, but are supported by the doctors who give their time, efforts and money for this most worthy Public Health movement, the campaign for which will be conducted in February, 1954.

There were several lay persons and Physicians from Pampa, Dumas and Perryton at this meeting all of whom are giving freely of their time and efforts.

Free coffee and doughnuts were served through the courtesy of the management of the Spearman Steak House.

Help your Heart Fund—Help your Heart.

Dwayne Black is home from the Navy to enjoy a Christmas leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Dub Black.

Don Fletcher To Go Overseas

Airman Third Class Don E. Fletcher, Gruver, Texas, has received an overseas assignment with the U. S. Air Force.

Airman Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Fletcher, Gruver, will report next month to Parks Air Force Base, Calif. for overseas processing and further assignment.

Before receiving his new assignment Airman Fletcher was assigned to the Air Force Human Resources Research Center's 4541st Research and Development Group, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

The Center conducts psychological research toward improving the methods of selecting and training men and women for Air Force jobs.

Class Social

The Ladies Sunday School Class of the First Baptist church had their class social last Thursday evening in the lovely home of Mrs. W. L. Mackie. Each took a gift and exchanges were enjoyed. The president Mrs. W. L. CanCleave was presented with a gift.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames: Bob Bailey, Grace Hughes, C. R. Payne, Georgia Horry, Fred Brandt, W. A. VanCleave, R. C. Stewart, B. S. Hand, R. D. Hall, D. W. Hazelwood and the hostess Mrs. Mackie.

Monroe Buchanan is home with his mother Mrs. J. H. Buchanan. He will be here until after the holidays.

Larry Reed, NTSTC student, arrived home this week to spend Christmas with his mother Mrs. G. N. Reed.

Miss Jacquelyne Kaye Thorsen, has arrived in Gruver for the holidays from Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, where she has been majoring in Art. Miss Thorsen will be at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. I. Thorsen, Gruver, Texas, until January 10, when she will return to school to resume her studies at Stephens.

LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN:
From car in Spearman Saturday morning, Dec. 19: Lemon and White Female bird dog, named Cricket. Collar name plate and Oklahoma City Tel. number, Reward \$10.00. Call collect. Pampa, 47233; F. A. Alvey. No. 3, 2-to

SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM MENUS

- Dec. 14: Barbeque Beef, Lima beans, mixed greens, lettuce and tomato salad, apricot pie.
- Dec. 15: Meat balls, buttered potatoes, green beans, cabbage, apple and Raisin salad, Jollopinneapple whip, whipped cream.
- Dec. 16: Cheeseburger loaf, blackeyed peas, carrots, corn salad, apple pie.
- Dec. 17: Hamburger steaks, whipped potatoes, green peas, jello salad, peaches.
- Dec. 18: Coney Islands, potato beans, kraut, potato chips, onions, cinnamon rolls.

Christmas Party Friday Night

Mrs. Tom Ritter was hostess to the Christmas party of the Ladies Bridge club Friday night. Following lovely refreshments, the gift exchange was enjoyed. Her home was very festive, decorated with the seasonal motifs.

Mesdames present included: Ralph Blodgett, Richard Holton, Billy Miller, Hall Jones, Rue Sanders, Billy Ray, R. L. McCellan Jr., Harold Womble, Woodrow Gibner, Helen Baston, Oscar Donnell, and the hostess.

Dahlia Flower Club Party

Mrs. Ervin Hester was hostess to the Dahlia Flower Club Christmas party. The house was festive with Christmas decorations, and a tree laden with sally wrapped exchange gifts.

Mrs. Jess Womble entertained with a Christmas story, "Legend of the Christmas Trees."

Lovely refreshments were served to two guests: Mrs. John Archer, and Mrs. D. W. Hazelwood, and Mesdames: Finis Maize, A. F. Lottin, Edgar Womble, Bob Haley, Beta Blodgett, Harry Shodeck, Garrett Allen, John Lacleay, Fred Daily, A. F. Barkley, T. B. Sanning, O. L. Williams, Harry Crooks, Dave Hester, Fred Hoskins, and the hostess Mrs. Ervin Hester.

Big Wave
An 1850 cyclone created gigantic waves that drowned 400 people near the mouth of the Mississippi River.

Mrs. Wilbanks In Hospital

Mrs. A. J. Wilbanks is still in Sanford Hospital, Perryton, where she has been for the past two weeks. Mrs. Wilbanks is suffering from a heart condition.

Her condition remains about the same, and her son J. D. reports that his mother suffers an attack practically every day.

C. C. Beck Still Critically Ill

Mr. C. C. Beck known to all his friends as "Judge Beck", remains critically ill in Sanford Hospital in Perryton. Mr. Beck was rushed to Perryton early last week, suffering from an acute heart attack.

Attending physicians state they do not see much improvement in his condition, though he seems to be in excellent health otherwise. Mr. Beck is 84 years old. His grandchildren have been at his bedside for the past week.

Colleen Mitchell, Grady Year Wed

In an informal single-ring ceremony Thanksgiving morning, Colleen Mitchell became the bride of Grady Year. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Oarn Kelly of Guyman Oklahoma and the bridegroom's mother is Mrs. W. G. Year of Perryton.

The ceremony was read in the Perryton First Methodist Church, with Rev. A. B. Cockrell, pastor officiating.

For her wedding the bride was attired in a beige suit with brown and harmonizing accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown, Jr., sister of the bride, were the couple's attendants.

Mrs. Brown wore a brown suit and a sprig of gold chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Yearly is a graduate of Spearman high school and is employed at the Perryton hospital. The bridegroom graduated from Perryton High school and is engaged in farming northwest of Perryton, where the couple will make their home.

Attending the wedding were Mrs. Oarn Kelly of Guyman, and Mrs. W. G. Yearly of Perryton.

Happy Place
The largest lanai in Tibet, housing more than 3,000 monks, is named the Island of Completely Victorious Joyfulness, in English translation.



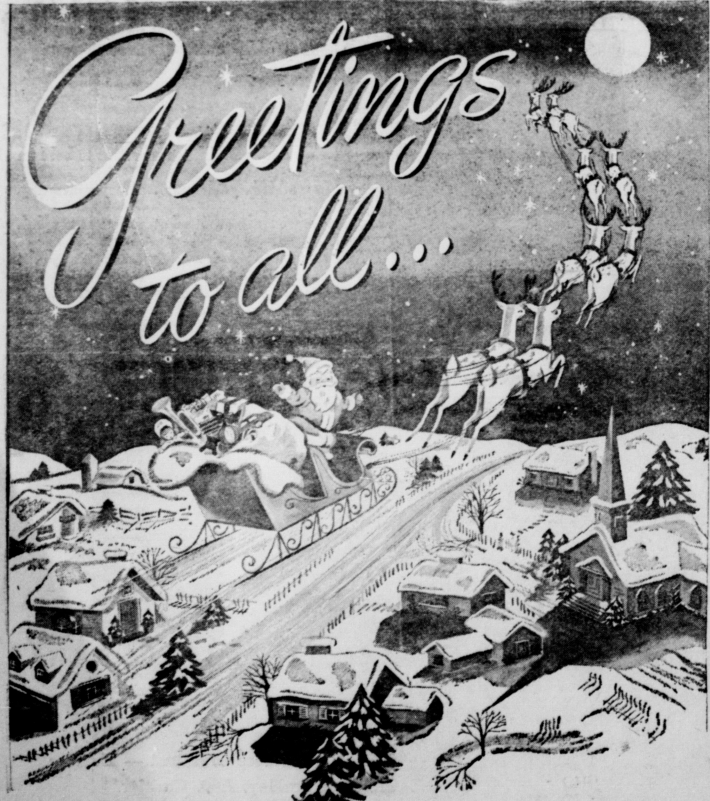
SEASON'S Greetings

Christmas has a merry way with all... it gives joy and laughter to the children, warm and cheerful feelings to the grown-ups, and best of all the grand memory of its joy continues throughout the year.

To all our friends we wish a Holiday Season filled with happiness, good health, and contentment.

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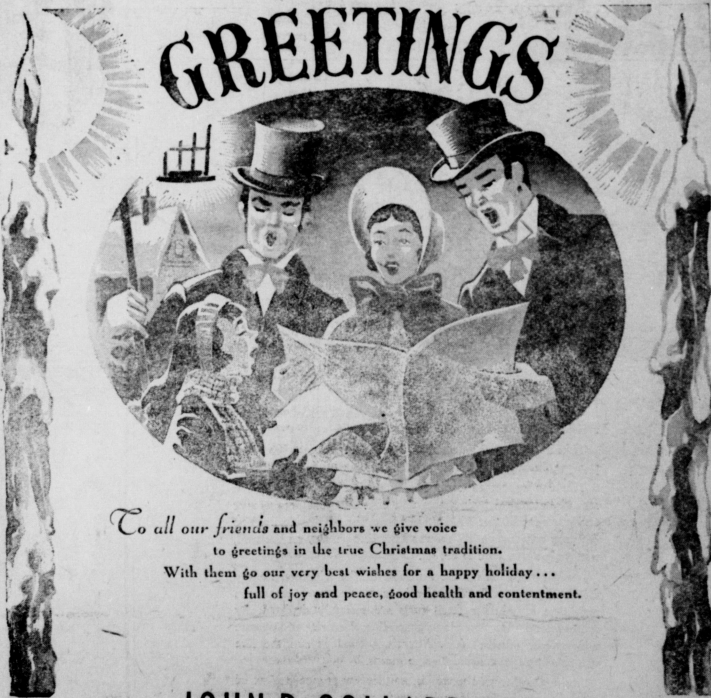
Greetings to all

Christmas is upon us... and we cannot help but feel grateful to our many friends who have helped make the past so worthwhile and whose confidence in us gives added strength and promise to the future.

In fullest gratitude we extend our sincerest wishes for A Joyous Holiday Season.

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Your Friendly Ford Dealer
Joe Trayler, J. G. Parrish, R. C. Cannedy, F. S. Ayres
Spearman, Texas



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

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List Of Practices Selected For Hansford County Showing The Rates Of Cost-Sharing For Each

1. Initial establishment of a permanent cover of perennial legumes or perennial grasses, or mixtures of legumes and perennial grasses, on severely eroded land or land so subject to erosion with soils so shallow, alkaline, stony, or incapable of drainage, or so sandy or of such low inherent productive capacity, or where the average rainfall is so low, that for soil protection to use should be in permanent vegetative cover. (A-2).
 - Maximum Federal Cost-Share \$5.00 per acre
 - (1) Western Wheat Grass 55.00 per acre
 - (2) Mixture of Buffalo Grass & Blue Grama Grass 3.50 per acre.
2. Initial establishment on eroded land of perennial or biennial legumes of perennial grasses, or mixtures, of legumes and perennial grasses to retard erosion and to improve soil structure, permeability of water-holding capacity, as a part of a crop rotation. (A-3).
 - Maximum Federal Cost-Share \$1.25 per acre.
 - (1) Orchard Grass Bromegrass Fescue Grass Rye (perennial) 2.00 per acre.
 - (2) Crested Wheat Grass 2.63 per acre.
 - (3) 14-20-0 Fertilizer 2.15 per acre.
3. Initial improvement of vegetative cover on upland for soil protection. (B-2).
 - Maximum Federal Cost-Share 4.20 per acre.
 - (1) Western Wheat Grass & seeded Preparation 4.75 per acre.
 - (2) Blue Grama Grass & Buffalo Grass 2.50 per acre.
 - (3) Blue Grama Grass, Buffalo Grass & Seeded preparation 3.00 per acre.
4. Pitting non-crop grazing land to prevent soil loss, retard runoff and improve water penetration. (B-4). Maximum Federal Cost-Share: 75c per acre.
 - (1) Constructing or deepening wells for livestock water to obtain proper distribution of livestock, and encourage rotation grazing and better grassland management as a means of protecting established vegetative cover. Maximum Federal Cost-Share: \$2.00 per linear foot.
 - (2) Constructing, enlarging, or sealing dams, or reservoirs for livestock water to obtain proper distribution of livestock, and encourage rotation grazing and better grassland management as a means of protecting established vegetative cover. (B-7) Maximum Federal Cost-Share: 8c per cubic yard.
 - (3) Establishing permanent soil waterways to dispose of excess water without causing erosion. (C-1).
 - (1) Western Wheat Grass \$5.00 per acre
 - (2) Buffalo Grass 3.50 per acre.
 - (3) Mixture of Buffalo Grass 3.50 per acre.
 - (4) Moving earth with other than normal farm tillage implements in shaping or filling waterways. Maximum Federal Cost-Share: 50 per cent cost not to exceed \$100.00 per acre.
 - (5) Constructing terraces to detail or control the flow of water and check soil erosion on sloping land. (C-4) Maximum Federal Cost-Share: \$105.00 per mile.
 - (6) Construction of diversion or spreader terraces, to intercept runoff and divert water to protected outlets, or to spread water to prevent erosion or to permit beneficial use of runoff. (C-5) and (C-15) Maximum Federal Cost-Share: 6c per cubic yard.
 - (7) Reorganizing farm irrigation systems to conserve water and prevent erosion. (C-12).
 - (1) Construction or enlargement of permanent ditches, laterals, or dikes. Maximum Federal cost-share: 8c per cubic yard.
 - (2) Construction or installation of flumes, drop boxes, chutes, weirs, pipe or inverted siphons.
 - 1. Concrete construction. Maximum Federal cost-share: \$4.50 per cubic yard.
 - 2. Concrete or metal pipe.
 - a. 12-inch diameter. Maximum Federal cost-share: .43 per linear foot.
 - b. 15-inch diameter. Maximum Federal cost-share 55c per linear foot.
 - c. 18-inch diameter Maximum Federal cost-share 75c per linear foot.
 - d. 24-inch diameter. Maximum Federal cost-share 3.25 per linear foot.
 - e. 30-inch diameter. Maximum Federal cost-share 4.50 per linear foot.
 - f. 36-inch diameter. Maximum Federal cost-share 5.50 per linear foot.
 - 3. Metal valves and turnouts Maximum Federal cost-share: 12.50 each
 - 4. Leveling irrigable land for more efficient use of irrigation water and to prevent erosion. (C-13) Maximum Federal cost-share: 50 per cent of the cost not to exceed \$15.00 per acre.
 - (8) Initial establishment in the cropping system of winter annual legumes for the improvement of soil structure and for winter protection from erosion. (D-1)
 - (1) Austrian Winter Peas \$2.00 per acre
 - (2) Vetch
 - 1. Initial establishment in the system of summer annual legumes for the improvement of soil structure and for summer protection from erosion. (D-2)
 - (1) Italian Clover 75c per acre
 - (2) Annual Yellow Sweet Clover 75c per acre
 - (3) Initiation of stubble mulching into the farming system to improve soil permeability and to protect soil from wind and water erosion of wind and water erosion. (F-2)
 - (1) Sodium Chlorate \$60.00 per acre
 - (2) Borax 60.00 per acre
 - (3) Concentrated borax 60.00 per acre
 - (4) Polyborachorate 60.00 per acre.
 - (5) 2-4-D 1.50 per acre.
 - (6) 2, 4, 5-T 1.50 per acre.

Adm. Carney says Chiang will get 2 U. S. destroyers soon. The National Grange backs current farm price supports.

Cooking
Cooking in Ancient China was "a fine art." A banquet was not complete without the "five flavors," the sweet and sour, the salty and spicy, and the bitter. A dinner began with fruit and sweets, and ended with soup and rice.

Long Term
Harry Housel, 78, recently started his 62nd annual term as clerk of the Roseville Baptist church, Newark, N.J.

The Platypus
The duck-billed platypus has a flattened bill like a duck, a body covered with fur, webbed feet and broad tail. Its young are hatched from eggs. The eggs are of a leathery texture and are joined in pairs.

Trailer Town
The largest concentration of trailer coach dwellers in the world is shaping up at the new atomic energy plant at Idaho, E.C. About 1700 parking lots have already been provided for defense workers now on the job. Plans call for a total of 10,000 lots for these mobile homes by mid-1955.

Garbage Pails
Nothing will keep a garbage can from rusting, but linseed oil will help! It also stops food from sticking to the sides of the can. First, clean pail thoroughly. Then, apply boiled linseed oil on the inside and outside surfaces.

Stain Stains
Most stains on enameled sinks of this kind can be removed with a mild abrasive. Rust stains can be removed best by treating with an acid. Vinegar or lemon juice may be used, but dilute hydrochloric (also known as "muriatic") acid would be more effective. A bleaching solution, such as Javelle water (which is a solution in water of potassium chloride and hypochlorite), is generally quite effective in removing stains from enamel.

Millie Legend
Milawtha, who is believed by many persons to have been a purely legendary character, really lived about 1800 A. D. The mighty Iroquois chieftain of the Onondaga tribe of North American Indians was transformed by legend into a miraculous character with supernatural powers. About 600 years after his death, he was immortalized by Longfellow in "The Song of Hiawatha," an epic poem written after the style of the great Finnish Kalevala.

Time Saver
Time-conscious women have found the home permanent wave habit. Besides being able to have a permanent at any convenient time, they can attend to many small household tasks while curls are processing.

High Hat
The expression "to high hat" or "to snub" toward one of lower rank probably goes back before the days when the top hat became a symbol of wealth and social position. The rank of a Spanish lady in the latter days of the Roman Empire could almost be measured by the height of her head covering. The more important the lady, the higher her turban towered above her head.

Ancient Myrrh
Myrrh probably is the earliest aromatic gum of which we have any record. It is used today in the making of many perfumes and gives a pleasing aroma to the perfumes known as the Oriental type.

Tides
The tides are caused mainly by the moon.

Christmas

With another Christmas upon us, we feel a special pride in offering you a personal glow of happiness in greeting our many friends in the real spirit of this glorious holiday.

For your peace of mind, your health and good cheer, we wish you all the bountiful blessings of the Yuletide season.

It is in this spirit that we convey to you our message of a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

HANSFORD IMPLEMENT COMPANY

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

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Nehru's Warning

India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru recently sounded a resounding warning for the governments of both the United States and Pakistan. Nehru is disturbed over the prospects of the United States furnishing arms for Pakistan's army.

The Indian Prime Minister is anxious about the possibility of an armed Pakistan, although India is a far larger country with a much greater population than East and West Pakistan.

Visitors to Pakistan were returned to the United States recently almost unanimously in their praise of the anti-Communist spirit prevailing there. U. S. officials believe Pakistan is realistically aware of the Communist threat in Asia and that the million of soldiers available to that country would provide a strong bulwark against Communism in that area. Unfortunately, they are not as confident in India's role in the fight against Communism.

We see little reason for Nehru to concern himself about United States policies in Pakistan. On the other hand, if Pakistan requires armament to moderate its defense forces, it is in the best interest of the free world for the United States to provide that country the necessary armament. India seems to be playing the role played by the democracies in the late thirties, assuming that neutrality and weakness will halt the march of totalitarianism.

Christmas Workshops

College Station, December.—With Christmas taking an early start in the stores and communities, families have greater opportunity to plan in advance for their celebration of the holiday. Mrs. Floise Johnson, family life education specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says even the planning can be happy and profitable.

"Every member of the family will have different ideas to contribute," Mrs. Johnson says. "But a workshop or family party now can bring the ideas together for all to enjoy."

Plans are not made for each member—but by each member. The specialist reminds. Parents, children and grandparents, if they live in the home, need an opportunity to express themselves as to what they would like to do to help create the spirit of Christmas in the home and in the community.

The next step is to see how

and signing cards, going to church together—all of these are Christmas activities that can be made for pleasure in planning as well as doing.

If there is a workshop which Father and Mother work in, the can provide thoughtful and helpful gifts for Mother and Susie to paint and wrap in special Christmas packages. The kitchen will provide another workshop for gifts with a personal touch. Someone in the family can act as secretary to list the ideas and suggestions and probably write or obtain directions for new ideas. Ideas for Christmas greenery decorations are available from your county Extension agent's office.

Pastures Need A Fresh Start

College Station, December.—Recent rains gave Texas farmers a bright outlook. And, says W. L. Trew, extension pasture specialist, thousands of acres of low producing Bermuda and Johnsongrass need renovating.

Usually, a combination of tillage, fertilization and seeding to put pastures or meadows on the road to satisfactory production is required.

Fertilizer deficiencies, overgrazing and compaction of the soil contributes to weak, thin and weed infested pastures.

Moisture conditions are favorable in many areas and pastures need a fresh start. To thicken a present Bermuda sod, Trew says, prepare a seedbed, fertilize properly and in the fall overseed with vetch, crimson clover, singletary peas or Huban clover.

Use the legume best adapted and most desired, he says. Let the legume partially mature to allow some reseeding and encourage the stand next fall by additional fertilization and light tillage, followed by cultipacking. Keep up this process until the desired stand is obtained.

When the Bermuda becomes vigorous, Trew says it may be overseeded to white, hop, Persian or burclover, vetch, lespedeza or black medic. Again, the best adapted legume should be selected.

To introduce a legume into a fair sod of Bermuda to increase forage yields and provide higher quality grazing, chisel or lighty disk the soil, fertilize and, at the proper season, overseed with white, hop, Persian or burclover, vetch, lespedeza or black medic.

Here again, Trew advises, use the legume best suited to conditions. Proper fertilization and good management will maintain a high producing stand of the legume and Bermuda mixture, he says. Johnsongrass, the need are best suited of Johnsongrass renovation. In South Texas over-

seed weak stands of Johnsongrass with Huban and with madrid or Huban in central and north Texas. Vetch may be used on some soils in east-central Texas.

Small grains may be planted in the Johnsongrass to furnish winter and early spring grazing. Neutral to acid soils should be fertilized with phosphate or potash when the soil is chisled or broken. On alkaline or high lime soils, Trew says, the phosphate and potash should be banded beneath the legume seed for efficient use.

Let the Johnsongrass and legume mixture set seed one during the growing season to enable the plants to build a root reserve. This will insure plant vigor the following years.

Through renovation, low production stands of Bermuda and Johnsongrass may be made profitable and productive. The benefits in increased hay, beef or milk production, Trew concludes, will more than justify the cost and trouble.

Health And Beauty

Women and girls are usually very attentive to the condition of their skin. At the right time to time, they study their faces in the mirrors and view will alarm sometimes the accumulations of tiny or large wrinkles on the forehead, around the eyes, and at the corners of the mouth.

With some, the appearance of a "double chin" is a terrific shock and immediate measures are taken to eliminate this blemish of age.

However, one of the most unsightly blemishes which appears as the skin grows older is the enlarged pores. These should not be treated lightly because if they are allowed to go their natural course, the complexion will be completely ruined.

"Take a few minutes off, right after reading this article, to examine your skin. If you find that you do have enlarged pores already you should go to work immediately to remedy the situation. If you don't have a single enlarged pore now, it might be a good idea to prevent one from appearing."

Here are a few suggestions which, faithfully followed, will help the situation.

Select a good pore cream at your drugist. Ask his advice if necessary and remember that it's best to pay a little more and get a better product. Well advertised products are usually safest in the long run.

When your face has been thoroughly cleaned with a mild soap, apply the cream, or by holding one's face over a lavatory full of hot water, press

out all the blackheads which will come out very easily. Be sure that your finger nails are absolutely clean and the skin is not bruised. Use sterilized absorbent cotton for this process.

Then, apply the pore cream. Try to plan so that you can leave it on your face at least two hours or better still, use it just before going to bed and leave it on all night.

For the women whose pores are enlarged, pore cream may be used every night for a couple of months and then twice a week. The astringent quality of the cream will gradually shrink the pores if used faithfully.

If you haven't enlarged pores, as a preventative measure, use pore cream once a week. It will remove dust and dirt, makeup and accumulations of oil that clog up the skin and cause blemishes and blackheads.

Add 35 Per Cent Longer Life To Farm Equipment

College Station, December.—Most farmers would jump at the opportunity to increase the life of their farm machinery 15 to 35 percent.

Every experienced farm operator knows the importance of proper machine servicing, says W. L. Ulrich, extension agricultural engineer, but many are guilty of leaving their equipment outside, exposed to the sabotage of winter's rain and snow.

Proper winter protection will substantially prolong the life of a machine—up to 35 percent, Ulrich says. Machinery should be kept under shelter when not in use. Weathering is poison to equipment, the engineer points out. Keep the machine shed

doors closed and windows screened to prevent poultry and birds from roosting on equipment.

Exposed metal parts should be painted to help prevent corrosion, he says. Keep cultivator shovels, plow mold boards, jointers and rolling colters clean and greased. These parts are bare steel and have no coating of protection against rust.

Inspect all equipment before it goes back into service. This can be done during the winter, Ulrich says, when machinery is idle. Repair bent sprockets, sickle blades, lever arms, combine sieves, manure spreader fingers and torn canvases. Machinery should be inspected for corroded bolts.

Not only will winter protection increase equipment life, he says, but inspection and correction of minor irregularities

will avoid a costly break down during next year's harvest.

It is refreshing to find a person with an open mind, willing to learn. Among adults, this species is extremely valuable, due to its scarcity.

Few people understand any problem fifty miles from home, primarily because they are not interested enough to study the facts.

Anyone who closely followed the disclosures of the Harry Dexter White case cannot see the Truman Administration too highly on its security consciousness.

There is still time to plan a winter cover crop. For the sake of the soil give it protection during the winter months.

Cotton and peanut farmers, on December 15, get the opportunity to vote for or against marketing quotas for the two crops—1951 on cotton and for a three year program on peanuts.

The eighth national referendum on cotton marketing quotas will be held on December 15 and every eligible cotton grower is urged to vote.

The State Farm and Ranch Safety Committee urges all citizens to be more careful as they travel the highways during the next few weeks. The death toll from traffic accidents is due to rise unless everyone does his part.

Most smokers quit several times a day. Personally, we like our movies without propaganda.

GREETINGS GREETINGS GREETINGS

Because it is the Christmas Season and because we want to wish every happiness to our friends, we send our Holiday Greetings. For their kind thoughts and loyal support—for the many courtesies and hearty cooperation given to us this past year, we offer our sincerest thanks. So, here's an old greeting that's ever new—

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, too!

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 Spearman, Texas

Season's Greetings



None more may the Christmas Star send its blessing down with the same glad meaning it brought to Bethlehem. And as we yield our hearts to the spirit of tenderness which pervades the Christmas air, may we remember the heavenly love which came into this world the night Christ was born.

Let us remember, too, that we keep Christmas truly, only when we permit the love of the Christ to enter our hearts and lives. May you enjoy a truly Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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C. P. I. Floyd Dry RA 18421550 Home Town Boy In France

MAISON FORT — The ingenuity and energy of a battalion of Army Engineers has transformed this Orleans Area Command sub-post from a lonely, temporary tent camp in the woods into a bustling military community within the past year.

The transformation was accomplished by the 282d Engr. Bn. (contn.), now under the command of Lt. Col. Robert H. Hoover. The work started last fall under the command of Lt. Col. Jackson Findley, who recently returned to the United States.

The battalion is celebrating its first anniversary in France this week with parties for officers and non-coms and organizational parties for the men. The 282d arrived in France Nov. 24, 1952, after shipping from Camp Carson, Colo.

A BIG JOB

Upon their arrival at Maison Fort they found but a dozen or so weather beaten tents, occupied by the 33rd Med Hold Co. which had moved into the installation the previous summer.

Practicing their motto, "Let 'em Fly", to the letter the engineers set to work with their heavy equipment and turned woodland paths into firm-surfaced roads, winterized their tents, set up day-rooms and mess halls in prefabricated buildings and generally established a comfortable pattern of life for off-duty hours.

An old French boiler was turned into a shower unit that now provides hot water 14 hours a day. From it hot water is piped to mess halls and kitchens.

STILL WORKING

Work is now in progress to raise the roofs of tents six feet off the ground to accommodate steel wall lockers and two space heaters per tent.

There is a wash hut for shaving and "washing up" and an automatic washing machine for those who prefer to do their own laundry rather than take advantage of QM laundry service.

Sprucing up "The Fort" has been but extracurricular work for the engineers. At the same time they have ably performed their mission of doing construction work for the whole of OAC. One of their proudest feats was the building of OAC's Dependable School which was rushed to completion in time for the 1952-53 school term.

TOPS IN SPORTS

The 282d companies are well known for their participation in the Com Z sports program. The well rounded sports organization has already filled a case provided for the display of trophies. Company A was last year's OAC Company level basketball champion and was a runner-up in the soft-ball league.

The engineers now share the expanding post with a group of medical units which are supervised by the 64th Med Gp.

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BAILEY'S IN PERRYTON

Rural Health

College Station, December — Communities are in a good position to investigate and implement measures to improve the health of persons living there. This was a consensus of opinion when the Texas Council on rural health met at College Station, November 8, G. G. Gibson, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, says the Council meeting had representatives for the Texas Medical Association, Texas State Department of Health, Farmers Home Administration, Texas Farm Bureau Federation, East Texas Chamber of Commerce, Texas Mental Hygiene Society, the Texas Farm Press and Texas A & M. College System.

Outcome of the discussion was a resolution presented by a committee composed of Dr. C. U. Coffin of Rotan; Daniel Russell of Texas A. & M. College; C. H. DeVaney of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation at Waco; and Eugene Butler, progressive Farmer Magazine, Dallas. The resolution included the statement "County Health Council offers the best means through which people of a county may solve their local health problems," and recommended consideration be given such county organizations by member groups in the Texas Health Council.

Officers of the Council designed to bring together agencies and organizations in the state concerned with physical health and well being of rural families, are Frank Boutwell of Leonard, chairman; Eugene Butler vice-chairman and chairman-elect; and Mrs. Flossie T. Johnson, Extension family life education specialist, secretary-treasurer.

The Eisenhower administration will win or lose the next election on the state of the nation, not the state of the nation during the Truman administration.

Jimmie Hicks New President Of Shrine Club

In a stag meeting of the Hansford Shrine club held Thursday evening at the Home Demonstration rooms, Jimmie Hicks was elected as the new President of the club for the coming Shrine year. Jimmie Hester was elected Vice President and Dudo Hart was elected Secretary-Treasurer. The retiring president is Aubrey Paddy. Hicks has been Vice President and Hester has been Secretary-Treasurer for the past Shrine year.

The club adopted a new set of By-laws at the business meeting. Ralph Blodgett was appointed as a member to represent the Shrine club at the Youth meeting to be held at the court house January 4th.

New Navy Radio Station

The United States Navy recently began broadcasts over the most powerful radio transmitter known to be operating in the western world. The radio station was built in the interest of national security and peace and is estimated to have cost \$14,000,000.

The radio is located between two mountain peaks in Northwest Washington State, in the Cascade Mountain range. It is supposedly the modern scientist's answer to the communications difficulties caused by electrical storms, the Northern Lights, and many other meteorological phenomena.

The Navy believes the new radio station will allow it to contact submarines far below the surface and arctic outposts and all the ships at sea all over the world in any future emergency. The station is a 1,200,000-watt installation, and is estimated to be over twenty times as powerful as any commercial radio station in the country. In its first test message, it flashed a signal to all naval ships at sea and within six minutes the battleship Wisconsin, operating in Japanese waters, replied to the message.

It is certainly appropriate for the Navy to have this new installation of worldwide capacity. Because the next war, if there is another one, will probably involve every corner of the earth in a struggle against Communism, it is all-important that the Navy, as well as the other services, have such communications.

Roads Badly Needed

Chairman Edward Martin, of the Senate Public Works Committee, says the United States needs \$40,000,000,000 worth of new roads to bring its highways up to scratch. This outlay for highways is necessitated by the tremendously increased vehicular traffic using the public highways today, Martin says.

The Republican Senator from Pennsylvania says the capacity of our highway system has fallen behind the times. For instance, there are today almost ninety per cent more trucks in operation than there were just eight years ago, at the end of World War II. The estimate is that there are 9,000,000 trucks now in operation, compared to 500,000 in 1945.

Moreover, the net total of motor vehicles operating each year increases by approximately 3,000,000. Unless highway construction is located considerably the need for better highways will continue to increase at a faster pace than those highways are provided.

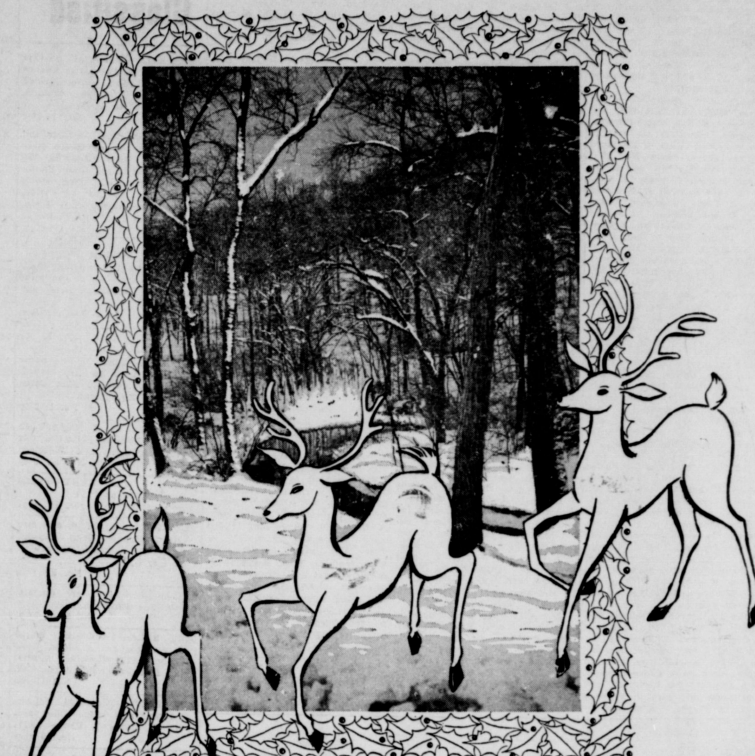
Perhaps the cost of defense is the main reason many states, and the Federal Government, have not been able to make adequate outlays for highway construction and maintenance. Regardless of the reason, however, the time is approaching when something must be done and Martin believes that the traveling public should pay for new roads. He estimates that Federal, State and local governments collect over \$700,000,000 in automobile and truck registration fees alone, and in taxes from the tires, gas and oil.

One plan advanced would be that to use about half of this money each year to bring the nation's highways up to current needs. In ten years, almost \$40,000,000,000 would have been spent and the nation's highways might then be adequate for U. S. needs. If this is done, the local, State and Federal governments must earmark at least half of their revenue for road construction and maintenance. We join Martin in endorsing the idea.

Despite the expected slow-up in some business fields, you can be certain there will be many demands for increased pay in 1954.

One of the best arguments we know of, in the cold war with Russia, is bigger and better air bases, nearer and nearer to Russian borders.

The movies would do well to stick to entertainment and leave politics, religion, and propaganda of all kinds out of their productions.



Merry Christmas

To you — our patrons and neighbors — we wish all of the good cheer and friendly spirit of the coming Yuletide season.

May the New Year be one of success in all of your endeavors as well as a year of health and happiness for you and yours.

And along with our sincerest wishes for the well-being of our friends — we offer a prayer that the future be one of prosperity and enduring peace.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To W. E. Stevens and all unknown owners and claimants of any interest in the lands herein after described, claiming or to claim under, through or by virtue of the Last Will and Testament of Beattie Marie Stevens, Deceased, admitted to probate in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, Cause No. 684, on February 7, 1949, and recorded in Vol. 7, page 51, Probate Minute Records of Hansford County, Texas, Defendants in the hereinafter styled and numbered cause:

That each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the 84th Judicial District Court of Hansford County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the Town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock of the first Monday after the expiration of 60 days from the date of issuance hereof, that is to say, at or before 10 o'clock A. M. Monday, the 28th day of December, 1949, and answer the petition and to appear by filing written answer to the petition of Phillips Petroleum Company, a Delaware corporation, plaintiff in Cause No. 124, styled Phillips Petroleum Company, Plaintiff, v. Mrs. Vera Lucille Weaver et al., Defendants, in which Phillips Petroleum Company, a Delaware corporation, with a permit to do business in Texas, is plaintiff, and the following persons are defendants:

Mrs. Vera Lucille Weaver, Individually and as Guardian of the Estate of Wilson Arthur Weaver and Catherine Lou Weaver, Minors; C. W. Weaver; Wilson Arthur Weaver; Catherine Lou Weaver; W. E. Stevens; and all unknown owners and claimants of any interest in the lands hereinafter described, claiming or to claim under, through or by virtue of the Last Will and Testament of Beattie Marie Stevens, Deceased, admitted to probate in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, Cause No. 684, on February 7, 1949, and recorded in Vol. 7, page 51, Probate Minute Records of Hansford County, Texas, which petition was filed in said court on the 10th day of November, 1932, and the nature of which said suit is as follows:

The plaintiff brings this proceeding for the purpose of having court appoint a receiver for the lands herein described and to enforce the following described land in Hansford County, Texas:

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. If this citation is not returned within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unexecuted. Witness Fred J. Hopkins, Clerk of the 84th Judicial District Court of Hansford County, Texas, this 10 day of November, 1932.

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

And they came with haste, and
found Mary, and Joseph, and the
babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they
made known abroad the saying which
was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it won-
dered at those things which were
told them by the shepherds.

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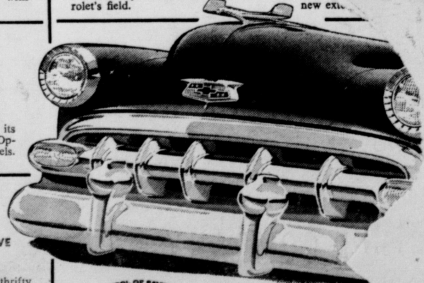
How good it is to hear the refrains of the beloved Christmas hymns, coming to us as gentle and soothing echoes of heaven to our souls. They cause our hearts to throb in accord with the universal joy of all good people everywhere. It is with this feeling of rejoicing and good will that we offer you our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



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Cotton Allotments Will Slash '54 Crop By One Third

College Station, December—When the 1954 cotton crop moves to market, growers will compete with an 8.4 million bale carry over, the largest of any postwar year.

Furthermore, while an approval to marketing quotas will assure growers a 90 percent parity support price, John G. McInaney, assistant extension economist, says cotton acreage allotments will reduce the state's crop next year by one-third.

Relative national marketing quotas call for the production of 10 million bales of upland cotton and 20 thousand bales of extra long staple. Acreage allotments should tend to boost the price, but will cut the total cash receipts from cotton, McInaney explains. Allotment quotas must be approved in a national referendum vote by two-thirds of the growers.

The current crop of upland cotton is about 25 per cent larger than normal and approximately twice the extra long staple is in supply.

Including the 1954 crop, the carry over from last year and a few imports, this country now has 21 million bales. Domestic consumption and exports will lower the supply to 8.4 million bales by August, 1954, McInaney says.

The economist foresees a small drop in domestic milling consumption during the coming year. Delivery to the military forces probably will decline. And while cotton exports are down 2.5 million bales from 1951's 5.5 million, a further decline is not likely. Exports may advance slightly, he says.

In concluding, McInaney says the immediate overall outlook for cotton is one of large supplies and moderate or less demand.

About Your Home

By Frances Dell Snow injury is a major hazard for most of the evergreens and some of the deciduous shrubs used as decorative plants. Quite a few of them are not entirely winter hardy in the northern states.

Almost all of our garden shrubs have been developed to meet requirements of color, form and texture with little attention to the physical structure. In this group you will find many yews, junipers, arbovitae, retinoparas, hollies, rhododendrons and azaleas.

Probably the best thing to do is to plant only shrubs and evergreens that can take your climate without pampering. However, it is possible to protect exotic plants to some degree.

Wrapping and boxing evergreens should be avoided, if possible. It will be better to plant something that will be not quite as effective than to have several months of ugly wrappings on your yard.

Once the snow begins to fall, be sure you have your plants securely tied to permanent stakes. These stakes may be concealed

within the plant and driven deep into the ground to give solid support to the main stems. The stems can be tied to the support with dark cloth and thus be almost invisible.

Very little can be done to prevent the formation of ice on the branches. A steam spray is about the best thing. Chipping or breaking the ice does about as much harm as good.

Remember, large trees need support during the winter ice and snows almost as frequently as small shrubs.

The same plant support that helps your shrubs will prevent limbs and branches from being broken during summer storms.

C-119 Tragedy

The Army was recently conducting a paratroop drop at Fort Bragg, N. C. when a C-119 flying Boxcar lost power. The jump master, in charge of some 40 paratroopers inside, started getting the men out fast.

Sensing that something was wrong and knowing that he was losing altitude, Sergeant Jesse Kerrington, of Newport News, Va., got his men out in record time. At the last minute, just before the plane went into the trees, he jumped and just after his chute opened, he hit the ground.

Unfortunately, however, the rest of the story is not so good. Six bodies were found inside the burned plane afterward, and it was later learned that the falling aircraft cut down nine paratroopers in the air, taking their lives also.

Despite the popular opinion, paratroop training is not unnecessarily dangerous. The rate of fatalities in training is almost nil. However, in this case, it is obvious that an event occurred which had not been adequately prepared for. While it is easy to criticize the military for inevitable accidents in training, the Army has a lesson to learn from the C-119 tragedy. Tight formation jumps for training purposes should be held to a minimum and the flying Boxcars should be flown in such a formation so as to minimize chances of such tragedies. If these procedures are not followed, the Army is sure to hear from Congress if future accidents of this type occur.

Will You Smile? SMALL OVERSIGHT

"Did you cancel all my engagements, as I told you Parker?" "Yes sir, but Lady Millcent didn't take it very well. She said you were to marry her next Monday."

JUST ABSENT MINDED

Judge — You maintain that you are a minimum and second story window through forgetfulness?" Prisoner — Yes, your honor. You see we used to live up on the ground floor and I'd clean forgotten we'd moved.

Watch the advertisements in this paper for Christmas gifts, and after Christmas, watch for big sales, and cut prices.

PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION

A youngster asked his father how wars began. "Well, said the father, 'suppose America quarreled with England and—'" "But," interrupted the mother, "America mustn't quarrel with England."

"I know he answered, 'But I am taking a hypothetical instance.'" "You are misleading the child," said the mother. "No, I am not," he answered. "Yes you are."

"I tell you I am not! It's outrageous!" "All right, dad," said the boy. "Don't get excited, I think I know how wars begins."

THE DANGER POINT

She—I've just read that a man out in the West exchanged his wife for a horse. You wouldn't exchange me for a horse, would you dear?

He—of course not; but I'd hate to have anyone tempt me with a darning good car.

It's a Chronic Failing

C. O. — You are on report for knocking this man unconscious. What have you to say?

Boutswain's Mate — Sir, I hit him, but he was unconscious before he joined this man's navy.

MODERN SIMULS

A—Do you know your wife is telling it around that you can't keep her in clothes? B—that's nothing. I bought her a home and I can't keep her in that, either.

Kept His Promise

Bride — Men are brutes. My husband promised me a surprise if I learned to cook, so I took lessons. Friend — You did! And what was the surprise? Bride — He dismissed our cook.

At The Zoo

"There's a moose loose!" "Are you English or Scotch?"

Suspicious

Hobo: "Boss, will you give me a dime for a sandwich?" Marine: "Let's see the sandwich."

Instructed Welcome

Irate Parent — I'll teach you to make love to my daughter, sir.

Cool Youth—I wish you would old boy; I don't seem to be making much headway.

Low producing Bermuda and Johnson-Grass pastures can be improved by a renovating program. A combination of tillage, fertilization and seeding will do wonders for pastures on the down grade.

Hunters can make their experiences in the field and woods more enjoyable if they'll follow a few simple rules. Ask for permission to hunt and treat your host fair and square; always hunt fair and square; always save your life; play fair with hunting regulations for they are made to protect the best interest of all.

Cooking

Cooking in Ancient China was "a fine art." A banquet was not complete without the "five flavors," the sweet and sour, the salty and spicy, and the bitter. A dinner began with fruit and sweets, and ended with soup and rice.

Long Term

Harry Housel, 79, recently started his 62nd annual term as clerk of the Roseville Baptist church, Newark, N. J.

The Platypus

The duck-billed platypus has a flattened bill like a duck, a body covered with fur, webbed feet and broad tail. Its young are hatched from eggs. The eggs are of a leathery texture and are joined in pairs.

Trailer Town

The largest concentration of trailer coach dwellers in the world is shaping up at the new atomic energy plant at Aiken, S. C. About 1700 parking lots have already been provided for defense workers now on the job. Plans call for a total of 10,000 lots for these mobile homes by mid-1955.

Wearable Nickel

In addition to Inconel and Monel alloys, International Nickel's rolling mills are producing malleable nickel for such electronic uses as radio tubes and radar parts, and substantial quantities of Monel for condensers, evaporators, salt water lines, pumps and other naval applications.

Garbage Falls

Nothing will keep a garbage can from rusting, but lined oil will help! It also stops food from sticking to the sides of the can. First, clean pan thoroughly. Then, apply boiled lined oil on the inside and outside surfaces.

Stain Stains

Most stains on enamelled stinks of this kind can be removed with a mild abrasive. Rust stains can be removed best by treating with an acid. Vinegar or lemon juice may be used, but dilute hydrochloric (also known as "muriatic") acid would be more effective. A bleaching solution, such as Javelle water (which is a solution in water of potassium chloride and hypochlorite), is generally quite effective in removing stains from enamel.

Indian Legend

Hiawatha, who is believed by many persons to have been a purely legendary character, really lived about 1400 A. D. The mighty Iroquois chieftain of the Onondago tribe of North American Indians was transformed by legend into a miraculous character with super-natural powers. About 400 years after his death, he was immortalized by Longfellow in "The Song of Hiawatha," an epic poem written after the style of the great Finnish Kalevala.

Time Saver

Time-conscious women have formed the home permanent wave habit. Besides being able to have a permanent at any convenient time, they can attend to many small household tasks while curls are processing.

Tides

The tides are caused mainly by the moon.

High Hat

The expression "to high hat" or "be snobbish toward" one of lower rank probably goes back before the days when the top hat became a symbol of wealth and social position. The rank of a Spanish lady in the latter days of the Roman Empire could almost be measured by the height of her head covering. The more important the lady, the higher her turban towered above her head.

Ancient Myrrh

Myrrh probably is the earliest aromatic gum of which we have any record. It is used today in the making of many perfumes and gives a pleasing aroma to the perfumes known as the Oriental type.

A Joyous Christmas advertisement featuring illustrations of children and a large candle. The text reads: "At no other time of the year do warm feelings and fond words seem more fitting and sincere and so, in humble appreciation of our good fortune, and from the bottom of our hearts we say, 'A Joyous Christmas To All!'". Below the illustration, it says "proach of another Christmas season, we are grateful for the friendships and close associations it has been our privilege to enjoy."



CAROL We cannot bring to Thee Frankincense...treasure... Angel songs filling earth... With heavenly measure... Out of our yearning hearts We proffer only: Wonder in children's eyes... Love for the lonely... Laughter to lift sad hearts... Warmth for the stranger... Bless these, our gifts to Thee, Child of the Manger!

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The Church choirs of Spearman will sing Christmas carols on Christmas Eve, 2:00 P. M. on the Court house steps. The Green-back drawing will be held following the Christmas Carol singing.

Everyone is invited to town on Christmas Eve, to join in the Festivities! Do your Christmas Shopping at Home!



By Dorothy Boys Kilian

IT WAS A THRILL to be racing along the desert highway in this sleek yellow convertible, but a sense of guilt kept Emily from enjoying it as much as she wanted. Jim had had a right to be surprised when she told him she was going to the New Year's Eve square dance with Dick.

"But you hadn't asked me to go with you, Jim," she had said defensively.

"I just took it for granted, and thought you did too, Emily," he said slowly. "You know we've been partying together all this year until this dude came out for his winter vacation."

"Happy, baby?" Dick brought her back to the present as he patted her knee.

Emily edged away a little, and admitted, "This is fun." "So much fun," Dick agreed, "that it's going to be over too soon. And I don't think this kind of a New Year's party will be too exciting anyway. Let's do a little stalling somewhere."

"There's no place to stall along here," Emily laughed. "There isn't a decent side road in twenty miles."

"How about these wheel tracks I see trailing off into the sand once in a while?" Dick asked.

"Oh, they lead to mines over in the canyons, or horsestads back in the foothills. But they're not meant for low-hung cars like this."

"Here's one that's more distinct than the others," Dick said, slowing down.

"It goes about four miles over to a dry lake bed," Emily said, "where some of the fellows race their cars on weekends."

"Say, let's try it," Dick said. "This bus is no hot-rod, but it can really roll just the same when you let it all out."

"I guess we will make it," Emily said a few minutes later, as they rounded a little curve. "As long as we're very sure it's only when you stop—"

THE CAR SLOWED almost to a stop, and they could feel the wheels beginning to spin in the soft sand.

"Now, you've really done it," Emily groaned.

"Don't you worry, little girl," Dick said smoothly.

He pressed his foot down on the accelerator; the motor roared magnificently, the wheels spun around gloriously, but the car didn't move forward an inch.

"We're only sinking in deeper," Emily warned. "You'd better just quit and get out the shovel."

"What shovel?" Dick snapped.

Emily, staring at him, suddenly realized just how much of a dude he was. "There's nothing to do but relax and wait till somebody sees our headlights, and comes to help."

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By Ance Reasgard

HARVEY BUTLER ran a chapped hand through the ink brown hair that fell over his forehead and stared contemptuously at Jack and Gordon Linter. "Their blue eyes were on him, wide and questioning."

"You sure there ain't no Santa Claus?" six-year-old Gordon asked worriedly.

Harvey laughed. "Course the Linters were little kids, six and seven, but they ought to know better. You think I'd be parading around in split-out jeans and a patched shirt if I was?"

"Probably Santa Claus is bringing you new ones for Christmas," Jack said hopefully.

Harvey sneered, thinking of the barren Christmases at his house. They were lucky if they had a tree even. This year on account of his little sister—just over three now—mom had said they'd try to have some presents. "Any new clothes I get we buy," he said, "and usually I just get my cousin's old stuff. Hand-me-downs, mom calls them."

"Well," again Gordon looked hopeful. "That doesn't mean anything. Mostly Santa brings toys, not clothes."

"Not to me, he doesn't. I tell you there isn't a Santa Claus except for your folks."

Gordon's eyes filled with tears and Jack looked like crying. "Are you sure?" he asked, his voice quavering. "Your little sister told me Santa Claus—Kaws she calls him—is coming to your house."

The wind seemed to whistle through all the holes and thin places in Harvey's clothes. "Carol said that? Honest?"

"Yeah," Jack said, "you know how funny she talks. She said he was coming through the door, 'cause you don't have a chimney, when the light's on and bring her a doll and some other things."

"What things? Try and remember," Harvey felt chilled. If Carol was expecting Santa Claus, count on her to tell when he didn't come!

"Doll cradle and a wagon," Gordon said. "And a trike—'twike' she called it—painted red. You were just kidding us, weren't you, Harvey?"

HARVEY LOOKED at their faces and felt mean that he had told them the truth. After all, he was eleven, big enough to know better, and they were just little guys. "Sure, I guess there's a Santa Claus, but sometimes he doesn't get all the houses. Like Carol said, we don't have a chimney for him to come down, so he probably missed us a couple of times."

The light was back in the boys' eyes. "Sure, that's it. What're ya making that scowly face for, Harvey?"

"You were just kidding us, weren't you, Harvey? There really is a Santa Claus?"

This time Harvey chose his words carefully. "Well, he might miss our house again this year and Carol'd sure be disappointed, so I was trying to think how I could see the get what she wanted. I think I can make her a wagon at the Boy's Club and a wooden cradle. You think that'd work?"

"Sure," Gordon agreed enthusiastically. "Long as she thinks Santa brought them, she won't know the difference."

"What about the doll and the tricycle? You can't make those," Jack pointed out.

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