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New Assembly of God Church House Nearing Completion

Borger And Spearman Boys Play In Spearman Friday Night

Work on the completion of the New Assembly of God Church building located on the lot North of the Paul Roach residence in Spearman is approaching the stage where visitors can vision the future church home.

The building has been under the management and direction of the pastor of the church, T. J. Howard who has been shepherd of the small flock of church members the past four months.

The ambitious and progressive program of the small church membership deserves the respect and praise of all Spearman and Hansford county people who are interested in progress and spiritual uplift of this area.

Since the Assembly of God congregation is a comparatively new organization, T. J. Howard has asked that this publication give a brief history of the organization. We are presenting here information selected from a pamphlet given this newspaper by Mr. Howard.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God came into existence as the result of a "spiritual revival which began early in the twentieth century and which spread in a short time to all quarters of the world."

Intense hunger for the presence of God evidenced by earnest prayer meetings among groups of Christians in many churches, marked the closing years of the nineteenth century. Then revivals began breaking out in wholly unrelated groups in the United States of America and in Europe. These revivals were characterized by intense evangelistic fervor, crowded prayer meetings, emphasis upon spiritual gifts and operations, including divine healing for the physical, and the speaking in other tongues as a sign of the reception of or Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4. Missionary zeal also ran high, founded on a profound conviction of the imminent return of the Lord Jesus and the responsibility of Holy Spirit baptized Christians obeying the last command of their Lord.

No one man could be credited with the origin of the Movement, for there are evidences of Pentecostal outpourings of the Spirit in widely separated places almost simultaneously. One such revival took place in Tennessee late in the nineties. A Pentecostal convention was held by a group known as "The Gift People" in New England in 1897. A minister by the name of Daniel Awrey received the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fullness in January of 1890 at Delaware, Ohio. Sarah Smith, later to become a missionary to Egypt, reported that to her knowledge there were forty or fifty who had been baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1900 in Tennessee. A Pentecostal revival sprang up among a group of Swedish Christians in Moorhead, Minnesota, in 1900 the results of which remain with us to this day.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God has gathered into its fold many who participated in these early revivals. The Assemblies of God, however, owes its existence primarily to an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon a group of earnest Christians in Topeka, Kansas, in 1901. From this revival, small groups of Christian workers scattered throughout Kansas and Oklahoma, finally reaching Texas. Assemblies were formed in all these states, eventually finding a common interest in the General Council fellowship. One of these groups began services in Houston, Texas. W. J. Seymour, a colored Holiness preacher received the message there; but before he had opportunity to receive the experience for himself, he was invited to take the good news to a group of his own people in Los Angeles, Calif. There he communicated the message of Pentecost, faith was born in the hearts of the hearers, and intense prayer meetings followed.

In April of 1906, the Spirit of God was outpoured in Los Angeles, accompanied by the sign of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. A paper was published on the free-will offering, free distribution plan, and the good news spread abroad. Spiritually hungry Christian workers journeyed to Los Angeles to see and hear for themselves. Many who saw and were convinced, humbled themselves in the presence of the Lord and sought for the blessing. Others hardened their hearts and turned away scoffing. But, through word of

Western Swing King Band Will Furnish Music For New Year Eve Dance Here

Many Stores To Close January 1st

Many business houses of Spearman will be closed New Year's Day despite the fact that this is the first of the month and comes on Saturday. The Chamber of Commerce Calendar calls for closing the business houses on New Year's Day, and most merchants are members of this organization.

The Letter Box

Highway News

Dear Mr. Miller: You will find enclosed a copy of a minute by the Texas Highway Commission affecting the county in which your newspaper is published. The information contained in this minute indicates that this road is to be included in the new Land Service or Farm to Market road program for the next two years.

As you know, the new Federal Aid program, under which this road will become a part of the Secondary System, has been reduced from previous years by the action of the United States Congress. Some of the states fell behind in their highway construction, and hence the Congress in the new bill gave the laggard states opportunity to catch up by making the program for only two years, reducing the amount available by 10 per cent each year and omitting the year 1949. Texas was not—we are proud to say—one of the laggard states. And although the bill provides for the federal funds to be used in a 1950-1951 program, the Texas Highway Dept will let contracts and build roads in 1949 as rapidly as possible even though the funds will not actually be available until 1950.

The enclosed minute is the result of a study of road needs by your County Commissioners' Court with the District Engineer of the Texas Highway Dept., a sub mission by the District Engineer to the Texas Highway Commission, and the approval of the Commission of the necessity of the road and its inclusion in the new program of work.

It is regrettable that more of these vital roads cannot be built at this time; but in the light of reduction of the federal funds and the curtailment thereby of the new program, you may be assured that the Texas Highway Department will expend every effort to equitably increase present work of 8,700 miles of farm to market roads.

Yours truly, John Davenport, Adm. Aide

Weather & Market

The weather report as handed this newspaper by weather man F. W. Brandt is as follows.

Date	High	Low	Rain
21	44	25	
22	44	25	
23	34	28	
24	45	29	
25	28	16	
26	51	14	
27	24	18	
28		24	

MARKET REPORT	
Wheat	\$2.07
Barley, bu	1.15
Milo, cwt.	2.06
Oats, bu	0.95
Rye, bu	1.40

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A New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the Hansford County V. F. W. will be staged at the Community building in Spearman Friday evening, December 31. The dance will feature the swinging and singing music of the Southwest's finest band, "The Western Swing Kings." Announcement states that there will be favors for everyone at this gala event. The public is invited to this appropriate evening of entertainment, with the popular prices of \$2.50 per couple.

LAST WEEKS COMMENTS OF THE EDITOR

Printed below are some comments set up and ready to print in last week's Christmas issue. Due to last minute increase in news, the country editor followed the rule of the publication to omit any of his personal comments. However, we are especially interested in presenting the public with the Christmas comments, some of the plans of the news since the country editor revealed paper of the future. Also, we want those who have not had the opportunity, to have the privilege of reading the comments of Mrs. Delon Kirk, who represented Texas for daily newspapers at the recent Farm Bureau convention held at Atlantic City, N. J.

Here are the comments, and remember they were set up for last week's newspaper.

YOUR CHRISTMAS ISSUE

For the sixteenth time your Country Editor greets the readers of this newspaper at Christmas time. This year, as in the past fifteen years, finds the Publisher, his family and staff of the newspaper grateful to the merchants of Morse, Gruver and Spearman for their liberal patronage. The staff and management is grateful to the readers for their fine cooperation during the past year, and for the many items of news and suggestions that have enabled us to publish what we consider the best 52 issues of the Reporter ever printed.

The wholehearted support of the people of Hansford county and area, places an obligation on every member of the Reporter staff to try harder to improve your home town newspaper. Truly, when we first began our work in Hansford county during the dust storms and in the depression we could not have visioned a subscription list of 1270 readers, and a volume of business that has outdistanced any previous record during the 41 years your newspaper has been published.

We feel that it is an opportune time to announce that your home newspaper has placed an order for one of the most modern Linotypes manufactured today. We hasten to explain that the order was placed with the understanding that it would be made. Other orders have prior ratings, and the shortage of steel makes it impossible to secure any new equipment at a reasonable delivery date. During this year the Reporter has been lucky to receive shipment of a large job press, a modern saw, new steel and wood furniture and many new faces of type — which in most cases were ordered in the year of 1946.

It is the hope of your publisher that conditions will justify the building of an annex to our present building, so that we will be able to take care of expansion in our office supply department. At the present time we are terribly handicapped in many of our efforts for lack of space.

Looking over the past year we realize that all of our subscribers should join the Reporter in true thankfulness for the blessings that have been showered on the people of Hansford county. Good crops, excellent markets, and a maximum amount of good health, together with a spirit of ambition and advancement and a keen appreciation of the worthwhile things of life.

The past year has witnessed many steps of progress which we will try to review in our editorial next week.

In closing this greeting, we do want all of you to know that each of the staff of your home town newspaper wish you a very pleasant and happy Christmas holiday.

Gruver Christmas Decorations Were Outstanding Say Spearman Judges

Mrs. Jack Tabor of Gruver received first prize awarded by the Gruver Chamber of Commerce for the most attractive Christmas decorated and lighted residence in Gruver. Tom Jones received 2nd prize and Roy Chase received 3rd prize. Honorable mention went to Mrs. Cluck and Gene Cluck and J. C. Harris. The prizes were provided by the Gruver Chamber of Commerce of Gruver.

Judges for the contest were from Spearman and included Pat Ryan, Secretary of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, Reverend Ray Stephens and T. R. Shirley.

The group of judges stated the lighting in the business district of Gruver was outstanding, but no prizes were offered for the business district.

According to Pat Ryan, the judges feel that both Spearman and Gruver should offer additional prizes next Christmas and increase the classifications, suggesting that prizes should be awarded for Christmas scenes, for interior decorations and for outside decorations.

Open House And Watch Night Service

This Friday evening, December 31st, there will be an "Open House" at the Methodist Parsonage in Gruver. The interior of the parsonage has recently been redone and new furnishings have been added. Rev. and Mrs. Chas. E. Fike invite members and friends of the church to visit the parsonage Friday evening from 7:30 to 9:30. There will be games and recreation in the church basement for boys and girls.

At 9:30 there will be a watch-night service in the auditorium of the church for everyone. See the old year out and the new year in by attending this open house and watch night service.

Country Editor Is Wrong Again

In last week's Reporter the country editor gave the Russell Dry Goods Company credit for dressing the prize No. 1 window of Spearman, as reported by the group from Gruver awarding the prizes for the Chamber of Commerce. This was an error of the country editor and not the fine judges from Gruver. Ray Gibson of the Spearman Dry Goods was awarded first prize in the business district for the most appropriate Christmas window.

Gene Autry Will Appear In Amarillo January 4th

Reserved seat tickets may be secured by writing Maxor Drug, Fisk Building, Amarillo.

Admission will be \$1.00 for downstairs and 75 cents for balcony at the matinee. Night show admission will be \$2.20 front half of the main floor; \$1.65 back half of main floor and front two sections of the balcony. \$1.15 for the balance of the balcony.

Autry has parlayed a horse, a guitar and a nostalgic voice into an empire valued at four to 7 million dollars. He was encouraged to sing by the late Will Rogers.

AMARILLO, Dec. 28. — Gene Autry, the idol of millions, young and old, will bring his stage show to Amarillo for two performances on January 4th. Proceeds will go to Boys Ranch.

Autry was a visitor at the ranch a few weeks ago and decided he wanted to do something for the boys. So he volunteered to bring his show to Amarillo for 2 performances—4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock at night. Both shows in Municipal Auditorium which will seat more than 3,000.

District Superintendent of Methodist Church To Preach At Gruver Sunday

Reverend R. L. Kirk, Supt. of the Perryton District of the Methodist Church will preach at the Gruver Methodist Church, Sunday morning, January 2nd, at 11:00 o'clock. The choir will sing the anthem: "Another Year is Dawning" and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will close the worship. In the afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock, Rev. Kirk will hold the "second quarterly conference. At the evening service at 7:30, the pastor, Charles E. Fike, will preach. The topic will be "How God Helps in Time of Fear." Congregational singing and special music are features of the popular Sunday evening service. The public is cordially invited to all services at the Gruver Methodist Church.

SPEARMAN BAND PERSONNEL

The band personnel now consists of the following members: Solo B flat Clarinets: Mary McLain, Marvel Gibner, Margaret Wilbanks and Kaye Howell. 1st B flat Clarinets: Bob Durham, J. D. Floyd, Nancy Lee, Dwayne Bruce, Lester Mundy. 2nd B flat clarinet, Beverly Bastion, Nadine Sparks, Eddie Bowman, June Poole, Dorothy Bruce, and Lois Mitchell. 3rd B flat clarinets, Billy Turner, Billie Jean Hughes, Eugene Keith. Solo B flat cornets, Joe Mac Hill, Eddie Blackburn, Sonny Windom and Bobby Sparks. 2nd B flat cornets, Gene Reynolds, Jerry Bowling, Gail Bruce and Larry Reed.

The drum section includes Harry Faus, bass drum; Gladys Hayden and Jo Anne Mackie. Street drums, and Donnie Lackey, bell lyre. The bass section includes Ray Martin, Dan Dacus, and Don Floyd. The French Horn Section includes Lee Marie Dacus, and Martha Cayton. 1st French horn, and Elaine Daily 2nd French horn. The baritone section includes Roy Nollner and Donald Gould and the Alto Clarinet is played by Nancy McClellan and the bass clarinet by Carol Hull.

The trombone section includes Donna Crawford, Dog DeArmond, and Claude Pearson. 1st trombone and Patricia Morse and Curtis Spearman, 2nd trombone. The saxophone section consists of Orlean Alkin and Joe Lackey, 1st E flat alto saxophone; Dwayne Stewart, Sparks Burgess and Wesley Weston. 2nd Alto Sax; Donald McCammond and Frank Buzzard, Tenor Sax and Jerry Floyd, Baritone Sax.

A beginners class, who will be in the advanced band in the near future consists of Gene Morris, Earl Archer, Lowell Sheets, Chas. Townsend, Jim Neely, Wilbur Hull, Dale Jones, Eddie Jo Baten, Carolyn Wilmet, Marilyn Crawford, Harold Dean Cooper and several others who are in process of getting their instruments.

The signal Major for the band will be Mona Beth Hester and the twirlers will include Pat Howell, Mary Faith Oakes and Donna Phelps.

Two flutes, and oboe and bassoon, another French Horn, and another baritone horn will be added to the bands instrumentation immediately after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Godfrey states that this is the finest group of boys and girls he has ever worked with up to this time, and that with continued good work by the band, combined with the very favorable and energetic attitude shown by the parents and friends of the band, Spearman should once again have a band of which it can be proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis B. Ford Jr. of Lubbock, spent Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ford of Gruver.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and family are on a two weeks trip to California and Oregon. Miss June Pool accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Kelm and daughter Jane of Alnsworth, Neb. visited here with relatives over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cooke and son Don report a nice time during their business trip to Calif. They returned home in time for the holidays.

Gold Buttons Available At County Service Office

Public Law 306 - 80th Congress directed the design, procurement, and distribution of a lapel button (to be known as the "Gold Star Lapel Button") as a suitable means of identification for widows and parents of members of the armed forces of the United States who lost their lives in the armed services of the United States in World War II, during the period from December 7, 1941 to July 25, 1947. The law requires that one Gold Star Lapel Button will be furnished without cost to the widow and to each of the parents (including mother, father, steppmother, stepfather, and mother thru adoption, and father through adoption).

Once the lapel button has been received, it should be carefully safeguarded since the law requires, and provides that—

No Gold Star Button will be sold to any person who has been furnished such lapel button without cost and not more than one such lapel button will be sold to any one person.

We have the necessary forms for the Gold Star Lapel Buttons in the Veterans County Service Office. We urge everyone who is entitled to one such button, to come by this office, so that I may make application for one.

A. L. Wilson Jr., County Service Officer

Spearman High School Chorus

The Spearman High School Chorus, under the able direction of Mr. Fred Godfrey is really getting off to a good start. The first public appearance was at a Thanksgiving program at the school house. The first out of town trip was to Pampa for the Santa Claus Parade.

At the present the chorus consists of 19 voices but is gradually expanding. The members and their classifications are: Soprano's: Dannie Burleson, Senior; Mary Lopu Davis, Senior; Syble Dillow, Sophomore; Reba Fullbright, Freshman; Nancy Lee, Senior; Nancy McClellan, Senior; and Mary McLain, Senior.

Donna Crawford, Senior; Lee Marie Dacus, Senior; Frances Hull, Senior; and Margarette Wilbanks, Junior.

Eddie Blackburn, Sophomore; Don DeArmond, Sophomore; Claude Pearson, Junior; Dwayne Stewart, Sophomore; Bobby Sparks, Junior; Kenneth Wilson, Freshman; Harry Faus, Sophomore; and Sammie Wysong, Sophomore. Martha Cayton is the accompanist.

The numbers the chorus are learning includes: semi-classical, spiritual, and sacred.

A girls quartette has also been formed and will be heard from in the near future.

Several future appearances and concerts have been planned including a formal concert in the spring.

Small Paper

For the first time in more than 104 weeks, 2 years, the Reporter comes to readers in abbreviated form. That is the paper is minus the usual messages from our advertisers. We have tried to get all the news available, but have not solicited advertising this week. The newspaper has not been able to catch up with all the commercial job printing and straightening up in our shop department for two years. This week we had the task of completing the Home Demonstration Club Year Books and some commercial printing that we wanted to clean out before starting a new paper. In the fact of this situation we virtually quit the news paper, so far as the back end was concerned, and limited this weeks publication to four pages.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Conrad of Dallas, Texas, spent the Xmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Pope Gibner and family. Mrs. Conrad is a sister of Mrs. Gibner.

Ceril Batton of Lubbock visited relatives here over the holiday

Borger beat Spearman 29 to 23 in their last game; then went ahead to win the Spearman tournament by 1 point in a spine chilling contest, from the Gruver Greyhounds.

Since then, Borger has played some of the better teams in Oklahoma and Texas, and the Lynx have lost a close one to Perryton after leading them 3 quarters.

The members of the Spearman teams, A and B are:

- | No | Player |
|----|----------------|
| 6 | Donald Floyd |
| 0 | Elvin Martin |
| 1 | Roy Nollner |
| 8 | Joe Lackey |
| 2 | Kiff White Jr. |
| 4 | Pat Bannister |
| 3 | Wally Cayton |
| 9 | J. D. Floyd |
| 5 | Don Cates |
| 5 | Sonny Windom |

(Windom and Cayton both have made all-tournament teams this year. Windom was an all-district player last year.)

BORGER BULLDOGS

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|----|----------|
| 11 | Hooper |
| 10 | Glass |
| 16 | Hoff |
| 9 | Robinson |
| 14 | Brown |
| 15 | McCord |
| 12 | Daltow |
| 12 | Hampton |
| 6 | Cannon |
| 4 | Brooks |
| 5 | Donovan |
| 7 | Hamilton |
| 3 | Overton |

Hooper and Daltow made all-tournament team at Spearman tournament this year.

Spearman Band Fund Drive Is BIG Success

On Monday evening December 6th a meeting was held at the grade school auditorium for the purpose of organizing the Spearman Band Parents Association. The High School band gave a 26 minute concert at the first part of the program, which was very well received.

After the concert, a business session was held to elect officers, and to introduce new business. The following officers were elected: Mr. Cecil Crawford, Pres; Mrs R. E. Lee, Vice Pres.; Mr. Vester Hill, Secretary Treasurer; and Mrs. Russell Townsend, Publicity chairman.

After this, Mr. Godfrey, band director, gave a summary of the various current needs of the band and submitted a request for assistance in securing money with which to secure these items. A total of \$1800 was the estimate submitted, approximately half of which is needed for the purchase of several new instruments, reconditioning of others, new music, music stands, and etc. The other half is needed for the addition of new uniforms and supplementing parts for some of the old ones. Due to the fact that the bulk of this years appropriation for band in the school budget was necessarily spent in moving and renovating the band building, outside assistance was necessary in meeting the current band necessities.

It was decided by the band parents to meet this situation in the quickest way possible. A six member committee was appointed consisting of Raymond Sparks, chairman; Mrs. Lester Howell, Mrs. Pope Gibner, Mrs. Lester McLain, Mr. V. W. Wilbanks, and Mr. John F. Lackey, for the purpose of soliciting the funds. In five days the fund was over subscribed in the amount of \$1885.75. These results speak highly for the work done by this committee and the fine attitude shown by those who contributed.

This fund will enable the band to bring itself up to date in its equipment which is vitally necessary in the making of a good school band.

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Assembly Of God

mouth and the printed page, the good news was spread abroad. Reports were soon received that similar outpourings of the Holy Spirit were occurring in many cities in the Eastern and Central portions of the U. S., Canada, in Chile, India, Norway and the British Isles. In fact, at the very same time the Spirit of God was being outpoured in Los Angeles, a Pentecostal camp meeting was in progress at Ashdod, near Duxbury, Massachusetts, the same glorious experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit accompanied by the sign of speaking in other tongues being realized in both places.

The spread of the Pentecostal message in so short a time characterized the work as a movement, and the term "Pentecostal Movement" was applied to any and all groups teaching the need for the experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, to the evidenced by the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. It was inevitable, however, that in concerning doctrine and practice there should be differences of opinion, for those who became a part of the new movement had grown up under varying school of religious thought and practice. Furthermore, the movement had no head and no central body to determine standards.

It was because of this great need apparent to all, that a group of representative Pentecostal ministers decided to issue a call for a General Council, patterned after the Council described in the 15th chapter of Acts, to be held for the purpose of unifying and standardizing the teachings and practices of the movement. The call was issued by Reverend E. N. Bell and a number of associates. Brother Bell was then the editor of an independent monthly paper known as Word and Witness, published at Malvern, Arkansas. In response to this call, the first General Council was held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, from April 2 to 12, 1914. Most of those who joined in the issuance of the call were of the early Middle Western group rather than from the Los Angeles group.

This council was attended by approximately three hundred ministers and delegates from independent Pentecostal assemblies in all parts of the country. There was no desire or purpose to establish an ecclesiastical body to assume jurisdiction over the free Pentecostal churches, but there was a purpose to seek a closer bond of Christian unity and a Scriptural basis for fellowship, work, and united business for God. So a constitutional declaration was made, setting forth the principles of equality, unity, and co-operation, guaranteeing the rights of sovereignty to each local affiliated church, and setting forth the definite principles of co-operation fellowship for both ministers

and congregations.

In the fall of 1916 in St. Louis, Missouri, the fourth General Council was held, and it was during this Council that the Statement of Fundamental Truths was adopted. It was specifically stated at this time, however, that this statement did not comprehend all truth, but that the truths declared were considered to be fundamental to a sound, full-gospel ministry. Immediately the effect of this decision was felt all over the country, and other Pentecostal ministers, pastoring independent assemblies, made application for admittance into the Assemblies of God fold. By 1917 the communion had grown to include 517 ministers and 56 foreign missionaries. A large number of assemblies also asked for and obtained official recognition as a part of the Assemblies of God movement. There has been a steady growth each year since then.

Prior to 1914, the Pentecostal Movement had seen a number of consecrated missionaries offer themselves for foreign service. These went out to China, India, Africa, and South America by faith, with no church board back of them, and no promise of financial support apart from such promises which may have been made by their home assemblies. After the organization of the General Council, many of these missionaries in foreign lands applied for and obtained recognition of the New Fellowship, and the General Council Executive Office became responsible for the raising of funds for their support. By the year 1918, four years after the forming of the fellowship, 91 missionaries were listed, and the amount of money passing through the Executive Office for their support had grown to \$29,830.51 for the year.

Until the year 1919, the Executive Office was little more than a receiving and distributing agency for foreign missionary giving. But in the Council of that year, a definite Foreign Missions Department was established and a missionary secretary elected. Since then the missionary secretary elected. Since then the missionary activities of the Assemblies of God have grown so greatly that by September of 1947, the missionary personnel numbered 630 missionaries and 1,600 native workers. These are occupying 1,304 mission stations and outstations on no less than 50 distinct mission fields. The number of converts on these mission fields exceeds 188,000. Missionary giving has grown in keeping with the increase in workers, the sum of \$1,795,124.74 passing through the Department for foreign work during the fiscal year ending July 31, 1947.

When the General Council was organized in 1914, two independent Pentecostal papers were absorbed by the new fellowship, Word and Witness, a monthly ed-

ited by E. N. Bell of Malvern, Arkansas, and The Christian Evangel, a weekly edited by J. Roswell Flower of Plainfield, Ind. Temporary headquarters was established at Findlay, Ohio, where the two papers were published until November 1914. At the 2nd General Council, it was decided to move the headquarters and publishing plant to St. Louis, Missouri. A building was rented at 2838 Easton Avenue, St. Louis, and with such equipment as could be gathered to ether, the two papers were continued for some months. Finally the monthly Word and Witness was discontinued, and the publishing interests were concentrated in "The Christian Evangel." The name of this weekly was changed to the Pentecostal Evangel, which now has a circulation of approximately 132,000 per week.

In 1922 it was decided to seek larger quarters for a growing publishing plant. One small grant of money had been received which was available for this purpose, and the headquarters was moved to a two-story brick building located at corner of Lyon and Pacific Streets in Springfield, Mo. The lower floor of the building was used for a printing plant, and the upper rooms were used for editorial offices, administration, and foreign missions departments. With the increase of publications for the Sunday School and the printing of many books, tracts and other religious literature, has come the necessity for enlarging the plant on five different occasions, so that the plant now provides over 50,000 square feet of floor space and accommodations for the employment of approximately 250 workers.

Shortly after the organization of the General Council, the work in the United States was divided into Districts. Forty of these Districts are now entrusted with the oversight of the churches in their several districts, and each district has its own Superintendent, secretary, treasurer, and District Presbytery. The full responsibility of ordination and licensing of ministers is entrusted to these District Councils. The superintendent of the District, together with its ministers, elected by the District constituency, constitute a General Presbytery of the General Council.

The general interests for the fellowship are managed by an Executive Presbytery consisting of twelve officers, four of whom are non-resident and eight of whom are serving as heads of departments at headquarters in Springfield. The general officers are General Superintendent, four Assistant Superintendents, Secretary, Treasurer, Foreign Missions Secretary, Principal of the Bible Training Institute, etc. The General Presbytery of the General Council consists of three members from each District Council, and 2 members from each of six foreign language speaking branches, the

present total numbering one hundred and thirty-two members. This body acts in an advisory capacity and sits as a court of appeal in certain ministerial and church matters.

In 1922 a Bible training school was undertaken at Springfield, Missouri, for the training of ministers and missionaries. The school was begun in the Sunday School rooms of the local Assembly of God Church. In 1924 the first unit of Central Bible Institute was erected on a campus of 15 acres, just north of the city limits. In 1938 the campus was enlarged by the purchase of an additional 12 acres. The second unit has been completed, making possible the housing of a faculty and student body of approximately six hundred. Separate dwellings for members of the faculty have also been erected on the campus. Graduates from Central Bible Institute are finding ready acceptance in churches in this country, and many of them are being sent to foreign lands for missionary service.

In the early days of the church the chief emphasis was laid upon foreign missions, with the result that home missions were much and definite programs are being instituted for the development of new churches in many of our Districts. A home mission project is now on foot in the mountains of Kentucky and West Virginia, and some eighty missionaries have been sent into this territory. In other sections efforts are being made through aggressive evangelism to open new assemblies, for it is a conviction that new churches increase the possibilities of further foreign mission work. So the Assemblies of God, as an organization is still a Movement, and there is a high percentage of increase in churches and personnel each year. In August of 1947 it was ascertained that our affiliated and cooperative churches had grown to 3,548 with an enrolled membership of approximately 243,515. The list of ministers shows that we have now approximately 5,746 ordained ministers, and 4,377 licentiate and exhorters. These are serving as pastors, evangelists, and Christian workers. Considering the date of organization, thirty-three years ago this increase is considered to be phenomenal. More striking, however, is the report of Sunday

school activity as revealed by reports coming into the headquarters publishing house. Our Sunday school literature goes to approximately 7,000 Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 500,000 scholars. These Sunday Schools are served by approximately 50,000 teachers and officers.

The form of government of the Assemblies of God is congregational. The local assemblies, or churches, are bound together by mutual beliefs and practices, and their purpose to co-operate for District and general interests. Officers of local assemblies, District councils, and the General Council are limited in their powers of administration, and are looked upon as servants of the fellowship. They hold a helpful advisory relationship to both ministers and assemblies as dependent until they have reached sufficient maturity in experience and grown to justify the recognition as sovereign. Help is given them to formulate constitutions and rules of order, so that they may govern themselves, and the matured experience of District officers is made available for their use when needed.

The character of the Assemblies of God fellowship was described recently by a Presbyterian minister as "early Wesleyan." There is this difference, however, that the Assemblies of God teach, not only the necessity of the new birth and the need of personal holiness, but also the privilege of a personal Baptism in the Holy Spirit with Pentecostal fullness. This Baptism is followed by the same sign as that described in the Acts of the Apostles, viz., the speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance. Possibly ninety per cent of the membership claim to have received this New Testament experience, and the remainder firmly believe in it.

J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary

Canning Tips for Housewife
Commercial jars, such as coffee, peanut butter and pickle jars, are not recommended for canning when a steam pressure canner is used. Such jars are not made strong enough to stand high pressure. Another tip is to remove screw bands that have a glass or metal disk underneath to prevent rusting. Remove bands after jars have cooled to room temperature. Warm water run on top will help remove sticky syrup and release band. Never open jar to replace lost liquid. Replacing liquid may cause an accident or lead to spoilage.

VAPO-ROOST GETS THE LICE
The lowly louse is often responsible for reduced egg production in laying flocks. Don't take chances with this common poultry house pest: use Dr. Salisbury's VAPO-ROOST for easy, speedy extermination. Just spray a thin line of VAPO-ROOST on the roost poles. Fumes do the rest. It's economical and long-lasting.



Spearman Drug Co.

INCOME TAX SERVICE
In addition to the regular established Clients who use this service each year, I am in a position to accept additional Clients covering the 1948 Income Tax Returns. It will be to your advantage as well as this office, if you make your plans NOW so returns can be completed in advance of the 1949 deadline.
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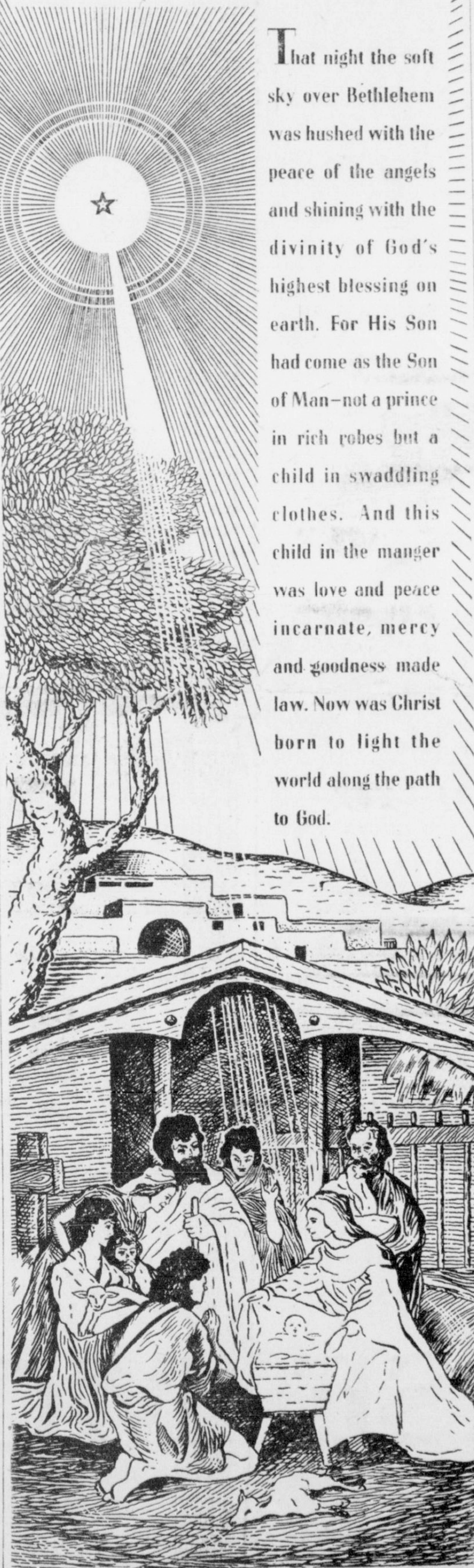
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Glory to God in the Highest

NOW WAS CHRIST BORN

That night the soft sky over Bethlehem was hushed with the peace of the angels and shining with the divinity of God's highest blessing on earth. For His Son had come as the Son of Man—not a prince in rich robes but a child in swaddling clothes. And this child in the manger was love and peace incarnate, mercy and goodness made law. Now was Christ born to light the world along the path to God.



and on earth Peace, Good Will Toward



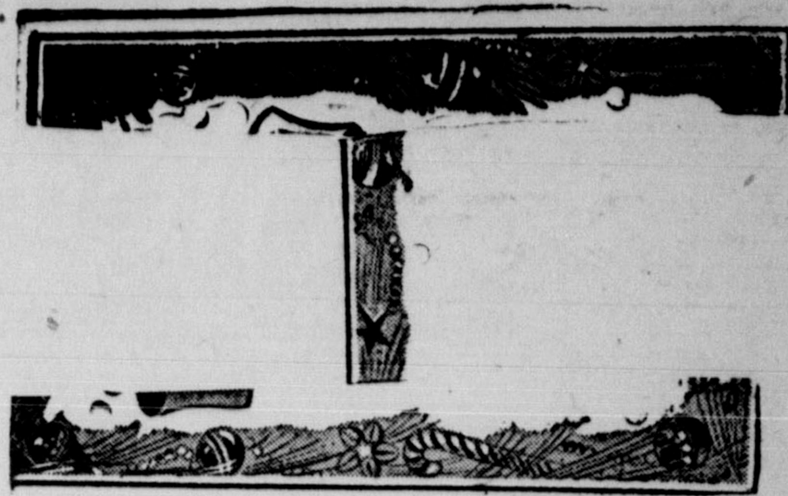
Merry Christmas

Long-lasting friendships and the ever present desire to serve bring about an understanding of a better way of life and a deeper appreciation of the time-hallowed wish - A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

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Legal Notices

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO:

The unknown heirs of Abel Loftin, Emily Loftin, Jeremiah Loftin, Elizabeth Ann Loftin, Mary House, Ann Hagerty House, Nellie Blythe House, Lillian Louise Loftin Long, A. James Loftin, Mary Cleveland Hagerty Loftin, Sarah Louise Loftin House, Ruben B. L. House, Edwina Louise Duncan, Edward Blair House, Nellie House Randal, Susan Jane Loftin Terrell and Andrew J. Terrell, deceased, and their heirs and legal representatives:

Abel Loftin, Emily Loftin, Jeremiah Loftin, Elizabeth Ann Loftin, Mary House, Ann Hagerty House and Nellie Blythe House, if living;

Defendants in the herein-after styled and numbered cause:—

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear before the 101st District court of Dallas County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Tex. on the first Monday after expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at or before 10:00 o'clock in the morning, A. M., of Monday, the 17th day of Jan., 1949, and answer the Second

Amended Original Petition of Elizabeth Goodman Young, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Nellie House Randal, deceased, and Sam D. Young, Plaintiffs, in cause numbered 12204-E, styled Elizabeth Goodman Young, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Nellie House Randal, deceased, and Sam D. Young, Plaintiffs, versus Effie Hall Lewis, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Edward Blair House, deceased, and others Defendants, in which Elizabeth Goodman Young, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Nellie House Randal, deceased, and Sam D. Young are plaintiffs, and those persons are defendants who are in the beginning of this writ named above in this citation, as those to whom it is directed, and also the following, namely, Effie Hall Lewis, Independent Executrix of the Will and Estate of Edward Blair House, deceased, Effie Hall Lewis, J. E. Lewis, Marie Loftin McGinley, E. M. McGinley, Lamar Loftin, Mrs. Eddie Loftin Lyons, P. M. Lyons, Alfred Loftin, Jr., Jere B. Loftin, Jr., Sawnee Loftin, Mary Sue Loftin McKay, Catherine Loftin Hawkins, Stewart D. Hawkins, James Smith Loftin, Jr., Sophia Loftin, Louise Loftin Nenny, W. F. Neuny, Elizabeth Loftin Bell, Henry Bell, Betty Randal, Martha Goodman Herman, Dean Herman, Josephine Goodman Lipscomb,

Two acres of land in Brazoria County, Texas, subject to an oil and gas lease in favor of Sinclair Prairie Oil Company, said two acres described as follows: One acre in Block 7 of the H. Master-son Subdivision of 157 acres of the D. B. Damon Tract in the A. Darsf League, and one acre being Lot 5 of J. C. Walker and B. B. Cain Subdivision of a twenty acre tract in Lot 6 of the J. P. Mills Survey, in Brazoria County, Texas, all as described in lease dated July 29, 1919, recorded in Volume 155, Page 182 of the Deed Records of Brazoria County, Tex. and being lands originally owned by Eddie House Duncan, or set aside for the beneficiaries under her will.

A 160 acre tract of land in Hansford County, Texas, described as the NE1/4 of Survey 89, Block 2, Abstract 45, C. H. & H. RR. Company Lands, certificate No. 331432, patented to Fred P. James, Assignee, subject to an oil and gas lease in favor of Stanolind Oil & Gas Company, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

An undivided one-half (1/2) interest in James M. Webb Survey, Abstract 915, Leon County, Texas, containing 329.44 acres, more or less, subject to Buffalo Pooling Agreement and lease in favor of Lone Star Producing Company, and including Mrs. J. M. Duncan No. 1 Pool, the fractional interest in the entire pool being approximately .92309.

And also consisting of the interest, if any, owned by Edwina Louise Duncan at the time of her death in two acres of land in West Columbia School District, Brazoria County, Texas, being described as Abs. 49 lots 8 & 6-A, W. D. Wilson Subdivision, Block 37, Division of J. H. Bell League, containing one acre, and abstract No. 40 Lot 16, Block 5-33, Melgrad Subdivision, J. H. Bell League, containing one acre of land.

Each of the Defendants to whom this citation is addressed may have an undivided interest in the above lands and other assets, but from the pleadings it is impossible to state the nature or extent of any such interests. Plaintiffs pray that the Court construe the will of Edwina Louise Duncan,

Plaintiffs allege that Edwina Louise Duncan, also known as Eddie House Duncan, and also known as Mrs. J. M. Duncan, died, leaving a will, which has been duly probated, devising real and personal property under certain conditions to Nellie House Randal and Edward Blair House; that the proper construction of said will is in doubt, and is uncertain, in view of the deaths of Nellie House Randal and of Edward Blair House within ten years from the death of the testatrix. Plaintiffs allege that certain assets, including cash, personal property and real property, as described in Plaintiffs Second Amended Original Petition, remained on hand from the assets bequeathed by Eddie House Duncan at the time of the deaths of Nellie House Randal and Edward Blair House, such real property consisting of:

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determine and define the assets now on hand which are governed by the terms of said will, and adjudicate the names of the owners of said assets and their respective proportionate interests.

Plaintiffs ask judgment against Stanolind Oil and Gas Company, Lone Star Producing Company & Sinclair Prairie Oil Company for oil payments and royalties due from said corporations to the parties to this suit from the oil and gas produced from the lands above described, and Plaintiffs pray for all other relief which may be proper under the allegations of the Second Amended Original Petition.

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

WITNESS, Bill Shaw, Clerk of the District Court of Dallas County, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in the City of Dallas, Texas, and ISSUED this 1st day of December, 1948.

BILL SHAW
Clerk of the District Court, Dallas County, Texas.
By Ruth Lander, Deputy

Birthday of Jesus An Uncertain Date

It is not surprising that the day and year of the birth of Jesus are uncertain, for methods of keeping track of dates during the era when Christ was born were not very reliable. For years, eminent scholars have been searching the scriptures, and all possible records, to try to establish an exact date. So far, they have not succeeded.

Matthew states that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod which helps to establish the period of His birth and this is the starting point from which the scholars attempt to reckon the year.

The statement by Matthew that the wise men from the east, in inquiring "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" aroused Herod so that he ordered the massacre of all children two years old or less, is very significant. It is taken as proof that Jesus must have been born about two years before this infamous decree was issued.

No less an authority than the Catholic encyclopedia places the birth of Christ in the year which, by our modern methods of keeping track of dates, would be B. C. Thus, Christ's birth does not exactly determine the difference between B. C. and A. D. date.

Most people, however, do not care if the exact day and year of Christ's birth are unknown. What matters most is the deathless vigor of the Christmas Spirit throughout the world.

Christmas Quiz

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

1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.

2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the New Testament (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark?

3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana (b) New York, (c) Washington, D. C., (d) California.

4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore?

5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.

6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals

originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.
7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) to decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.
8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1763.
9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Befana instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.
10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) horn.

Christmas Quiz Answers:

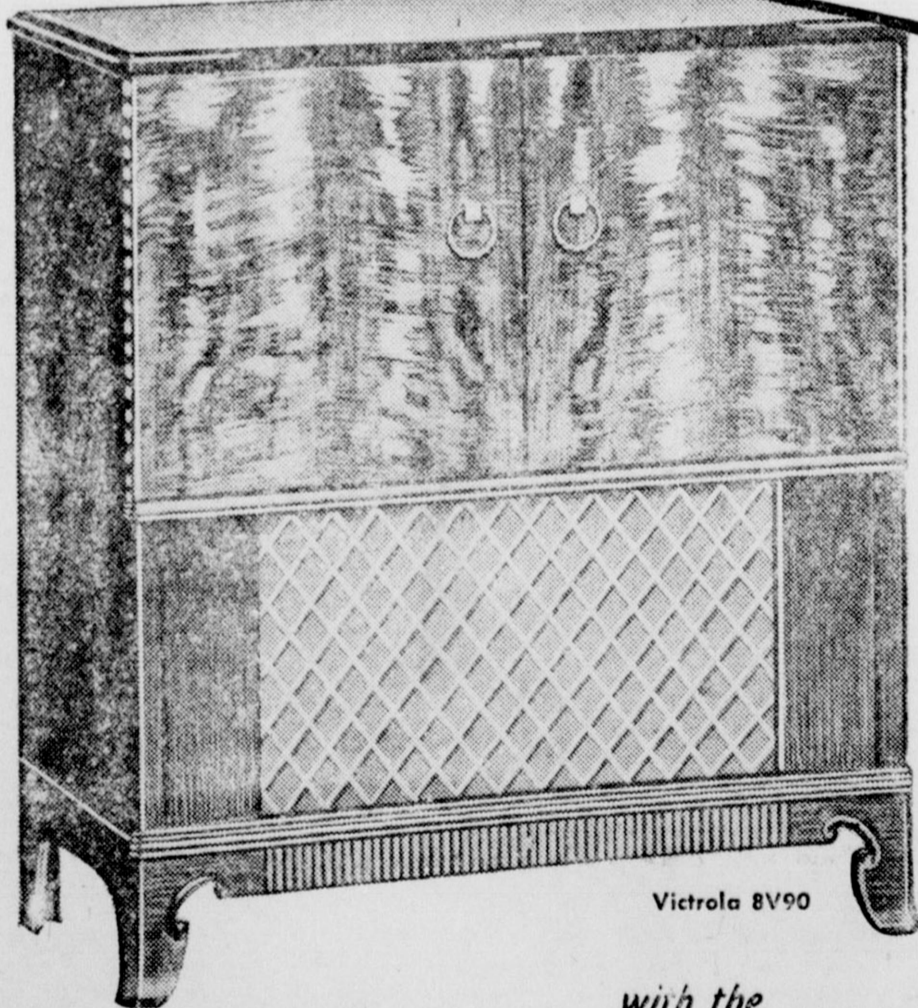
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CHRISTMAS 'MOTHER'S DAY'

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

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... to wish one and all a Christmas brimming over with laughter, song and good cheer—a New Year filled with health and happiness. May the lights on your tree be symbolic of the brightness ahead—may the glow of the Yule log fill hearts with eternal warmth, everlasting friendship and good will."

Universal Oil Co.

TILLIE POSTON
Gruver, Texas



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By JESSIE WEST

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

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

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

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

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had

very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

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

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

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

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

Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

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



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

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly. "Hello," he said.

Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up. "Why, Lance—!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his. "Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily. "But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

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

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Our Christmas Date Started By Romans

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

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

In the year 557 the Council of Tours declared a twelve-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and in 991-1016 the laws ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. Christmas was established in 813 in Germany and in Norway in the year 950.

Cement Forms
Making good forms sufficiently braced to prevent bulging is important for good concrete work. Forms should be constructed in sections so removal is easy and the materials may be reused as forms or in the building. To prevent concrete from sticking to forms a brush coat of lubricating oil thinned with kerosene is adequate. Forms should be cleaned and oiled after each using. Common materials used are wood, metal, and synthetics.

Sun Observation Post
Smithsonian Institution maintains an observatory on the 9,500-foot-high summit of Mount Montezuma, Chile. Here they measure the minute day-to-day changes in the radiation of the sun, free from the disturbing influence of moisture and dust particles in the atmosphere.

Twin Calves Die Young
The odds are against a long and healthy life for calves born as twins. Scientific studies show that mortality at birth is higher among twins than among single calves, and those which survive usually have lower vitality throughout life.

Rats From Europe
The Norway, or brown rat, was introduced into America from Europe, arriving on ships which brought early settlers.

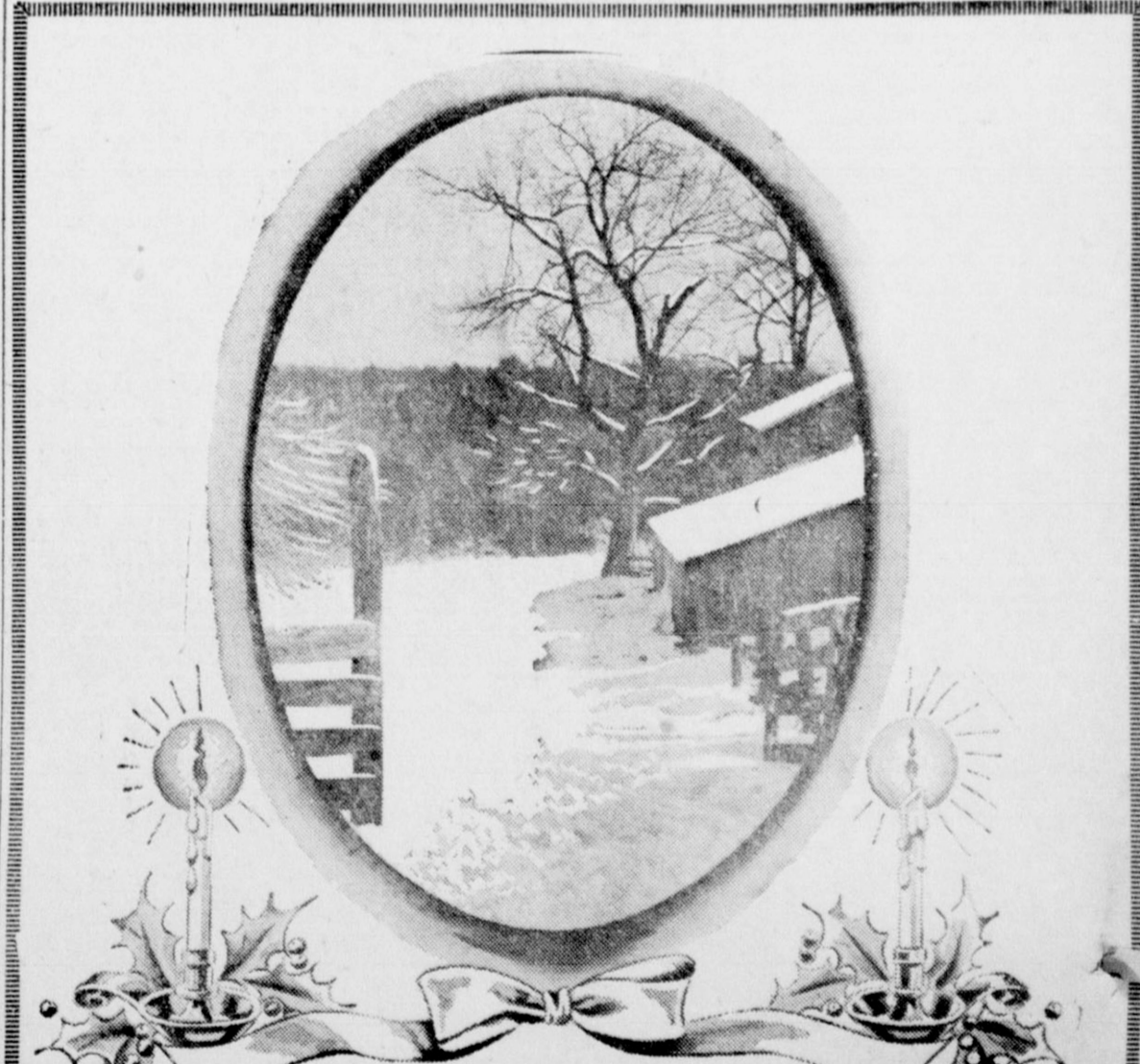
Curtailling Mastitis
Semi-annual testing of vacuum gauges on milking machines will mean less trouble in the milking shed, especially less mastitis.



Merry Christmas

Our hearts are filled with song and happiness on this glorious day when He was born. May the coming year be a good one for all.

TEXICO WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
Gruver, Texas



Merry Christmas

We cheerily add our greetings to the many in store for you.

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Season's Greetings

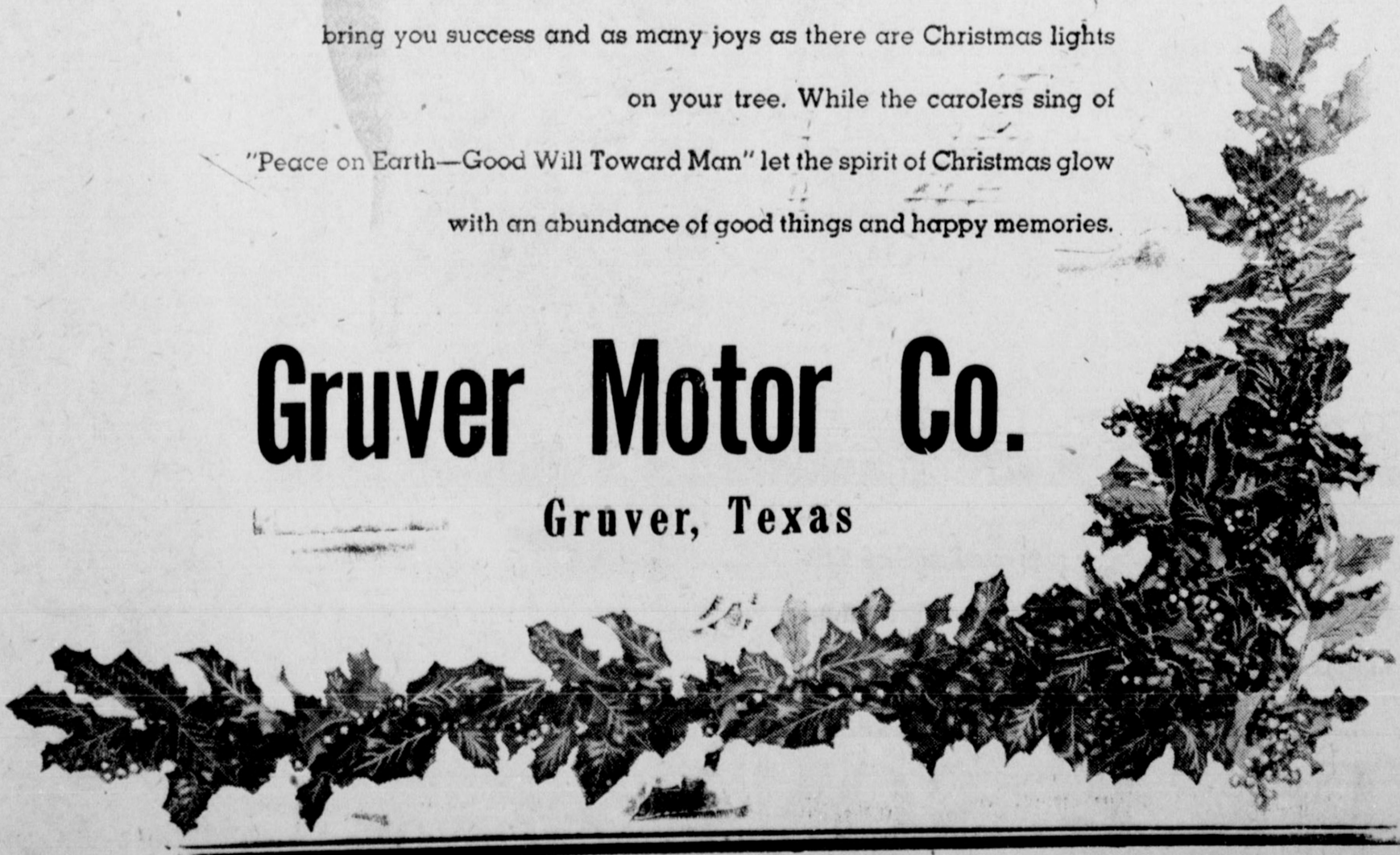


To our friends . . . one and all . . . go our sincerest and best wishes for the best Yuletide ever.

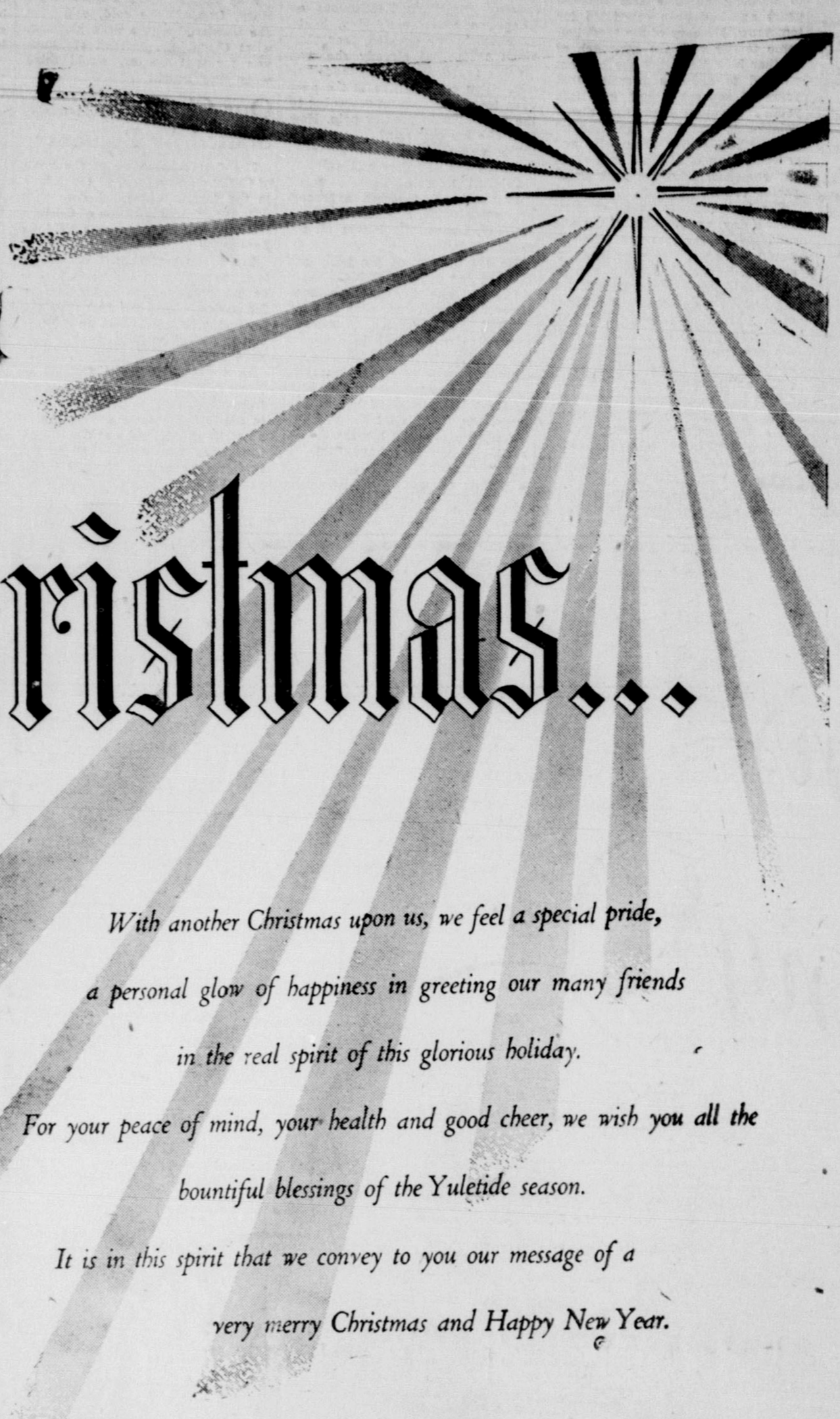
May health . . . happiness . . . good cheer . . . and the best of everything be yours. And

bring you success and as many joys as there are Christmas lights on your tree. While the carolers sing of "Peace on Earth—Good Will Toward Man" let the spirit of Christmas glow with an abundance of good things and happy memories.

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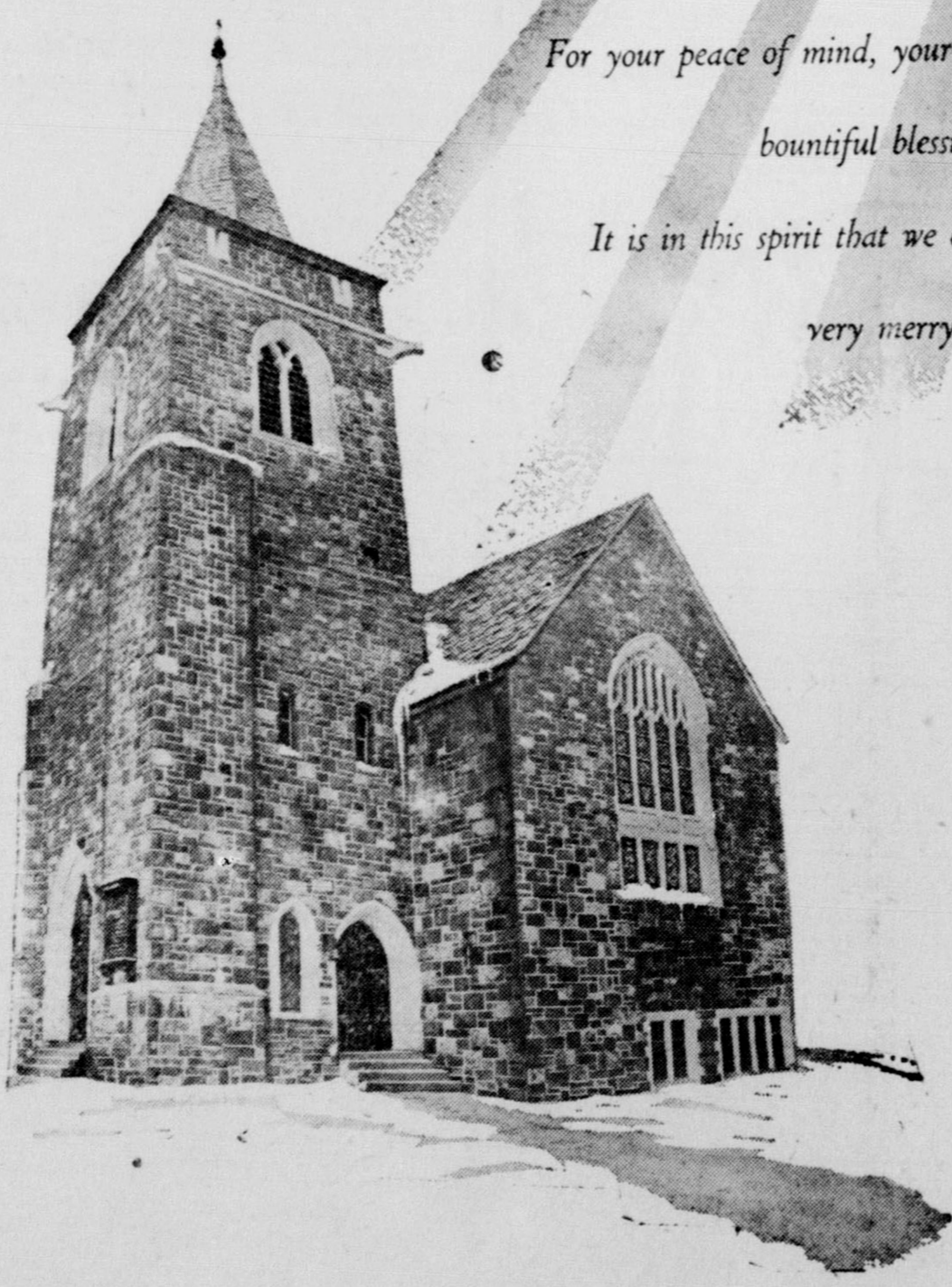
Christmas...



*With another Christmas upon us, we feel a special pride,
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.*



—We would indeed be ungrateful unless we expressed our heartfelt appreciation to you for all your patronage and cooperation during all the years we have been in business.

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SOMETHING FOR SALLY

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



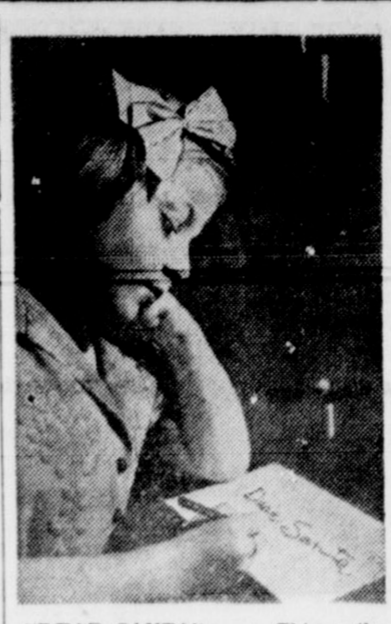
Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted. "I wasn't out making the living and a big hulk of a man, staying home. The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest. People were talking. Bill knew he'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen. Well, it just looks a shame that such a frail little thing, must weigh a hundred eighty pounds, doesn't it? He weighs something near a hundred eighty pounds, doesn't it? Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had a sharp, in-everybody's-business twitch with inquisitiveness. Bill visioned too. Sally's pretty head lifted when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion. "I love it's my affair about work. I really don't need to work. I have plenty saved up to take us through until Bill is able to go back to his job. I'm working because I want to." He'd felt like a cad. There wasn't another guy in the whole universe as a wife like Sally, who through loyalty would even tell a falsehood. Sally didn't deserve the hard-earned money he was giving her. And now Christmas upon them and no money of his own, unless he sold his suit to the re-sale shop down the street, he felt it would be even better for his old heart to quit tick-tock than to face it and have Sally say, "Oh, you didn't need to give me anything, Bill. All I want is you!"

We'll have a real Christmas when you get well." Bill put on his overcoat, hat and galoshes. It was about time to meet Sally coming home from work. Cold rain interspersed the snow and already the highway in front of their place was getting coated with ice. Cars moved along cautiously. Their neighbor's boy, Pike, eleven, slid by him on a sled. "Whee-e-e, watch me, Mister Bill!" Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted and went into action with a leap when he saw the sled carrying the boy from the sidewalk into the direction of an approaching car up the highway. It all happened in a flash. If Bill hadn't been gigantic in size, muscular and agile with youth, he couldn't have saved the boy. "Man, Pike," he panted, standing over him on the sidewalk, "don't play along the

street!" "Aw, I could've made it, Mister Bill," Pike said, and dashed back up the street with his sled. A large man emerged hurriedly from the big car on the side of the pavement and came up to Bill. "Thanks, fellow! Say," he said, mopping his forehead, "that was a close call! You certainly used your head." "I snatched him in time," Bill said. The man pulled out his wallet. "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill toward Bill. "Take this, fellow." "But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away. The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened, to say nothing

of the kid's parents. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!" He was gone before Bill could do anything. Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars. He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.

Thousands of Bulbs On Largest Tree
Three thousand multi-colored electric bulbs and tons of Spanish moss decorate the world's largest Christmas tree located in Hilton Municipal Park at Wilmington, North Carolina. The giant, 300-year-old water oak rises to a height of 275 feet and its branches spread 110 feet. Its magnificence has been enhanced by a radio station constructed beneath the spreading limbs from which emanates Christmas music that reaches the crowds from loud speakers concealed in the branches and an apparent voice from the heavens that comes from a speaker mounted atop a nearby giant water tower. Throngs of people gather around it each night during December to listen or join in the Christmas caroling. The tree won its title as the largest Christmas tree in a contest held several years ago.



"DEAR SANTA" . . . This calls for a lot of deep thinking. You mustn't ask for too much, but you hate to ask for too little.

War of Insects
U. S. navy is transporting an invasion force of Scolia wasps from Zanzibar, East Africa, to the Palau islands in the Pacific, where they will give battle to their natural enemies, the rhinoceros beetle. The beetles have been causing great damage to coconut palms. The wasps immobilize their enemy by stinging the beetle grub and paralyzing it.

Mahogany in England
Earliest use of mahogany in England was in the construction of Nottingham castle in 1680. But at this early date there was no distinction between cedar (Spanish cedar) and mahogany, so the reference is to cedar. This particular "cedar," however, was very heavy and hard, so the conclusion is that it must have been West Indian mahogany.



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Best Wishes for the Season

May your Christmas Day be gay, and many the gifts that come your way. And as the New Year follows through, we wish you joy and warm friendships too.

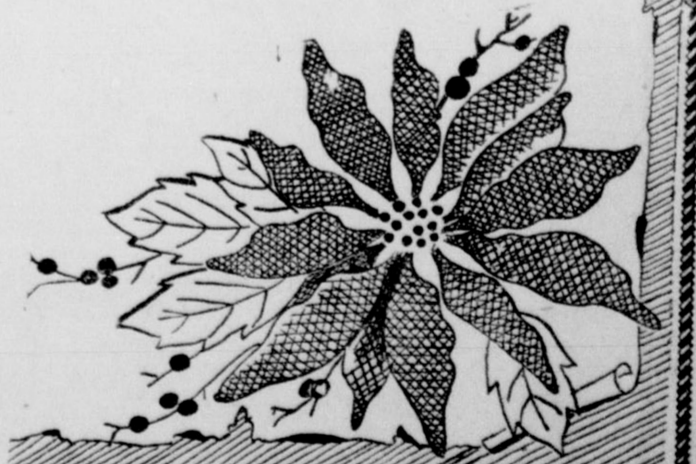
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Merry Christmas

Our greetings go out to you for the merriest Christmas ever. May yours be a holiday overflowing with happiness and good cheer. With our Yuletide greetings and best wishes for a happy New Year go our heart-felt thanks for your kind patronage of the past — for your continued patronage in the future.

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every-day business and in real sincerity wish all our friends
the blessings of A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

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Mail Carriers Walk Many Weary Miles



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

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

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

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

1. Shop now—get your Christmas mail and packages off as early as possible.

2. Wrap your gifts carefully. Address them plainly—Aunt Susie may be able to decipher your handwriting, but not all postmen carry magnifying glasses and crystal balls. Register valuable letters. Insure valuable packages.

3. Be sure to put the full address on each piece of mail. Include city zone numbers.

4. Send your Christmas cards by first-class mail. Put a three-cent stamp on every Christmas card and seal the envelopes. They are more personal that way, and if your friend has moved, the card will be forwarded. Third-class mail doesn't have that privilege.

5. Remember that Air Mail for letters and Christmas cards is only a nickel, and it will get them to distant points more quickly—especially if you slip up on Suggestion No. 1.

December Dates

There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

- Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.
- Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.
- Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.
- Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.
- Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.
- Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.
- Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.

Pine Cone Legend

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

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

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

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

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

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

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

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

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

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those people.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

Christmas Went Underground With Puritan Ban of 1644

THERE was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down, and a market should be kept on Christmas day. Which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the

town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way." Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is one entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this little volume, "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." The Judge was called Judge Hate-bate, the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love-peace."

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hate-bate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "Jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

Reading Yuletide Stories Adds to Family Christmas

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

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

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

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

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

Courtesy Important When Sending Cards

The exchange of cheerful Christmas cards between friends is one of our most delightful Yuletide customs—and like all other social relationships, it is governed by simple common-sense rules of etiquette.

You may properly send your holiday greetings to almost everyone—business and professional associates, if you wish, as well as social acquaintances and relatives.

Be sure to choose appropriate cards, however. If Aunt Jennie is a garden enthusiast, she'll probably appreciate a beautiful flower print more than a dozen Santa Claus designs.

Special Titles. Cards with special titles, such as "Merry Christmas, Mother," are available for mothers, wives, sweethearts and practically all relatives, including the in-laws, and are a mark of individual thoughtfulness.

If you can spare a moment or two, pen a brief holiday note on each card. It adds a warm sincerity and a touch of your individual personality to your Yuletide greetings. Christmas time is a sentimental and nostalgic season for everyone, and many a friendship has been kept alive through the years by the annual exchange of holiday greetings.

Colored ink is entirely proper both for signing the card and addressing the envelope, provided it harmonizes with the color scheme of the card itself.

Signatures need not be formal, except on engraved Christmas cards. You may have your name neatly printed if you wish, or take your pen in hand and sign the greetings yourself with a holiday flourish.

"Mr. and Mrs." Married couples may omit the "Mr. and Mrs." if they prefer and sign their cards simply "Paul and Jenny Wilson." Either the husband's name or the wife's may appear first. Children in the family rarely place a place in the signature, too.

In addressing the envelopes, it is best to send one card to a husband and wife, and separate cards to other adult members of the family too. As an alternative, one card may be mailed to the whole family if you are careful to write the names of each individual on the envelope, including the children.

Use three-cent stamps for your Christmas cards, following the rule of good taste which says that first-class friends deserve first-class mail. It is entirely proper to write

your return address on the envelope, to help friends keep tab on changes of address.

Selecting attractive Christmas cards for each of your friends is a delightful pre-Christmas activity. Don't treat it as a sober social responsibility. Plunge in with a smile and the gay holiday scenes on the cards will soon fill your heart with Yuletide cheer and sentiment.

Santa Claus School Trains Jolly Gents

In a colonial farmhouse at Albion, N. Y., there's a Santa Claus school and it's the only educational institution of its kind in the world.

Graduates wear white wig and whiskers, red suit trimmed in white fur, wide white belt, and black leather boots.

A course at the school prepares the prospective Santa Claus to properly shake when he laughs like a bowl full of jelly, remain calm when a child greets and yells "there ain't no Santa Claus" and maintain proper diplomatic relations with a parent who thinks Santa has given her tot the brushoff.

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

Much Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making—airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellcraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble

games are excellent. "Christmas is a time of 'togetherness,'" says Regnier. "Let's capitalize on the situation by starting a game or hobby that will encourage the same type of companionship the year around."

Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

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

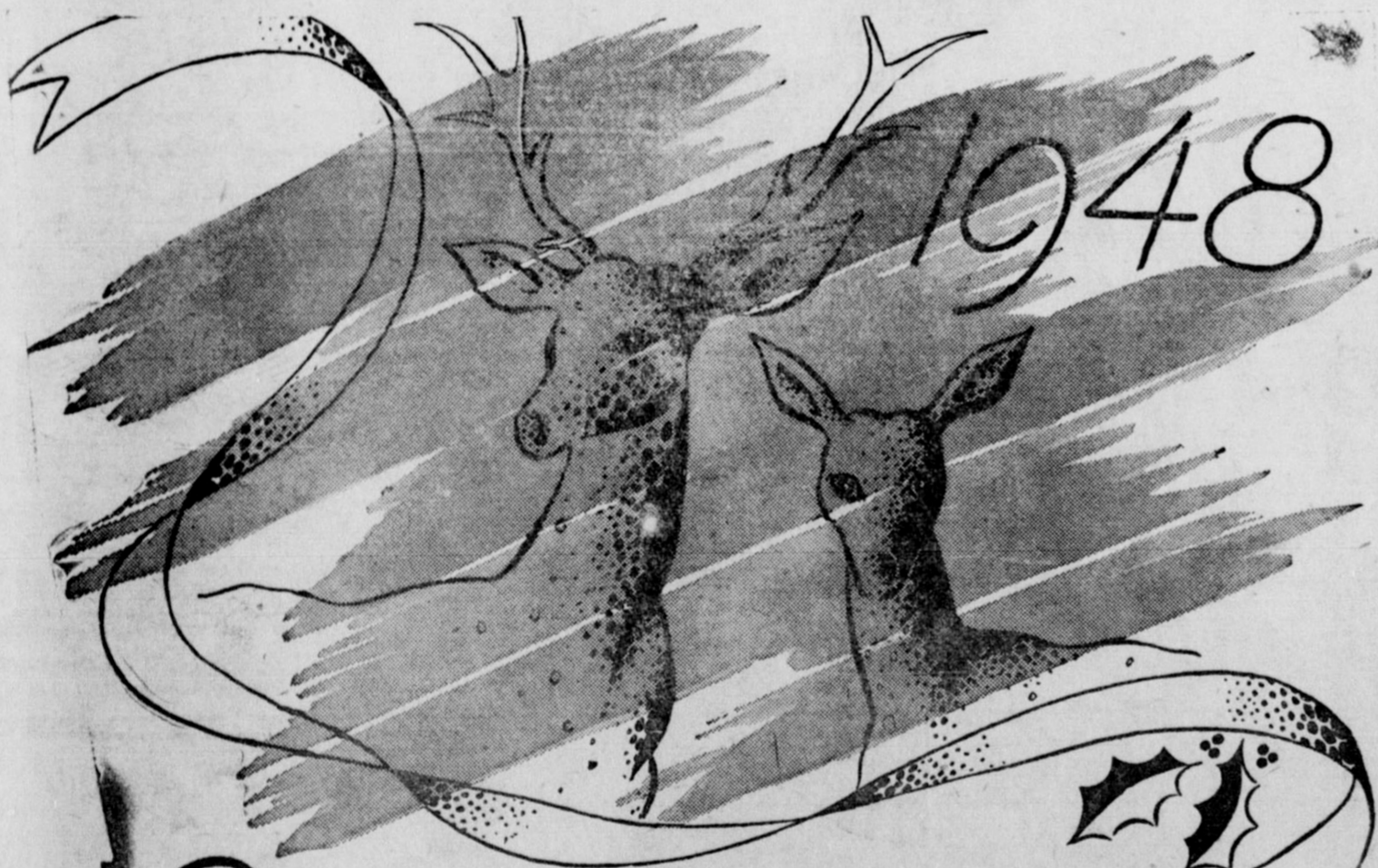
Nast first sketched his notion of Santa Claus in 1873. This Santa was a rollicking, chubby old man smoking a pipe and dressed in what looked like a night shirt with fur collar and cuffs. Since that day he has grown taller and rounder, has developed a full white beard and mustache and has acquired the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

Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift-giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"



Season's Greetings

Christmas, with its glorious traditions, its gift-giving and family reunions, is here once more. It's the same old season, and we're making the same old wish—

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CHRISTMAS

By PATRICIA SINCLAIR

AVIS stood inside the spacious hall of the Carron home with her small overnight bag at her feet and greeted the slim girl approaching her. "Merry Christmas, Barbara! Oh-h, it's snowing beautifully outside!" She looked down at the snow on the toes of her small white boots. "I hate to track it in," she said.

"Don't worry about that. I'm so happy you came," Barbara smiled and helped Avis remove her snow-covered garments.

"Oh, I wouldn't have missed coming for all the world," Avis said, and meant it, now that she was actually there. Her dark eyes swept the attractive, decorated home, and the inviting fire that roared



Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's.

about huge logs in an immense fireplace in the room beyond.

"I hope you'll enjoy yourself, Avis," Barbara said. "My guests have not all arrived. Would you like to go up to your room first and—"

"Take the shine from my nose! Yes, thanks so much." Avis responded eagerly, knowing that she needed a few repairing touches after the long trip out to the Carron home by bus.

As she ascended the stairs she thought, how right Barbara had been when she'd told her the other day, after inviting her to her home for the week-end and a Christmas party. "You can't stay in your apartment alone on Christmas. You can't become a recluse just because some fellow preferred another girl to you. You should start all over again."

Barbara was like that. At times Avis couldn't help envying Barbara's carefree, unstable attitude toward men. Barbara would never know the sting of loneliness, the bitter yearning for someone who had become the purpose of life itself.

Avis hadn't told Barbara, nor anyone, everything about her acquaintance with Steve Ross. She hadn't even told Barbara his name. There was no point in going into

detail and revealing: "I crossed three states just to get away from the sight of him constantly with the new blonde who came to town."

Avis could hear Barbara's response to such a revelation, "No battle was ever won by an army of cowards!"

But Avis wasn't built that way. She had pride, and from observation she'd learned that one-sided marriages never panned out.

As she ran a comb through her short dark hair she thought of Steve. It had been two months since she left the little town of Allen Glen. He and Ann were married now of course. They'd spend their first Christmas together.

Her eyes flamed, but she quickly brushed aside the threat of tears and hurried from the room to join Barbara and her guests below. She was glad she'd come. She wouldn't have a chance to think of Steve.

Avis started down the stairs but stopped midway when she saw Steve Ross smiling up at her from the hall below.

He said, "I'm not a ghost, Avis! Merry Christmas, and—well, aren't you glad to see me?" He looked uncertain.

Avis moved down the stairs. "But I didn't know you knew Barbara—"

Steve reached for her hands. "Our dads were acquaintances away back," he said. "Was it quite fair for you to skip town, Avis, and not say a word about where you were going?"

"I—I didn't think you'd miss me," Avis stammered.

"Miss you?" He pressed her hands. "Avis, what's that old saying about absence makes the heart grow fonder? Anyway, I've had a terrible time tracking you down, until I thought of Barbara."

"Barbara never said a word," Avis said, still amazed.

Steve chuckled. "She's a regular cupid. She told me to come tonight and explain more fully about the run-away girl I was trying to find. Then after I got here she told me to wait in the hall, there'd be a Christmas gift appear on the stairs. I suspected then, of course."

Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed "as they lifted to meet Steve's. "Christmas gift indeed!" she said.

she said.



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

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

President Harry Truman was wondering what he should do with a brand new spaniel pup. One of his friends in Missouri had sent it to

him. The dog's name was Feller.

Lt. Glenn Davis (Mr. Outside of the West Point Blanchard-Davis backfield combination) was sulking in his tent. The army had refused to permit him to resign so he could play pro football.

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

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

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

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



PRESENT . . . This puppy is as happy as his master. Experts say that a pet is an ideal gift for children.

Home-Sick Tailor Cut First Tree

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

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

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

Adept with scissors, Imgard cut his own paper adornments and a local tinsmith fashioned a shiny star for the top.

Merry Christmas

The foundation of all business is friendship—
and with each Christmas we derive unmatched
joy in wishing our friends all the pleasures of
a Merry Yuletide and a New Year filled with
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Greetings

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London's Old Curiosity Shop
A famous Dickens "haunt" which has changed very little in appearance since Dickens' time is the Old Curiosity shop in Lincoln's Inn fields, London, where, it is claimed, according to the story by that name, little Nell lived with her grandfather. Here are to be seen pictures by Hogarth which Dickens hung in his own rooms, a pen tray used by him, first editions of his novels and a variety of original sketches of London. As in Dickens' lifetime, the Old Curiosity shop is still an antique shop. It was a favorite port of call for G.I.s on leave in London during the war.

Why Canned Fruits Spoil
Some of the things which may contribute to the spoilage of home-canned foods are: Poor products or good products badly handled; use of imperfect jars or rubbers; processing too short a time or at too low a temperature to kill the organisms that cause spoilage; water which stops boiling while processing; pressure gauge of canner not accurate; inverting jars while they are still warm; storing jars while warm and in too hot a place and failure to sterilize jars that have held spoiled foods.

U. S. Meat Consumption
Average meat consumption per capita in the U. S. was 155 pounds in 1947, which was the highest average since 1908. Each person's share of meat in 1948 is estimated at 144 pounds, but that is six pounds more than the annual average for the year 1939, when there were no ration controls and when meat prices were much below present levels. Total U. S. meat consumption now is more than 30 per cent higher than in the late 1930s, due to population increase and to higher per capita consumption.

Batteries OK for Hens
Laying hens kept in batteries will lay just as many eggs the first year as in conventional laying houses, if the battery room is well insulated and ventilated so as to control temperature changes, according to results of nine years of tests at the Oregon state college poultry department. Hens kept for the second year lay better in commercial houses, the tests indicated, when comparable flocks kept in batteries the first year were divided, with half placed in commercial laying houses. Battery hens make satisfactory breeders, the second year if released into normal floor conditions, the tests also showed.

Lumber to Europe
America's forest industries will be called upon to supply nearly three billion board feet of lumber during the next four and one-half years under terms of the proposed European recovery program. Based on July 1, 1947, prices, the value of the wood products asked for in the European aid plan approximates 377 million dollars. The plan also calls for the United States to supply sawmill and woodworking machinery and equipment worth 63 million dollars.

Fair, an Ancient Idea
Fairs are as old as mankind. For centuries men have held fairs to exhibit and sell the things they make. In the Old Testament the Book of Ezekiel refers to the fairs of Tyre, where merchants showed their jewels, animals and spices. Jerusalem had a famous fair held during the Passover season. Ninevah, Babylon, Athens and Rome held fairs, and as civilization spread across continents fairs were established as trading centers.

Loss of Vitamins
The fresher foods are when we use them the higher the vitamin content will be. Raw fruits and vegetables, particularly those which are not very acid, gradually lose their vitamin C. Loss of vitamins can be retarded by storage in a refrigerator. This is especially true of the fresh, raw fruits and vegetables on which we must depend for vitamin C.

Straighten Yarn
To straighten yarn raveled from a knitted or crocheted garment, wind it around a board, dampen it well with water and let it dry on the board. It will become straight as a new skein.

Shipping Fever
Improper feeding, crowding and exposure to bad weather during transportation are important causes of shipping fever in livestock.

When Thinning Paint
When thinning any paint, varnish or lacquer product, it is exceedingly important to use the right kind of thinner, and then only according to the directions of the manufacturer, which usually are found printed on the containers of his products. For example, it would be absolutely wrong to use a lacquer thinner in house paint, or turpentine as a thinner in lacquer. If there is any doubt as to what to use, sound advice can be obtained from a paint dealer.



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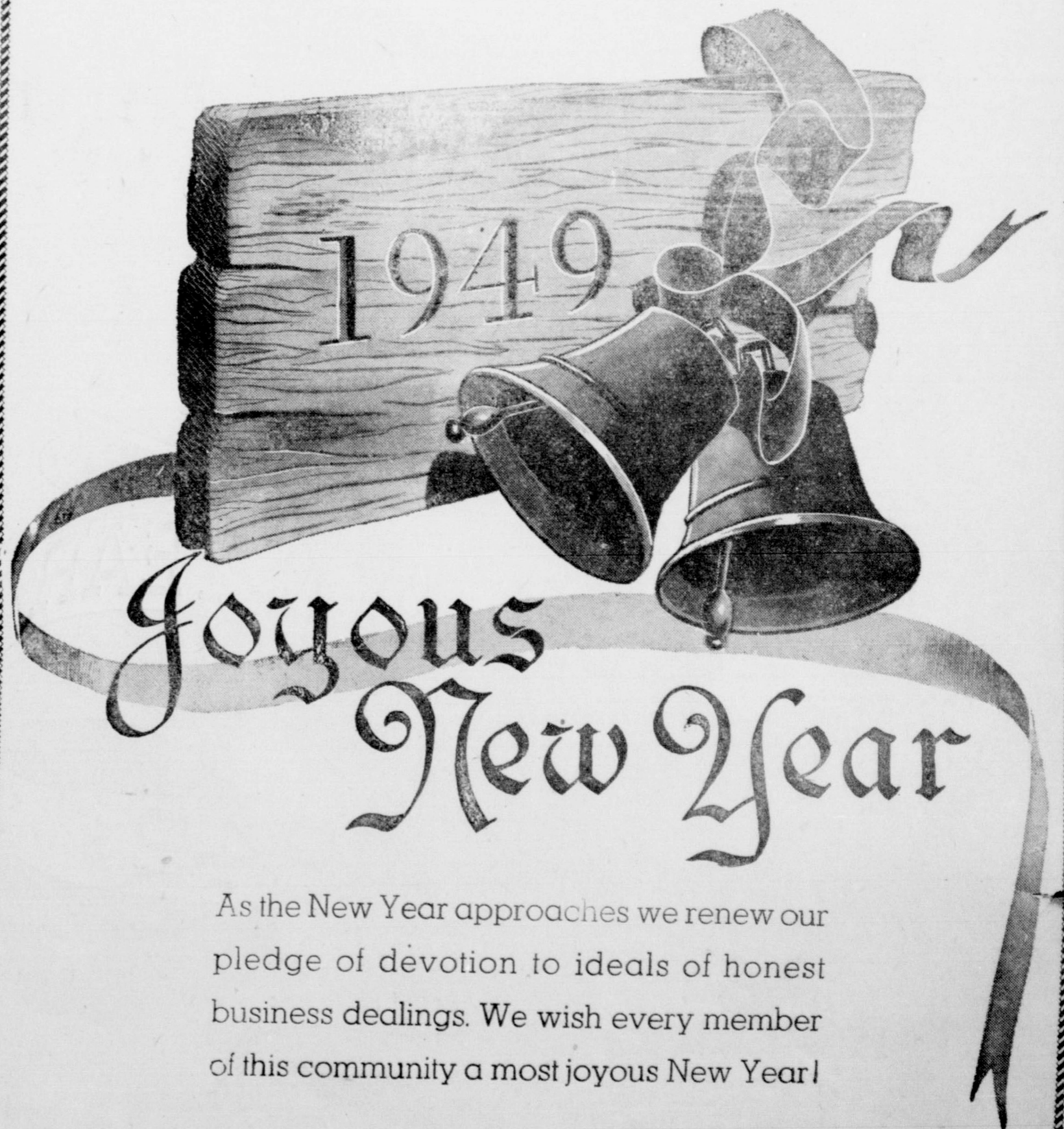
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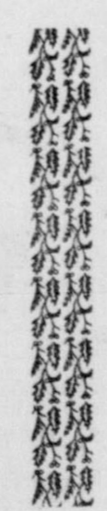


Again at this season of the year—we find ourselves mindful of the many favors that have been extended the management of the Consumers Sales Co.; especially in the wholehearted cooperation we have received during the past year.

We would remind you that the future growth of your organization depends upon the Cooperation you give in making purchases at your own store, and telling your neighbors and friends of the excellent treatment, efficiency and economy of your organization.

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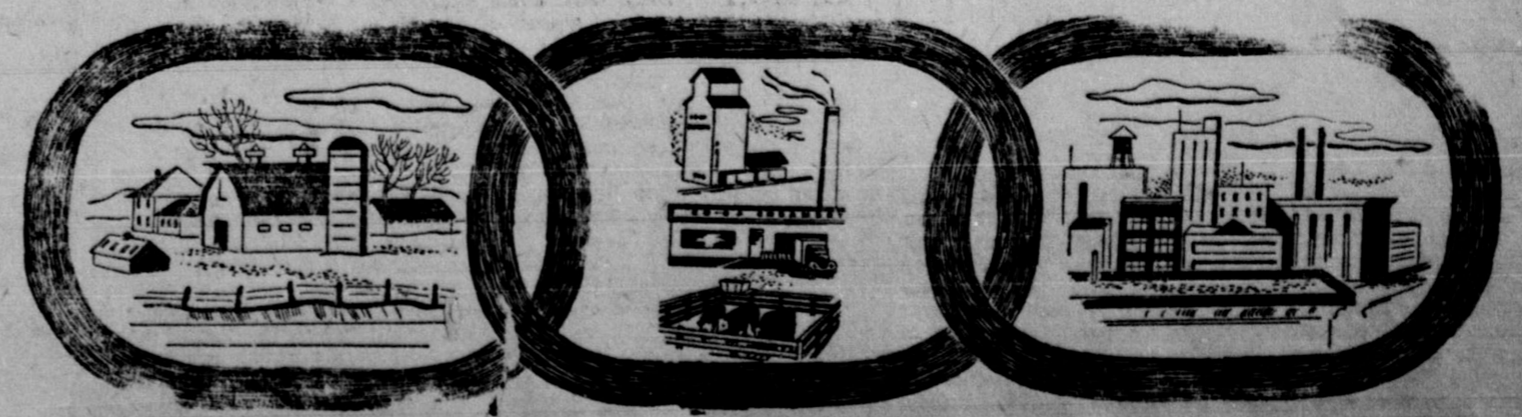
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Christmas Flowers

MANY unusual and picturesque tales have been told about the modern usage of Christmas flowers. Although they are legendary, the carefully spun bits of folklore provide a colorful background for present day flower decorations which are used during the Christmas season.

Holly, with its red berries, dark green leaves and needle-like spikes is a light-hearted symbol of friendship and good will when December arrives. According to legend, though, holly originally was used as an instrument of cruelty. The crown of thorns which Christ wore was fashioned from holly. Prior to the Crucifixion the plant bore white berries but after the Crucifixion the berries turned a bloody crimson. Mistletoe, a close associate of holly, is said to have been the wood from which Christ's cross was made.

One of the most beautiful legends woven around Christmas flowers

concerns the Christmas rose. While en route to Bethlehem the Wise Men crossed the path of a little shepherdess named Madelon. Enraptured at the wondrous tale about the birth of Christ which they related, she was heartbroken because she had no gift to offer.

While she was crying she detected a sweet-smelling aroma and looked up. Standing next to her was an angel who inquired the reason for her sadness. Madelon explained that while she wanted to pay homage to the newly-born Babe, she didn't even have a single, beautiful flower such as grew in the fields in the summer to give Him.

The angel waved her arm and a stunning bunch of gorgeous, snowy white Christmas roses appeared.



THE Christmas TREE

Perhaps the most typical thing about America at this time is the Christmas tree, for with its holiday garb of tinsel and goodies, its religious significance and spirit of festivity, it mirrors the cultural traditions and customs of the world.



JAPANESE FOLLOW WESTERN CHRISTMAS TREE CUSTOM—The Japanese have adopted the Christmas tree and given it an oriental appearance by decorating its branches with Japanese dolls, woodcuts, small tangerines and rice cookies called "sembei," that hold paper slips of fortunes.

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Madelon gathered her precious gift in her arms and hurried off to Bethlehem where the Wise Men had gone. After the Wise Men's offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, she humbly proffered her flowers to the tiny Infant, who stretched out a hand to touch the roses. His fingers lightly brushed the immaculate petals and immediately they changed to a delicate pink.

Poinsettias which head the popularity list of Christmas flowers, ironically enough do not have any legends attached to them because of

garded cedar as a symbol of endurance, strength, life and eternity. Recognized by its characteristic, pleasant aroma, cedar also was an emblem of purity because its tree-tops were frequently covered with snow during a large part of the year.

An old-time favorite of sailors who visited Mediterranean ports was Rosemary because of the aromatic perfume the plant yielded. Familiar to most Americans as a straggling hedge plant, Rosemary droops in massive festoons 12 feet long in its native Italy.

Legend has it that the flowers were colorless until the Blessed Virgin, during the flight into Egypt, hung the clothes of Jesus on Rosemary bushes to dry. Thereafter, Rosemary bushes blossomed forth with their sparkling blue flowers.

The Hawthorn bush with its white or red flowers originally was the May tree of the Old World. Peculiarly, the bush never blooms in May. According to historians, Joseph of Arimathea went to England and on the completion of his pilgrimage at the Abbey of Glastonbury he pushed his staff into the ground where it burst forth leaves and flowers. Since then the Hawthorn bush always flowers at Christmas, which is out of its regular season.



CHRISTMAS TREE ORIGINATED IN GERMANY—An apron full of ginger-bread cookies from a German tree, traditionally decorated with ginger-cakes, nuts, apples, marzipans, and candy-filled cornucopias. Chains and baskets made by hand—from ordinary newspaper when nothing more suitable is available—complete its trimmings. Candles have been used to illuminate it ever since the time of Martin Luther, when the custom of decorating trees at Christmas first began.



FRENCH CONTRIBUTE GLITTER TO TREE—Sweets as the bonbon she holds is this French lass in her Normandy dress—and frothy as the sugar-ball hanging from its branches is the French tree.



MANGER SCENE IN ITALY—An Italian girl attaches an angel to a pine branch above the crib. The traditional Italian symbol of Christmas. The custom dates back to 1223 when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first crib in the chance of the church at Greccio, Italy, using a simple manger with a doll to represent the Christ Child and adding live animals for reality. The manger has become a recognized symbol of religious significance throughout the Christian world.



FOLK-MOTIFS ON CZECH TREE—Pretty Czech angels lend a touch of heaven to the Czech tree decorated with clusters of gilded nuts, apples, and cookies made to resemble animal figures, peasant girls, stars and village huts. Local folk-motifs are noticeable in the trimmings on the angels' gowns, closely patterned after the braided design on the bodice of the peasant girl's holiday garb.

Hill-Climbing Errors
One of the most common faults in hill climbing is to stay in high gear too long. Cars frequently labor up hills, going slower and slower until both car and engine have almost stopped. This is bad practice and sometimes dangerous. It is a common cause of overheating and "vaporlock." There is no point in straining to see how steep a hill can be climbed in high gear. When the car begins to labor on the hill, shift to second when the speed drops to around 20 miles an hour.

Causes of Farm Accidents
Many accidents occur in farm homes. Among the causes for these accidents are faulty steps, failure to keep steps clear of mops, brooms and tools, failure to observe safety precautions in the installation and use of electrical equipment, failure to have stair carpeting properly anchored, failure to keep sharp knives separate from other knives, failure to use a step ladder instead of a chair and failure to have a safe storage place for bicycles, wagons, scooters, skates and other playthings.



THE HOLIDAY Feast

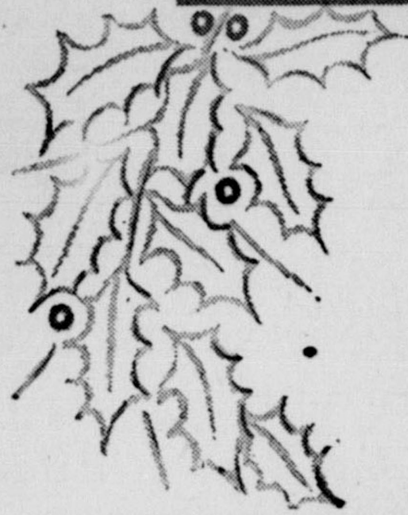
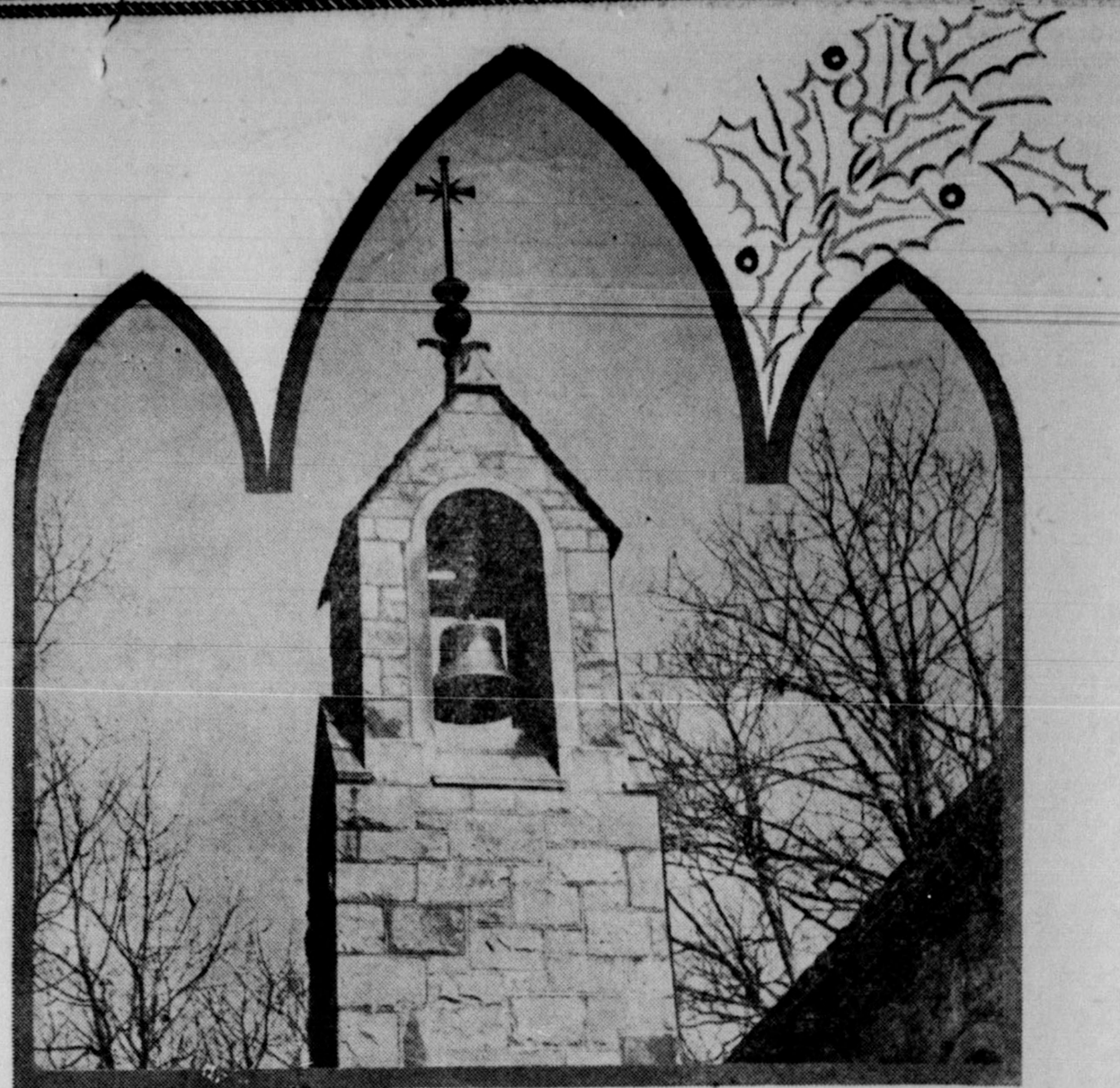
Christmas dinner tables are loaded with food - and old superstitions, too. If a guest refuses mince pie, there's bad luck in store for him; eat apples at midnight for good health; be sure to have plum pudding lest you lose a friend during the year. The feeding of animals, sending cards, singing carols and paying Christmas gifts are all in superstitious tradition of things to do for good luck.



Thank the early American Puritan pioneers for your Christmas turkey and cranberries. It was they who discovered what could be done to nice, fat turkey and cranberries to make a delicious December 25th feast. Since then turkey and cranberries have been the basis of the American Christmas dinner. Santa Claus, holly, mistletoe and the custom of giving gifts were also brought from the Puritan homeland.

European Viewpoint
A visitor from Europe had taken his first trip across the United States of the National highway, which is U. S. 40, running from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He was asked how he liked the trip and how the roads were. He replied that it was fine, that the fellow named National, head of the National Construction company, was certainly a great highway engineer, but that the Frenchman De Tour was no road builder at all.

Biggest Ore Boat
Biggest and fastest Great Lakes ore carrier will be launched before 1950 by the Inland Steel company of Chicago. The new ship, designed by American Ship Building company, will be 668 feet long—over two-thirds the length of the Queen Elizabeth—and will carry an estimated 20,000 gross tons of cargo. Powered by a geared turbine delivering 7,000 horsepower, the vessel will make 13 1/2 knots when fully loaded.



AT Christmas

We think of our friends with deep affection and wish for them the very Merriest of Yuletide celebration and a New Year filled with good health and contentment.

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To wish you good cheer at

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All a week I've had your tree," he said. "Just put it in the yard," Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"



He was born in a manger under the Star
For lack of room elsewhere,
But the homes of earth may be glorified
By His gracious presence there.
He built no temple with stately walls,
Yet there are many today
Where weary men may adore His name
As they bow their hearts to pray.
He wrote no book, but His message
of truth,
Pervaded the tongues of men.
He left no riches, although in His name
The wealth of His friends is given.
He founded no kingdom, made no laws

Yet the world will learn some day,
That only those nations can endure
Which follow His matchless Way.

Tree Decorations Symbolize Myths

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

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

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

Animal Costumes For Christmas

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

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?
The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

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

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

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

Some Safety Rules For Holiday Season

It only takes a small amount of carelessness to turn the joyful Christmas holiday into a tragic event. The Christmas tree is the danger spot. There are a few simple precautions that will assure a safe and merry Christmas.

Never burn real candles on your tree.
Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.
Avoid placing powerful lamp bulbs near fancy ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton.

Don't go away and leave your tree lighted.
Be very careful when smoking around Christmas package wrapping material.

Secure the tree by wires to the wall so that tiny tots will not be able to bump or pull it over.
Place your tree so that, standing or fallen, it cannot block a doorway which might be needed to escape from the room.

If you go in for elaborate decorations, better make sure they're all made of incombustible material. Flameproofed materials can be purchased at many stores. Insist on them.

Nut-Bowl Filled From Many Lands

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

The keeping of Christmas or saint's days, and the making of mince pies were illegal in the early Massachusetts and New Haven colonies. The strict religion of the Puritans banned observance of holy days.

Cannon Fire Hails Christmas in Rome

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

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

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



The bell, the world's oldest and simplest musical instrument, is the world's most universal Yuletide symbol. Each nation has its individual symbols of Christmas, but the bell will be found somewhere in the traditions of every one.

Bell authorities claim that Pope Sabinianus gave us the first church bells in 604. The custom has grown until there is no use of church bells so widely known as the ringing of the chimes to herald the advent of the birth of Christ.

In recent years the ancient bell has "grown up" into the carillon, a highly sensitive instrument on which Christmas carols seem to find their most perfect expression.

Yuletide Thoughts

Heywood Brown once said, "Christmas is not a date. It is a state of mind."

No man lives today who does not seek, in some way, to follow a guiding star.

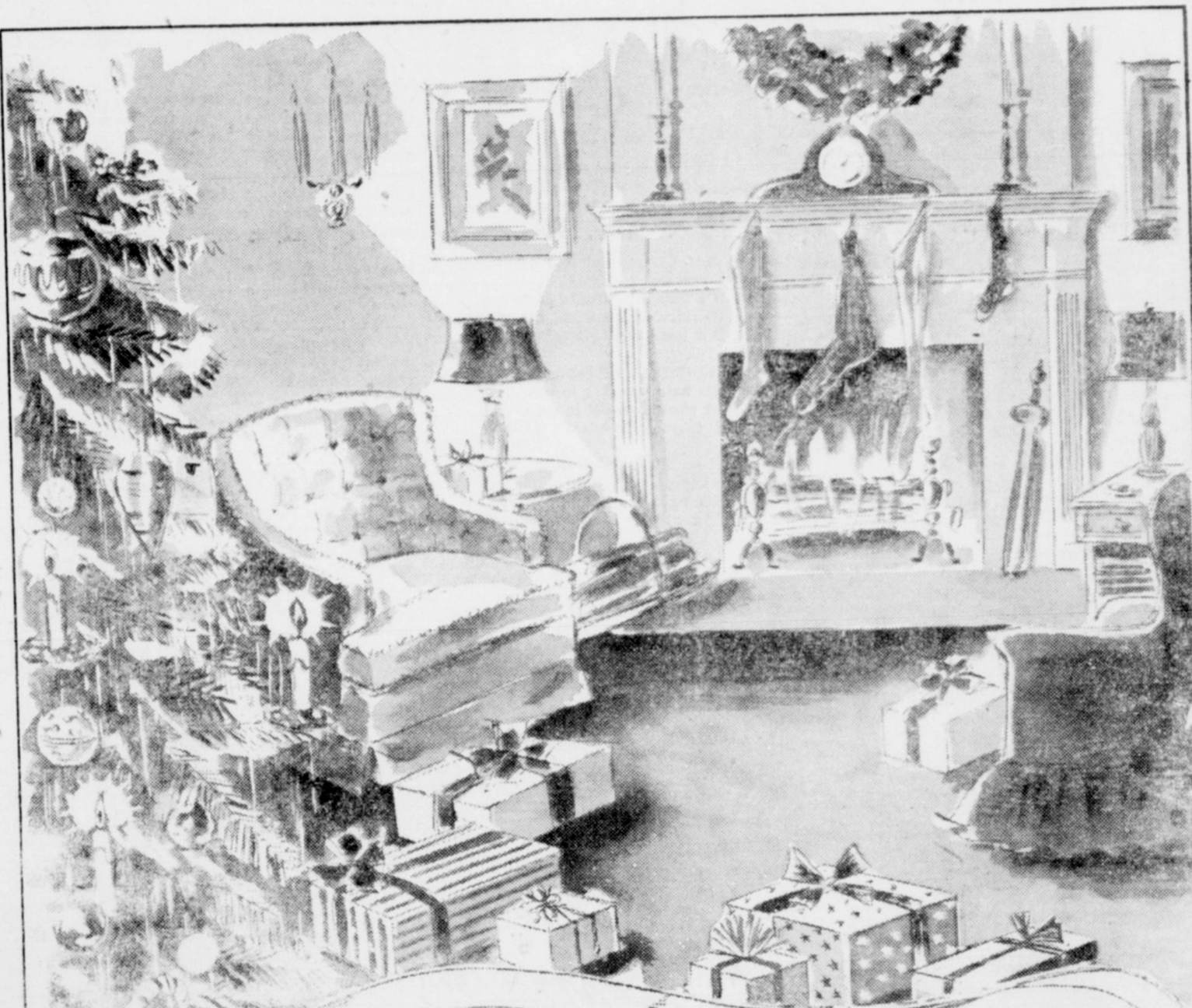
It was Christ who, by his voluntary acceptance of the role of servant, has been elevated to the royal purple and seated at God's right hand.

At few, if any, times since Christ was born have all the people of the earth needed faith, trust, and peace as much as they do now.

When we celebrate the birthday of Christ we ought not to think of Him only as a child. Those who think Christmas is only a festival about a child, for children, veer away from facing Him as an adult.

CHRISTMAS 'PUTZ'
The Christmas "putz" is a decorative feature in many Bethlehem, Pa., homes during the Yuletide season. It is a representation of the birth of the Christ Child in the stable at Bethlehem in Judea.

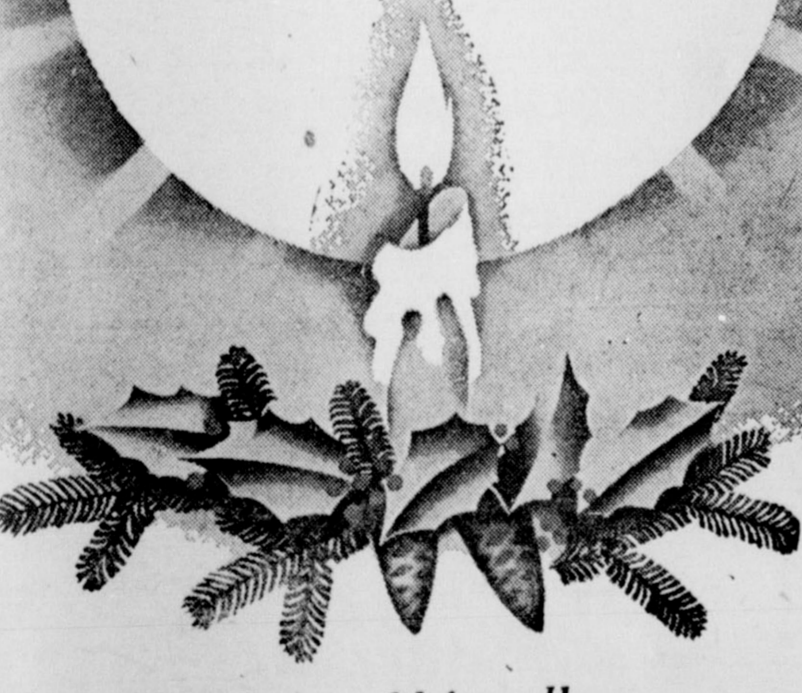
The residents of Bethlehem, Pa., follow this custom, which was brought to this country by early Moravian settlers, and spend months arranging the exhibit.
The word "putz" is short for the German "putzen" meaning to arrange or decorate.



Merry Christmas to All!

It's Christmas Eve. Everything lies in wait for the Big Day . . . the stockings ready for the filling . . . a tree adorned with multicolored balls prepared for the laughter and joyous voices of all who search 'neath it on the morrow for splendid gifts . . . warm, roomy chairs awaiting visitors to share Yuletide with the family. . . . On this night before Christmas, we wish one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
to All!



In the same old friendly way,
On the same old friendly day
We extend our very best wishes
For a very joyous Yuletide,
And a very Happy New Year.

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



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



WHITE HOUSE DOOR . . . If you were having Christmas dinner at the White House this is what you'd see as you approached it.

England has two towns with Christmas names. Christmas Pie is a small village near Guildford, Surrey, while Christmas Common is near Oxford and Henley.

Christmas Name For Three Islands

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

One is the largest atoll in the Pacific ocean. It was discovered in 1777 by Cook, and annexed by Great Britain in 1888. The island is about 100 miles round and less than 100 people live on it. They earn their livelihood by cultivating the island's coconut groves.

Another Christmas island is located in the Indian ocean, 200 miles south of Java. It is 12 miles long by nine miles wide. Surrounded by ocean depths of 14,000 feet, its own highest ground reaches more than 1,000 feet above sea level. It also belongs to Great Britain and a few hundred Chinese, Malays, Javanese, and a few Europeans are engaged in the shipping of phosphate of lime.

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



Flowers Are Part Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history. Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

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

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

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap. His hair was like a light. (O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast. His hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart. His hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee. His hair was like a crown, And all the flowers looked up at Him, And all the stars looked down. —G. K. Chesterton.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

One of the real pleasures of Christmas is the genuine joy of wishing happiness and good health to our many friends.

Shirley Hdw.
T. R. Shirley

At Christmas

May this message of thankful appreciation for your goodwill come to you at a time when you too are enjoying the pleasant memories of friendships that have lasted through long loyal years.

Super Service Station
GENE SPARKEY

"Come all ye faithful"

As the glad notes ring out, and the young voices of the choristers blend in joyous unison, we extend our heartfelt greetings for the Yuletide. May the spirit of Christmas bless you throughout the New Year!

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Oil - Gas Leases and Transfers & Conveyances

Everett C. Green et ux to J. R. Meeker, assignment, 160 acres NE fourth section 42, blk. R. AB&M. J. R. Meeker to Ed S. Hill, assignment, 160 acres NE fourth section, blk. R. AB&M.

R. L. Porter et ux to J. H. Bishop, royalty conveyance 1-8 of 1-8 non participating, in N half section 102, N half section 128 and N half section 56 all blk. 4T T&NO. Undivided 20 5120 non participating, in section 33 blk. R & B.

R. L. Porter et ux to Ernest Wilmoth, royalty conveyance 1-8 of 1-8 non participating in N half section 102, blk 4T.

Alice A. Allen et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 yrs, 160 acres, SW fourth section 118 blk 4T T&NO. Homer Allen et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 yrs, 320 acres N half section 153, blk 4T T&NO.

H. H. Crooks et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 640 acres section 39 blk. R, B & B.

Harry H. Crooks Jr. et al, to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 320 acres E half section 42 blk R & B.

Jesse N. French to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 320 acres W half section 90 blk 4T T&NO.

Vera B. Wroten to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 160 acres NW fourth section 122 blk 4T.

Garrett, Allen et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 482 acres E half & NW fourth section 118 blk 4T T&NO.

Charles Brock et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 640 acres, section 150 blk. 46. H&TC. J. L. Bryan et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease 10 years, 312 acres N half section 1, blk. R, B & B.

Marie Crawford et vir to E. N. Richardson, lease 10 years, 320 acres N half section 50 blk R, AB and M.

W. O. Groves et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 480 acres N and SE fourth section 119 blk 4T Tand NO.

Gwenfred A. Lackey to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 320 acres S half section 123 blk 4T T and NO.

Allen M. Pierce et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease 10 years 640 a, section 37, blk R B AND B.

R. L. Porter et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years 640 acres, Section 33, blk R B & B.

R. L. Porter to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 320 acres N half section 3, blk 3 SA and MG. Mary Margarite Smith et vir to

Humble Oil Co., lease, 10 years, 320 acres W half section 193, blk 45 H and TC.

L. W. Rosenbaum et ux to the Humble Oil Co., lease, 10 years, 1280 acres sections 149 and 152 blk 45 H and TC.

Claude Stowe et ux to Humble Oil Co., lease, 160 acres SE fourth section 148, blk 4T T and NO.

Claude Stowe et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 160 acres SE fourth section 148 blk 4T TandNO. W. B. Seitz to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 320 acres, section 182 H and TC, W half.

T. H. Taylor et ux to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 640 acres, section 150 blk 4T T and NO.

Listed below on the take-off sheet for November totade were 19 transactions of assignments from E. N. Richardson to the Humble Oil Company. The original lease are recorded above in the transactions from owners to E. N. Richardson, and this newspaper is not carrying the individual record of these transfers in these transfers in form of assignments as it would be a repetition of the legal description from owner to E. N. Richardson.

Olin L. Williams et ux to Barnsdall Oil Co., lease, 5 years, 40 acres NE fourth of NE fourth section 6, blk 3, SA&MDG.

R. L. Porter et ux to Dan B. Hoover, royalty deed 20/2560th non participating E half of sec. 192 blk 45, H and TC and S half section 19 blk 3 SA and MG.

J. W. Richmond et ux to J. R. Wilson, royalty deed 16 2560th non participating in N half section 193 blk 45 H and TC.

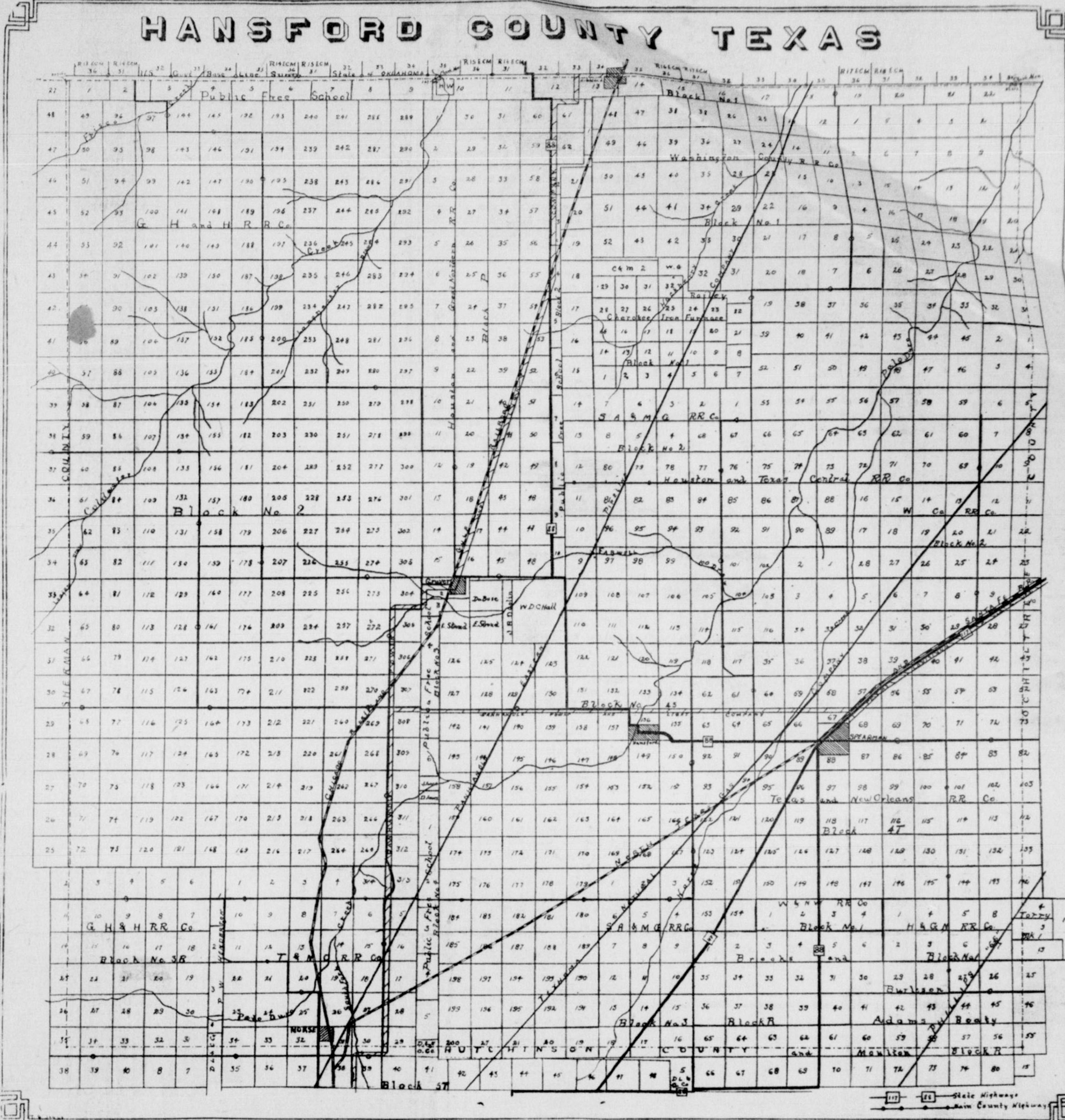
W. E. Davis to E. N. Richardson, lease, 10 years, 800 acres SE 4th Section 1 blk R Band B and sec. 35 blk R B and B.

Oscar Hamer to Phillips Pet. Co., lease, ending 2-8-54, 160 A., SW fourth section 232 blk 2 GH and H.

Bennie Hammer to Phillips Pet. Co., lease ending 2-8-54, 160 A., SE fourth section 232, blk 2, GH and H.

EDITORS NOTE - Readers interested in securing positive records of all transfers are advised to arrange with County Clerk F. J. Hoskins for the regular monthly Lease and Contract Record Take-off services. This will be absolutely correct, and will reach you each month in advance of the news that is printed in your home newspaper.

First Hansford County Deep Oil Test Spudded In On J. R. Collard Land



Checking the map above of Hansford County, the location of the new Gulf No. 1, J. R. Collard in Section No. 7 S. A. and M. G. Survey can be found by checking 13 sections west from the East

boundary of the county and checking 4 sections North from the south boundary of the county. The road to the new location from Spearman turns West from High-

way 117 at the corner of Sections 35 and 9 and goes direct west for 2 miles to the South East corner of Section No. 7. This place the new location a little more

than 11 and a half miles via road from Spearman. Location of the new gas well Jackson No. 1, Humble Refining and Oil Co. in section 44 Block 1,

GRUVER HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE (1948 - 1949)

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Dec. 3	Stratford	Stratford
Dec. 7	Perryton	Gruver
Dec. 10	Follett	Gruver
Dec. 14	Stinnett	Stinnett
Dec. 17	Spearman	Invitation Tournament (boys-girls)
Dec. 18	Spearman	Tournament
Dec. 21	Morse	Gruver
Jan. 4	Dumas	Invitation Tournament
Jan. 7	Claude	Invitation Tournament
Jan. 8	Claude	Tournament
Jan. 11	Spearman	Spearman
Jan. 14	Stratford Inv.	Turney
Jan. 15	Stratford	Invitation T.
Jan. 17	Perryton	Perryton
Jan. 18	Sunray	Sunray
Jan. 21	Canadian	Tournament (Girls)
Jan. 22	Canadian	Tournament G.
Jan. 25	Morse	Morse
Jan. 28	Spearman	Gruver
Feb. 1	Stratford	Gruver
Feb. 4	Dumas	Dumas
Feb. 5	Stinnett	Gruves
Feb. 8	Follett	Follett
Feb. 11	District Meet	at Sunray (Boys)
Feb. 15	Darrouzett	Gruver

Spearman High School basketball Schedule

December 13
Stratford Boys and Girls, Home
December 14
Darrouzett Boys, L and B, Home
December 16, 17, 18, Spearman
Tournament, (52 trophies), the
best tournament in school history
December 21
Perryton Boys A and B, There
December 31
Borger Boys A and B, Home
January 3rd
Follett Boys A and B, There
January 6
Follett Girls A and B Home
January 7
Claude Tournament
January 11
Gruver Boys and Girls, Home
January 13
Stratford Tournament (Girls)
January 14
Perryton Boys A and B Home
January 15
Phillips Boys A and B, There
January 18
Morse Boys and Girls, Home
January 21
Canadian Tournament
January 25
Stratford Boys and Girls, There
January 28
Gruver Boys and Girls, There
February 1
Stinnett Boys and Girls, Home
February 4
Darrouzett Boys and Girls There
February 5
Phillips Boys A and B Home
February 8
Borger Boys A and B There
February 11
District 1-B Tournament to be
held at Sunray.

Mabo's Elk
Idaho has one of the greatest
single herd of elk in the Northwest.
More than 5,000 elk were killed
from this herd by hunters in 1947.



It's Christmastime, and we are happy once more to extend our heartiest Yule greetings to a host of good friends, young and old, old and new.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

**Pattison
Motor
Supply**



... with a simple New Year message of thanks for your continued favors and a wish for a Happy New Year!

With Maggie Gone

By CAROLYN GRANT

It WAS late when old Dan left the factory where he worked, and he fell in great flakes from the sky. He stopped for a moment on the street, unmindful of the passerby and their thought-jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little pools of water that sought the deep creases of his sixty odd years had put there.

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

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

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



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

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys

behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others.

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

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

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

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

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."

Maggie smiled, he knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

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

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

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

Parents Can Spoil Children's Play

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

It'll be a hard one to keep because Mother likes to fuss with Ann's doll. She pretends she is showing Ann how to put on the bonnet, but she's actually having a grand time playing. And once Father gets his hands on the train, or the auto that winds up, the boys can't get near them.

It isn't fair. The children are crying for a little peace and freedom. After all, adults can play with toys for the next 364 days if they want to.

SOMEONE AT CHRISTMAS

By CARLE FREEMAN

THE little gift shop was crowded when Nancy entered it, but almost immediately she noticed Larry Bryant. She sensed the usual disturbance at sight of him, and recalling the trend of her thoughts for the past several minutes brought a flush of warmth to her cheeks. She'd been thinking, somewhat resentfully, as she went along the busy streets of the little town, how unfair it was that Christmas had come before she could get acquainted with someone in Davenport—Larry Bryant, for instance, department head at the electric plant where she worked. Christmas wasn't Christmas unless it could be shared with someone.

And now Larry was standing at the dish counter deciding about a pair of little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers. It didn't matter particularly that he'd buy the shakers—aside from the significance of such an act—but she'd had her own heart set on them more or less for a week. Larry had been in the shop every afternoon that she'd been there, but this was his first time at the dish counter. The little shakers were as good as gone.

The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them. These are the last ones, and they are a bargain at eight dollars. They came all the way from Sweden."

"I know—" Nancy had said, but she had thought they'd be an extravagance and look out of place on the little table in her corner



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kitchenette at Lil Ransom's old rooming house. Then there'd be no one to admire them—only herself.

"They might be gone the next time you come," the girl had said when Nancy left the counter.

But they'd been there the next time Nancy went back to the little gift shop. Every afternoon for a week they'd been there, as if

awaiting for mind to buy them.

Nancy held her breath as she watched Larry from a distance. For now she knew that if he didn't take the shakers, she'd buy them herself.

But even as Nancy watched, she saw him hand the shakers to a clerk.

She tried to push her disappointment aside and select an inexpensive little gift for one of her co-workers at the plant. Tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and the employees and officials of the plant had drawn names as part of a gift-giving program they'd planned to have about the huge, gayly decorated tree in the arched entrance.

Nancy dreaded the occasion, more so now than before. She regretted the day she'd left her home town to take a better job in Davenport. Why hadn't she waited until after Christmas to make the change!

When the time came the next day for the program, Nancy took the gift that was handed to her and slipped from the crowd. She wouldn't be missed, she thought bitterly, as she hurried from the building. Snow fell softly about her in a gentle burst from the dark sky, and the ring of voices from the plant followed her in a kind of haunting, sad beauty.

Inside her apartment she looked down at the gayly wrapped package in her hands through a blur of tears. It was the only Christmas gift she'd received, and it had been given only because someone had drawn her name.

She unwrapped the package, and suddenly the blur cleared to reveal the little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers with the long, saucy ears—one up and one limping down provocatively.

Her heart thrummed in her throat. Larry had drawn her name. But the cost of the gifts they were to exchange was not to go over twenty-five cents!

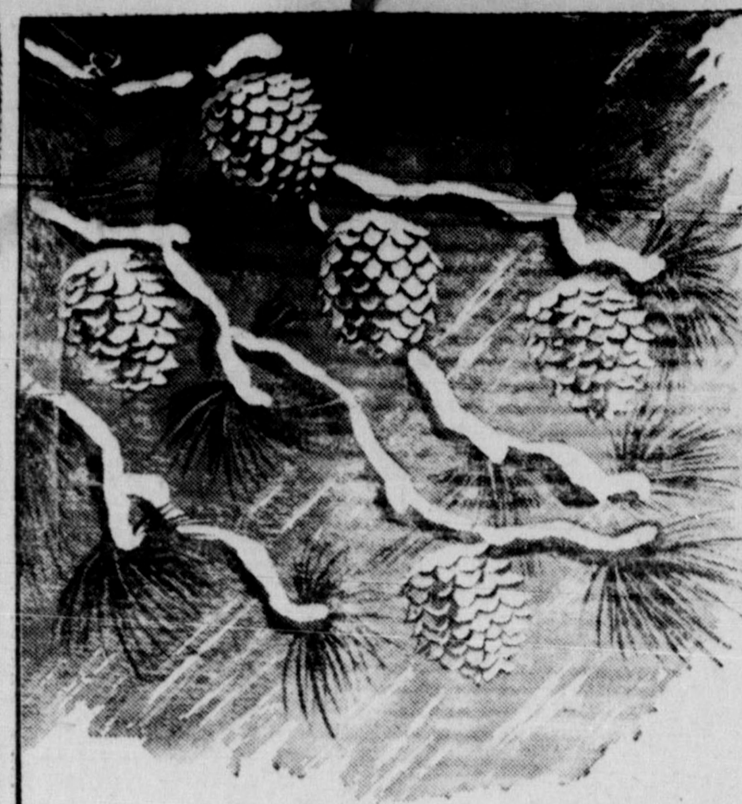
Lil Ransom called up the stairs. "You're wanted on the phone, and 'tis a man."

Nancy placed the little shakers carefully on the table and turned to the door. The hum of "Silent Night" came from Lil Ransom's radio up the sweep of stairs, and Nancy found herself singing the words softly as she dashed down them, for she knew even before she heard his voice who was waiting for her on the telephone.

Portable Elevator Saves Labor and Time on Farm

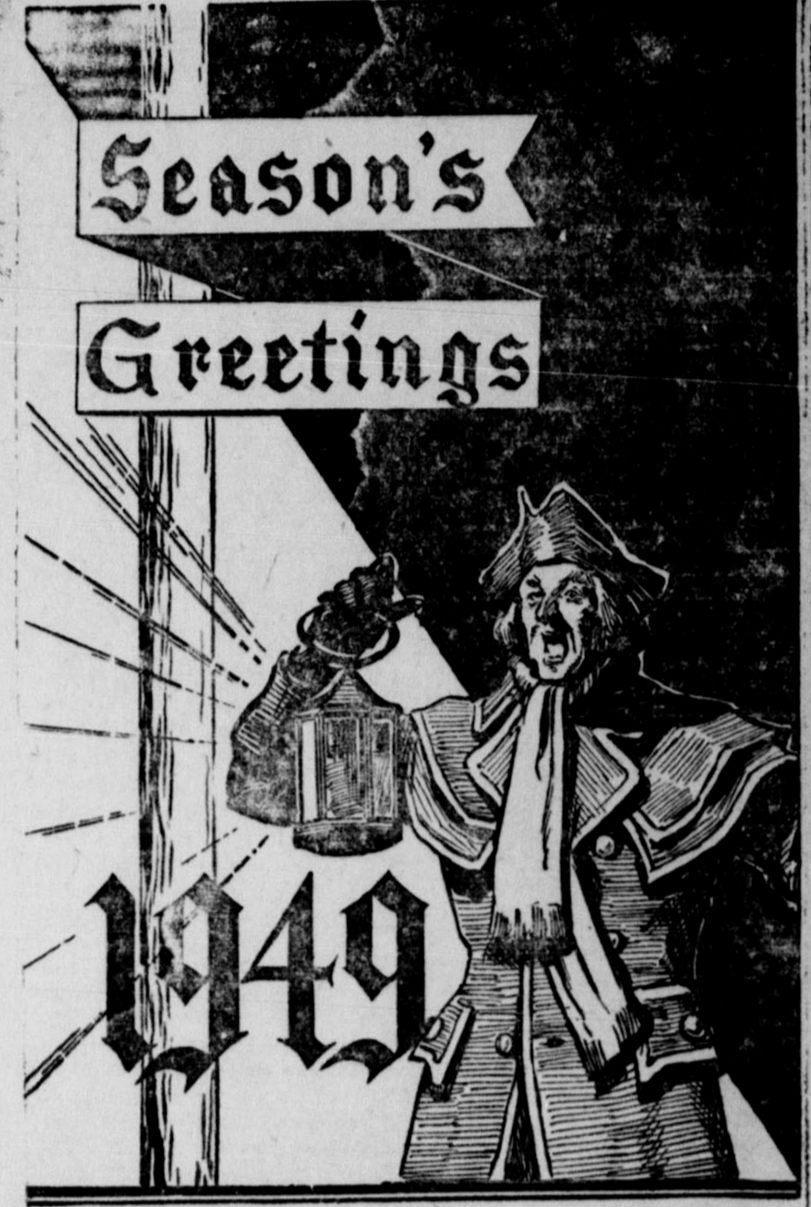
Easily constructed on the farm and powered with a fractional horsepower motor, the portable elevator-conveyor saves much back-breaking labor as well as time in the handling and storing of grains.

Cost of construction is estimated at about \$1 per lineal foot, compared with \$1.85 per lineal foot for ready-made equipment. Cost of operation also is low. Plans are available through rural electric co-ops.



SEASON'S Greetings

May good cheer and contentment be yours on this joyous holiday.



Good Health! Good Cheer!

W. A. ELLSWORTH, Gulf Wholesale



As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you and yours this joyous Yuletide season.

Spearman Hardware

John Bishop



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



The old year is breathing out its last hours in a hush of expectancy. But in that quiet we know that there are horns waiting to be sounded, bells waiting to be rung, hearts waiting to be lifted with bright new hopes. May 1949 be a happy New Year for you!

Cates Grocery and Market

SHORT STORY
Night Trip
By RUTH K. KENT

MAMMA tried to rest her head against the stiff plush seat back. My land, how did a body get any sleep on these trains? Mamma glanced at the girl sharing her seat. She was stylish looking. Papa had found this seat when he put mamma on the train. "She's young. She'll take care of you," he'd whispered.

Mamma needed someone to look after her. . . this was her first train trip in years, and she wouldn't be going now if Hank hadn't urged that Irene had to go to the hospital. And who would take care of her grandchildren . . . ?

She waited for the girl to turn her way. Maybe she was bashful. She hadn't said a word and they'd been riding an hour. Mamma leaned back with a sigh. She was tucked out, and her throat felt funny. Goodness, was she going to have a fainting spell? A drink of water . . . where was it? She caught the girl's eye. "Do you know where the drinking water is?" mamma asked. "At the end of the car. Bring me one, too, will you?"

Mamma pulled the gold watch from her belt. Eight o'clock. The time when she and papa always had a snack. Mamma brushed at her eyes. Silly to miss the old coat so.

Mamma took the shoe box from her knitting bag. She could feel the girl watching. "Want a sandwich?" mamma smiled, "these are chicken and these home-made liver sausage." The girl reached for the chicken sandwiches, both of them.

Mamma was tired. She twisted sideways and tried the back of the seat again. She tried putting up her arm and leaning her head on it, but the arthritis in her fingers started aching. The girl looked so comfortable and mamma sat back and watched her. Pretty little thing.

MAMMA remembered when Hank was a baby. Big oversized youngster, never would let her cuddle him. She'd always

longed for a girl. But the second baby, the one that didn't live was a boy too. And so were the grandchildren. People were milling about the car and every time the door opened a draft swept over mamma. She looked longingly at the girl, nestled in comfort. As if feeling mamma's eyes on her, the girl turned and stretched. "Comfortable?" mamma asked. The girl yawned. "No. It's too hard."

Mamma looked longingly at the window sill. "You have to share. Now if we could sort of rest on each other . . ."

The sudden mouth curved into a smile. "All right," the girl said.



She looked like a girl to take care of Mamma, Papa thought. She hunched up her knees and rested her head against mamma. "My lands," mamma gasped. But the girl was breathing steadily already. Mamma looked down at her. She never saw a girl with hair so yellow and eyes so dark. The lines around the red mouth were soft now, the lips full. Mamma looked about cautiously, then slipped a timid arm around the girl. She felt cuddly as a baby. Mamma wakened at daylight. "Oh my goodness, I'm almost there." She patted her hair and smiled at the girl.

HANK scooped mamma from the train. "Gee, ma . . ." he kissed her, "the baby's here and Irene's okay." Mamma's eyes were watching

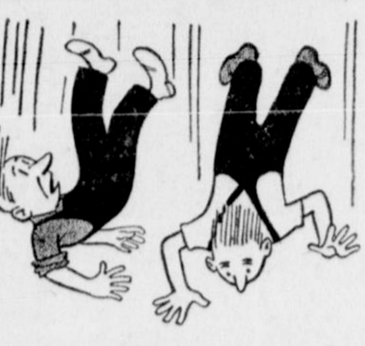
the tall girl walk away. Then Hank hustled mamma into the car. "Was it a rotten trip, ma?"

Mamma nodded. "The train was crowded and cold. But I sat with the nicest girl. If it wasn't for her I couldn't of stood the trip. She did . . . so much for me."

She squeezed Hank's arm and it was hard and strong. "Another boy, I suppose," she sighed. Hank shook his head. "Girl this time." And mamma remembered golden hair, a soft cuddly body . . .

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Farmer Falls Hardest



Life on the farm is far more arduous for the farmer and his sons than it is for his wife and his daughters.

In fact, a survey covering 15,000 farms the country over, made by the department of agriculture, reveals that about four times as many accidents happened to men and boys between the ages of 14 and 65 as were suffered by farm women and girls. Of the youngsters under 14 injured, nearly 65 per cent were boys.

More farm people were injured by falls than any other type of accident, with the majority of mishaps involving falling on steps and stairs and from vehicles. Men and boys were victims of twice as many injuries, from falls as were women and girls.

Of the total number of farm accidents, 56 per cent were connected with farm work and 8 per cent with housework. The age period from 25 to 45 was disclosed as the most dangerous.

CAA Prohibits 2,4-D Use In Weed-Killing Flights

Dusting a weed-killing 2,4-D dusts from airplanes has been prohibited by D. W. Rieger, administrator of the CAA. A request of the U. S. department of agriculture, following many complaints that drifting dust had injured cotton and other broad-leaved crops. When waivers are issued to operators using aircraft for dusting or spraying, a special provision will be included which will prohibit use of 2,4-D in dust form. The restriction will not apply to 2,4-D sprays or to insecticide and fungicide dusts such as are used to destroy the boll weevil and specific plant diseases.

Use of the chemical 2,4-D was developed during the war by agricultural department scientists as an effective weed killer for many of the most troublesome weeds common on farms and on city lawns. It kills most broad-leaved plants and is not injurious to most members of the grass family when properly used. Because of this fact it is now widely used to help control bindweed and other broad-leaved weeds in grain fields. It is being used with good results on weeds in corn, which is a member of the grass family.

Carbon Monoxide Liberation

It is not always easy to tell when an appliance is liberating carbon monoxide through incomplete combustion, but certain things may well be regarded as warnings. Any odor (which does not come from grease, varnish or other material about the flame to which the odor can be definitely ascribed) is a cause for suspicion. Of course, carbon monoxide has no odor; but when any odorless substance is liable to assume the flame it is pretty oxide is liberated. The usual odor accompanying the liberation of carbon monoxide is slightly irritating but is not particularly unpleasant when not too strong. Many people will identify the odor at once as that given off by a plumber's or tinner's gasoline torch. It has no resemblance to the odor of the unburned gas. Unfortunately the absence of any odor is not a positive indication that carbon monoxide is not being liberated, even in dangerous quantity.

Electric Cord Repair Frayed electric cords may be repaired either by cutting out the broken piece and inserting a cord connector, or by cutting out the frayed or broken part of the cord, splicing and soldering.

Protecting Basements

Precautions which home builders should take to insure dry basements include locating the house so that the ground falls away from the foundation in all directions, thus providing natural drainage. Gutters and downspouts should not only be sound and clean but large enough for a capacity downpour. Where there is danger from surface water, the foundation walls should be drained with joint drain tile laid at or below the level of the footing to carry off excess water. When ground water is present near the level of the basement floor, moisture may enter by capillary action. Even solid concrete, properly used and thick enough to withstand pressure, is not watertight without waterproofing. Some waterproofing materials are mixed with the concrete. Damp-proof cement plaster may be applied either to interior or exterior walls, or both.

Blood Spots in Eggs Improper nutrition of laying birds, rather than any hereditary factor, is believed to be the cause of blood spots in eggs.

Hardening Cast-Iron James Olive was granted a patent in 1898 for hardening cast-iron so as to greatly improve its wearing and scouring qualities.

Ben Franklin as M. D.

By profession, Benjamin Franklin was a printer and publisher. Much is known of him as Franklin, the statesman, the inventor, the engineer, the agriculturalist, the oceanographer, the meteorologist, the botanist, the physicist and a host of other talents. But one of the least known facets of Franklin's multi-sided nature is that of the medical scientist. Yet his contributions to the field of medicine were important and one of his chief interests was the study and cure of disease. Although he had no formal medical education or title, his researches on the common cold, lead poisoning and other ailments were outstanding. Some of his contributions to medical literature, such as his letters to Dr. Cadwallader Evans and Benjamin Vaughan, upon the causes of Colica Pictorum ("dry stomachache") and his numerous papers on catarrhs and contagious colds have become classics.

Dormant Dollars in Peat Latest available estimates place Minnesota's peat resources at somewhat more than half the estimated U. S. figure of 12,828,000,000. The U. S. figure is said to exceed that of any other nation with the exception of

Hawaii, Chain of Islands, Extends for 1,500 Miles

Many mainlanders visualize Hawaii as one island, forgetting momentarily their Pacific geography. As a matter of fact, the Hawaiian archipelago is a cluster of islands. The entire chain extends 1,500 miles diagonally across the Pacific, from tiny Ocean Island on the northwest to the Island of Hawaii on the southeast; but the eight islands of the main group are encompassed in a distance of 400 miles, with a combined land area of about 6,400 miles.

Semi-tropical, the islands lie just below the northern limits of the Tropic of Cancer. The five principal islands of scenic interest to the visitor are Oahu (site of Honolulu), Kauai, Maui, Hawaii and Molokai.

All different, these five islands present a variety of attractions unparalleled in the world. All have been highly developed, especially agriculturally. Comfortable resorts and good roads have brought many unspoiled beauty spots within convenient range of visitors in the last few years.

Oahu's points of interest are by no means limited to Honolulu, although city and suburbs alone hold varied attractions.

Greetings for Christmas

The most cherished of gifts bestowed upon us by the outgoing year is the confidence of those we have been privileged to serve. Ever appreciative of this pleasant relationship, we want to express to our many good friends our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas season and a very happy New Year.

Spearman Dry Goods

Roy Russell Spearman, Texas

Season's Greetings

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

Sid Beck Service Station

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To everyone whom we are privileged to call "friend and neighbor" go our heartfelt expressions of the Season's joyous sentiments.

GRUVER DRUG

Thursday, Dec. 23, 1948

Farm Topics

Poultrymen Advised To Retain All Pullets Culling Hens Is Means Of Increasing Returns

To assure top poultry profits during the winter season, keep an all-pullet flock. Pullets lay in the fall and winter when egg prices are high. At the same time, old hens are going through their fall molt and consuming 25 to 30 pounds of feed while producing no eggs.

In the spring, when old hens resume laying, egg prices are down, thus necessitating a very heavy layer to pay the \$1.50 feed bill which was amassed during the winter months.

Old hens may be sold at once or they may be culled individually as they go out of production.

A weekly check of the old hen flock will enable the poultryman to cull out the loafers. If an old hen flock is maintained over the winter months, separate housing for pullets and old hens should be provided for best management and disease control.

As another step in culling the poultry flock, old roosters also should be eliminated. They serve no useful purpose and eat lots of feed.

Some pullets also may have to be culled if the flock is to be maintained at the desired size for profitable operation throughout the winter. In this case, only the best potential layers should be retained. A good ready-to-lay pullet is one that is smoothly feathered, plump in body and carries richly pigmented shanks.

Pullets so developed can be brought into 50 per cent egg production without crowding by the time they are six months old. Pullets, however, never should be forced into high production during their first two months of laying.

Innovation for Farmers



Marking another step forward in the advancing standard of living for the American farmer, the first radio designed and built expressly for use on farm tractors now is on the market.

The new radio, introduced by a Kansas City manufacturer, gives the farmer access during his working hours in the field to whatever

he desires in the way of entertainment, news reports, crop information and weather forecasts. Equipped with a universal mounting, this set is readily installed on any make or model farm tractor. Cabinet and chassis are weather-proof and shockproof. Eight tubes, including two rectifiers, a superheterodyne circuit and telescope antenna comprise the power unit.

Fertilizer Is Valuable For Succeeding Crops

Farmers who think fertilizer costs should be charged off in one year are overlooking carry-over assets that pay long-term dividends in bigger crop yields, according to Middle West Soil Improvement committee. A good feed of fertilizer gives the soil a backlog of plant nutrients that benefit succeeding crops. Well-fertilized legume-grass crops in any good soil building program leave behind them important carry-over values. Legume-grass mixtures fed with plenty of phosphate and potash will add to the soil's organic matter and build soil structure. They will improve tilth, drainage and will improve tillage and soil ventilation.

Because of these carry-over benefits, agronomists recommend a minimum of three years for charging the cost of fertilizer applications.

Thorough Check of Silo Will Prevent Wastage

Silos will help to assure good use of this year's bumper crop of cornstalks. To prevent waste of the ensiled crop, however, the silo must be in good condition.

Thorough cleaning is the first step, entailing cleaning out the pit and scraping old silage off walls. Walls should be examined for air leaks, using melted paraffin to fill small cracks in mortar joints or between silo staves.

SHORT STORY

Tale Of A Mouse

By M. J. COLLINS

STAN JACKSON owned the service station beside the pine grove a few miles outside the town. It was a good location and Stan made a fair living. He was a happy-go-lucky sort and everyone liked him, but he had one great fault. He loved to talk. Once he got started it was hard to head him off. Mice were his pet subject at that moment, and he claimed if everyone started to catch them systematically, the country would be saved a million every year.

"This was Saturday and he'd been busy all day, and so had the cash register.

"What's going on now?" Highway Patrolman Clancy asked as he stepped in.

Stan looked up the corner where he was bent over fixing something.

"I'm trying to catch a mouse," he answered, "and having a time of it, too."

"Trying to save a million dollars, I'll bet," Clancy laughed.

"Listen, Stan," Clancy turned serious. "There's been a lot of service stations robbed lately. Don't leave too much cash around."

"Oh, they'd never bother with a place like this," Stan's mind wasn't on Clancy's warning. "Now if I could only catch that mouse," Clancy fled.

The next few hours were busy ones for Stan. The farmers, in town for the evening, were his main

customers, but now they were gone and he could close.

Hardly had he settled down when there was a "snap."

"Ah," he cried. "I've got you this time!" Jumping to his feet, he rushed back to the corner. He pushed the box aside, but the mouse was gone, and so was the cheese. Perplexed, Stan scratched his head. This mouse had put it over him for almost a week.

"I'll get you yet!" he muttered shaking a fist.

THE CAR grinding to a stop woke him up. Hardly before he was out of the chair, the door opened and a man stepped in.

"Good evening," Stan said. "The man looked hard and grim. "Stand where you are!" The voice sent chills up and down Stan's spine.

"Put up your hands."

An automatic's snout was pointed where Stan had. Right now it was his heart was.

A shot up with all possible speed. A flashy girl came in and stood beside the man.

"Yeah, wise guy," the girl said. Stan's eyes stole toward the cash register. There was almost \$200 in it.

If Clancy were only here. Stan's ears were straining for the sound of the motorcycle.

"Here," the man said curtly, "hold the gun on him." She took



The man looked hard and grim.

it while he emptied the register. The sight of his vanishing money made Stan see red.

"Don't try it, sap!" the woman said coldly, motioning him back out of a hole in the wall. The mouse started to run across the floor. The girl screamed and, dropping the gun, scrambled up on a chair.

Cursing, the man turned. All the fury in Stan's fist crashed into his face. He went crashing into the wall and slumped.

In the excitement the sound of the motorcycle had gone unnoticed. Clancy stepped inside, surveyed the scene and quietly asked, "What goes on?"

Stan sighed with relief. "You're just in time."

"I think so," Clancy said, dryly, taking the gun out of the shaking hand. "This might go off and damage someone . . . even you."

After the two had been taken away, Stan served Clancy coffee in the rear. Clancy asked, "How did you get the drop on them?"

"Well," Stan replied, "he handed the gun to the girl. Mi-gosh, wait!" he cried, rushing out front. In a few seconds he was back. "Look at this," he cried, holding up the trap. The mouse was pinned by the tail.

"Ah! Success!" Clancy chuckled. "The mouse proved my argument," Stan beamed. "It saved the country \$200."

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Farm Topics

Electricity Assures Water for Livestock

Economical Installation For Winter Suggested

Electricity, which has eased the farmer's chores, has come to the aid of farm animals, too.

Through the medium of electricity, Dobbin and Bossy no longer need fear that their drinking water supply will be shut off during the cold winter months.

Tests by agricultural engineers have demonstrated that electricity is economical to provide warm water for livestock during the winter. Watering devices were operated at a cost as low as 70 kilowatt hours per month, representing an outlay of \$1.40 at two cents per kilowatt.

Some farmers are finding that their installations are expensive to operate, principally because of lack

of insulation or because too much water is heated.

The following suggestion will help to make an ideal installation:

1. Use as small a tank as possible, definitely not more than 150 gallons.

2. Install a float so the size of the tank can be reduced. Commercial units now on the market use only a drinking cup.

3. Use at least three or four inches of commercial insulation and cover all sides, leaving room for only one or two animals to drink.

4. Install a baffle board to prevent air movement over the water under the insulated top.

Use of electricity makes it safe to install the tank inside the barn or in a shed, which will encourage livestock to drink more water and thus increase milk and meat production.

Horses Need Attention During Stabled Period

Disease and injury that some times prove crippling can be prevented by giving special attention to horses' feet during the stabled period. Brittle hoofs, spongy hoofs, thrush and foot canker are the four diseases commonly caused by bad stable conditions.

Clean, dry floors are recommended as a precaution. The feet of stabled animals also should be trimmed at least once a month.

This horse can laugh at Old Man Winter as a result of this floating water heater, an electrical de-icer which assures farm animals a drink despite the cold.

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It's an ideal time

to wish for you all

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



This is the time old friends meet, so we're in line to wish you well.

We hope the coming year brings fulfillment of your fondest hopes.

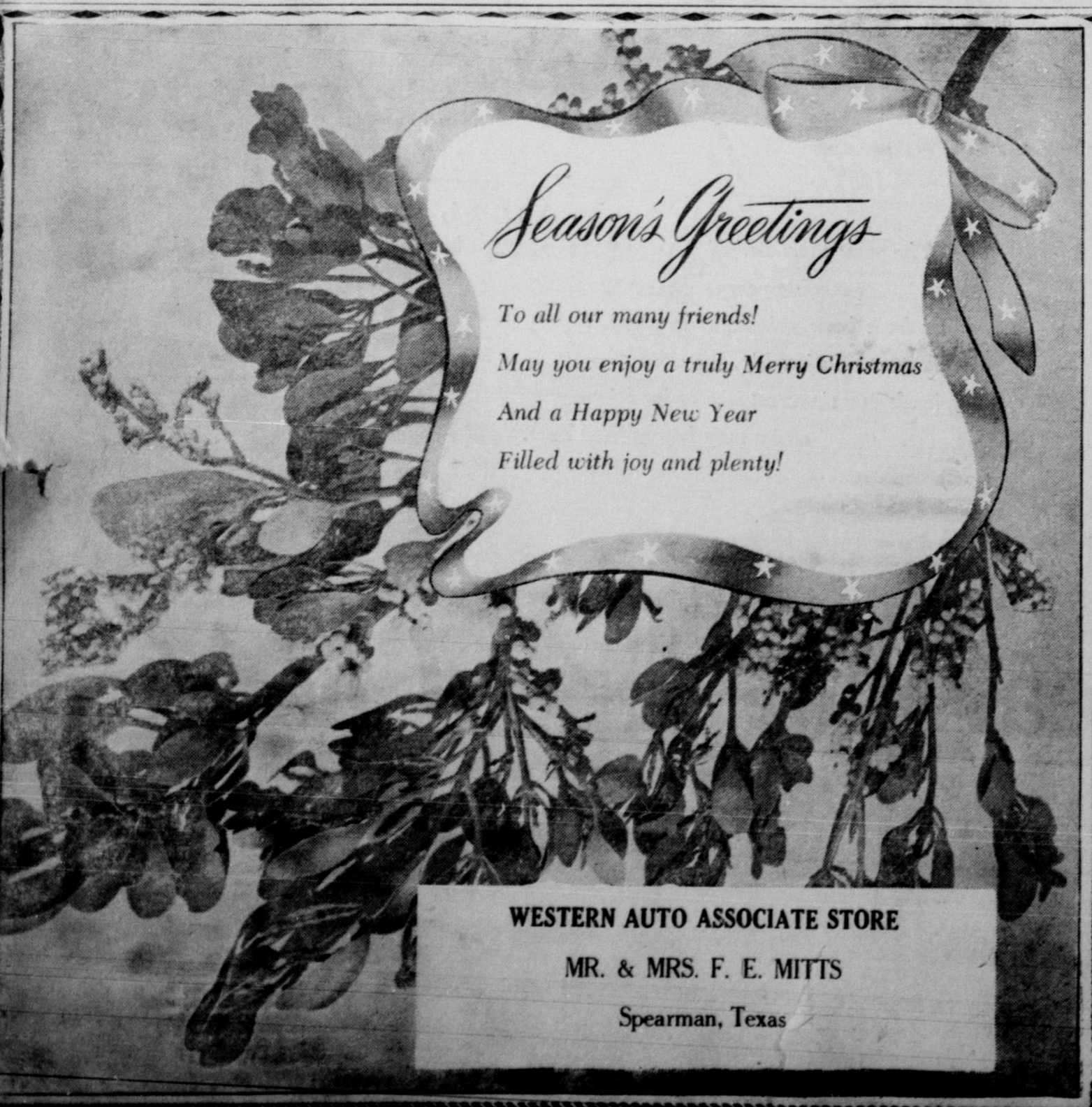
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infect or weaken the framework of the plant. Evergreens and shrubs which produce blossoms on the current season's growth may be pruned without taking extra precautions. Those plants that produce blossoms on last seasons growth must be pruned carefully to prevent cutting of the flowers which will appear next spring. Some common plants of this type are flowering quince, bush honey-suckle, and spirea.

BULBS: It is still time to plant some bulbs; however, Oct and November are considered the best time for this climate. Tulips, Jonquils, narcissi, daffodils, snow drops, and crocuses as well as many of the lilies may be planted now. Bulbs must be planted in well drained soil in which there has been incorporated a liberal supply of leaf mold to give adequate aeration to the soil. A mixture of one teaspoonful of 5-10-5 fertilizer for each five foot length of row mixed in with the soil thoroughly before the bulbs are planted will be most helpful.

Transplanting and Pruning
Suggestions
Transplanting shrubs to relieve crowded places and to fill in bare spaces should be done before spring. The sooner the better. Peaches, plums, pears, pecans, walnuts and grapes may be used for screens, borders and shade. They are as beautiful as most ornamentals. Fruit trees and roses may be planted now.

Winter Care of Tender Plants
Many plants that have been grown out doors during the warmer months must be brought indoors during the freezing weather. Such plants should be potted up in good soil and placed in a light ventilated room. Proper light, aeration and care are necessary for successful growth.

Overworking the G.O.S.K.
At the recent convention of the United Mine Workers, a great deal of discussion centered around future demands that the union may make on the soft coal operators. The indications were that

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St. Grubs Are Robbers
Treat cattle with strubs
gallons of water to a
take two or three
in a fruit jar, punch a
holes in the lid for a
sprinkle it on the backs and rub
in good.

Turkish Towels
It is not necessary to iron Turkish towels. Ironing may mat the loops and make the towel less absorbent.

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of Capt. W. L. Stagner, department head, visited the Eagle Quarry at Garhage, Mo. The Plant at Picher, Oklahoma, Concrete - Picher, Oklahoma; the Kansas and the Mineral Museum at Joplin, Mo.

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Cadet Lowe on Field Trip
Lexington, Mo., Dec 7, 1948 - Cadet George Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Lowe of Gruber, a student at Wentworth Military academy here was a member of the college geology class which made a field trip covering three states to study rock formations and to observe quarries in operation.

New Hope for Amputee Vets
wounded in Britain who lost limbs has been raised by a remarkable artificial hand, just perfected. It has joined fingers which enable dexterous manual work. It has just been made by British veterans who lost limbs during World War II. The hand was invented by a young Irish architect. It is made of wood and metal, and weighs 17 ounces. The hand can get a firm grip by means of small rubber pads set on larger pad of fingers and thumb. A netted to a shoulder brace. The wearer has only to exert an almost imperceptible shrug of his shoulder to grasp any object he wishes.

Mealybug, Fig Tree Pest
Chief enemy of the fig tree is the mealybug. Mealybugs become numerous on branches, leaves and fruit of the fig tree. They multiply very rapidly in the spring and early summer, and before maturity of the fruit might cause a total loss by completely despoiling or causing the tree to lose all of its leaves and shed its fruit. The fig mealybug is a small, soft-bodied insect with a cottony mass of waxy secretion in cracks under the bark and in the winter. When the weather warms up in the spring, the overwintered mealybugs come out and establish themselves on the new leaves.

Japan's Wheat Crop
From a position of relative unimportance, wheat in recent years has become one of the major crops in Japan. During 1941-45, production averaged 46,505,000 bushels per acre with an average yield of 2.3 bushels per acre and yields per acre of 1,902,000 bushels.

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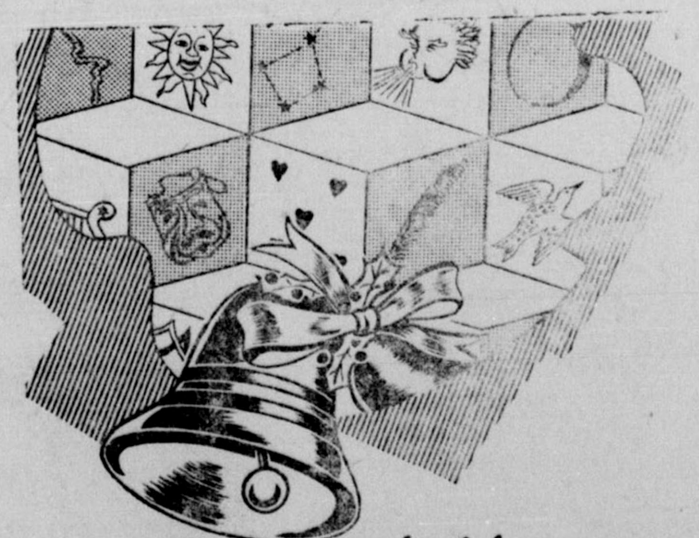


A Very Merry Christmas

1948

Hearty greetings, and a sincere wish for your happiness on Christmas Day.

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Happy New Year

WE look forward to another year of pleasant relations with you.

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Yuletide Cheer

CHRISTMAS with its simple, beloved ceremonies, its laughter and light-heartedness, is here. Let us celebrate it well, and may it be a truly happy Christmas for you

Crawford Implement Co. Ott Crawford

Thursday, Dec. 23, 1948



The minstrels played their Christmas time. Tonight beneath my cottage eaves. While, smitten by a lofty moon. The encircling laurels, thick with leaves. Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen. That overpowered their natural green.

Through hill and valley every breeze Had sunk to rest with folded wings; Keen was the air, but could not freeze. Nor check the music of the strings; So stout and hardy were the bands That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened till was paid Respect to every inmate's claim. The greeting given, the music played In honor of each household name. Duly pronounced with lusty cheer And "merry Christmas" all.



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been with the company for years," scoffed Mr. Kibb, as he left, "besides, you've got to admit she endorsed each check." "Mr. Thorne," said a voice behind him as Mark studied the personnel files. "Why, Miss Justin!" he said, "I wasn't expecting you. Were you to work tonight?" "No, I came to see you. I overheard you and Mr. Kibb talking about those checks and it had me worried. Is something wrong?" "Flenky," said Thorne. It was hard to begin. He ran a nervous hand through his black hair. "Then you know about the checks—you cashed them?" "Yes, I cashed the checks because Mr. Dyhart told me to. Wait—you don't believe I took all that money!" He saw cold, tight lines etched

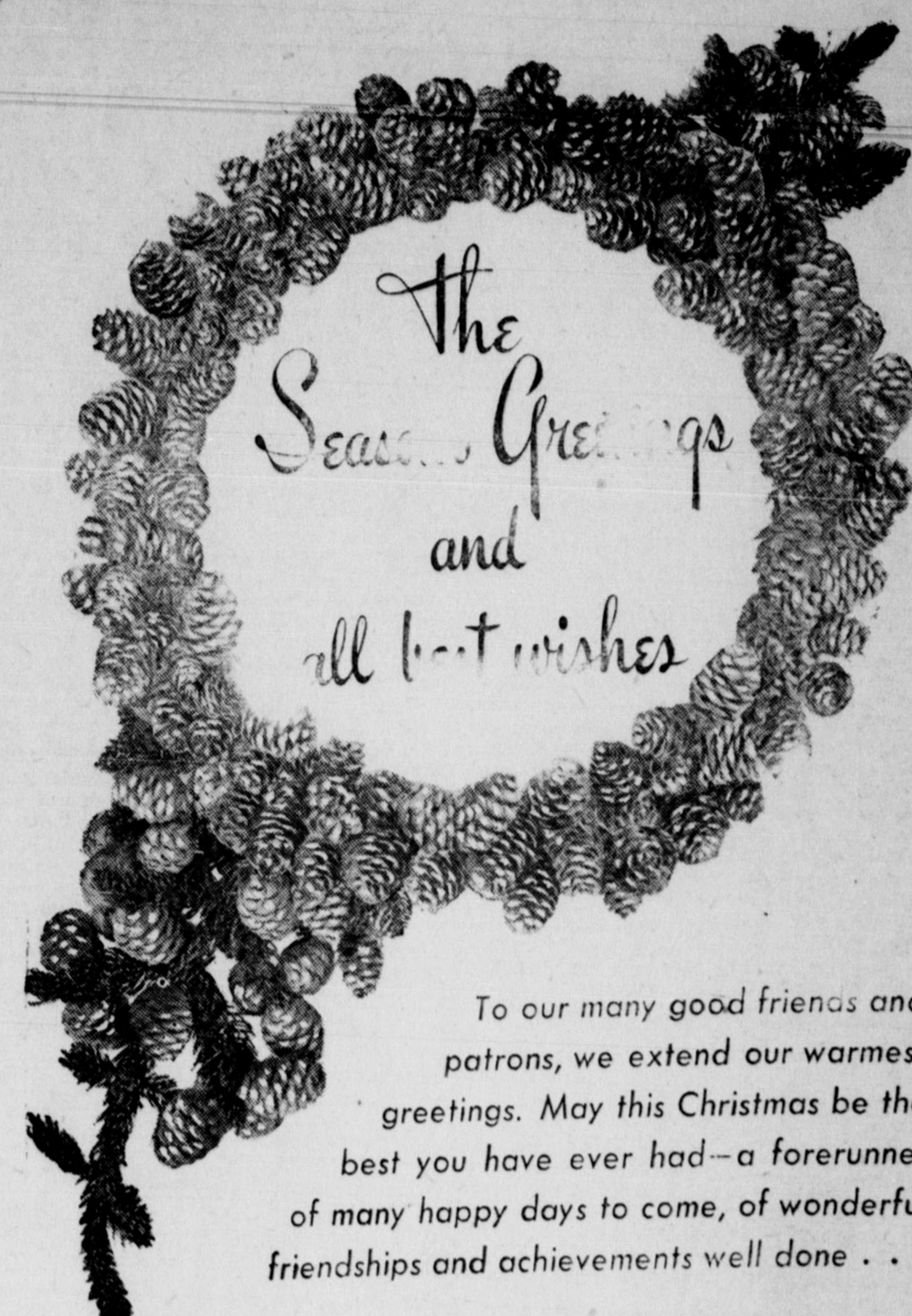
"I guess you won't hang out your shingle," said Miss Justin. only sound was the tick of a clock. The pen dropped from Dyhart's hand and plopped on the rug. Thorne snatched the pen. "Never mind, Dyhart, that's enough. This afternoon we asked every employee to copy that signature. Not one hesitated. You did, and you're guilty. I reasoned, since the teller passed those checks, the signature, though doctored a bit, was actually yours—disguised!" A groan fed Dyhart's lips. "I wanted to get the money back in time," he gasped. "I didn't mean to involve Miss Justin, but she was

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my secretary. Don't swear out a warrant, Thorne. I'll pay it all back—" After they were in the street, Thorne took a deep breath. It made him tingle and look up at the stars pinned on a clear sky. "Well, you're still a travelling auditor with a job so I guess you won't hang out your shingle," said Miss Justin softly. "If I could find a secretary, a good one. Miss Justin—would you—" "Take dictation from you?" Miss Justin laughed when she heard. "Miss Justin—would you—" "Take dictation from you?" Miss Justin laughed when she heard. "Miss Justin—would you—" "Take dictation from you?" Miss Justin laughed when she heard.



When we played hiding games he'd seem to have an uncanny sense of where to look. He knew about the flat stone over the abandoned well behind the chicken coop before I showed it to him, the loose board on the floor of my closet, the recesses over the eaves in the attic, and the door to the unused cold storage vault in the cellar. He even knocked on one of the inside walls where it sounded hollow, and he said: "There was a window there once." When Uncle Clem died I cried all night. Mother had to go into his personal things. His will was made out to her, leaving her enough to buy the house. I'll never forget her cry of surprise when she came across an old newspaper clipping he had saved. It was about his retirement from business. I have it now. "Clement B. Hale," it began. "was served a testimonial dinner last night by the insurance company which he has served for 40 years. This is a record for the company, stated John H. Quinn, the president, who presented Mr. Hale with a gold watch. Hale, who now retires on pension, was born March 19, 1852, on Inwood Lane, Claremont." Released by WNU Features



To our many good friends and patrons, we extend our warmest greetings. May this Christmas be the best you have ever had—a forerunner of many happy days to come, of wonderful friendships and achievements well done . . .

Merry Christmas

The joy in wishing you a Merry Christmas can only be equaled in the pleasure of voicing our hope for your happiness and good health during the coming new year.

McCLELLAN CHEVROLET COMPANY
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New Year Greetings

As we crown the New Year and give it a royal welcome we wish year-round happiness for you in brimming measure.

White House Lumber Co.
Ed Hutton, Mgr.

SHORT STORY
Leading Lady
By MARION BOUCHER

DAN is really a dear and I'd rather have him for a husband than Charles Boyer, but sometimes he is terribly forgetful. It was un-pardonable of him to forget the play.

We were having breakfast when he calmly announced: "Won't be home for dinner."

I'm going to see Ferris at last about that advertising contract. I wanted to bring him here for the evening but he seemed to have other plans. Anyway, I am taking him to dinner and we'll be able to discuss matters."

"And that's what you intend to do tonight?" I asked icily.

"Why yes, hon, why not?" Dan gulped down his coffee and looked at me with an innocent air. "Sure hope I can swing the deal."

"But tonight's our Little Theater play! How could you forget? Or maybe you can't be bothered with it—maybe you don't want to see me act!"

"Doris, so help me, it slipped my mind completely! I was so anxious to see Ferris that I didn't think of anything else. Perhaps if we get through early . . . but you'd better count on it."

"I was almost in tears. Dan was angry too. "And I am glad it will be over tonight—I am getting tired of coming home to a cold supper, with you rushing off to rehearsals every night."

"Why, Dan, you know you're exaggerating—it hasn't been every night. I thought you were proud that I was given the lead."

"I am going to be late for my bus," Dan muttered and hurried away without even goodby. We don't quarrel very often and I always feel badly when we do.

BUT to think he'd forgotten about the play! Our club had been slaving over it for weeks and our director, who didn't hand out many compliments, had told me that I played the lead very well.

I felt a little guilty when I thought what Dan had said about cold suppers. Perhaps I had neglected him lately. All day I kept thinking un-necessarily of Dan. I kept hoping he'd phone. The day went by without a word.

"Very well, Mr. Crawford!" I thought angrily as I got ready to go to the theater. "If you don't care about my activities I can get along quite nicely without you. Other people appreciate my talents!"

Hadn't I often been told that I should have gone on the stage? Well, I might yet!

Perhaps it was my anger which helped me play my role with more spirit. After the first act, I knew the play was going to be a success, knew too that I was playing my part well.

There were compliments but suddenly my success turned to ashes. I didn't care about the play any more—I was thinking of Dan. Slowly, I began to remove my grease paint.

"Hurry up, Doris." It was another girl in the cast speaking.



Was it really Dan's voice? I whirled around.

"We're going to have a party to celebrate our success."

"Sorry, but Doris is coming with me."

Was it really Dan's voice? I whirled around. Yes, there he was. "You were great, hon. I was so proud of you!"

"But, Dan," I exclaimed, "what about Ferris?"

"Of course, I've been here all evening and Ferris was with me. He's anxious to meet you. You know, it was a funny thing. After dinner I decided to tell him that I had to get away—explained that my wife was taking part in a play and I wanted to see it. That was exactly what he wanted to do. He's been keen about dramatics."

"Did you get the contract?" I asked.

"Yes, and I think you helped me put it over. Guess it was because he was so impressed with your acting!"

"Oh, Dan, I am sure that's not the reason but I am so glad!" Then I called out to the others. "Sorry, folks, but I am not joining the party—I am going with my husband. From now on I am going to concentrate on being his leading lady!"

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SHORT STORY
The Master Mind
By G. K. HEINTZMAN

SAM SHAPIRO was down to his last two bits. As he walked away from the poolhall he tilted his hat down over one eye and muttered unkind words about all poolplayers and their descendants down to the third generation. Into Sam's fertile mind came the 4-dollar question: How was he going to hoist the two bits into a decent roll?

Sam didn't know exactly. Yet somehow he had always managed to stay in the dough, right from the days when he used to shoot marbles with the boys until later

ment of Banker's Trust. And already Sam could see Mr. Dodds' face when he informed him that a screwball beggar was outside handing out checks with Mr. Dodds' signature.

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in life when he graduated to the poolroom. Sam attributed his success to his great ideas. He also held the firm opinion that everything in this world was a racket.

Sam pulled up his hat and scratched his noggin. Idea No. 1 was to drop over to Joe's lunch room and milliate on ways and means. Idea No. 2 was to put whatever he ate on the cuff.

Sam smiled. He took the quarter from his pocket and began flipping it in the air. Just as he passed the Banker's Trust building he missed a catch and the coin fell. Before he could recover it a strange hand darted out from one side and picked it up. Sam turned quickly and saw a pleasant-faced beggar with a tin cup, sitting on the bank steps. "You missed the cup, sir," the beggar said smilingly, "but I don't mind reaching—not for a quarter."

SAM'S EYES popped. He stared at the quarter. Only a fool would try to snatch two-bits from a beggar's tin cup on a busy street. He wished it was dark.

Sam scratched his noggin but all was quiet. The beggar's cheery voice spoke again. "You seem to be thinking, son," he said. "Will you tell me your name?"

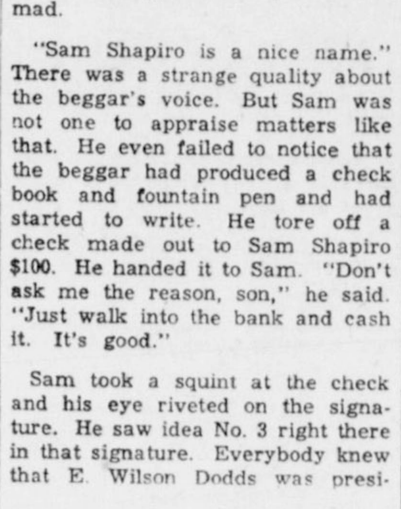
"Sam Shapiro," Sam snapped. He hadn't thought of an angle on how to get his quarter back. He was mad.

"Sam Shapiro is a nice name." There was a strange quality about the beggar's voice. But Sam was not one to appraise matters like that. He even failed to notice that the beggar had produced a check book and fountain pen and had started to write. He tore off a check made out to Sam Shapiro \$100. He handed it to Sam. "Don't ask me the reason, son," he said. "Just walk into the bank and cash it. It's good."

Sam took a squint at the check and his eye riveted on the signature. He saw idea No. 3 right there in that signature. Everybody knew that E. Wilson Dodds was presi-

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Sam was mad. He hadn't thought of an angle.

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It should be good for a five-spot at least.

INSIDE the bank, Sam stepped up to a cage Teller" and held out "paying nificantly. "I'd like check sig- Me."

"Mr. Dodds is out," said the teller. "It won't be necessary to see Mr. Dodds about this," he said. "If you can identify yourself I'll cash it for you."

Sam gasped. He couldn't figure out the game. Nevertheless they weren't going to catch him napping. "I'm not trying to cash this check, pal," he said. "I'm only trying to inform you that there is a screwball outside writing checks with Mr. Dodds' signature on them."

The teller laughed out loud. "It's quite all right, sir. That was Mr. Dodds! He often wondered if there was such a thing as charity in this modern world. So today he put on that disguise and decided to give \$100 to the first 10 people to have it on him. And let me congratulate you, sir! You are the first person to cash a check!"

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A Merry Christmas '48
A triple wish for all of you is ours:
Good Cheer! Good Friends!
Good Health!
B & B GRAIN CO.
Ralph Blodgett Merle Beck

1948 Christmas Greetings
The magic spell of Christmas is everywhere . . . no corner too remote! We extend hearty Yule greetings to all our friends.
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Thursday, Dec. 23, 1948

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Revitalizing Crackers
If breakfast cereals or crackers need freshening, crisp them in the oven. They shouldn't be over-heated, so use only a warm oven.

Norway Favorite
One of the best cheeses found in Norway is "Yehlost," which derives its name from yeh (goat) and ost (cheese).

Hi-Speed Steel
Sheet steel manufactured in some mills speeds past the operator of the manufacturing machines at nearly 70 miles per hour.

Factory Casualties
Every 16 seconds a worker in a factory somewhere in the U. S. is injured.

Uncle Sam Says



This Christmas, join the Payroll Savings Plan where you work and start your regular, automatic purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds. Or, if self-employed, join the Bond-a-Month plan where you bank. You should start filling those 1948 Christmas stockings now, so that ten Christmases from now you can fill your whole family's stockings, including your own. And you will be facing the future with security and confidence. U. S. Savings Bonds will open the door to future security and happiness.

U.S. Treasury Department

SHORT STORY
Nancy, Don't Fret
By ELLIS K. BALDWIN

I HAD just put little Caroline to bed, hoping she'd sleep through

until morning when shutting down the sidewalk came Gus Olsen. I saw him before my young doctor-husband did. Gus was the first half of a patient medicine testimonial before the great transformation. His face resembled a cathedral gargyle. His stomach ailment was known all over town, still he swore he would never go to a doctor. "Not one of them would be able to help me," he boasted.

When Gus retired from the railroad he took up his post on his porch, hailing every passerby to discuss his symptoms.

Panicky, I realized if Charlie should prescribe something that didn't cure, Gus with his porch lectures would spoil the doctor's chances for building a practice. "Charlie," I said breathlessly "I'll tell him you have an emergency. Go out and hitch up Dinah." I'd stopped counting the times Charlie harnessed the horse to roll out of the yard like he was headed for a fire. "It's exciting for the neighborhood kids," Charlie would chuckle. It didn't mean a thing. The doctor was just putting on an act. Half an hour later you'd hear the crunch of the wheels on the driveway.

Charlie was saying, "I'm fed up with whirlwind buggy rides. Besides, the neighbors are starting to wonder where I go."

GUS was walking slowly, hunched over, hand on his stomach. I found myself clinging to Charlie's hand like a drowsy woman.

"Let go of me, darling," the doctor said almost angrily. "I must greet our new patient."

I whispered desperately, "Darling, you just can't face this old gossip."

Suddenly the doctor was calling out, "Good evening, Mr. Olsen. Won't you come in?"

It took Gus a long time to tell his story. I heard the doctor clear his throat a number of times while he let Gus recite his history. Then Charlie began using those long technical terms he'd been boning up on these nights when he held office hours and no one came in. "All of a sudden, I heard Gus shout angrily, "Listen here, Doc, you can't tell me that." Goose pimples popped out on my arms. Charlie couldn't afford to get Gus down on him.

Then Charlie's voice droned on seemingly unperturbed by Gus' shouting. From where I sat I couldn't make out what he was saying. It seemed hours before the office door swung open.

"You're kind of young," Gus was



"You've got me flabbergasted," Gus said. I had helped me. Figured you telling the doctor, "Nothing seems

couldn't put me through any more agony but what you've just said has got me flabbergasted."

Gus moved off into the night. The doctor didn't say anything. I stood it as long as I could. "Charlie, what did you give him?"

"It's a tough case," the doctor grunted, employing the deep bass notes he was learning to use.

"Absolutely nothing. If you must know, I told him he was a hypochondriac. Told him there was absolutely nothing wrong with him but if he didn't stop getting himself with all these patent medicines he shortly would turn into a medicine bottle."

BUT all that was years ago. Now the impatient honking of a motor horn brought me tobogganing back down the years. Out at the curb was Caroline, a grown woman now, ready to drive her father down to his office in the medical building. The office would be jammed because Gus Olsen, rocking steadily on his porch during the years, repeated proudly again and again to his passing friends, "I'm a hypochondriac, yes sir, a hypochondriac."

Invariably he'd add, "If you got any bad symptoms and you want to know quickly what they are, there's a young doctor down the street..."

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Farm Topics

Business Principles Required on Farms

Operation by Guess or 'By Neighbor' Deplorable

Cash, credit, equipment, soil fertility and human strength are involved on the ledger of assets controlled by the farmer and rancher — assets that become liabilities when management is lacking. Probably 90 per cent of the difference between a poor farm or ranch

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Merry Christmas

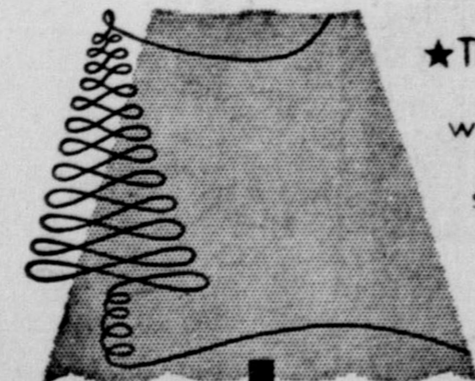
As Christmas lights twinkle merrily, may they reveal the faces of your loved ones gathered 'round your fireside and may you enjoy the blessings of this Yuletide season to the fullest.

If our service is helping to make your Holidays a bit brighter we are glad, for it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve you. We sincerely appreciate your business and will continue to do our best to please you.

That this Christmas will be your best ever and that the New Year will bring you a heaping measure of Good Health and Happiness is our earnest wish.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU



★The tree, emblazoned with bright lights and shiny tinsel, is the age-old symbol of the Yuletide season.

New Year Greetings 1949

Corner Drug Store

Jack Ellis



Greetings .. 1949

A WORLD grown weary and tired is reborn at the magic stroke of 12. WE extend our wish that the New Year will bring you a full measure of true happiness.

Sing in the New Year

With light hearts and gladdened spirits we welcome the New Year and wish for you a glorious procession of happy days!



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Stratford Girls - Borger Boys Win Honors At Local Tourney

BOYS GAMES

Spearman 31 Darrouzett 29
Opening the boys games with a almost "too close" victory, the Spearman Lynx edged a determined Darrouzett team 31 to 29 Thursday afternoon at 2:45. It was quite a curtain raiser for the tournament, and was an indication of what patrons might expect all the way thru the tournament.
Spearman jumped to an 8 to 0 lead in the 1st quarter, and maintained an 18 to 8 lead at half time. In the third quarter, Spearman stayed ahead by maintaining a 7 point margin, but in the 4th quarter the Lynx just about lost their rabbits foot. Oth Bannister and Windom, plus Darrouzett's tallest man fouled out, and in a few minutes the fighting Darrouzett team pulled within four points of Spearman. Little Wally Cayton and Elvin Martin hit a field goal apiece, but still the persistent Darrouzett team came back making two field goals, but the time ran out, giving the Lynx a two point win over the improving Darrouzett team.
Wally Cayton hit four field goals and two free throws in this game for ten points, and Elvin Martin netted 8 points. Alt Miller paced the losers with 9 points.
Canadian 55 Morse 50
Scoring 105 points in the fastest and most unusual game of the tournament, the Morse Mustangs and the Canadian Wildcats furnished the first over-time period of the tournament, with a 50 to 50 dead-lock at the end of 32 well played minutes of basketball. Morse led the Canadian team until the game ended. Boynton of Morse, No. 44, netted 21 points in this game, followed by Bryant of Canadian with 16. The Canadian team won the game in a three minute over-time period. This was the highest scoring affair in the tournament.

Stinnett 34 Phillips 31
An under-dog Stinnett team beat Phillips in the last game of the Thursday night session, after Phillips had led for 3 and a half quarters. The Phillips team boasted such star football players as Usery and Braden, but it was noticeable that the team had not had enough experience yet to handle the Stinnett team. William son and Thompson of Stinnett tied for scoring honors in this game with 11 points, while Henderson led the losers with eight points.
Claude 58 Sunray 12
It was an amazed group of fans that watched the Claude Mustangs run up 26 points in 7 minutes, holding the Sunray team to 0. Yes sir, the Claude boys looked like the team to beat, as they put in their second string and still kept on making points. In fact, many thought they would win the tournament after watching them. However, the Sunray team has not had much experience, and they caught Claude hot as a fire-cracker. This was one of the few one-sided games in the tournament. Sanders led the winners with 15 points, Griffin paced the losers with 12.

Canadian 27 Borger 54
Displaying championship form, which they finally won the tournament with the crafty hustling Borger AA Bulldogs put the blast to Canadian's Wild Cats, by doubling their score, almost beating the record for high scoring that Canadian had previously set against Morse. It was obvious that the Bulldogs were the more experienced team, as they jumped to a 18 to 8 first quarter lead, and never let up until the game ended. Dalton, Glass, and Hooper all hit 10 points for the winners, while Hernandez stole scoring honors for the game, with 12 points for the losers.

Stinnett 22 Borger 54
Every man on Gravers ten men traveling squad got in on beating Stinnett, as the Hansford County played terrific basketball, to earn the right to play in the semi-finals. The Stinnett offense was stopped completely, and Cator paced the scoring for the game with 10 points for Graver, and Williamson made 5 points to lead the losers. The Stinnett team was rather mad, after their hard game with Phillips, but they are no match for the Greyhound yet.

Claude 30 Stratford 21
The Claude Mustangs had an unexpected trouble as they ran into a darn good "C" team from Stratford. In fact the 4th quarter started with the score 20 - 20. Claude was favored to beat the Stratford team. The worst thing about this game was the fact that about half the next few years, our Hansford County teams will have to play that bunch of kids. They are sure good boys. Sanders was high for the winners with 9 points, while Marshall netted 8.

Stratford 21
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hull and family left Friday afternoon to visit her parents who reside in Cardiff-by-the-sea, Calif, which is near San Diego. They will also spend some time during the two week vacation with friends near Los Angeles.

Good Attendance at Games

In one of the best tournaments ever witnessed by Hansford county citizens, the hustling Borger Bulldogs subdued the battling smooth passing Gruver Greyhound team 29 to 38, and the Stratford Girls, who just don't ever lose, edged Dalhart by exactly the same score, 39 to 38. What more could anyone ask? It couldn't have been any closer without an over-time period, as the people of Hansford could not have lived thru any more over-time periods, as the Spearman Lynx had to go into over-time to down the Perryton Rangers, and Morse who led Canadian until the game ended, lost a thriller in an over-time period with a score board reading of 50 to 55. It would have been too much to have had both these final games tied up, so by virtue of one point the Borger Bulldogs and the Stratford girls walked off with the coveted first place honors from the excellent tournament.
This year's tournament was more spectacular in matching games, than any tournament ever held in Spearman. None of the teams were placed so they would reach the finals. All of the teams had trouble getting to the finals, Borger boys were led by Spearman in the fourth quarter by one point. Gruver had a time beating Claude. The Dalhart girls edged Morse 36 to 34, and then beat Spearman 38 to 24 points, but this score did not indicate how close a game the Spearman girls played the Dalhart team. The Stratford girls did not have too much difficulty getting into the finals. They have a good team and played hard to win the tournament.
In the matter of attendance the tournament this year was not attended as heavily as the one last year, simply because a Spearman team did not reach the finals. However, this writer heard several admiring remarks for the Spearman coaches for not putting all of the teams in the same bracket, so the Spearman teams would get to the finals.

Funeral Services Held For George W. Fullbright

Funeral services were held Saturday December 18 at the Union Church of Spearman for Mr. George W. Fullbright an Old Time Resident of Spearman, who passed away December 15 in Colo. where he has been residing the past few years. He will be greatly missed by his many friends everywhere.

ROY WILMETH IS NAMED PRESIDENT OF SPEARMAN C OF C

In a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce held December 19th, Roy Wilmeth was elected President, and Jimmie Hicks was elected Vice President to serve for the 1949 term of office. The new officers will be installed at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce to be held at a date in January to be announced later.

Attend Funeral of Aunt Held At Canton, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop attended Memorial services for Mrs. Charlie Bishop, an aunt of Mr. Bishop's, held at Canton, Kans., Sunday December 19.
Mrs. Bishop died at her home in Canton Friday December 17, at the age of 84 years. Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church at 2:30 P. M. Interment was in the Canton, Cemetery.

Freeman Barkley Resigns From ACA To Work At Bank

Announcement was made this week by Freeman Barkley, head of the ACA of Hansford County, that he had tendered his resignation, effective January 7, 1949, and that the resignation had been accepted and J. D. Bretling of Hereford, Texas, had been employed to take over his duties at the county office.
Mr. Bretling, a veteran, who has been in training at the Hereford office will move to Spearman soon, and will begin his work at the office Thursday of this week. Mr. Bretling is married and has a 6 year old son.
Freeman Barkley, who has been in charge of the ACA office since April, of 1942, has accepted a position with the First State Bank, and will begin his work there shortly after Jan. 15.
Hellen Bastion and daughter Beverly, and Carl Krepps plan to visit their parents in Colorado.

Judges Of Christmas Decorations In Spearman Want More Prizes For Public Spirited Spearmanites

Mrs. J. M. Ayres, Mrs. Vic Ogle, Mrs. Willard Shapley and Mrs. Jack Tabor, judges from Gruver who judged the Christmas decorations in the business district of Spearman and the residence of our city are recommending to the Chamber of Commerce that they increase their prizes to about 100 for next year; stating that it was very difficult to make selections of the three best in each classification in Spearman.
The judges gave first prize and honors to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith of Spearman for the best all-around Christmas decorations at their home. The scene was that of old Santa Claus with his six reindeers perched on the roof of the Smith residence and spotlighted for a most enticing Xmas scene.
Next the judges selected the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Garnett for the most elaborate and beautiful Christmas lighting, perhaps ever attempted on the outside of a Hansford county home. Clarence Pettitt who built a shadow effect of the Three Wise Men, and a floating on a white wall in the yard of his home, received third prize in the residential classification. Each of the judges declared they saw so many pretty homes with trees inside and outside, that they felt guilty not to award a prize of some sort for this special classification, and perhaps next year the Chamber of Commerce can make a special classification for Christmas tree decorations.

In the business district the awards were given as follows: 1st place to the lovely window of Russell Dry Goods Company; 2nd place was awarded to Chic Veale and Dress Shop and third place award went to Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop at Spearman Hardware.

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Roy Wilmeth, George Buzzard and Bill Pattison were newly elected directors, selected this month by a mail ballot and announced at the December banquet of the Chamber of Commerce. They will serve for two years.
The complete board of directors for 1949 is composed of the following citizens: Roy Wilmeth, President, Jimmie Hicks, Vice President, John R. Collard, Jr., Joe H. Smith, George Buzzard, D. W. Hart and Bill Pattison.

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Corner Stone Laid For New Methodist Church Building In Impressive Services

Two former pastors of the 1st Methodist Church, Rev. H. A. Nichols of Stratford, Texas, and Rev. W. B. Hicks, pastor of the Methodist church of Sunray, Texas took part in the corner stone laying program of the new Methodist church building, held at the building site, Sunday afternoon, December 19.
Rev. Luther Kirk, District Superintendent of this district, Methodist churches, presided as Master of ceremonies at the impressive services.
The meeting opened with the call to Worship by the local pastor, Rev. R. S. Watkins, who explained the purpose of the meeting and outlined the program, presenting Rev. Luther Kirk as Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Kirk led in responsive reading of scripture for the services and then introduced Rev. W. B. Hicks, who read the text scripture selected from Corinthians 3:9 - 17.
The message for the services was brought by Rev. H. A. Nichols. He reviewed the splendid record of the local church, and gave the scriptural interpretation for the success of the church building program, built on the plans of Almighty God. Rev. Nichols reviewed the building program, and called attention to the many consecrated Christians who had worked towards the success of the program, who have gone on to their reward, before the building was started.
Rev. Luther Kirk gave a very impressive talk on the value of the new building to the community. Both spiritually and materially the new building will be of outstanding value to the community, was the idea advanced by the speaker. Many interesting comparisons were made by Rev. Kirk, relative to the material value of the new church to people of this area.
Rev. R. S. Watkins made a short talk explaining the deposits made in the corner stone of the new building. These deposits included a complete history of the church from the day of organization to the present time, together with a complete roll of the church membership. A bible, formerly that of a son of Rev. Watkins, who is to remain a patient of a veterans hospital the remainder of his life, was also deposited in the corner stone.
Rev. Nichols led in the consecration prayer and Rev. W. B. Hicks pronounced the benediction.

Community Public Extend Service

Completion of an extensive construction program now under way by Community Public Service Co., together with other work planned for 1949, will greatly improve electric service in the city of Spearman, officials of Community Public Service Company have announced.
First project in the building program was a brand new transmission line between the cities of Perryton and Spearman. Work on this new 66,000 volt line, which is approximately 30 miles in length, got under way last June and was completed last week. The transmission line will be operated at 33,000 volts for the present an eventually at 66,000 volts. All new 50 and 55 foot cross-armed poles were used in the new high-line. An important feature is a static wire which is designed to protect the line from lightning.
Another improvement is a recently installed 200 kva., three-phase, 33,000 volt regulator, for the purpose of stabilizing voltage in Spearman and the area. This regulator, located approximately one mile east of Spearman, should assure a satisfactory voltage level for Spearman electric users.
Third in the construction program is a new substation, due for completion in about 10 days. The station will have a capacity of 450 kva. as against 300 kva. in the old station; and in July, 1949, its capacity will be increased to 750 kva. The new substation, made necessary by the growth of our town during the past few years, will be equipped with oil circuit breakers of the most modern type for the protection of two circuits carrying current to the city. There is only one circuit or feeder in years past.
The new oil poles which have recently appeared on Collard Street represent still another factor in the improvement program. These will carry the two main feeder circuits and C. P. S. Co. engineers have designed the cross arms and auxiliary equipment to prevent the whipping together of wires during high winds, which will prevent service interruptions from this cause. Work on this project is now in progress. The rearrangement of these circuits from the new substation to the city involves tedious and hazardous work, since it will be done while the lines are "hot", to prevent taking them out of service.
All of the construction described has been completed or is expected to be completed before the first of the year. It will eliminate several sources of potential line trouble, which resulted in interruptions during past months. Then, to complete the job of assuring first class electric service to Spearman, the company's supplier will build a new transmission line from Borger to the Spearman tap and rebuild the existing tap to the city of Spearman. This new line will also have a static wire for protection against lightning. When the last project is completed, about the middle of 1949, Spearman will enjoy electric service as good as that of any city in the country, the Company representatives declare.

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In November, 1931 he was united in marriage to Eloise Gamble. To this union three sons were born. Two of whom preceded their father in death. Marshal died in 1932 and Ronnie, who died in June 1942.
Lee joined the Baptist Church in 1931.
At the time of his death, he was employed by the Delaney drilling Co at Hobbs, New Mexico. On December 4th he sustained a compound fractured leg while at the place of employment and had been in the hospital where he apparently was recovering from his injury. Death came suddenly at 6:30 P. M. on December 17.
Lee leaves to mourn his passing the following: Two sons, Lee Jr., of Spearman and Jerry of Guymon, Okla., his father L. P. Brown of Spearman, one brother, Wm. E. Brown of Spearman, and 7 sisters; Mrs. F. W. Maise, Mrs. Myrtle Russell, Mrs. Marion Close Mrs. R. C. Birdwell and Mrs. Earl Riley of Spearman, a number of nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Judging Of Lights At Gruver To Be Made December 23

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P. M. Maize Improving

P. M. Maize was stricken with a light Heart Attack a week ago, but at this time is somewhat improved. He was taken to Amarillo and is at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gress. Mrs. Gress is his daughter, Lucille. Mr. Maize is able to be up most of the time.

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GIRLS GAMES

Sunray 47 Claude 29
The Sunray and Claude girls played the 1st game of the tournament. This was one of the few club and blasted the Sunray girls ment The Claude girls had a good one-sided game of the tournament, hitting the basket for 11 points. Avery was high for Claude with 18 points.
Dalhart 36 Morse 34
Hansford County's wonder team, the Morse Mustangs girls team, who had twice defeated Dalhart this year, met their Waterloo, when the sharp shooting Dalhart lassies downed them 36 to 34. This game put the spirit into the tournament, and though the Morse fans were heart-broken they lost to the finalist team. D. Womble, No. 7 led Morse with 22 points. Davis, No. 23 from Dalhart, a Freshman, led Dalhart with 20 points. Davis was the most consistent scorer in the tournament.
SPEARMAN 31 - STINNETT 17
The Spearman girls made their debut in the tournament by thoroughly out-playing a good Stinnett team. Spearman only led Stinnett by 2 points in the 3rd quarter of the game, as Frankie White, Nancy Lee and McLain hit the net for 31 points, while Sloan, Hester and Graves held the Stinnett girls to 17 points. White was high with 14 points. McLain 8, Lee 5 and Oakes 4. Faulkner No. 19 was high for Stinnett with 11 points.
STRATFORD 39 - DARROUZETT 10
Those hot-shots from Stratford showed championship form in this game, as Newman, No. 25 hit 14 points, and Parker No. 10 hit 15. Parker is the little girl who always manages to get those free shots. She received 15 free throws in this game. Burton led the losers with 9 points.
SPEARMAN 40 CANADIAN 17
The Spearman Girls displayed a good offense in this game, with White and McLain hitting 15 points each, and Lee hitting 9. The Spearman Guards had little trouble with the Canadian forwards, as both teams were small girls. Taylor led the losers with 9 points.
SPEARMAN 24 DALHART 38
Davis No. 23, that ever so good Freshman from Dalhart, led her team to a 14 point conquest over the Spearman Girls in the Semi-finals Saturday morning. McLain of Spearman was hitting, and netted 18 points for the losers. This is the first time this year that Frankie White and Nancy Lee have both been cold, and each made only one field goal. However, the girls pulled within 3 points of the Dalhart girls, but Dalhart made a wonderful percentage of their shots, and was too much for the un-lucky Lynx. Davis, playing her best game of the tournament, made 21 points in this game.
By the way, I heard that if it was put to a vote, the Spearman Girls team would probably be voted the "most beautiful team in the State of Texas". They are a cute bunch of girls.
STRATFORD 44 CLAUDE 37
Parker and Newman teamed up to beat a good Claude team in the lower bracket of the semi-finals. Parker netted 22 points, while Newman hit 19. Avery hit 13 for the losers, followed by 12 points for Woodward and 12 points for McAdams. The Claude girls were good losers, and probably will be one of the better teams in the Panhandle before the season is over.

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ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS

It is with great pleasure that we present the following girls and boys all tournament team:
These players were picked by the three referees, and the two or three official time-keepers.
ALL TOURNAMENT GIRLS:
No. Name Town
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6 M. Womble Morse
25 Newman Stratford
44 Averynt Claude
23 Davis Dalhart
22 Chapman Dalhart
77 McLain Spearman
26 Hughes Gruver
16 Van Winkle Stinnett
06 Sloan Spearman
99 McWilliams Stratford
8 J. Reed Morse
66 Branon Claude

ALL TOURNAMENT BOYS:

No. Name Town
33 Hart Gruver
44 Cator Gruver
37 Revis Perryton
66 Smalley Claude
12 Dalton Borger
11 Hooper Borger
14 Bryant Canadian
2 Alt Miller Darrouzett
7 Windom Spearman
8 Thompson Stinnett
The following teams received the following awards:
* **CLAUDE GIRLS**
Sportsmanship Award Presented by Boxwell Brothers Co.
* **MORSE BOYS**
Sportsmanship Award: Presented by Club Cafe
* **STRATFORD GIRLS**
Championship Trophy: Compliments of Spearman Reporter
* **BORGER BOYS**
Championship Trophy: Presented by First State Bank
DALHART GIRLS
2nd place trophy: Compliments of Spearman Drug
GRUVER BOYS
2nd place trophy: Compliments of W. L. Russell Dry Goods Co.
MR. STINNETT OF STRATFORD
Championship coach trophy Presented by White House Lmbr. Company.
TEX HANNAH OF BORGER
Championship Coaches trophy for boys. Presented by McClellan Chevrolet Company
STRATFORD GIRLS
12 Gold Basketballs
Compliments of Spearman C. of C.
BORGER BOYS
10 Gold Basketballs
Compliments Spearman C. of C.
All Tournament Boys
Walter Wilmeth
All Tournament Girls
Hansford Co. V. F. W.

C. B. Reaves Passes Away

Word was received in Spearman Thursday December 16 of the death of C. B. Reaves, Sr. of Mercedes, Texas. Mr. Reaves had been in ill health for a long time and confined to his bed the past four weeks.
Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in Mercedes Friday Dec. 18. He was in his early 90's at the time of his death.
Surviving are his wife Mrs. C. B. Reaves of Mercedes; sons C. B. Jr., and Charlie of Mercedes; Dymor of Cartex, Colo.; Joe of Plainview and three daughters; Mrs. R. Attebery of Mercedes; Mrs. Buddy Bowers, Arkansas, a daughter of Amarillo and 8 grandchildren.
Mr. Reaves and his family were residents of Spearman for a number of years before moving to the valley, owning the section adjoining the city of Spearman, which is now known as the Reaves addition. Their former home is now the F. J. Hoskins residence. The Reaves family have many friends here who extend the sympathies to the bereaved family.

AAA Committeemen Elected December 15

An election was held in Spearman, December 15, for the purpose of electing a county committee to administer the AAA Program in Hansford County for 1949.
John C. Vanneman, Chairman
Elisay Vandenberg, V. Chairman
Walter Anson Ward, Regular Member
Virgil Wilbanks, Alternate member
Allen M. Pierce, Alternate Member
J. D. Bretling will be in charge of the office after January 19, 1949.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Estham and children of Malsett, Texas visited the past week-end here visiting relatives.
Shrove and made 7 of them. Davis of Dalhart made 18 points. Claude was a good game, and just could not have been any better.

Jam Loops

Community Nests for Poultry House Urged Installation Decreases Number of Dirty Eggs

Taking cognizance of the premium prices paid for clean eggs on the market, poultrymen with large laying flocks are giving increased attention to installation of community nests.

Dirty eggs brought 15 cents less a dozen than clean eggs when sold through Ohio cooperative eggs auctions in June. D. D. Moyer, specialist in poultry husbandry at Ohio State university, points out, adding that the owner of a large laying flock either has to take a cut in price, spend almost as much time cleaning eggs as in all other care of the laying flock or change the

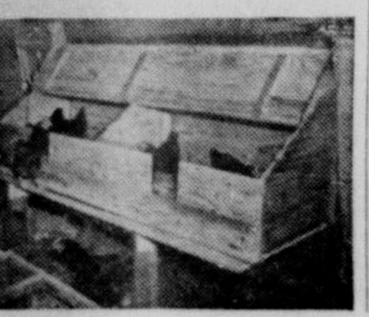


Photo shows community nest for poultry house suggested by Ohio station to assure clean eggs.

poultry house equipment to reduce the number of dirty eggs gathered. Installation of community nests in place of the small box type will decrease the number of dirty eggs by 50 per cent, Moyer claims. They are easier to clean and can be kept free from parasites more easily than the ordinary little cubicles. Original construction cost also is considerably less than that of an equal amount of nesting space of the old type inasmuch as less labor and material are required.

The community nest recommended by the Ohio station is 8 feet long, 2 feet wide, 14 inches high in front and 10 inches high in back. The space is divided in the center so there are 2 4-foot compartments in the nest, providing facilities for 80 to 100 laying hens. The front half of the nest cover is hinged so it can be lifted for gathering eggs. The bottom of the nest can be hinged so it will swing down to dump the nest litter. Hens enter the front of the nest through openings 8 inches

square in the center of each compartment. Materials required for construction include: 8 pieces of 1-inch by 8-inch by 8-inch for lid, front bottom ends and partition; 5 pieces of 1-inch by 10-inch by 8-inch for lid and back; 1 piece of 1-inch by 4-inch by 8-inch for lower front board; 4 pieces of 1-inch by 4-inch by 8-inch for cleats, nest perch and entrance lids; 1 piece of 1-inch by 2-inch by 8-inch for cleats for the ends and partition; 1 piece of 1-inch by 4-inch by 10-inch for bottom supports, with the piece beveled at the ends if hinged; 3 pairs of 8-inch strap hinges, and 3 8-inch hooks and screw eyes if the bottom is hinged.

WANTED: One Home



If a flock of Leghorn hens were to go househunting, they would look for just about the same comforts as their human prototypes.

Sufficient space, good ventilation, uniform temperatures, a sturdy foundation and floors are a few of the recommendations for housing the birds, according to suggestions in a revised extension bulletin on "Poultry Housing" issued by the University of Minnesota.

Like all construction, building a poultry house is an expensive proposition. As it is difficult to correct mistakes after the building is up, flock owners are advised to consider their problem and needs carefully before starting construction.

Plans for Farm Wiring Should Envision Future

Plan for future as well as present needs when wiring a farm, rural electrification specialists advise farm families. Wiring is a permanent improvement, so there should be an adequate system in the home as well as in other farm buildings.

All buildings should have a proper size load center or protective device, enough sets of wires or circuits and a sufficient number of outlets.

Jam Loops

Efficient Fertilizer Use Boosts Yields

Good Soil Management Must Aid Plant Food

Every ton of fertilizer can be stretched or used more efficiently, boosting crop yields at the same time. Many farmers, says Middle West Soil Improvement committee, use fertilizer as a crutch. They try to make it substitute for good management practices. They put plant food in the soil without making sure the plant can send out its roots to use it.

Fertilizer is essential in giving the soil plant nutrients to feed crops. But fertilizer can't do the whole job. It must be teamed with other practices that build and maintain soil structure and keep the top soil "nailed down."

The soil needs good structure so roots can grow and reach out for plant food. Roots need air and water to live. When a soil is packed down and tight, there is no room for the air and water needed by roots and plants for high crop production.

The way to build soil structure is to grow legumes and grasses regularly in the rotation. These legumes make a thick layer of good soil.



They add organic matter. Such soil has plenty of air space. Water soaks in quickly and more of it is held.

Weak, scattered stands of legumes won't build soil structure. For strong, leafy stands and vigorous roots, the legumes need phosphate and potash that can be added in commercial fertilizer. Getting thick stands isn't the whole story either. All these crops can't be cut for hay or graze close and still be expected to build the soil. At least a part of these crops must be turned back to the soil.

Private Life of Bossy



In the current craze for dissecting private lives even Bossy is not immune. The inevitable prober comes up with these statistics:

Bossy grazes only seven and a half hours daily, regardless of how much feed she gets. She does 60 per cent of her grazing during daylight hours, 40 per cent at night. She spends five hours a day eating at a rate of 50 to 70 bites per minute. She chews her cud seven hours a day and spends 12 hours lying down, at nine different times. While grazing, she travels two and a half miles in the daytime and one and a half at night. She drinks 10 times a day.

Erosion Takes Alarming Toll of Good Crop Land

Erosion is taking an increasingly alarming toll of good crop land in the United States. Estimates by the department of agriculture indicate that about 100 million acres of once good crop land have been ruined or nearly ruined for profitable cropping by erosion, another 100 million acres have been badly damaged and still another 100 million acres are eroding too fast.

There are now approximately 460 million acres of good crop land in the U. S., including acreage now in crops as well as about 100 million acres that need clearing, drainage, irrigation or other improvement. All but about 7 1/2 million acres of this 460 million acres are subject to erosion unless protective measures are adopted.

Planting of Windbreak Will Improve Farmstead

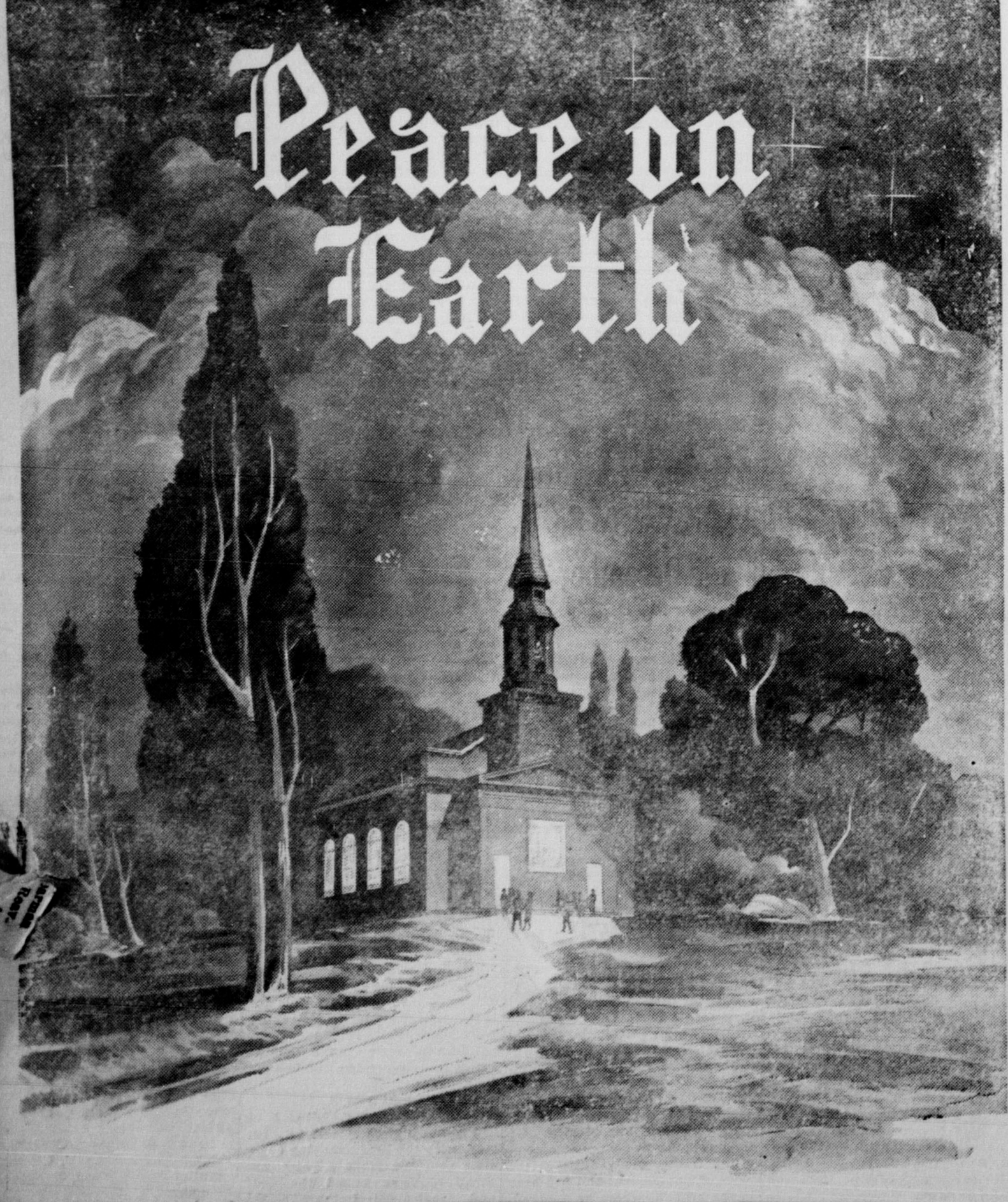
Ranked as a major farmstead improvement project, planting of a windbreak around farm buildings not only improves the appearance of the farm but also saves fuel and gives wind protection to the buildings and livestock.

In addition to the regular windbreak on the north and west of the farmstead, many farmers also are planting a garden windbreak on the south and west of the garden.

Greetings

We express to you Yuletide wishes as bright and gay as the lights on your Christmas tree. And a very happy New Year, too.

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For a very Merry Christmas

None of us is so young that we cannot understand the beautiful meaning of Christmas and none of us so old and worldly that we cannot be reminded of the first message of Christmas, "Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men". For we all come to realize that the good things in life emanate from the desire to serve our fellow man. It is in this spirit that we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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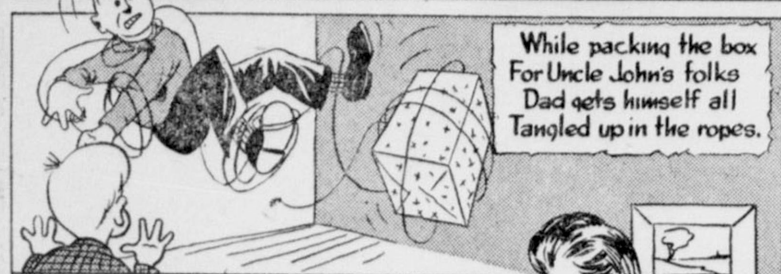
JUST BEFORE Christmas



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

Reading a Statue
Statue of a general on horseback carries the following legend: Horse with two feet up means rider was killed in action; horse with one foot up means rider was wounded in action; horse with all four feet down means rider was safe.

Where Shoshonis Worshipped
Jarbridge canyon in Owyhee county, Idaho, was once a sacrificial place for Shoshoni Indians, who claimed the canyon was inhabited by the devil. The "devil" turned out to be a huge mountain lion.



SANTA CLAUS is one of the most precious wonders of childhood. American mothers overwhelmingly agree that he should be portrayed as the spirit of generosity, kindness, and gift-giving.

Although the modern conception of Santa Claus is American, the Spirit of Santa Claus is neither modern nor American. The real Saint Nicholas lived in Asia Minor and ever since his death in 343 stories concerning him have been repeated around the firesides of Europe.

The children of Lapland and northern climates naturally picture Santa dressed in fur and dashing through the snow in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. But in central Europe, St. Nicholas first appeared on his liturgical feast day, December 6, and he was a thin, austere churchman who rode a mule and carried gifts for good children and a bundle of birch rods with which to switch the naughty.

Under Dutch influence St. Nicholas lost his solemnity. The Dutch colonists who brought him to America were very practical people and they decided against two gift-giving days in the same month. Thus, Sinter Klass started coming around only at Christmas time.

Santa Gets a Sleigh.

Eventually, ancient legends were woven into American Christmas traditions. Washington Irving sent St. Nicholas flying through Christmas skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh in 1809; Dr. Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822, gave Santa "... a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly;" and a series of drawings in 1868 by Thomas Nast added much to the traditional pictures and appearance of the Santa we see today.

In every youngster's life there comes the time when he begins to suspect that the various be-whiskered gentlemen, so numerous during this season, are not exactly the real Santa Claus. Wise parents advance the "helper" theory as soon as they are asked questions and teach their children to make the Christmas dreams of less fortunate tots and their families come true. Thus, the real Santa Claus isn't just myth or legend. He is the Spirit of Christmas who lives in the sparkling eyes of children and in the hearts of all grown-ups who strive for peace and good will among men.



Merry Christmas

May your Yuletide be gay,
Your family near,
May your table be laden with food,
May all our good wishes extended to
For happiness, health and good cheer
Bring you and your friends and those you
hold dear — a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



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Greetings for Christmas

Merriment, laughter, the shrill sound of children's voices, Christmas carols — we could name a hundred joys of the Yuletide Season — May they All be yours!



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SOCIETY NEWS

Parties Socials

Thursday, Dec. 23, 1948

Wedding Highlights Holiday Season On Dec. 19

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jackson was the scene for the marriage of their daughter Ella Rose, to Don Kunselman of Longmont, Colo. L. H. Andrews, pastor of the Spearman Church of Christ read the double ring ceremony at 2:30 o'clock Sunday Dec. 19.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a white crepe street length dress with brown accessories and a corsage of white roses. For some thing old the bride wore a gold ring belonging to her mother.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Mary Helen Ayres, College room-mate of the brides from Crawford Colo. She was attired in Aqua crepe dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Bill Jackson, brother of the bride served as the best man.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Jackson wore a grey gaberdine suit with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Kunselman was a graduate of Spearman high school and was attending Western State College at Gunnison, Colo., at the time of her marriage.

Mr. Kunselman is a graduate of Longmont High School and after serving two and a half years with the Air Forces he attended two years at W. S. C.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony. Only immediate members of the Brides family and close friends were present for the wedding.

After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Longmont, Colo., where the Groom is employed by the Gibson Mfg. Co.

Mrs. Shedeck Hostess To Better Homes Club

The Better Homes H. D. Club met December 14 for their Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Richard Shedeck. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon.

The house was gaily decorated with the Christmas tree the center of attraction. Gifts were exchanged from the tree, and also the Dolly Anna gifts exchanged. Games finished out the pleasant afternoon.

Members and guests present were Mesdames: Deta Blodgett, Merle Beck, R. V. Converse, E. S. Uptergrove, Frank Novak, Clint Bennett, Claude Stowe, Dwight Hutchison, Mort Lynch, John Kenney, Marcus Larson, Hix Wilbanks, Cora L. Smith, Buck Robinson and Miss Vivian Vance.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettitt Entertain H. D. Club

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pettitt entertained the families of the Happy Homes H. D. club Thurs. night, December 16.

An attractively decorated Christmas tree and other decorations gave the holiday spirit. A very enjoyable evening was spent playing various games. Gifts were exchanged by each member received a gift from their secret friend.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following families: Messers and Mesdames: Fendorf Schubert, Elmon Jacobs, Albert Maekie, Homer Beck, Don Smith, W. E. Sparks, Merle Washington, and the host and hostess.

Mrs. Beck Hostess To Happy Homes Club

Mrs. Homer Beck entertained the Happy Homes Club with their annual Christmas party in her home December 13.

After the Club as a group decorated the tree with home made decorations, made by the member each exchanged gifts. The afternoon was enjoyed playing Bingo.

Thursday night the club was entertained in the Clarence Pettitt home.

The next meeting will be Jan. 10 at Gruver with Mrs. Ray Edwards. Each member is to bring a house hold gadget.

Delicious refreshments carried out the holiday season were served to the following Mesdames: Elmon Jacobs, Fendorf Schubert, W. E. Sparks, Merle Washington, Clyde Maize, Jim Southerland, Albert Maekie, Clarence Pettitt, Don Smith and Miss Vance.

Mrs. Buzzard Hostess To Christmas Party

Circle one of the Womens Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. George Buzzard on December 15th for their Xmas meeting and party. Mrs. Richardson, President, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Richardson reported about Membership drive which is to begin soon.

Mrs. R. S. Watkins was in charge of devotional assisted by Mrs. N. W. Cayton.

The lesson, "The Miners and their Christmas" was presented by Mrs. E. W. Bennett, Mrs. Pope Gibner, Mrs. Bruce Sheets. Closing prayer by Mrs. R. S. Watkins followed by gift exchange and delicious refreshments. Attending were Mesdames Sid Clark, E. N. Richardson, Bruce Sheets, R. E. Meek, E. W. Bennett, L. W. Math-

ews, N. W. Cayton, R. S. Watkin, A. F. Barkley, P. A. Lyon, W. B. Lackey, Pope Gibner and hostess Mrs. George Buzzard.

Next meeting will be Circles one and two January 5th, 1949, in the home of Mrs. Jimmy Shield-knight.

Mrs. Pierce Hostess For Christmas Party

The Medlin H. D. Club met on December 17 with Mrs. Allen Pierce for their annual Xmas party. A short program of Xmas readings was given by some of the children present. The members played some games and exchanged gifts.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames: John Trindle, W. A. VanCleave, Frank Davis, Jack Whitson, Lawrence Dossitt, Mabel Edwards, Joe Entrek, A. J. Curtis, Jack Taylor, Clara Burk, Rob Hays, and Peter Vernon.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Edwards January 7th.

Christmas Program At Church Dec. 24

"The Shepherds Story" is the name of the Christmas pageant which will be presented at the Baptist Church Christmas Eve. The program has been directed by Stanley Garnett, assisted by Sadie Ruth Hoskins and Mrs. C. A. Castleman.

A white Christmas will be observed at this time, and gifts for the Baptist orphans home will be accepted.

Gruver W. M. U. Has Royal Service Program

The W. M. U. of the Gruver Baptist Church met Thursday December 16 for the Royal Service Program. With Mrs. Roy Murras as leader. Those taking part in the program were, Mrs. Gay Fletcher, Mrs. Bertie Wells, Mrs. Fred Chase, Mrs. O. G. Gross Mrs. R. H. Green and Mrs. Murras. Plans were made to visit the shut-ins after the business meeting December 23.

Youth Revival Starts At Church December 23

The Baptist church announce a Youth Revival December 26 and continuing through January 2nd. Brother Ray Stevens, pastor the church, will bring the messages. Music and other special features will be in charge of Mr. Jerry Malone, of Simenole, who will be at the organ, and Billie Jack Glover and Johnnie Ruth Wilson. Young people of the community are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer Entertain Club with Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Archer were host and hostess to the Couple's Bridge Club Wednesday evening,

December 15 at which time the club enjoyed their annual Xmas party.

The lovely home looked very "Christmasy" decorated throughout with the festive arrangements. The large Christmas tree was laden with gifts which were exchanged by members.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served to Messers and Mesdames: Rue Sanders, Ralph Blodgett, Arnold Richardson, Billy Miller, Guy Fuller, and the host and hostess.

Mrs. Archer won high score, with Billy Miller winning second.

Ladies Bridge Club Enjoys Christmas Party

The Ladies Bridge Club enjoyed their annual Christmas party ardsen.

The Christmas tree was the in the home of Mrs. Arnold Rich-Wednesday evening December 22 center of attraction, being beautifully decorated and adorned with festive gifts which were exchanged by each member.

A lovely Christmas dinner was enjoyed by players: Mesdames: Billy Miller, Ernest Wilmeth, Oscar Donnell, Carl Archer, Richard Holton, Ralph Blodgett, Buddy Womble and W. L. Russell, Jr.

Mrs. Crooks Hostess To Flower Club Party

The Dahlia Flower club had their annual Christmas party on December 20 in the home of Mrs. H. H. Crooks.

A short business meeting was conducted after which an interesting program was given by Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Gunn.

Members exchanging gifts included Mesdames: Allen, Archer, Roach, Watkins, Hester, O. Sheets, Jarvis, Lee, McClellan, Mathews, D. Sheets, J. E. Womble, S. B. Hale, Hoskins, Daily, Jagers, Gunn and the hostess.

Lovely refreshment were served by the hostess, Mrs. Crooks.

T. C. STUDY CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Twentieth Century Club was entertained in the home of Mrs. S. B. Hale Thursday, Dec. 16th. Thirty members enjoyed their Annual Christmas meeting.

Mrs. W. H. Gandy and Mrs. R. E. Vaughn gave the program on Later Italian Paintings. Several paintings were on display, and the life story of the Artist, background and surrounding conditions of this period was given in an interesting and educational discussion by the speakers.

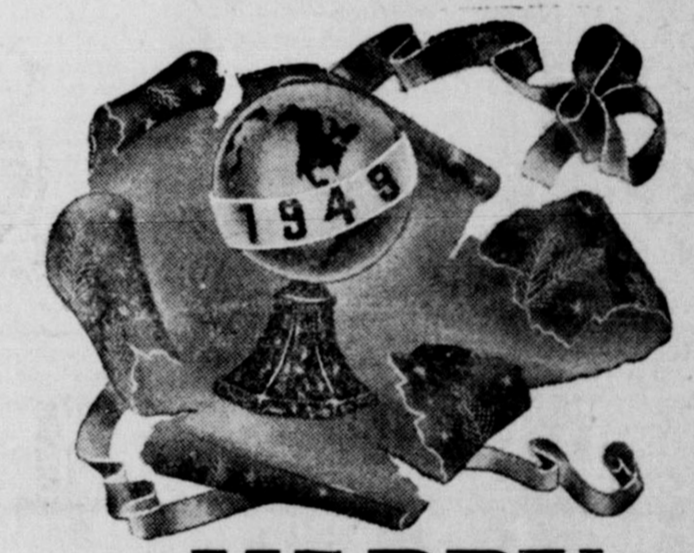
A beautifully decorated Xmas tree centered the dining room table, with lovely gift packages heaped high around the tree. Mrs. Ellzey Vanderburg and Mrs. Ernest Archer distributed gifts. A delicious refreshment plate was served by the following hostesses: Mesdames Hale, Garnett, Gibner, and Blodgett.

CHRISTMAS AND BIRTHDAYS



1948 Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS, WITH ITS MOMENTS OF WISTFUL SOLEMNITY AND PRAYERFUL RENEWAL OF THINGS THAT ARE GOOD, IS MUCH MORE THAN A DAY. ALL HAPPINESS TO YOU AND YOURS ON THIS DAY OF DAYS!



AND a HAPPY New Year!

As the New Year is about to unfold, we greet old friends and new with the wish that 1949 may prove a bountiful and happy year.

Allow us to take this opportunity to thank our friends and customers throughout this area for their patronage and cooperation during the past year. It has indeed been a pleasure to do business in this county, and to make and hold the many friends of this business organization.

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Libraries of State Want Your Help

The State of Texas Libraries: Would you invest 3c a year in a state-wide library development program which would aid your public library or help your community to acquire one? We believe you would after you study the facts in the enclosed folder. Read them and act; this letter explains what you can do.

The 51st Texas Legislature, to meet in January will be asked to approve the Texas State Library's request for \$2,000,000.00 a year for library development purposes (\$2.00 cash for Texans). This sum which is only \$60,000.00 a year more than the amount spent for the same purpose by our neighboring state of Arkansas, would permit the establishment of regional libraries to assist existing libraries and to develop library services in rural areas where there are none.

This amount asked is less than one tenth of one per cent of the amount available for appropriation by the 51st legislature, and the very smallness of the amount may cause some legislators to underestimate its potential value to the people of Texas. It is up to us to see that all Texas Legislators are informed of Texas library needs and of the fact that a very large number of Texans desire effective library development.

Gruver Church Xmas. Party

The Sunday school Christmas tree program will be held at the Gruver Methodist church on Friday evening, Christmas Eve Dec. 24 at 7:30 p. m. W. J. Edelman is Superintendent of Sunday school. The program committee members are: Mrs. J. C. Harris, Mrs. L. K. Garrett and Mrs. Lawrence Brotherton. Numbers on the program will be given by boys and girls and young people of the Sunday school. Following the program treats will be distributed. In charge of this will be F. A. Shapley, Jr., C. H. Winder and L. K. Garrett. Santa Claus will make his appearance. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend this program.

Those taking part in the program, according to Mrs. Harris are: Lu Ann Cator, Frances Brooks, Billy Bob Harris, Carolyn Cator, Mrs. Hart's class, and boys and girls of Mrs. Bort's class.

School Program To Be December 22 In Grammer School

Mr. Lawrence Brotherton, school superintendent, today announced the school Christmas program for Wednesday afternoon, December 22, at 2:00 p. m. He invited all friends and patrons of the school to attend this program. Featured will be choral selections, short dramatizations, readings, and solo musical numbers. Most of the grades will be represented by group numbers. In addition, others taking part will include: Jammie Vernon, Valine Henderson, Judy and Winnell Vernon.

College Day At Gruver Church Sunday

"College Day" will be observed at the Gruver Methodist Church next Sunday evening at the 7:30 service. At that time college students who are members of the Gruver Church and are now at home for the Christmas holidays will have parts in the service. This service is an annual one and the general public is extended a cordial invitation to attend. There will be brief talks, interviews, and special music on the theme: "Religion in College Life". Following the service there will be a reception in honor of the students with Mrs. Gene Cluck in charge. Students expected to participate in the service include: Anna Beth Winder, Comfort Holt, Elizabeth Holt, Billie Jean Lowe, Fern Cooper, Jean Ralston, Lera Mae Barkley, Johna Rafferty, Gwendolyn Cator, Raymond Wallin and Buddy Lowe.

Attend O. E. S. Meet At Perryton

A group of ladies from Spearman attended the Eastern Star school of instructions at Perryton last Saturday. They were the Mesdames: Tom Etter, H. H. Jones, Wilson Buchanan, Dave Hester, Roy Jones, Bertie McNabb, Artha Morse, and Deta Blodgett.

To Spend Holidays Out of Town

The following people will be out of town during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. George Mitts will visit children in Alva. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilson will visit in Woodward, Oklahoma. The following plan to visit: Frederick Allens, of the Ross and the Russells and the

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fred's father has been a patient for four months. Mr. and Mrs. Rosa Walker and family left on Tuesday morning for South Plains. The Ralph Bort's are taking quite a trip. Ralph tells us that the trip is being arranged by Barbara Jean. But she is in school, so we must wait until after Christmas to get all the details. They will attend the Cotton Bowl game and then go on to the coast.

Bob Thom, the genial manager of the bank and his nephew and bank assistant will leave for Cushing, Oklahoma, to spend Christmas with Bob's sister. They will be joined by Roger's mother and father and his grandmother and grandfather. Sounds like a nice party.

On the sick front. As far as we know there is no serious illness around, but several people are under weather. Mrs. Coy Holt is not feeling so good. Wayne Tomlinson is probably the worst sufferer, and the public must suffer with him as he is unable to work. Wayne has been having trouble with his hands, and so went to Ft. Worth to a specialist. Examination shows he is allergic to nearly everything he works with, shaving soap being one of the worst offenders. The Doctor is treating him, and of course he cannot return to the shop for some time. This does not add much to his happiness at the moment.

Mrs. Anson Ward is another one who has been under the weather. Mrs. Akeridge was in church Sunday with her children. During the service one of her daughters was taken ill. Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Ayres carried them home in their car, and Don Gross drove the truck they had come in, back to their home. At last report the young lady was still not well. We are glad to see J. W. Chesser able to get around after his leg injury. J. W. Better lay off football. He's too old.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sluder returned from Los Animos, Colo. where they attended funeral services for Mrs. Sluder's father. Burial was in Hansford County. On their return home they brought her mother Mrs. C. W. Fullbright with them and she is visiting in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLure are visiting in the home of Mrs. Mary Fletcher. Mrs. McLure's mother, Mr. McLure has been a patient at the Mayo Clinic for some time. We trust that he will soon make a full recovery.

Wade Wright, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wright our mail carrier is home with his parents for Christmas. Wade has been in Germany since 1946 with the Army of occupation. Like all of our young men, he has seen much and none of it good. We do not know whether he has a discharge as yet, but we are sure it won't be long.

Rev. and Mrs. Neise Wright a brother to Wade Wright is visiting in the home of Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris. Mrs. Wright is the former Velma Lois Harris.

Don't fail to take part in the Christmas festivities Christmas Eve night. Each church will have its own program at seven o'clock sharp. So first go to your own church. Then at 8:30 p. m. the big community celebration. If the weather permits the program will be held down town around the giant Christmas tree. If it is too cold, be sure and come up to the High School Auditorium. The time is 8:30. There will be a short talk by J. C. Harris representing the Chamber of Commerce. There will be carol singing, with the words thrown on the screen so that all may take part. Then there will be a sound motion picture entitled "Child of Bethlehem". This is a beautiful picture, you should not miss. The city ministers will all have some part in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Latham will visit in Elmore, Oklahoma. Miss Lilly Maudry will leave Thursday to visit her relatives in Watanga, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mundy and family will visit relatives in Pampa. Mr. and Mrs. Buster Brown, Oran Kelly, and Howard Dean Kelly will visit relatives in Iowa Park, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferrin and family of Buckland are spending part of the holidays with the Wilson Buchanans.

December 23
P. A. Lyon
December 24
Mrs. Floyd Wilbanks
Mrs. Will Douglas
Glendon H. Etling
December 25
Wayne Hutchison
B. F. Ooley
Mrs. Jack Vencin
December 27
Howard Dean Kelly
December 28
Verna Jean Thomas
Otis Dry
December 29
Dorothy Miers
December 30
Mrs. John Pipkin
December 31
Viola Jones
Mrs. Guy Gruver
Lou Ella Dahl
Mrs. H. R. Reid

**Son Of Mike Flynn
Killed In Accident**
The many friends of Mike Flynn in this country will regret to learn of a serious automobile accident in which he was injured, and in which he was killed. Walter, son of Mike Flynn, was killed Monday night. The funeral will be held at 10:00 a. m. at the funeral home in this city.

Weather & Market

Weather Man F. W. Brandt refuses to say whether or not Hansford will enjoy a White Christmas. However, he did say, he would make his prediction about 8:00 a. m. Christmas morning. The report for the week follows:

Date	Hi	Low	Rain
18	47	25	
19	46	15	
20	64	17	
21		25	
22		19	

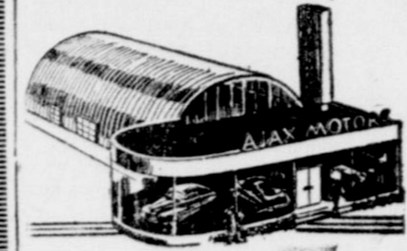
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As the wonderful, star-crowned story of Christmas moves once more through our lives, there is no one of us who is not conscious of the inexpressible divinity of the season. It is a time to be generous, a time for deep happiness, a time for neighborliness and good will towards all.



For you and yours, we reiterate his hope that the New Year will prove better and more fruitful than the old. May new faith and new courage be yours as you turn a new page in the journey through life, and may all your wishes be fulfilled!

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Mr. and Mrs. O. Vance was the scene for the wedding of their daughter Elizabeth...

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FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Really too bad that Christmas comes but year for the things it does to people should limited to one short season alone...

Families decorate their homes in the hollowness. Since the door way of the house ever welcome, hang some pine boughs or evergreen with bows of red ribbon...

It's a suggestion that should bring a Xmas even to Scrooge. Stitch a white or red oil stocking with green bias tape and cover it with a collection of gay holiday stickers...

Windows and mantels lend themselves to many of decorating. There's lots of dash and dots of blown glass balls of various sizes and colors tacked or pinned to spill like a giant rain on the draperies...

Garlands hung over the mantel and candles on a mantel, which has been banked in evergreens always effective. Long leaf pine tied up with ribbons and hung on the wall makes a perfect decoration over bulky pieces of furniture.

The Christmas tree is always the center of interest. native cedar, pine, liveoak, spruce, etc. are all good. We like them better in their natural green or decorations are innumerable...

Since the dining table is very important - since holds the Christmas dinner - some special decorations are definitely in order. A yarn basket, filled with fruit, set in a nest of green leaves and encircled with tall red candles make a lovely centerpiece for table or buffet...

Make a yule log of cork bark from the florist, brighten it up with evergreen sprigs, pine cones and berries. Stick short red candles over heads and tails driven part way into the log. Add some evergreens for the added festive touch...

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN.

What would be more welcome than some sweet treats from the kitchen gaily wrapped and tied with Christmas ribbon?

Fruit cakes of one pound up decorated with candied fruits and nuts and wrapped in cellophane are beautiful and most acceptable. A box of home made jams, preserves or jellies put up in uniform jars and wrapped in holiday attire would be hard to resist even on Christmas morning breakfast...

If you are good at baking yeast breads - bake up some Swedish tea rings, cinnamon rolls, caramel rolls, loaves of bread, wrap attractively and give to your next door neighbor and other friends who welcome your thoughtfulness. Aluminum foil is wonderful for wrapping gifts of food. It's attractive and it protects the food, too.

Salad dressing are another good gift. A jar of dressing in a glass jar with a label. They'll wish they had one of these in their kitchen. This one is gone. Wrap in bright colored cellophane and ribbon make good gifts for friends.

Nothing is a traditional Christmas goody. They are good with suggestions for serving plus a little hard sauce to serve with the pudding. An idea for baking the plum pudding: Fill individual custard cups or large casserole with the pudding mixture and bake...

For ideas for Christmas gifts: Wooden bowls with pecans with nut cracker; a Mexican basket of colorful fruits, and homemade sandwich in little pottery jars. If you still have some smoked chicken or other meats on the pan - this would make a lovely gift.

Let the food served at the holiday parties help carry the gala spirit of entertainment.

'Twas THE NIGHT... Scalloped Oysters - Oven crisp potatoes - Tossed salad - hard rolls - Butter - Sugar cookies - Hot cranberry punch.

WHITE CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST - Frosted grapes - Grits - Link sausage - hot cranberry muffins - butter - coffee.

YULETIDE DINNER - Roast turkey - cornbread dressing - giblet gravy - candied yams - buttered broccoli - ruby red grapefruit and avocado salad with french dressing - ripe and green olives - cranberry sauce - celery curls - hot rolls - butter - fruit cake - old fashioned boiled custard - coffee.

EVENING 'AT HOME' - Chopped ham salad - cheese puffs - date cake - Christmas candies - spiced nuts - candied orange slices - hot mulled cider.

FIRESIDE CHATTER - Turkey filled toaster buns - pimento lima beans - orange cranberry relish - pickles - olives - stuffed celery - luncheon meat tarts - coffee.

WITH SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

Candies and Confections - PECAN ROLL - 2 cups granulated sugar - 1 cup evaporated milk - 1 cup brown sugar - 1-4 cup corn syrup - 2 tablespoons butter - 1-8 teaspoon soda

Cook all ingredients together except butter and pecans until the mixture forms a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Remove from fire, add butter and cool. Beat until creamy. Turn out on to pastry board or marble slab dusted with powdered sugar. Knead until firm. Shape in a roll about two inches thick. Dip in corn syrup and roll in chopped pecan meats. Keep in cool place until firm enough to slice.

CARAMEL FUDGE - 3 cups white sugar - 1-4 cup butter or margarine - 1 cup cream or top milk - 1-2 teaspoon vanilla ext. - 1-8 teaspoon baking soda - 1-2 to 1 lb. pecans

Put one cup of sugar into a small saucepan, remaining sugar with cream in large kettle. Put both on at the same time over very low heat. Stir the sugar constantly with a wooden spoon until it is a light brown syrup. Give the other mixture a stir occasionally. (Do not let this boil until sugar is completely dissolved). When syrup is right add to the boiling cream and sugar, very slowly, stirring vigorously to keep it from curdling. Continue cooking, without stirring until mixture forms a firm ball in cold water or reaches 245 degrees F. on the thermometer. Take it off the stove, mix in the soda. Add butter allowing it to melt into candy. Let candy cool 20 to 30 minutes. Add vanilla and beat until mixture is thick and heavy and shines like satin. Add as many pecans as the mixture will hold. Pour into an 8 inch buttered pan. Mark it off in squares, place a pecan half on each piece. Cut when absolutely cold.

BUTTER TOFFEE - 1-2 cup butter - 1-2 pound blanched almonds or pecans split in halves - 2 1-2 cups sugar - 2 sq. unsweetened chocolates - Pinch of salt

Melt butter in skillet, add sugar, salt. Heat slowly, stirring constantly to dissolve sugar. Mixture will turn a light brown, add almonds, stirring until nuts become light brown or about 10 minutes. Pour immediately into well buttered pan. If used, melt chocolate over hot water, then spread over surface of candy. Break into serving pieces when cold.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE - 4 cups sugar - 2 cups nuts - 1 cup boiling water - 1 teaspoon vanilla - 4 squares chocolate - 1 pkg. cream cheese - 6 tablespoons corn syrup - 1-8 lb. butter - 1-2 teaspoon salt

Add all ingredients except cheese, vanilla, and nuts and mix well before cooking and do not stir again. Cook slowly until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Set off stove, add 1-8 lb. butter and 1 pkg. cream cheese to mixture. Let set for one hour, then add vanilla and beat. When mixture loses its glossy appearance add nuts and pour out into greased container.

CANDIED FRUIT PEEL - 1 cup sugar - 1-2 cup water - 1-3 cup corn syrup

Cook the fruit in water until tender and cut into strips. Drop into hot syrup made of the above ingredients and cook until transparent. Drain from syrup and dip, while hot, in granulated sugar.

NOTE: Crystallized fruits can be colored with food colors, if desired.

CANDIED ORANGE SLICES - Candied oranges are a great delicacy, and are easily made. Peel and quarter the oranges; then make a syrup in the proportion of 1 pound of sugar to 1 pint of water. Let it boil until it will harden in water, and then take it from the fire and dip the quarters of orange in the syrup. Let them drain on a fine sieve placed over a platter or bowl so that the syrup will not be wasted. Drain until cool, when the sugar will crystallize. Serve with the last course of dinner. Grapefruit and tangerines may be candied in the same way.

SPICED PECANS - One half lb. pecans - One half teaspoon cloves - One cup sugar - One half teaspoon nutmeg - One teaspoon salt - One tablespoon water - One quarter teaspoon allspice - 1 egg white - 1 teaspoon ginger

Freshen nuts by heating them a few minutes in oven. Sift sugar, salt, and spices together three times; add water to egg white and beat slightly. Mix nuts into egg whites; shake in sugar-spice mixture. Spread out on well greased paper or baking tin. Bake in a slow oven (250 degree F.) about 20 minutes. Remove from oven and shake excess sugar from nuts.

HOLIDAY DELIGHT

3 cups sugar - One one half cups light cream - 1 cup light corn syrup - One and one half teaspoons vanilla - Combine sugar, corn syrup, and light cream and cook to a soft ball stage over medium heat. Remove from heat and begin beating immediately. It will begin to thicken and change color. Add vanilla and continue beating. Have ready the following fruits and nuts and add slowly to mixture: One half lb. Brazil nuts, cut in halves - One half lb. peach halves - One half lb. candied cherries - One half lb. walnuts, coarsely chopped - One half pound candied pineapple, cut in good size pieces.

When these are all added, mixture will be thick and sticky. Pack into waxed paper lined loaf pan, pressing down firmly with a wet spoon. Place in refrigerator to chill. After a few hours the sticky syrup will become firm and almost white in color. Cut into pieces after 24 hours. Store in refrigerator or until ready for use.

CAKES AND COOKIES - Light Fruit Cake - 1 lb. butter (scant) - 1 lb. sugar (2 cups) - 1 lb. pecans - 4 tablespoons lemon extract - 1 teaspoon baking powder - Cherries and pineapple - 1 lb. raisins (white)

Cream the butter, add sugar gradually, and beat until smooth. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Combine with butter and sugar mixture and beat thoroughly. Preheat the fruit and nuts with part of the flour. Sift flour and baking powder together. Combine fruit and nuts with the first mixture. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Add the lemon extract. Bake in a slow oven about four

DATE CAKE

2 lbs. dates (bulk) - 1 cup sugar - 4 cups pecans - 2 teaspoons baking powder - 1 lb. candied cherries - 1 teaspoon salt - 1 teaspoon vanilla - 1 cup flour - 4 eggs

Dates, nuts and cherries may be left whole if desired. Sift dry ingredients together 3 times, sift in over fruit and mix together the last time. Add beaten yolks. Fold or work in stiffly beaten egg whites to which vanilla has been added. Let stand for thirty minutes and mix again. Line pans with wax paper or heavy brown paper. Cut to fit pan and extending one inch above top of the pan. Grease paper. Cover top of cake and place pan of water under cake. Bake in 250 degree oven for 2 hours. Remove cover from top of cake during last 15 minutes of baking.

DATE NUT BARS - 3 eggs beaten separately - 1 cup sugar - One eighth teaspoon salt - 2 cups dat.s, chopped - 1 teaspoon baking powder - 1 cup pecans, cooped - Beat egg yolks until thick, beat in sugar. Sift flour, baking powder and salt over dates and nuts and mix well. Combine mixture and beat. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and spread mixture in a well greased and floured shallow pan. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 25 minutes. Cut in bars and roll in powdered sugar while warm. Makes about 40 bars.

GUM DROP COOKIES - 2 cups brown sugar - 1 cup pecans, chopped - 4 eggs, beaten - 2 cups flour - 1 tablespoon cold water - 2 cups dat.s, chopped - 1 teaspoon cinnamon - One eighth teaspoon salt - 1 cup shredded gumdrops (no black ones) - 1 teaspoon baking powder

Gradually add sugar to beaten eggs and gumdrops and mix until each piece is coated. Combine mixtures and stir until well blended. Pour into a greased and floured shallow pan and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) 30 minutes.

LEMON ICE BOX COOKIES - 2 cups butter - 1 cup brown sugar - 1/2 cups all purpose flour - 1 cup white sugar - 1/4 cup rind of 1 lemon - 4 eggs - 1 teaspoon lemon juice - 1 teaspoon baking powder

Cream butter and sugar, adding remaining ingredients in order named. Shape in pones. Chill in refrigerator at least three or four hours, preferably overnight. Slice thin and bake in a moderate oven. More lemon juice and rind may be used if desired.

SAND TARTS - Seven eighths cups butter - 4 tablespoons powdered sugar - 2 cups flour - 2 teaspoons vanilla - 1 cup nuts - 1 cup water

Cream fat, add sugar, then flour and water, nuts and vanilla. Chill dough. Divide into small pieces about size of a walnut. Roll and shape into crescents. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for about 40 minutes in slow oven. Do not brown. Roll in powdered sugar.

BEVERAGES: HOT SPICED TOMATO JUICE - 4 cups tomato juice - 2 tablespoons catsup - 1 teaspoon salt - One eighth pepper (teaspoon) - 1 lemon, juice and grated rind - One half teaspoon tabasco sauce - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce - Combine all ingredients and bring just to the

boiling point over medium heat. Serve at once. NOTE: This may be served in small coffee cups in the living room while last minute preparations are being made on the dinner. Serves 6 to 8. Christmas, the season for the 'THREE C'S'

CAKES, CANDIES, and COOKIES

Christmas is the season when the young people forget school and exchange the 'three D's for the three C's. These three C's are as necessary to a child's happiness at Christmas as are the skates, bicycles, and dolls that are found under the tree on Christmas morning.

The three C's are also important to the happiness of grownups during Yuletide. Homemade goodies are nice to serve Uncle John and Aunt Mary or Mr. and Mrs. Jones from across the street, when they call to exchange Christmas greetings.

Most mothers realize that their families overindulge in sweets during the holidays. Nutrition-wise mothers make their Christmas sweets with ingredients such as old fashioned molasses, dried fruits, milk and nuts. With this delicious fare the youngsters can eat all they want, because the holiday sweets will be nutritional assets. Team up with these mothers and have your Christmas goodies a plentiful supply of Molasses-Fig Bars, Anise Cookies, Molasses Fudge, and Spiced Christmas Cakes. Make them in big batches, because the molasses contained in these 'three C's' gives them splendid keeping qualities.

Use the following tested recipes to make your Christmas goodies and prepare your family for a happy Christmas.

ANISE CHRISTMAS COOKIES - Bake at 400 degree F. for 10 minutes - Makes 5 dozen cookies - Two and one half cups sifted enriched flour - 1 teaspoon salt - One fourth teaspoon soda - Two thirds cup of Shortening - One half cup sugar - 1 tablespoon anise seed - 2 egg yolks, unbeaten - One half cup unsulphured molasses

SPECIed CHRISTMAS COOKIES: Replace anise seed with 1 teaspoon cinnamon and one half teaspoon nutmeg.

FIG FILLED MOLASSES - OATMEAL BARS - Bake at 350 degrees F. for 50 minutes - Makes 20 bars - Filling - 1 cup chopped, dried figs - 1-2 cup sugar - 3-4 cup water - 3-4 cup sifted enriched flour - 1-4 cup unsulphured molasses - 1 teaspoon salt - 1-4 cup sugar - 2-1-4 cups raw, quick cooking oatmeal

2 tablespoons enrich flour - 6 tablespoons shortening - 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind - 1-3 cup unsulphured molasses - 1-4 cup chopped nuts

Turn on oven heat and set regulator at 250 degrees F. (moderate) FOR FILLING: Cook together first three ingredients until figs are tender. Mix sugar with flour; add to fig mixture and cook until thick. Cool. Add lemon rind and nuts. FOR CRUST: Combine four first ingredients. Cut in the shortening. Add molasses and mix thoroughly with fingers, to crumb consistency. Pat half the crumbs uniformly over bottom of well-greased and lightly-floured 8 inch square pan and cover with cooled figs. Cover uniformly with remaining crumbs. Bake Turn out on waxed paper, and cut into bars while warm.

SPICED CHRISTMAS CAKE - Bake 25 minutes at 375 F. - Makes 25 squares - 2 1-4 cups sifted cake flour - 1-2 teaspoon nutmeg - 1-2 cup sugar - 1-2 cup shortening

Christmas Music By Bach, Handel

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening - until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

'How Brightly Beams the Morning Star' was composed by Bach and his 'Christmas Oratorio' contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the 'Messiah.' When carolers sing 'Joy to the World' they'll be singing part of the 'Messiah' too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks.'

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Christmas Menu

Mothers, who are the official cooks of the family, will reap added praise this holiday season if they plan a special Christmas menu for every meal on Christmas day. While 'something special' is expected for dinner, a minimum of attention will make the other two meals a pleasant surprise.

Here is a menu for the day which will prove popular.

BREAKFAST - Orange juice - Waffles - Grilled Sausage Cakes - Milk - Coffee - Honey

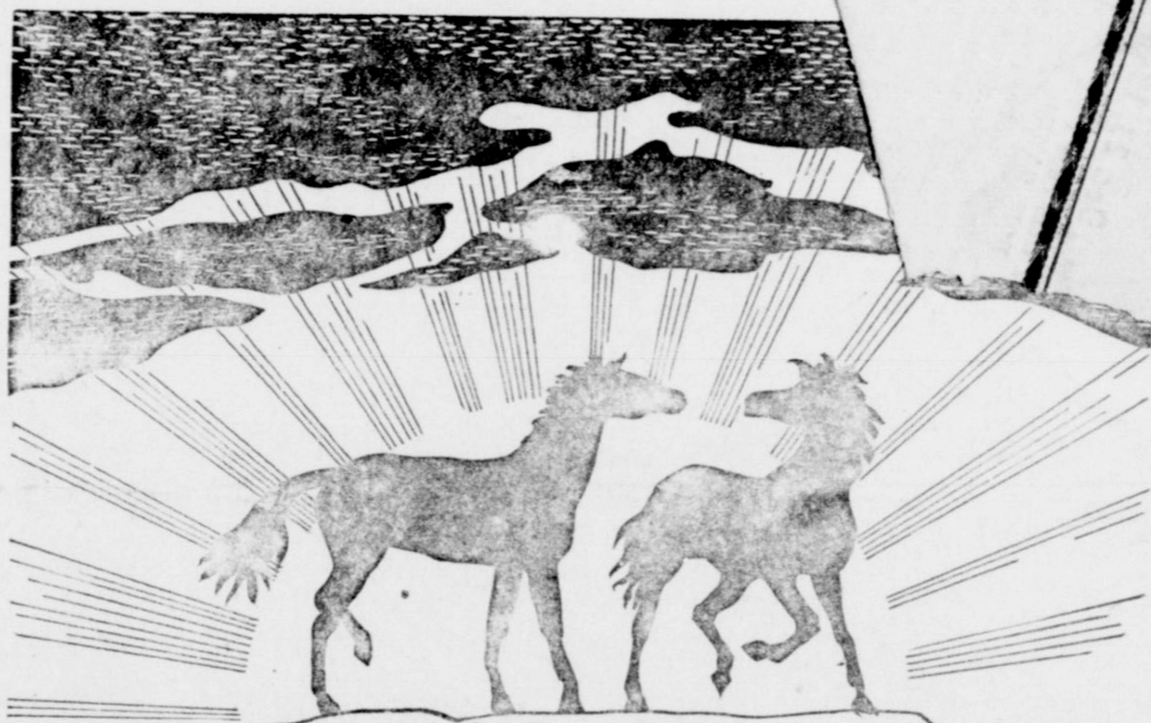
CHRISTMAS DINNER - Clam and Tomato Juice Cocktail - Roast Turkey, Giblet Gravy - Celery Dressing - Mashed Potatoes - Buttered Green Beans - Calavo and Grapefruit Salad - Assorted Relishes - Cranberry Sauce - Hot Rolls - Fruit Cake - Pie - Coffee - Milk

SUPPER - Nutbread Sandwiches - Mixed Vegetable Salad - Fruit Gelatin Dessert - Tea - Milk

It's a good idea, too, to crowd a small cutting board with assorted cheeses and crackers. Place it in the living room for those who may not be able to eat candy or who care for nuts.

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