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## Comanche-Lingleville Win Tourney Here

### Final Rites For Mrs. Mary Kimble Held On Monday

Mrs. Mary Shelton Kimble, 94, a resident of Gorman for 65 years, passed away in the Kirk Nursing Home at 9:15 a. m. on Sunday, December 20, 1959. She had been in failing health for a number of years but immediate cause of her death was attributed to pneumonia and a stroke following.

Born November 20, 1865 in Tennessee, Mrs. Kimble had come to Eastland County at an early age to live in Eastland. She had taught school in both Eastland and Gorman. In 1890 she was married to Dr. Edwin W. Kimble. They lived in the Jewell Community until moving to Gorman in 1894.

Active in her church she had for a number of years supported a missionary to China, Sid Anderson of Rising Star. She also participated in civic and political affairs.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1946.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Gorman at 2 p. m. Monday, Dec. 21, 1959, with Rev. John Dowd officiating assisted by Rev. Roy Johnson of De Leon, a former pastor of the Gorman church, and Dr. Allen Peacock.

Interment was made in the Eastland Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, John S. Kimble of Gorman, a daughter Mrs. Bert McGlamery of Austin; two granddaughters, Mrs. Ross Coleman of Ft Worth and Miss Dorothy McGlamery of Calif; one grandson, John Edward Kimble of Gorman and also four great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Marvin Blair, Edgar Walker, A. M. Thurman, Barton Eppler, Odell Thompson, Z. O. Mehaffey, Dr. J. B. Brandon, and Frank Sparks.

Honorary pallbearers were E. D. David, W. G. Kirk, D. J. Jobe, Jim Martin, Dick Jay, Ed Harrison, Gus Frossard, Dr. D. V. Rodgers, Dr. M. L. Stubblefield, Dr. W. M. Brogdon, Dr. A. A. Brown, and R. C. Mehaffey.

### "Joy to the World, The Lord is Come"

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let Earth receive her King."

The message that God has given to the world is found in the great hymns of the church. An example of this message is found in the hymn "Joy to the World! the Lord is come." The message tells us that the Lord is come and that we should receive Him as our King.

If Christmas has a religious meaning to us, it must mean that we will prepare in our hearts a place for Him who is the Prince of Peace. It means that during this season of the year we will worship Him in the church and in our homes and in every place under the skies. We must prepare our hearts to receive Him as Lord of all life by prayer, Bible reading of the mighty works of God, by quiet meditation and by Christlike living.

There is "joy to the world" because "the Lord has come." Matthew 1:23 reads: "and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." The message of Christmas is that God is with us, the Lord is come to earth to become a part of man's life that man might become a part of God's life - which is the most important thing in life. Unless we become a part of God, life has no meaning and no real purpose. The message means that God is with us in every phase of our daily living. He is with us in the hour of joy and in the hour of failure. There is real joy in the world this Christmas to everyone who know through

The Lingleville boys and Comanche girls captured championships in the Gorman Invitation-

The Lingleville boys defeated Olden in the final game by a score of 46-35 after the Comanche girls won over the De Leon girls 39-32.

The triumph by Lingleville was the second year in a row for

them while the De Leon girls barely missed repeating for the girls championship won by them last year.

Complete tournament scores were:

First Round Boys:

- Abilene "B" 73 - Gordon 46
- Dublin 32 - Gustine 21
- Lingleville 40 - Cross Plains 33
- Scranton 37 - Gorman 25
- Olden 55 - Comanche "B" 33
- Ranger 44 - Putnam 27
- De Leon 49 - Huckaby 24
- Priddy 44 - Moran 22

First Round Girls:

- Cross Plains 49 - Scranton 41
- Priddy 44 - Putnam 11
- De Leon 46 - Gustine 21
- Gorman 37 - Dublin 20
- Olden 52 - Gordon 38
- Eastland 42 - Huckaby 30
- Comanche 57 - Moran 31

Second Round Boys:

- Olden 69 - Scranton 64
- Abilene "B" 56 - Dublin 34
- De Leon 40 - Ranger 29
- Lingleville 58 - Priddy 45

Second Round Girls:

- Lingleville 54 - Cross Plains 53
- Comanche 42 - Eastland 32
- Gorman 51 - Olden 32
- De Leon 38 - Priddy 33

Consolation - Boys

- Cross Plains 51 - Moran 31
- Gordon 37 - Gustine 39
- Putnam 42 - Huckaby 30
- Gorman 48 - Comanche "B" 33

Consolation - Girls

- Gustine 46 - Putnam 29
- Huckaby 63 - Moran 45
- Dublin 35 - Gordon 15

Semi-Finals - Boys

- Olden 48 - De Leon 43
- Lingleville 40 - Abilene "B" 27

Semi-Finals - Girls

- Comanche 40 - Gorman 32
- De Leon 54 - Lingleville 40

Consolation - Boys

- Putnam 48 - Gorman 35
- Cross Plains 47 - Gordon 42

Consolation - Girls

- Dublin 35 - Huckaby 33
- Gustine 51 - Scranton 32

Finals - Boys

- Lingleville 46 - Olden 35

Consolation Finals - Boys

- Cross Plains 45 - Putnam 36

Finals - Girls

- Comanche 39 - De Leon 32

Consolation Finals - Girls

- Gustine 42 - Dublin 20

**BOYS FIRST TEAM ALL TOURNEY**

- Williamson - 85 - Lingleville
- Cates - 31 - Olden
- Stewart - 24 - Scranton
- West - 10 - De Leon
- Joe Henderson - 57 - Lingleville

**SECOND TEAM - BOYS**

- Tabor - 11 - Moran
- Adams - 40 - Cross Plains
- Martin - 40 - Abilene "B"
- Warren - 4 - Gorman
- Fox - 34 - Olden

**GIRLS - FIRST TEAM**

- Forwards:
- Jennings - 14 - Comanche
- Fronk - 21 - De Leon
- Lucas - 33 - Lingleville

Guards:

- Kunkel - 61 - Priddy
- Robertson - 20 - Gorman
- Walker - 14 - Gustine

**GIRLS SECOND TEAM**

Guards:

- Tyus - 15 - De Leon
- Butler - 33 - Comanche
- Moore - 14 - Dublin

Forwards:

- Walters - 27 - Cross Plains
- Gamblin - 13 - De Leon
- Henson - 13 - Comanche

Lt. and Mrs. Jack Neal Gilbert and daughter, Lisa, arrived home on Saturday night from State College, Penn. to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Gilbert.

A/2c Charles W. Hunt has returned from Korea and is home on leave for the holidays.

Mrs. R. O. Rankin returned to Houston Monday for her first check up since undergoing surgery at the Anderson Clinic in October. She was accompanied by her husband and son-in-law, J. D. Britton of Big Spring. Mrs. Britton and children stayed in Gorman where they will spend the Christmas holidays.



**TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS** — The Comanche girls team pictured above won the local tourney Saturday night by defeating De Leon in the finals.

Bottom row (l to r): Sue Collins, Jeanne Elrod, Patricia Johnston, Sarah Ragsdale, and Mary Ann Cloud.

Top row: La Gene Johnson, Cassie Wilhelm, Dairlene Humphrey, Judy Burks, Sylvia Timmons, and Retta Welch. In right foreground is Coach Bill Curry.

The Cross Plains boys won the Consolation boys trophy by defeating Putnam 45-36 and the Gustine girls won the girls Consolation by outscoring Dublin 42-20.

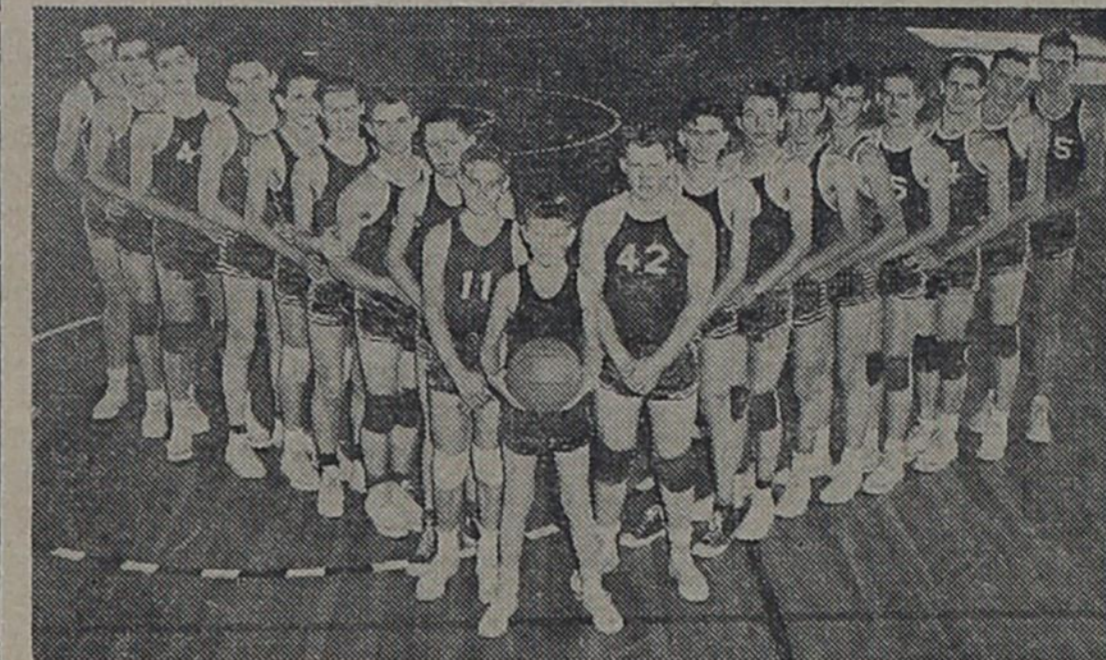
### ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### BAND CONCERT SET FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

The Gorman Band and Junior Choir will present their Annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 22, at 7 p. m. in the high school auditorium. The public is invited.

#### BUSINESS HOUSES OF GORMAN TO OBSERVE HOLIDAYS DEC. 25 - JAN. 1

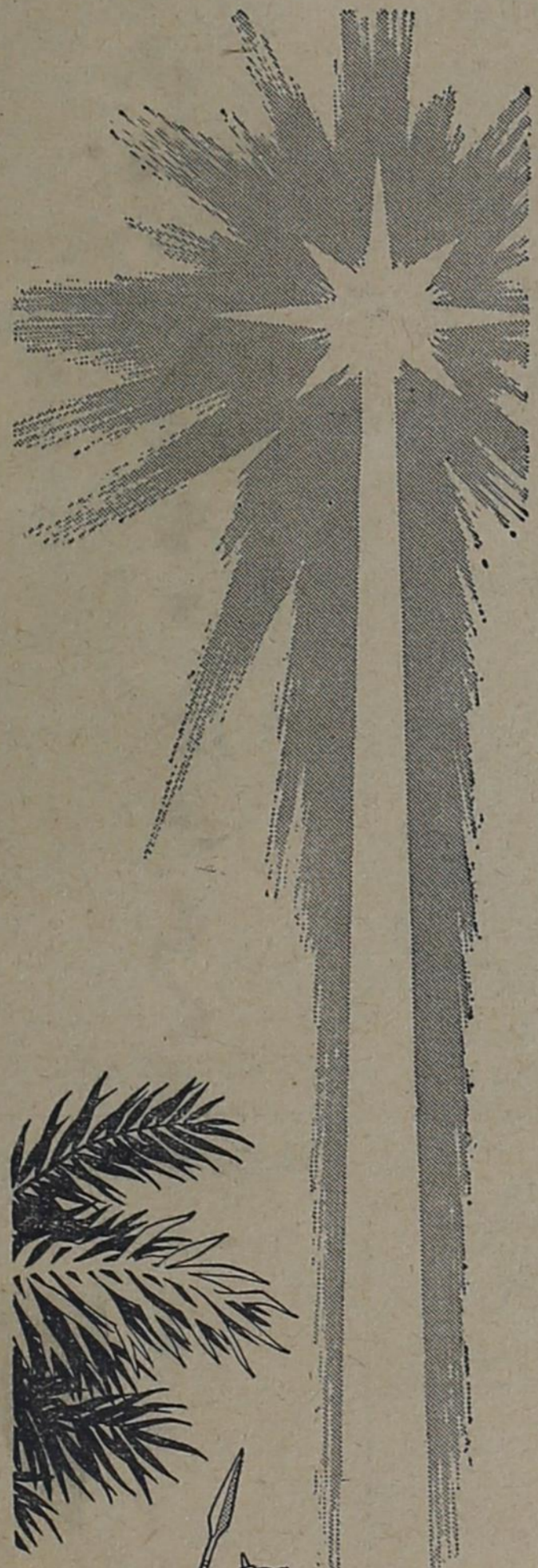
Business houses of Gorman will observe December 25, Christmas Day, and January 1, New Year's Day, as holidays and will not be open for business on those dates.



**TOURNAMENT CHAMPS** — Lingleville boys team pictured above defeated Olden in the tourney finals to repeat as champions again this year.

Left to right: Arthur Carstenson, Jerry Henderson, Don Earl Hicks, Earl Jacks, Louie Kilgore, Charles Whitefield, Gary Henderson, Franklin Cooke, Freddie Jones, Leonard Hallmark, Donald Tate, J. T. Darby, Jr., Marvin Dale Moon, Harvey Mayfield, Donnie Henson, Mike Robertson, Joe Henderson, Larry Sparks, and Gerard Williamson.

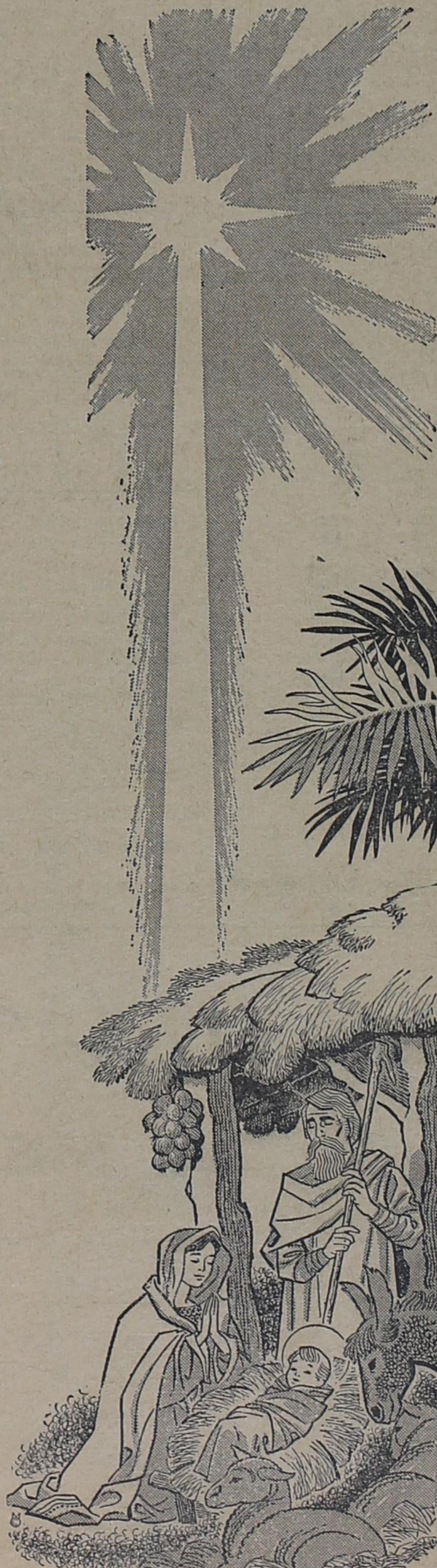
Coach of the team is W. G. Kilgore.



## Christmas

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." As on the night when the Wise Men found the place where He was, may the story of the first Christmas bring to us wonder and joy ever new. And may His message, heard again in song and story, give to all of us the great gifts of spiritual joy, eternal hope and promise.

Take your family . . . attend Christmas services in the church of your choice.



personal experiences that "the Lord has come" for him and for



To all our neighbors and many friends we extend greetings and our prayer that this Yule season be filled with cheer, love and great happiness.

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Mr. & Mrs. Gail Bennett

the world. During this Christmas season let each one of us experience the coming of the Lord into our lives and prepare our hearts in such a way that He will live with us forever and forever.

There is "joy to the world" because "the Saviour reigns." Again from the gospel of Matthew we find these words: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS, for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21). Everyone of us has sinned against God and must find forgiveness in the Saviour who was born so long ago in the city of Bethlehem. During this Christmas season we must recognize Jesus as our Saviour and serve Him with our lives if we really want Him to come into our hearts this Christmas season. Each one must make for himself the decision to let Jesus come into his heart and this means that we must know that He can save us from our sins because He is our Saviour.

There is "joy to the world" because "no more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found." We are no longer under the curse of sin and death if we have found the saving power of God in Christ. This means that we have experienced this saving power in Jesus Christ because we confessed before man that God through Christ could save us and that we needed saving. Let

us this Christmas season live for Him who died for us that we may know the blessings that flow from God upon this earth and that the curse of sin and death might not keep us in fear.

There is "joy to the world" because "He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His grace." Isaiah wrote that He would be called "Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Truly this Christmas season the old world stands in need of the Peace of God, and you and I know that there is no joy in this world unless the peace of God is found in our hearts and is shared with others around this world of ours.

My prayer for you and for all of the people of this old world is that in this Christmas season the Lord, Jesus Christ, might be born within your hearts; that Him, who came as the Saviour, may come to you and be your personal Saviour forever and forever; that the curse of sin and death and the thorns of sorrow may be driven away by His coming into your very life; that the glories of His righteousness and the wonders of His life may fill your life with the eternal peace and good will of God's presence; that you will give Him place in your life so that He may rule you with His truth and grace.

May each one of us sing "Joy to the World" and let Him come into our lives and receive Him as Saviour and King, not just for Christmas, but for every day of our living upon this earth.

Rev. John Dowd, pastor  
First Methodist Church

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SUNDAY & MONDAY NIGHTS  
David Niven - Shirley MacLane  
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"ASK ANY GIRL"  
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY  
Dec. 29th. & 30th.

Louis Prima - Keely Smith  
in  
"HEY BOY! HEY GIRL"

THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
Dec. 31st. & Jan. 1st.

Glenn Ford - Debbie Reynolds  
in  
"IT STARTED WITH A KISS"

MIDNITE SHOW - Dec. 31st.  
in  
Mamie Van Doren - Mel Torme  
"GIRLS TOWN"

**OUR TOWN**

By Ted Bickle

"Peace on earth, good will toward men" - Words that we hear most every day during the Christmas season - If everyone would take heed and be sincere in their good will toward men, there would be more harmony among people all over the world. Volumes have been written on the subject. It is up to each individual to govern his life as his conscience dictates - so be happy - have a very Merry Christmas. If you're going some place Drive Carefully.

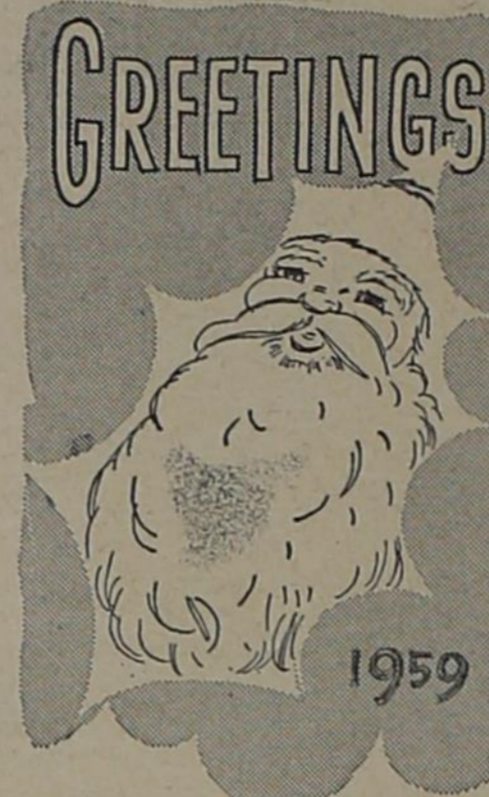
With friends dropping by and with the children wanting their little playmates to "come over to my house and see our Christmas tree or see what Santa brought me", you will need plenty of food that can be served "on call". Different kinds of dips really do come in handy. Be sure to have a good supply of potato chips and etc on hand.

FOR SALE - Sheet Iron building, 24x36, in good condition. Also small sheet iron building. Also would consider selling some lots on Hwy. 6. See Joe Bennett

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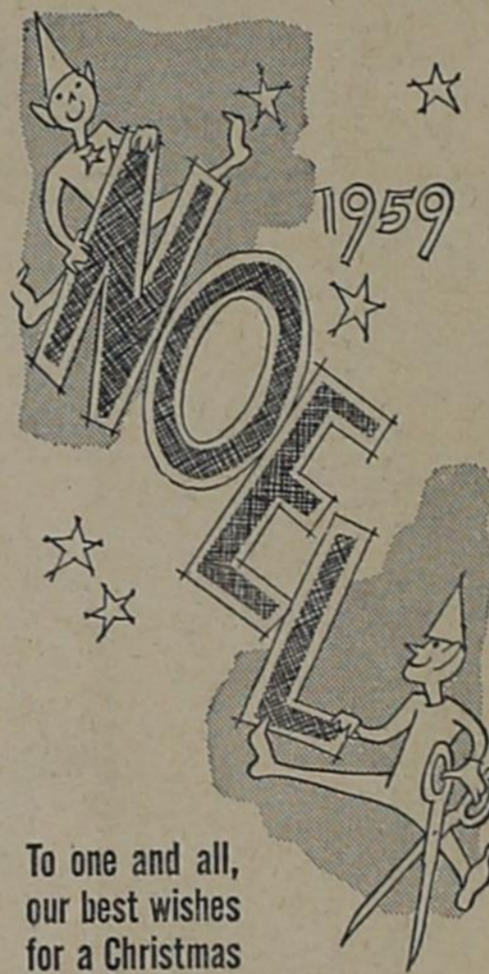
**GUACAMOLE DIP**  
3 tbsp finely chopped onions  
1 tomato, peeled and chopped  
2 avocados  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
Chop together the onions, tomato and avocado until smooth. Add salt, chili powder and lemon juice. Mix well. Serve as a dip for tortillas, potato chips or corn chips.

**SOUR CREAM DIP**  
1 package of onion soup  
1 pt. commercially soured cream  
Mix together thoroughly. If the mixture thickens have more sour cream to mix into it for easier dipping - so good!  
Merry Christmas! !



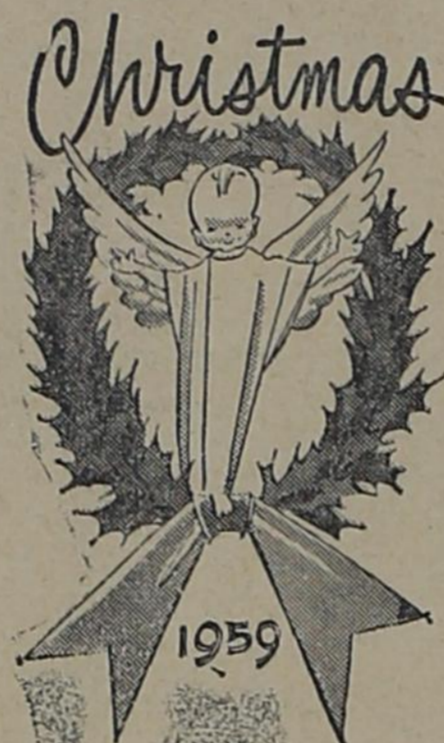
With Santa we send to all our many friends in this community our greetings and wishes for a merry Christmas.

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W. J. DUKE GORMAN



To one and all, our best wishes for a Christmas holiday filled with festivities and fun that comes from having friends and loved ones about you.

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## Ex-Congressman, Clyde L. Garrett, Suffers Fatal Heart Attack Friday

Eastland Telegram - Sunday — Clyde L. Garrett, former U. S. Congressman, Eastland County Judge and Eastland city manager, died of a heart attack at 11 a. m. Friday at his home in Eastland.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at 3 p. m. in the First Baptist Church with Rev. Harvey Kimbler officiating. Burial was in the Eastland Cemetery.

He had been in apparent good health and observed his 74th birthday Wednesday. He suffered one previous attack two years ago, enroute from Washington, D. C. to Fort Worth via plane.

He made his final political appearance last week when he was named president of the Eastland County Johnson for President Club, which he helped organize. The organization is supporting

Lyndon B. Johnson as the Democrat's presidential candidate in 1960.

In 1958, he was defeated by Judge John Hart in the race for the Eastland County judgeship.

Born in a log cabin near Gorman, he held several city, county and civic offices prior to his election to Congress in 1937. Contesting him in the campaign was Tom Blanton, seeking re-election from the 17th. Congressional District.

He served from January, 1937 through 1940 in the 75th and 76th Congresses. In a bid for re-election in 1940, he lost by 3,200 votes to Sam Russell in the "run-off" primary.

He accepted a position with the Small Business Administration, a division of the Department

of Commerce, after his election defeat. Then, during part of World War II, he was with the Office of War Information in Washington, D. C.

He sought return to Congress in 1944, but again was defeated by Sam Russell. After this, he was associated with the Veterans' Administration, first in Washington and later in Dallas, before going to Waco as loan guaranty officer for the VA. In this capacity, he was head of the Waco office and supervised the several million dollars of direct loans to veterans.

He retired in 1955 and moved back to Eastland.

Mr. Garrett was elected president of the Former Students Ass'n. of Hankins Normal College at Gorman in 1957. As a young man, he was graduated from Hankins.

After his graduation, he was Eastland County clerk for several terms before serving the Guaranty State Bank in Eastland as vice president six years.

He was Eastland city manager prior to the oil boom, and in 1929 was selected Eastland County Judge. Mr. Garrett held that position until 1937, when he was elected to Congress.

He was a former president of the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Ass'n.

Born Dec. 16, 1885, he married Sallie Day in Eastland on Dec. 12, 1912. He was a lifetime member of the Baptist Church and a Thirty-Second Degree Mason.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Carl L. of Eastland and Clyde W. of Dallas; three daughters, Mrs. L. F. Maley of Alice, Mrs. John Seeling of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Paul Pate of Bryan; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Love of Eastland and Mrs. Hattie Fox of Lubbock; one brother, Fred of Monahans and 10 grandchildren.

## Kirk's Nursing Home Notes

The following are reported as residents of the Kirk's Nursing Home in Gorman:

- Mrs. Ella Counts, Gorman
- Mr. J. E. Ryan, Glen Rose
- Mrs. Flavie Bunch, Ranger
- Mrs. Alice Whitley, Texico, N.M.
- Mrs. W. A. Dickey, De Leon
- W. H. Trice, Gorman
- Mrs. W. F. Wolfenbarger.
- T. L. Johnson, De Leon
- George McCulloch, Cisco

## LAST MINUTE PRESENT



ELAINE glanced up at the clock. Fifteen minutes more and the doll would be hers. Mr. Rogers had promised to let her have it at half price if no one bought it before closing time. Ever since she was a little girl Elaine had wanted a baby doll—just like this one.

For the third time in ten minutes she arranged the few items left on the toy counter. These last minute shoppers were so messy. All except that charming man in the tweed coat. He'd been the only bright spot in a hectic day.

"Well, did you buy yourself the Christmas present?"

Elaine turned to see Helen Smith grinning at her. Helen was in cosmetics.

"Not yet, Helen. Mr. Rogers says I can take the doll off the shelf at exactly five o'clock. Isn't she adorable? I hope no one runs in to buy her at the last minute."

"Not at that price!" scoffed Helen. "Unless your prince charming returns."

"Prince charming?"

"Don't kid me. That chap in the tweed coat. Now there's MY



"That doll would make a fine present for some little girl."

idea of a Christmas present! He was in at least twice today again—wasn't he?"

"Three times," said Elaine, blushing. "He's been my best customer."

"And greatest admirer, if you ask me."

"Oh cut it out! Judging from the toys he bought he must have a dozen kids. No one's given me a second look in twenty-nine years. I don't think they're going to start now."

"Really? Well take a peek at who just walked in the door!" Helen scurried away.

Elaine held her breath. The man in the tweed coat was heading straight for the toy counter. For a second Elaine had a wild urge to hide the precious baby doll. He was upon her before she could move.

Back Again

"Hello again!" he said gayly. "Say, you've done a land-office business since I was here last. Not much left, is there?" His gray eyes studied the counter and the shelves behind Elaine. "That doll would make a fine present for some little girl."

Elaine's heart sank. "It's—it's more for a big girl," she stammered. "Besides—it's so expensive."

His eyes were sharp. He looked at her for a long moment, then said: "I'll buy the doll."

"Yes sir," said Elaine, turning quickly. She regained her composure while wrapping the doll. "Is it for one of your little girls?" she asked.

"For THE little girl."

"Oh—and those other presents you bought?"

He leaned across the counter. His eyes twinkled. "There's eight boys," he whispered confidentially.

"Eight?" Elaine stepped back. "Goodness—what a big family!"

The man in the tweed coat was laughing. "Yes, isn't it? Too bad they're not mine. I'm just an uncle."

"But the little girl—she's yours?"

Surprise

He stroked his chin thoughtfully. "I sincerely hope so. This morning I asked Mr. Rogers what she wanted most for Christmas, and he said: 'The baby doll on the shelf over her head.' To me it seems like an odd present, but I guess you know what you want." He held the box out to her.

Elaine gasped. "Me—you mean me?" The clock struck five. "Oh, but you—I mean we—could have saved—"

"YOU could have saved. And if you'd bought the doll it wouldn't have been a present from me, would it? And then I wouldn't be able to ask a favor of you."

"A favor?"

"To have supper with me. And to have Christmas dinner with me tomorrow if you're not tied up."

"I'll get my coat," said Elaine breathlessly.

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Merry Christmas

May you enjoy a Christmas rich in all traditions of the season.

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RUNNER-UPS — The De Leon girls pictured above lost to Comanche in the finals. Left to right: Wanda Gore, Lou Ann Qualls, Jolene Gamblin, Jo Carolyn Dendy, Bennie Gooden, Tjwanah Stacy, Patsy Thorp, Janet Brooks, Delyn Dendy, Bessie Fros, Wanda Pruitt, Peggy Upshaw, Haldayne Tyus, Capts. Glenda Fronk and Marjorie Hulsey. Mgr. Cornelia Cook and Coach John Baskin, standing.

MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Accept our warmest greeting for this Holiday season. And thank you for your many courtesies.

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Christmas

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## Christmas Peace

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Gorman, Texas

## Christmas Greetings

1959

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greetings  
of the  
season.  
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find true  
happiness.



**CHRISTMAS  
HOME-COMING**  
BY WILLIAM L. ROPER

JAKE YANCY took no part in the holiday merriment on the train. His ears, long accustomed to prison silence, resented the gay chatter of the youngsters going home for Christmas. Even their gaiety annoyed him. For his plans were of a different kind.

As the train chugged up the long, curving grade toward Loganville, he stared unseeing at the snow-laden pine trees glistening in the late afternoon sun. His mind was on what he planned to do that night—something that he had been thinking about for a long time. Almost unconsciously, he touched the handle of the small automatic in his overcoat pocket. His lips tightened into a hard line and he half-closed his eyes. It would not be long now.

Often during his ten years in prison, it had seemed a long way off. But now here he was within a few miles of Loganville and Big Ben Patterson.

He could see Big Ben as he looked that day there in the courtroom, testifying for the State.

"It was him—Jake Yancy," Big Ben had said. "I recognized him by his brown overcoat and hat when he ran out of the bank."

It was that testimony by Big Ben, Loganville's town marshal, that had convinced the jury. Thinking it over night after night in his prison cell, Jake had often wondered if Big Ben had lied deliberately, or if he had simply been mistaken. The fact that Big



He came to Big Ben's place and his heart beat faster.

Ben had married Milly soon afterwards might indicate that it was deliberate.

It was getting dark when the train ground to a stop at the old weather-beaten Loganville station. Jake waited for the youngsters, home for the Christmas holidays, to get off first. Then as he came down the steps, he glanced quickly around, looking for big Ben.

The marshal used to meet all trains. Tonight his face was missing.

After a drink of coffee at the restaurant next to the station, Jake strode past the Christmas tree on the courthouse lawn. A group of children were singing Christmas carols.

"Silent night, Holy night!" The voices reminded him of other Christmas Eves when he was a little boy.

**Memories**  
Somehow these memory flashes of other Christmas Eves kept haunting him as he walked out the tree-lined street to Big Ben's home. He recalled the sleigh bells and the parties. And several times, he paused, trying to shake off the Christmas spirit that seemed to have come over him.

Finally he came to Big Ben's place. His heart beat a trifle faster.

Jake rapped softly on the door. He heard quick footsteps inside. Then the door opened. There in the lamp-light stood Milly, an expression of pleased surprise on her face.

"Why Jake!" she exclaimed. "It was so good of you to come. Please come in."

With a puzzled frown, he followed her into the living room. Milly, he noted, appeared worn and tired. Yet she was still beautiful.

"Where's Big Ben?" he said. "Oh," she said, putting a hand to her forehead. "Then you don't know. Big Ben passed away last Sunday . . . drank himself to death."

"Drank himself to death?" Jake said. "Why, I never knew he touched liquor."

"It was the news that you were innocent, Jake." She spoke softly. "He started drinking the day the news came that another man confessed the bank robbery. He felt terribly remorseful for his mistake."

"Mistake?" Jake said. "Yes, Jake, you don't think he deliberately framed you, do you?"

Jake shook his head. "Of course not, Milly. Besides what's done is done. And this is Christmas." He smiled and walked out into the cool, crisp evening.

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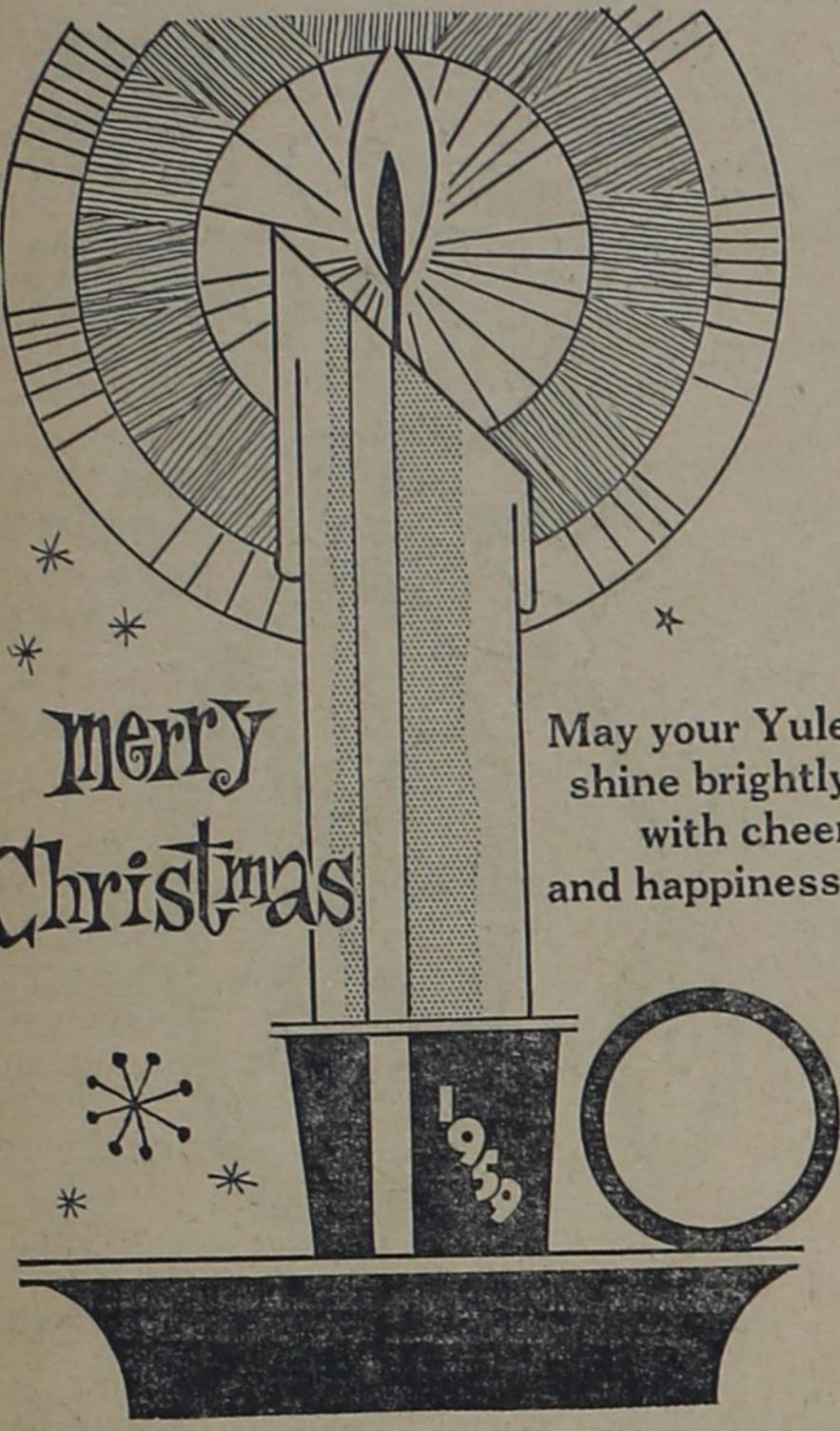


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Two Eastland County road projects have been let for bid by the Texas Highway Department. The department set a deadline for taking of the bids on Jan. 26 and 27.

The two projects are for 13.4 miles of grading structures, flexible base asphaltic concrete pavement and surfacing on shoulders on SH36 to US 183 in Rising Star. R. S. Martin of Brownwood is the State's engineer and 200 working days will be allowed for completion on this project.

Also in Eastland County, bids

**1960 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**  
Sept. 2 - De Leon - Here  
Sept. 9 - Throckmorton - There  
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Sept. 23 - Richland Spgs. - Here  
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Oct. 14 - Jim Ned \* - There  
Oct. 21 - May \* - There  
Oct. 28 - Open Date  
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# KOKOMO NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Jordan

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Riddle and daughter, Sonia, and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Don Riddle of Ft Worth, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Henderson. Visiting with them on Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Henderson and sons of May and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Henderson of Rising Star.

Lt. and Mrs. Neal Gilbert and Lisa arrived on Saturday night from State College, Penn., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odie Rodgers,

and sons, and with other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Spencer of College Station and Miss Deanna Rodgers of Ft Worth spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Rodgers.

Mrs. Jamie Lewallen and children of Grand Prairie spent from Thursday until Saturday with the Glenn Jordans.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Garrett attended the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Clyde Garrett, in Eastland on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Jackie Heath and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Snider and children on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaves and boys visited on Sunday after

noon with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrow and boys.

Pvt. Danny R. Donaldson, N. G. 25970431, Co. D. 8th. Bn. 3rd. Tng. Regt., Fort Knox, Ky. is home on 17 days leave to spend the holidays with his dad, Mr. John Donaldson, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jordan and Mrs. H. C. Wharton were in Stephenville on Friday.

Mr. Lois Everton of Dallas spent the weekend with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elver Everton and family. They all visited in Eastland on Sunday with their mother, Mrs. C. D. Everton. Visiting with the Evertons on Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fagan and Marilyn of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Goodwin of Gorman. Patricia Everton had spent the weekend with Marilyn Fagan in Eastland.

Mr. J. C. Caraway is home from Salinas, Calif. to spend the holidays with his family. Visiting with the Caraways over the weekend were Mattie and Ludie Morgan of Brownfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Snider of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Alexander of Stephenville visited with the Victor Packs on Sunday night.

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CHRISTMAS**

BY D.L. ALEXANDER

BEFORE the echoes of the prison siren had died away over the hills Jim Kennedy was well on his way toward a cherished freedom and his family. Where speed had been essential, extreme caution became imperative. He kept below the skyline, well away from the highway with its occasional cars and searching spotlights. Away from the farm houses with their barking dogs. Slogging along through the slush and snow with one thought uppermost in his mind: To spend Christmas at home with his wife Millie and their two children, Marian and Joe.

Back at the prison they would be certain he was headed for home. They might even be waiting for him when he arrived, but there was one thing in his favor: At this time of the year the road to his remote cabin was impossible for cars, and he might get there before they did.

He slogged on for two days and nights. He ate sparingly of the meager food he had filched from the prison tables. The weather was not too cold and he took fitful rests beneath jutting cliffs and abandoned shacks. But the overpowering desire to reach his home drove him onward, insensible to the discomforts of his travel.

His mind often returned to his prison life. Especially did he think of Lemaster, the guard over his company. He held a bitter, consuming hatred for the man. Always riding him about

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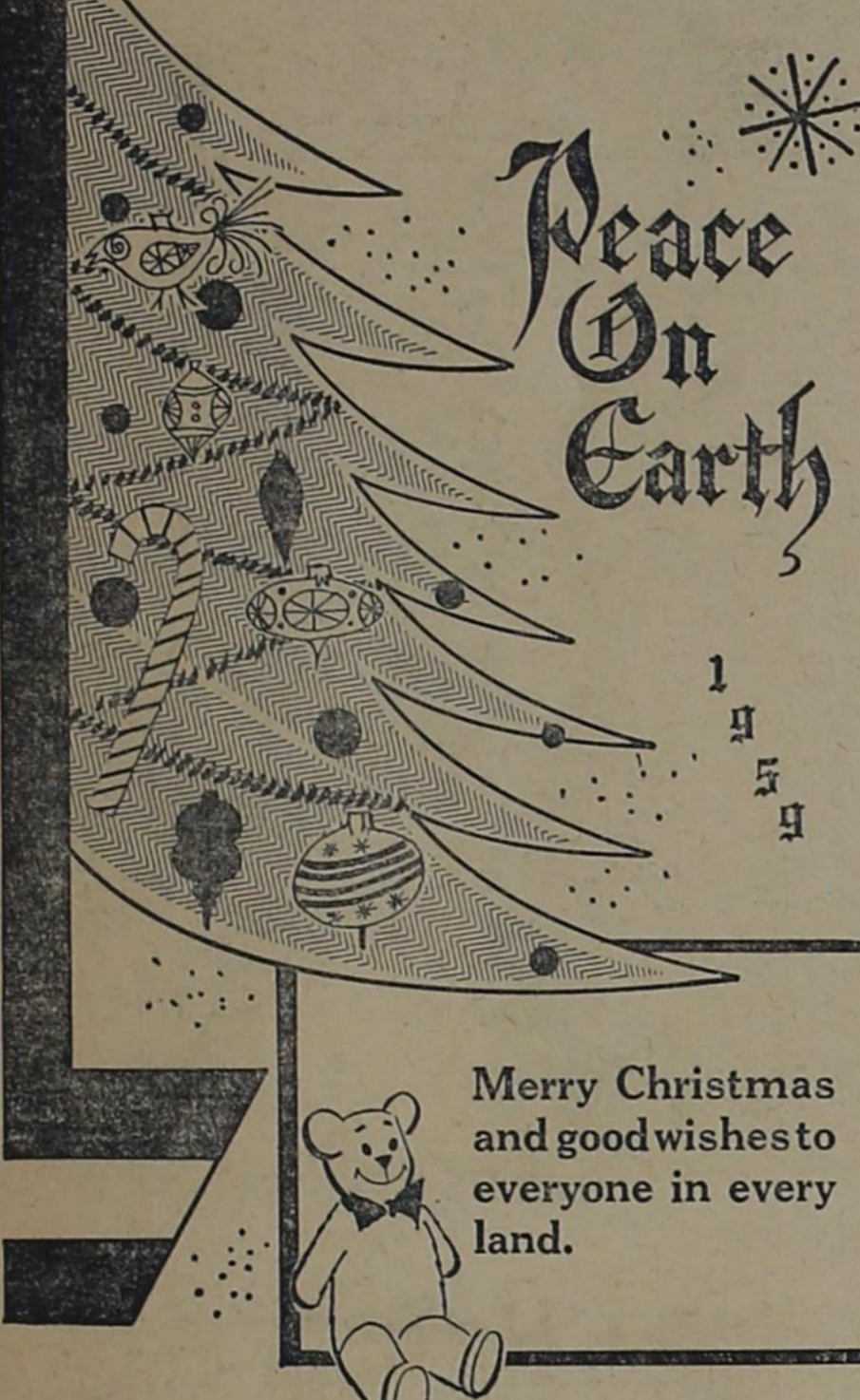
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prison rules, making him toe the mark, but ignoring similar infractions committed by others. Rules! Rules! The man didn't let him live for rehabilitation, but by rules. He hoped Lemaster would be dead by the time they took him back.

The morning Jim stood on the bluff overlooking the little valley would always remain a bright spot in his memory. The tears that gathered in the corners of his eyes were not the result of cold. The lump in his throat was caused by pent-up emotion, finally released when he realized he had won through.

The mists in the valley raised suddenly and the cabin stood out in startling reality. Smoke poured from the chimney and yellow light splashed from the windows onto the snow.

Somewhat blindly he found the path down to the valley floor. The delighted voices of the children came to him through the cloud of snow he kicked up as he rushed to the door. And then he had Millie in his arms.

Welcome Sight

There was an interval of silence, and then heart-felt expressions of joy and pleasure. When it had somewhat subsided Jim looked around. The homey surroundings were the same as when he left, excepting the Christmas tree in the corner. It was brilliantly lighted, and numerous packages and toys clustered around the base.

He took a step towards it, but Millie pushed in front of him and, reaching toward the tinsel star at the top, took down a long envelope.

"For you," she said, with a bright smile.

"What is it?" he asked, wondering.

"Open it and see."

"It means a Merry Christmas and a full pardon for you." It was the hated voice of Lemaster who had come up behind him.

Jim whirled about. "You here?" he asked bitterly.

"I knew you wanted to come home long ago, Jim. I had to report on your behavior, and to make sure I could make a good report on you I made you live up to every rule strictly. You ranked as a number one, and when the pardons were handed out yours was the first."

Jim had slowly lifted his head as hope sprung anew in him. He gazed mistfully into Lemaster's eyes. "I've had you all wrong, Cap. I thought you was riding me all the time for spite work."

"That's all right. Forget it. I'm going to have a Merry Christmas with you folks if you'll let me stay."

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## KEEPING UP WITH FRIENDS

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THE Christmas season is a magical time of year. Children make impossible wishes, and the dreams they dream delight even the angels. My sister Kathy, at the age of seven, was possessed of one such dream. She credited it to her 'Christmas Star.'

I was twelve at the time, and looked upon Santa Claus and such things with the tolerant eye of an adult.

"Do you know what I dreamed last night, mommy?" asked Kathy this particular Christmas Eve.

My mother looked up from the dressing she was making. "That you were a princess in a far-off castle?" she asked.

"Oh mother! I dreamed THAT last summer. Last night I dreamed that Santa Claus came to visit me, and he brought a lot of friends with him, and each of his friends had a present for me, and—"

"Oh brother, has this kid got the 'gimmies,'" I cut in. "You'd think she was the only one on Santa Claus' list."

"Shut up! Make him shut up, mommy. If I ask my Christmas Star it will happen—just like in



"Goody! goody!" cried Kathy. She scooted for the stairs.

my dream."

My mother gave me a significant frown. She turned to Kathy: "You should be happy with one or two presents, dear. Besides, I'm sure Santa Claus is far too busy to bring all his helpers to one house." Then she asked me: "Is it still snowing, Bob?"

My mother wasn't merely changing the subject. She was worried about my father. He was due on the 7:15. Our town lay at the end of a spur. During heavy snowfalls the main line was kept clear by the plows, but our little side track usually waited until the next day.

I pulled back the curtain. "It's stopped; sure is deep, though. Look how clear the sky is all of a sudden. I'll bet Kathy will be able to see her Christmas Star tonight."

"Goody! Goody!" cried Kathy. She scooted for the stairs leading to the second floor.

My mother shook her head. "Kathy will be awfully disappointed if your father has to stay in town."

"Dad knows that. He'll make it somehow," I assured her. But I had my doubts. Lesser storms than this had stopped the train.

#### Fear Grows

Kathy went to bed early to speed things up. My mother and I trimmed the tree. By eleven o'clock mother could no longer hide her disappointment. "Isn't this terrible, Bob?" she asked. "If only we had the teddy bear. That's what Kathy wanted most."

Suddenly there was a commotion outside the front door. The door flew open before we could reach it. Grinning like a triumphant general, my father stood in the doorway. Several other persons stood on the porch behind him; some of them were strangers to me.

"We made it!" cried my father. "The railroad sent a special train out because it's Christmas Eve. It's stuck in a drift this side of the quarry. Fix these folks some hot coffee, honey, so we can get 'em home for Christmas. The plows are working on the roads already."

#### Happiness

I'd never seen my mother so happy. She served coffee to fifteen or twenty people. They sat in a circle around the tree and chatted noisily. Old Pete Dawkins even tried on the red and white suit he had bought.

Suddenly the talk stopped. All eyes turned to the little girl on the stairs.

"It's Santa's helpers!" cried Kathy. She rushed down the stairs and into my mother's arms. "See mommy, they're here, just like I told you! Now do you believe my Christmas Star?"

"I believe it, darling." And you know, I felt kind of creepy myself. I went to the window and pulled back the curtains. Kathy's Christmas Star was still there, brighter than the rest, and winking a Merry Christmas to all.

dock and daughter, Kay Frances, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lasater, daughter, Ina, and son, Emmett of Sundown, and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Craddock and daughter, Jane, of Midland, all met in Brownwood on Saturday, Dec. 19 to attend the State Class A Championship football game between Sundown and Katy. Emmett was a player on the Sundown team.

Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Craddock and Kay Frances returned to Gorman with the Hubert Craddocks for a short visit and enroute home visited relatives in Ranger.

Mrs. Craddock was asked who won the ball game. She replied in two words, "Katy Did!"

Mrs. W. M. Sims visited Mr.



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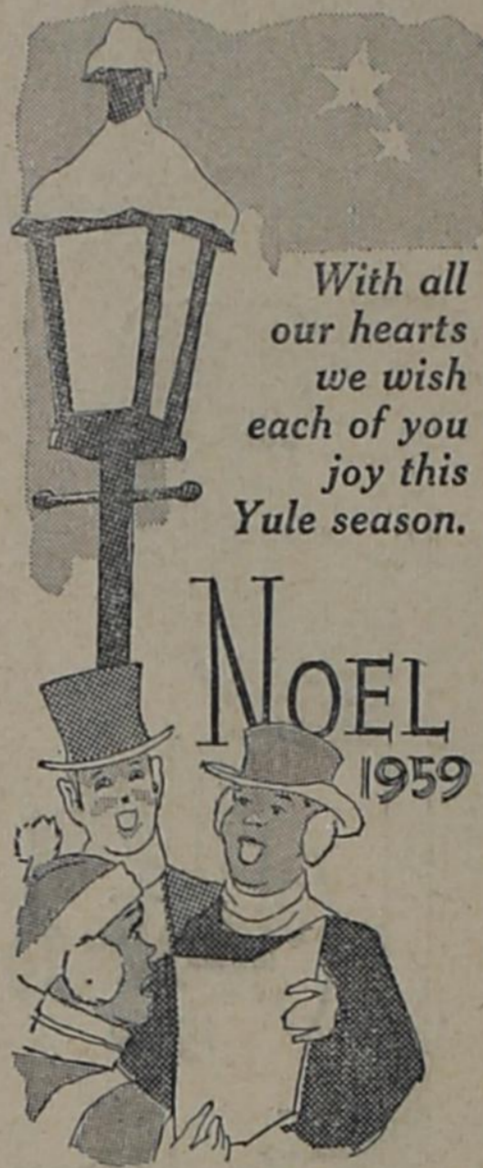
and Mrs. Curt Williams in Eastland last weekend. She attended church with them and they attended the funeral of former judge Clyde Garrett Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. O. Files had the following visiting last weekend: Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Files of Houston, Mrs. E. A. Peary of Hamlin, and Mrs. Dean of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Files and Ray of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Roney of Lamesa.

Mrs. H. O. Files returned to Dallas with her son and family for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Shugart of Granbury spent the weekend in Gorman. They will return later in the week to spend Christmas with their families, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Todd and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shugart.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Brightwell and son, Jimmy, NTSC student, are to spend the holidays visiting relatives in Big Spring, Denver City and Odessa.



With all our hearts we wish each of you joy this Yule season.

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## Merry 1959 Christmas

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