

## FINAL RITES FOR MRS. MAUPIN ON SATURDAY

Mrs. Harry D. Maupin died at the Blackwell Hospital December 15, 1960. She had been critically ill for about three weeks.

Lioma La Voy Wright was born in Comanche County on September 16, 1916. Her parents moved to Eastland County when she was one year of age. On June 2, 1934 she became the wife of Harry Daniel Maupin and the couple have made their home in Gorman since that time.

Mrs. Maupin is survived by her husband and two children, La Loyt Maupin of Fort Worth and Mrs. Barbara Williams of Eastland; her mother, Mrs. J. E. Wright, Gorman; and three brothers, Leroy Wright, Big Spring; Gene Wright, Arlington, and Gaylon Wright of Gorman; four sisters, Mrs. Berenice Gregg and Mrs. Donnie Self of Gorman, Mrs. Iris Smith, Abilene, and Mrs. Faye Fields of Corpus Christi; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on December 17, 1960 at 2:30 p. m. in the Gorman Church of Christ with ministers, Gary B. Adams of Eastland and John Goble of Gorman officiating.

Interment was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Jobe, A. L. Grice, John Underwood, Sibe Poyner, Lloyd Chambers, and Clea Echols.

## R. A. GOWAN, 84 BURIED FRIDAY

Funeral services for Richard Asbury Gowan, 84, of Route 3, Gorman, were held at the First Baptist Church Friday, December 16, 1960 at 2:30 p. m. with the pastor, Rev. A. D. Kyle, officiating. Interment with Higginbotham's in charge, was made at Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mr. Gowan passed away at the Blackwell Hospital where he had been a patient following a stroke some two weeks ago.

A native of Smith County, Mississippi, he had come to Corsicana as a young man and to Gorman several years later. He and his wife celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 16th. They have lived on their farm east of Gorman for 44 years.

Surviving the deceased are his widow, Mrs. Mary W. Gowan; three daughters, Mrs. Henry Iley of De Leon, Mrs. O. Battenfield and Mrs. Eugene Pullin; and one son, James Floyd Gowan, all of Gorman. There are also 11 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Glenn Iley, Howard Iley, Wayne Iley, Jerry Iley, Gaylord Battenfield, and Carl R. Battenfield.

## Merchants To Take Holiday Monday

Merchants in Gorman will observe Monday, December 26th as a holiday. Most stores will remain open at night for the rest of this week to give late shoppers a chance to finish their Christmas shopping.

### NOTICE

Mr. and Mrs. Wood are not going to celebrate their anniversary with an open house this year. They are expecting all of their children home and hope to spend the entire day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cooper and children were here from Karnes City visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper and Mrs. Gladys Lucke, over the weekend.

Mr. Billy Dee Hamrick, former publisher of the Progress, now of San Antonio, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Clara Cockrill of Eastland, were visiting with friends in Gorman during the week.

They were enroute to San Antonio where Mrs. Cockrill will the holidays with the Hamricks.

# Remember The Christmas

*"Would you ask about Christmas, little ones, of an old man who counts more holidays than he can remember?"*

*"Memories? Recollections? How it used to be: A Christmas of old?"*

*"Capture, if you will, my children, the distant peal of a church bell; the smell of pine, clean and fresh in a wintry wind . . . sleigh bells ringing, carolers singing, and the jingle of harness up and down the road."*

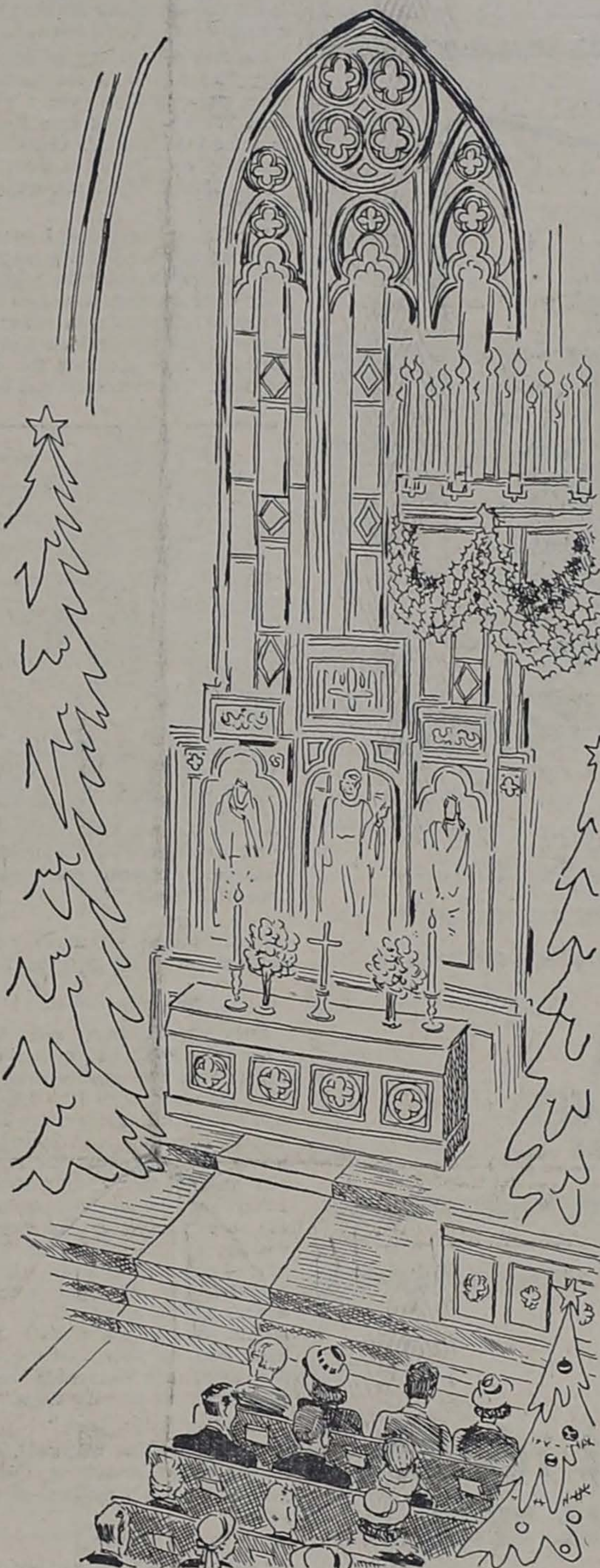


*"In retrospect, how clearly the long, lean spire of the village church still casts a moonlit shadow upon the white, white world. How quick to the nostrils is the smell of burning wax, and of green boughs, so freshly cut; and holly and mistletoe . . . and the first recollection of 'Silent Night;' how many years, how long ago?"*



*"In the catalog of Christmases past, a small cabin nestles against the foot of a great mountain, a mountain of forest green and wintry white."*

*"In an auspicious corner, near a warming hearth, the Good Book rests on a small oaken stand."*



*"The first thought, the first vision of the Birth at Bethlehem! How it stays forever, overshadowing myriad thoughts and recollections of other Christmases that flare across the mind's eye like the riffled pages of a book!"*



*"How did it used to be? The Christmases? It used to be; it is; it remains the same. Christmas has not changed; shall not. The world moves on, as it must. But, we cannot—we dare not, change the Christmas. It is the birthday of Christ."*

*"We may bow our heads in the loftiest cathedral or in a weather-beaten church by the side of the road. We may raise our voices to the mightiest rafters, or kneel reverently on a floor of dirt—but we observe neither a 'new' nor an 'old' Christmas. We observe THE CHRISTMAS."*

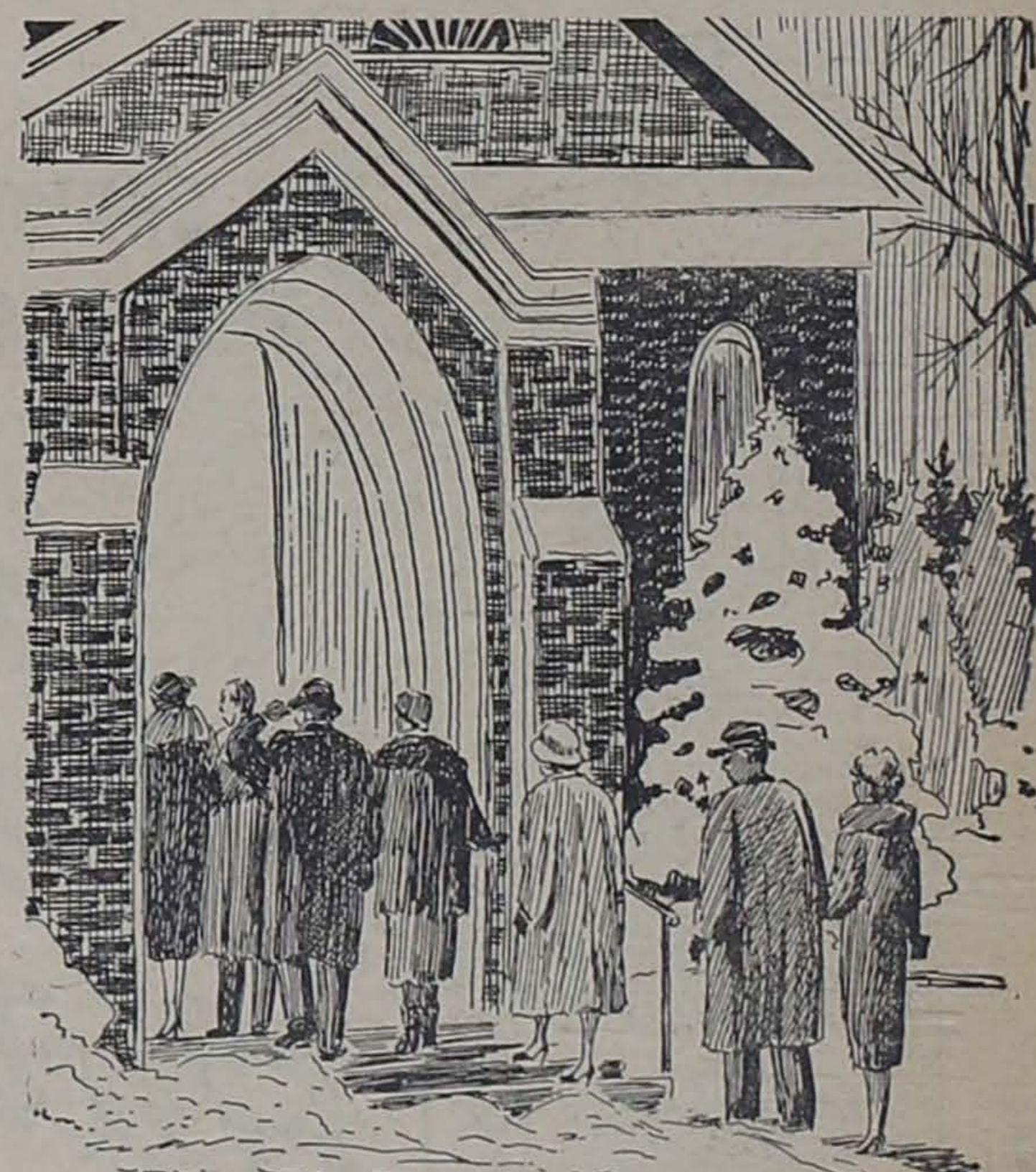
*"On a magic Eve, against a background of red berries and fresh mountain greenery, a bearded patriarch turns, so tenderly, those time-worn pages."*

*"A voice as gruff as the distant thunder modulates to softness matching the sound of a morning wind in the pines."*

*"In hushed enthusiasm, wee cherubs scatter about the floor, soaking up every familiar syllable, as if it might never be heard again . . ."*

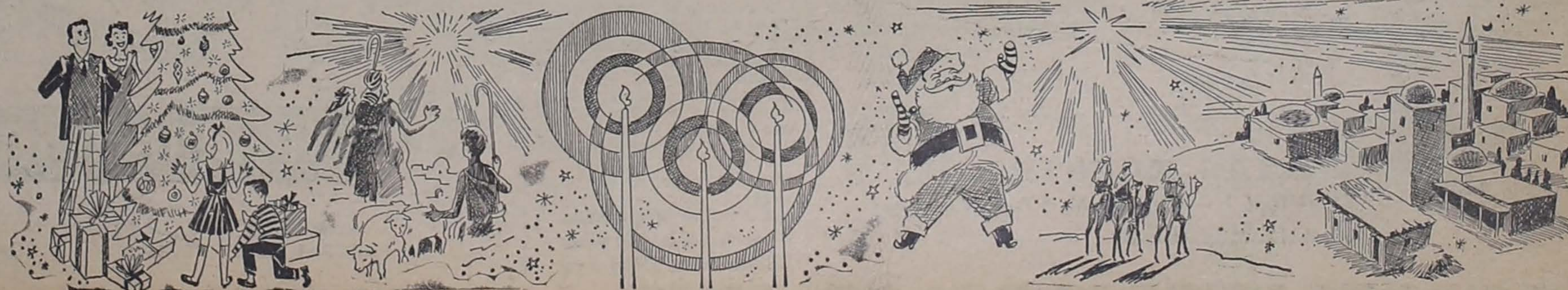
*"For Unto You This Day Is Born a Saviour . . ."*

*"And from the flickering glow of the fireside, the magic eye of the mind brings forth that vision—a stable, cold and forlorn; and yet, so seemingly different, warm and bright, alive with a greatness that is to be woven indelibly into the network of all things, past and present."*



*"There is but ONE Christmas, ONE observance—one recognition within each individual heart that long, long ago, in the simplest of surroundings, in Bethlehem there was born a Saviour who lived the life of supreme example and who died that others might find everlasting peace."*

*"May this true spirit of Christmas abide in the hearts of all, for now, and for all the Christmases yet to come."*



## Biblical Star Still Puzzles Astronomers

The mystery of the Biblical Star of Bethlehem has for centuries intrigued scholars and astronomers.

Some scholars believe it may have been a supernova, or exploding star. Others think it might have been a comet or perhaps a conjunction of the bright planets Jupiter and Saturn.

If it was a supernova in the Milky Way, astronomers say, it would have unquestionably filled ancient stargazers with awe and the feeling that a great event might be taking place.

A "nova" implies a new star, but actually is not. It is rather an old star that suddenly flares up in a display 20,000 to 50,000 times brighter than the sun. A supernova is about 100 million times more brilliant than the sun.

### Guest Star

Japanese and Chinese documents report a "guest star," so bright it could be seen in daylight, appeared in July, 1054. This, no doubt, was a supernova, astronomers say.

Astronomers do not know what causes a supernova. One theory is that the star's supply of hydrogen becomes exhausted. As the star contracts, the core temperature rises to 110 million degrees centigrade. The incredible temperature sets off helium-fusion processes, and the star becomes a huge nuclear fusion reactor which eventually flies to pieces.

### Christmas Music

Many are aware that the famous hymn "Silent Night" was written by Joseph Mohr, a German priest, but the origin of some of our other Christmas music is not so well remembered. "O Come All Ye Faithful" is a Portuguese hymn written in the thirteenth century. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," and "Joy To the World" were written by Englishmen, Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts, respectively.

Letting the other driver have the right-of-way will help every one live through 1961.

Courtesy is an asset that cannot be purchased.

## Reed's Nursing Home Notes

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

J. E. Ryon - Glen Rose  
W. H. Trice - Gorman  
T. L. Johnson - De Leon  
George McCulloch - Cisco  
Charlie Van Winkle - Gorman  
Mr. B. C. Thompson, Desdemona  
Mr. W. T. Coker, Gorman  
Mrs. W. L. Wolfenbarger - De Leon  
Mrs. Ada Kinney, Gorman  
Mrs. Ella Counts - Gorman  
Mrs. Mattie Underwood, Gorman  
Mrs. Flavie Bunch, Ranger  
Mrs. Martha Wilson, Carbon  
Mrs. Mary Couch - Carbon



### Old Custom

The custom of having friends and relatives over for egg nog during the holiday season is traced to the English practices of "wassailing." In Elizabethan times, no celebration was complete without the wassail bowl, brimming with pungent ale.



By Bertha R. Hudelson

THE Carson's didn't run bills. That is, not many. They didn't dare! They were paying for their small ranch type home by the month, for Junior's appendectomy, and for Janie's teeth straightening. Besides house, life, and car insurance, church contributions, and taxes they had little money left for ordinary living, let alone for running bills at department, clothing, and other stores that display enticing wares for the weak. Weak in the sense that when there is not enough money for even necessary things, spend anyway!

On this special day in December, Phil and Lucy sat on their back steps mulling over a problem. They had, long ago, bought toys for the children's Christmas. But they had forgotten someone. "Dad Carson. What can we give him?"

"Socks, or Bermudas, I guess," Phil suggested, relighting his pipe for the fourth time since beginning their conversation. Phil had foregone cigarettes in order to stop one big money leak and resorted to pipe smoking for consolation. The transition had been



"We must give him something unusual, yet costing nearly nothing—if possible."

difficult, for he was forever forgetting to keep his pipe lighted.

### Money-Conscious

Lucy, watching, remarked, "I'm even getting so money conscious that I'm glad when your pipe goes out. Uses less tobacco and luckily the matches are free. Yet the economical sock idea leaves me cold," and she shrugged disdainfully. "Too ordinary. I don't see why nice gifts for men are so expensive. If Dad were a woman, I could get a ritzy little pair of earrings, or a fancy handkerchief, for not more than a dollar. That's about all we can afford. As for Bermudas! You know Dad. He'd stick them in the fire rather than wear such "cock-eyed stuff" as he calls them."

"Shaving lotion, then."

### An Idea

"He's fond of jelly. And why not half a dozen glasses?" Lucy suggested, happily, pleased that she had at last come up with an idea. "You know Mom Carson doesn't make jelly any more, or can fruit, or bake. She says she's graduated from all that. From now on she's taking things easy. And she deserves to, although I do feel a little sorry for Dad with his farm bringing up. To hear him tell it, his mother even fried chicken for breakfast. Sometimes he had fried chicken three meals a day. Not that I would want it, but he likes to eat. A habit formed when young, and, "they say," habits grow stronger as one grows older. But the jelly wouldn't do. Not homemade."

### A Winner

Phil suddenly took a long puff on his again-unlit pipe. "I know what! You're such a good cook, why not offer to bake him some pies? Any kind he likes. As many as he wants."

"Wonderful! Why didn't I think of that?"

"Because my brain happens to work a little faster than yours, my dear," Phil said, smiling fondly. "We'll get a nice card and announce our gift. What could be better?"

"Nothing! But it's a good thing you smiled when you made that brainy remark," Lucy told him, smiling as fondly at him as he had at her. "Now for sweeping and dusting until 1962!" She leaped to her feet and started into the house.

Paul slowly stood up, groaning, "And me to work."

They went their different ways, unashamed of the gift they were to offer, and content, despite the problem of the high cost of living in the year of 1960. After all, there are satisfactory ways of beating it if you but use your brain.

Put the Yule log upon the fire and relax and enjoy the glorious holiday. We are thinking of you and wishing you well.

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to take this method of thanking each and everyone who had any part in helping us bear our burden in giving up our husband and father and grandfather. The hospital staff who tried to make him so comfortable, the ones who prepared the food, the ones who sent flowers, the ones who set up at the funeral home, and also thanks to Mr. Buchanan for his wonderful service.

We thank Bro. Kyle and Bro. Wylie for their comforting words and also the ones who sang and played.

May God bless each and every one is our prayer.

Mrs. R. A. Gowan  
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Iley and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. O. Battenfield and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gowan and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pullin and Family

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my appreciation to the wonderful staff of doctors and nurses for the good care I received during my stay in the hospital. Also I wish to say thanks again to my friends and loved ones who prayed for my recovery, for their visits, cards, flowers and words of encouragement.

May God's richest blessings be yours.

Mrs. Buddie Stacy

## Christmas, Or JUL: Baked Cakes & Boar

In Scandinavian countries, the celebration of JUL, or Christmas, begins on Christmas Eve and continues for 13 days, ending with a "twelfth night party."

Baked delicacies and sweets are abundant during the 13 days and cakes are baked in the shape of a boar, recalling the ancient feasts of the Norsemen which always centered around roast boar. Scandinavian Christmas trees are decorated with bright gold and silver stars and long strips of gaily colored paper. A small figure of a goat constructed of straw serves as a reminder of the custom of saving the last sheaf of the harvest for the magic it was supposed to possess.

Presents are brought by the TOMTE, tiny, gnome-like figures dressed in Christmas outfits.

### About Holly

Superstitious Britons considered it unlucky to bring holly into the house before Christmas Eve. Even today, the superstition persists that if the leaves of holly brought into a home at Christmas are smooth (rather than rough) the wife will "rule" the household during the following year.

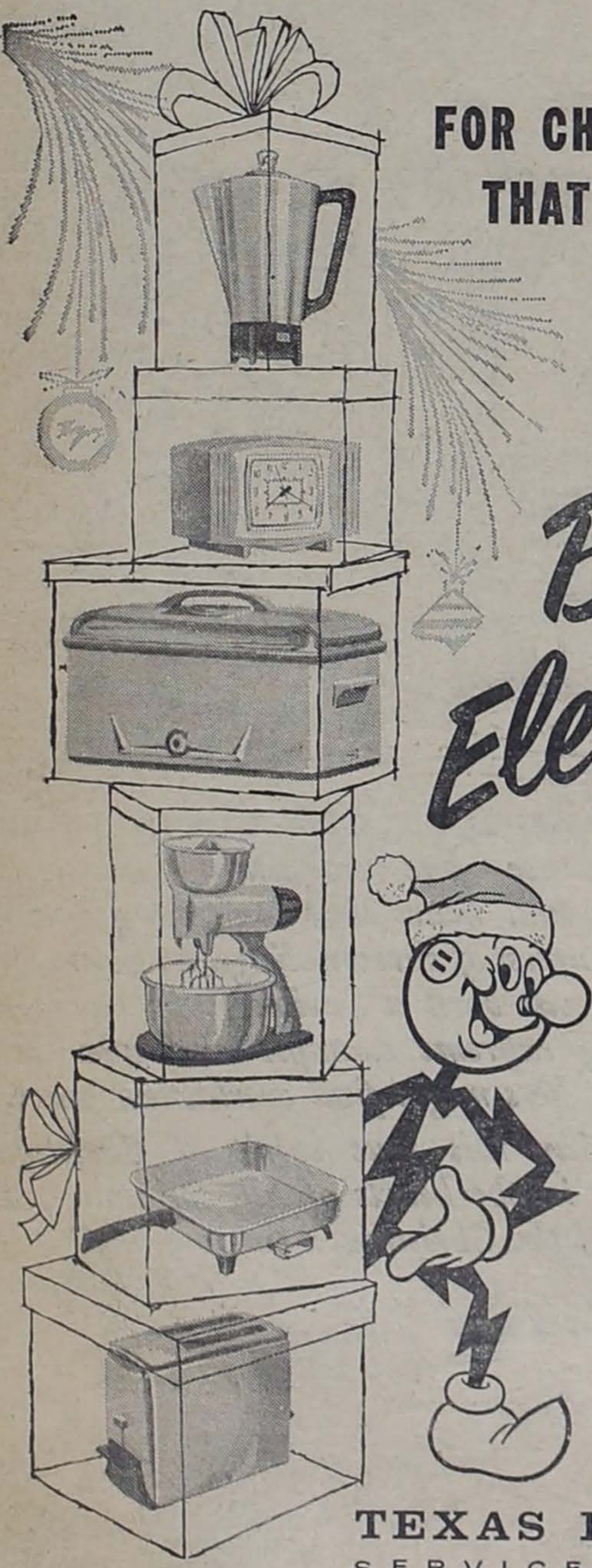
### Tree Trimming

In most things, one has to start at the bottom and work up. This is not the best approach when decorating a Christmas tree. Trees are much easier to trim from the top down. The tree trimmer who starts elsewhere runs not only the risk of knocking off some of the ornaments but as well the danger of knocking over the tree.



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Greetings and good wishes to our friends everywhere. May you be blessed anew this Yule with the true meaning of Christmas as you and your loved ones gather about your family tree.



FOR CHRISTMAS THRILLS THAT LAST ALL YEAR

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# merry Christmas



1960

It is Christmas again. May good cheer pervade each home and lighten your heart with all the joyful blessings of the day.

PULLIGS TAILOR SHOP

## Speaking of Pets

### Canine Senior Citizens

Thanks to better nutrition and health care, dogs, like humans, are living longer. Keeping a canine senior citizen healthy and happy needn't be a problem. A little understanding of his special needs are all it takes to add years to his enjoyment of life and to your enjoyment of him as a pet.

The greatest health menace in elderly pets is overweight. Resist the urge to pamper your dog in his dotage with fattening tidbits, says the Pet Food Institute. Nutritious pet foods, fed according to his proper weight and conformity, will give him a balanced diet with all the vitamins he needs. If his appetite demands more meals, try several small feedings instead of one large one.

Exercise is still important, but in moderation. Take him for frequent short walks. Curb his exercise if he suffers from shortness of breath. Some breeds with a strong sense of competition may actually try to do more than they are able. As a dog gets older, he cannot fight off sickness easily. Regular checkups with your veterinarian can stop many problems before they start.

Most of all, the older dog needs love and a sense of security. He likes comfort and routine. He may not be the bouncing companion he was in his younger days, but his wise and mellow attitude toward life makes him still a constant source of entertainment and a valued friend.



**SEEING SANTA . . .** Visiting Santa to inform him in advance of the things to put under the tree is a yearly tradition just about everywhere. Santa is a kingly, big man—sometimes, it seems, too big for the very young, especially if mommy happens to get more than a couple of feet away. Santa, stout-hearted fellow that he is, seems to take it all in stride. Just part of a day's work, you know.

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## The GREEN CHRISTMAS TREE

By F. L. Rowley

IT would never have happened if it weren't for Bill Sykes. He kept bragging about how many artificial Christmas trees he was going to sell. He even stocked the whole front window of his hardware store with the shiny trees.

Now I'm old-fashioned. I like a good, green, strong-smelling pine tree for Christmas. Seems there's still a lot of us in Hillcrest who feel the same way. Too bad Phil Reagan didn't know it; he ordered only half his usual shipment. I guess Bill Sykes had scared him with all that bragging.

### Divided

So Hillcrest was divided. Some said there was nothing like the new fireproof metal trees. Others claimed that Christmas' fondest memories were built around the thick, odorous variety.

The debate went on until Christmas Eve.

Then I went over to Phil Reagan's gas station to get my tree.

"Sorry, Bob," said Phil with a



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shrug. "We don't have a sprig left. Sold out this morning." "Sold out? Impossible! You know I get a tree from you every Christmas."

"So did all the others. Time was when I could figure within a tree or two just how many to order. Bill Sykes and his tin trees put a stop to that."

"Now what'll I do?" "Buy a tin one, I reckon." "I will not! After all my spouting off I'd be the laughing stock of Hillcrest if I went home with a metal tree. I promised Ruth and the kids a green tree. I'll get a green tree if I have to go into the woods with an ax."

I didn't really intend to. But I was stumped—and stubborn. I sat fuming in the car in front of our house when my twelve-year-old son David came up. He held a neatly wrapped package behind him.

"What's up, dad?" "I can't get a live Christmas tree. Phil's sold out."

"No kidding? Gosh, that's tough. Have you tried old Mr. Simpson?" "Not a chance. Simpson hasn't done a decent thing for anybody in ten years."

"Let's try him anyway," urged David. "It's getting late; we should be trimming the tree by this time."

We drove over to Simpson's. The old man opened the door about a foot and eyed us suspiciously.

"We came to wish you a Merry Christmas, sir," said David.

"Eh? Did you now? First time anybody's bothered to do that in many a year. A merry Christmas to you, my boy! And to you, sir." "Thank you," I said.

"We'd like to invite you to Christmas dinner—at our house," David cut in. "And there's your Christmas present, Mr. Simpson." He handed over the package he'd been carrying.

### Surprise

David had surprised us both. Simpson's hands shook as he reached for the package. "To dinner, you say?" he muttered. "Turkey?"

"Yes sir—with all the trimmings. We're going to have a wonderful Christmas—even without a Christmas tree."

David was quiet for a long time after we left Simpson's. Then he said: "You know, dad, it didn't seem quite fair getting a tree that way. Mr. Simpson did seem pleased when I gave him the present though."

"He was delighted. Probably the first present he's had in years. What was in the package?"

"A keen pipe. It was supposed to be your Christmas present. Only I knew how bad you wanted a tree."

"It was the best Christmas present I ever got—er, almost got," I said gratefully.

We both laughed. We had gotten something wonderful out of this Christmas. Something even bigger than the green tree that we were bringing home.

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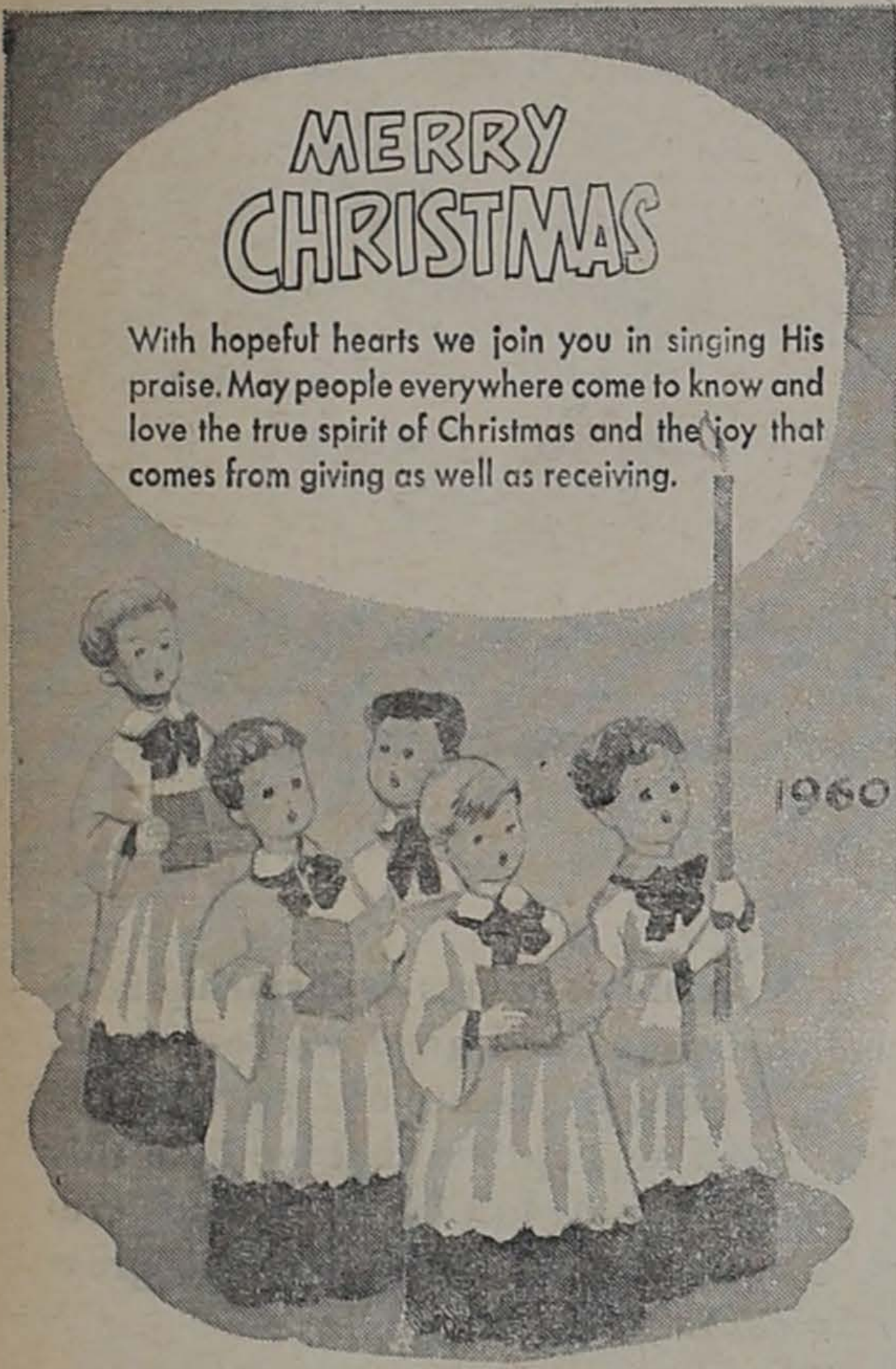
MAY HIS blessing be upon you this Yule as we observe His birth... and may your hearts be filled with a great and everlasting peace and joy.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## PRESTON FLORIST

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GORMAN, TEXAS



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## MEHAFFEY DRUG

"Where Friends Meet"  
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## Christmas CHEER!

THE wish of all of us is that your holiday be a merry one...a package of Christmas joy.

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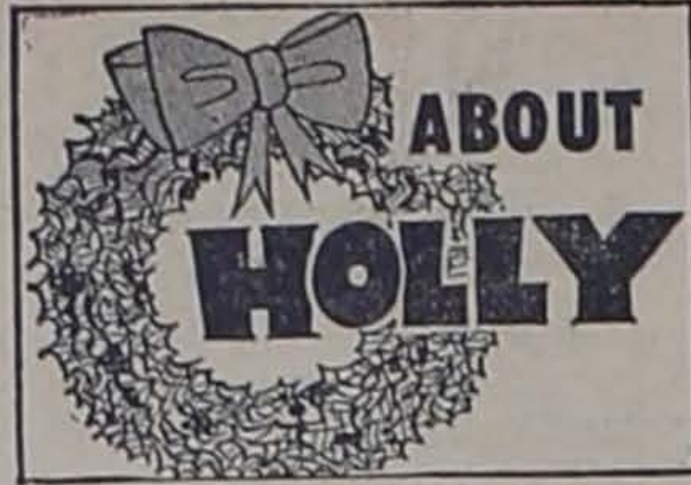
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**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to thank each one for the nice cards, flowers and letters they sent me while I was in the hospital and since I came home,

and to the wonderful doctors, nurses and whole hospital staff, they are grand.  
May God bless each of you.

Mrs. Homer Wood



The popularity of holly as a Christmas decoration is not merely because the plant retains its prickly green leaves and bright red berries after winter's cold has withered other forest greenery.

Before the Christmas, Romans sent gifts of holly to friends to mark the December festival of Saturn. The superstitious Druids kept holly in their dwellings, as an invitation to the "spirits" to enter and seek shelter from winter cold and winter winds. The early Germans used holly in an observance which marked the return of the sun from its southward pilgrimage.

In medieval times, holly was used as a remedy to treat a variety of aches and ailments. Some early American Indians even attached twigs of holly to their shields, in the belief that some special powers within the holly would make them more formidable in battle.

Holly, like mistletoe, is surrounded by legends and superstitions, dating back to pagan rites and rituals. We moderns attach no particular significance to our use of holly as a Christmas decoration—other than that it is "traditional" and "pretty." Yet, we use so much more holly than our ancestors used that today the plant has all but disappeared in some sections of the country.

**Holiday Customs**

In Norway, there is always an almond hidden in the Christmas pudding and the finder, according to tradition, will be married during the next year. In Sweden, the Yule table is laden with buns, cakes and loaves of varying shapes and colors. Roast goose is the holiday menu headliner for the Danes, who stuff the bird with apples and prunes, and serve it with cabbage and potatoes.



**Do-It-Yourself Dry-Cleaning**

with gasoline or naphtha is a deadly flirtation with death. Vapors from these volatile fluids, when coming in contact with open flame, will bring about disasters.

Remember... the Grim Reaper is watching and waiting.



May the light of the Christmas star shine upon your home, bringing to you and yours contentment, peace and the joys of the season.

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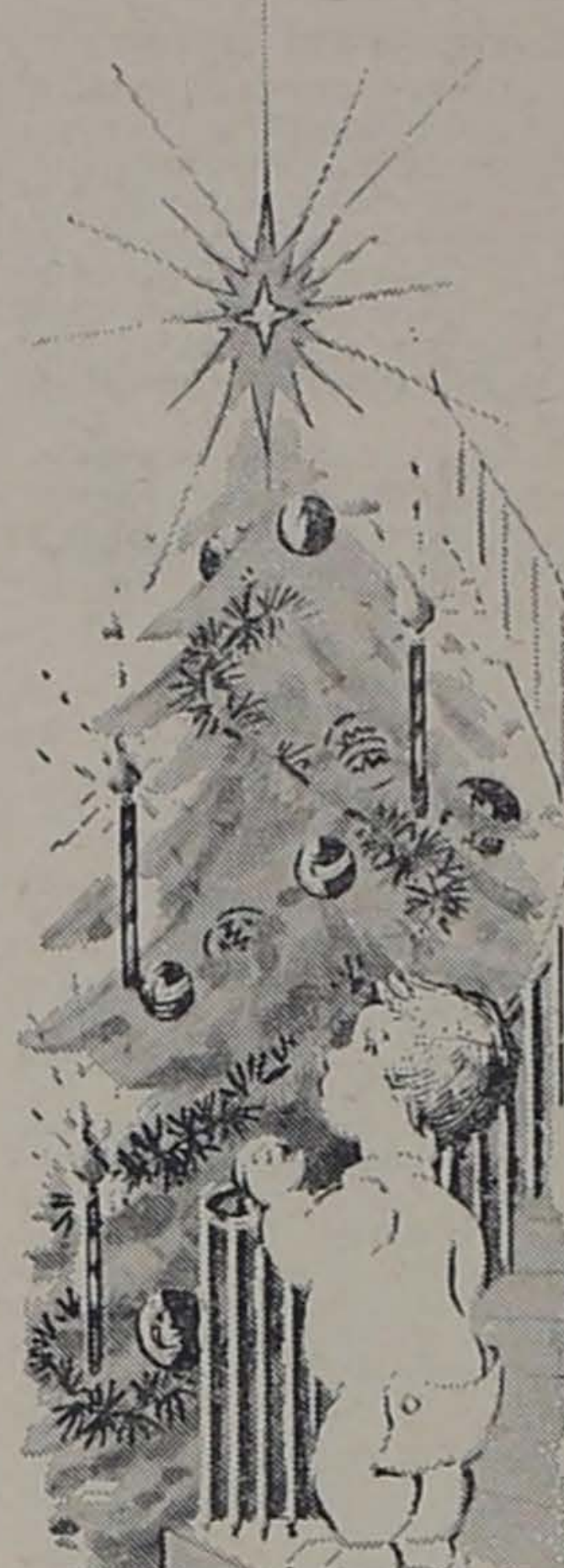
AT  
*Christmas*

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the way of life He asked this Christmas so we may find a greater meaning in this Holy time.



McDonald Ford Sales  
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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GORMAN, TEXAS



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Health, Happiness and  
Peace of Mind  
during this  
Christmas Season

W. G. BAKER

Christmas brings us inspiring faith for peace and good will on earth. We sing His praise and rejoice! It is most appropriate that we take this opportunity to wish our friends everywhere much happiness and great contentment.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

In this community we have many friends and valued customers to whom we wish to say... have a very merry Christmas, filled with good cheer, good health, and good fellowship. We hope this Yule season will be the brightest of all.

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## BAKER HOME IS SETTING FOR EXCELSIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

MRS. SMITH REVIEWS "THE DAY CHRIST WAS BORN"

The Excelsior Christmas Party in the home of the Gene Bakers has become traditional with the club. Having anticipated the happy event for weeks, members on Tuesday evening made the seven o'clock deadline for the beginning of festivities.

Mrs. Baker is well known for her unique art of achieving beauty in her home, especially at Christmastime. But one does not wait to enter the Christmas spirit, for the walk from street to doorstep is lighted by candleglow. And inside, arrangements of Christmas symbols bring joy and sweet recollections.

Mrs. Dahlia Steele, presiding for a moment, announced that business would be omitted.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Dona Moorman who introduced the speakers. Mrs. Fanny Burkett read the story of the birth of Christ with his childhood from the Bible. Mrs. Rudolph Haile gave the life of Christ in art and snowed prints of the Giotto collection which appear in the Padua Cathedral in Florence, Italy.

Mrs. W. C. "Check" Smith then reviewed Jim Bishop's "The Day Christ Was Born." The story was

so well told it gave to her audience alternate feelings of joy and pathos. And many expressed a desire to read the book.

The hostess closed the program session with a Christmas prayer.

A refreshment plate with a cranberry fruit salad, fruit cake and coffee was served. Favors were candy filled doll socks.

Mrs. Ed Wyatt was a guest.



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### NOTICE

All interested persons are advised that the construction of F. M. Highway 2689, between Gorman and Kokomo, is being planned by the Texas Highway Commission. The contemplated location will enter the town of Gorman. Preliminary sketches showing the proposed location are on file at the Resident Engineer's Office at Eastland, Texas. Any interested citizen may request that a public hearing be held respecting such proposed location and the economic effect of such location by delivering a written request to the Resident Engineer at Eastland on or before the 2nd. day of January, 1961. In the event such request is received, a public hearing will be scheduled and adequate notice will be given as to its time and place. 12-29

**FOUND** - Signet Ring at Emerson's Cafe.

**FOR SALE** - Fresh home-made Peanut Brittle. Call Mrs. R. H. Watson, 5324, Gorman. 12-29p

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## OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

By Florence Richardson

Our thought for the week:

"Don't dwell too long on the faults of others if you'll like to extinguish your own."

Visiting in our home Sunday night were the H. T. Rawls and the B. A. Hirsts.

The L. F. Mears were visiting the E. K. Mears in De Leon this week.



Your friendship is a valued possession for which we thank you most sincerely.

**Fincher's Feed & Produce**

PHONE 2045 DE LEON, TEXAS

The Jim Johnsons and Edward Johnson families have been visiting in Glen Rose.

The Kenneth Watsons and Mrs. R. H. Watson were visiting and shopping in Ft Worth Saturday.

Several from this community attended the Dick Gowan funeral Friday afternoon.

Don't forget our New Year's Singing at Oliver Springs which will be Saturday, December 31. Come and bring your friends. Refreshments will be served.

Our Christmas Holidays are here again. Let's stop and count

our blessings in these days of activities.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and a Special Merry Christmas to our editor and his co-workers.

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| HAMBURGER  | 54c lb. |
| T-BONE     | 69c lb. |
| CLUB STEAK | 69c lb. |
| BEEF ROAST | 50c lb. |
| RIB STEW   | 39c lb. |
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| FRYERS     | 45c lb. |

**BUTCHERING ON WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

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## 1960 Merry Christmas

The world glows with the spirit of Christmas and we take this means of wishing you a wonderful Yule of great spiritual comfort, joy and much happiness.

**Blackwell Hospital** Gorman, Texas

## Seasons Greetings



Turn the page to the New Year with hope and high aspirations. To our friends and patrons we extend our sincere "thank you".

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RANGER, TEXAS

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FOR CATALOG, Write Richard B. Gray,  
Box 145, Stephenville, Texas



**The Christmas  
Bazaar Santa**

By D. L. Alexander

HE stood in the middle of the block with a group of children about him. Passersby would glance at him and the children, and go on their way smiling. He was dressed in the regulation Santa Claus uniform, whiskers and all, and carried a small bell in one hand. Across his front hung a large cardboard with the lettering: "Christmas Bazaar open at the Methodist Church."

He had stood in the place, before the Union Bank, all morning, talking to the admiring children, asking them what they wanted him to bring them, laughing as he promised their requests.

**Strangers**

Two men came down the street, apparently window shopping. One of them lingered in front of a store, but the other proceeded slowly onward. He glanced at Santa Claus and the crowd and without hesitating moved on.

Santa looked up shortly afterward to see both men coming through the crowd toward him. He turned pale under his mask as he recognized them and turned about as if to go across the street. At that moment a car came silently up and the door was opened.



It was the noon hour when Santa took his station in front of the bank.

"Inside, Mister," one of the men coming through the crowd said.

Santa stepped into the car and was whisked away leaving the disappointed children behind.

It was the noon hour when Santa again took his station in front of the bank. A group of watchful kids immediately gathered, and Santa began laughing and joking with them.

**Intruders**

A half hour went by, and a car pulled to the curb behind Santa. Two men alighted, cast searching looks up and down the street, and walked toward the bank door. Santa raised one arm and began ringing his bell. The four men along the street came alive instantly and converged on him.

Santa turned to face the car behind him. Only one man was in it, and the motor was running. Santa pulled a gun and covered him.

"Hold it, Buddy. Cross your hands on the steering wheel and keep them there."

"What's coming off, Bill?" he demanded.

"Bill isn't here," Santa replied. "He's at central station cooling off his feet and answering questions. I'm taking his place temporarily."

A minute later the crowd was amazed to see the six men come out of the bank, two of them handcuffed. They went across the walk to the car and two of the men and the handcuffed men entered. Santa Claus crowded into the front seat, the gun still in his hand.

"To the central police station," he directed.

At the station Captain Hensley, who had just come on duty, sat behind the desk glowering at the men lined before him.

"Who are you?" he asked Santa Claus.

"Just a plain private eye by the name of Richard Layne," was the answer.

"All right. Take that hideous mask off."

Layne removed it. "You see, its this way, Cap. I was suspicious of the Santa Claus in front of the bank. I went inside and talked to the cashier. He said the man had been out front all day yesterday, too, and he was uneasy. He said what made him suspicious was that the Methodist Church had made no arrangements to hold a Christmas Bazaar this year."

**Prepared**

"I then talked to my friend, Detective Hammer, and we made arrangements to guard the bank."

"Where's the loot?" asked Captain Hensley.

"At the bank. They promised to keep it intact for the prosecution."

"Very well. That's good work." He beamed at the men. "But what do you get out of this," he turned to Layne.

"The bank said they would take care of me," was the answer.



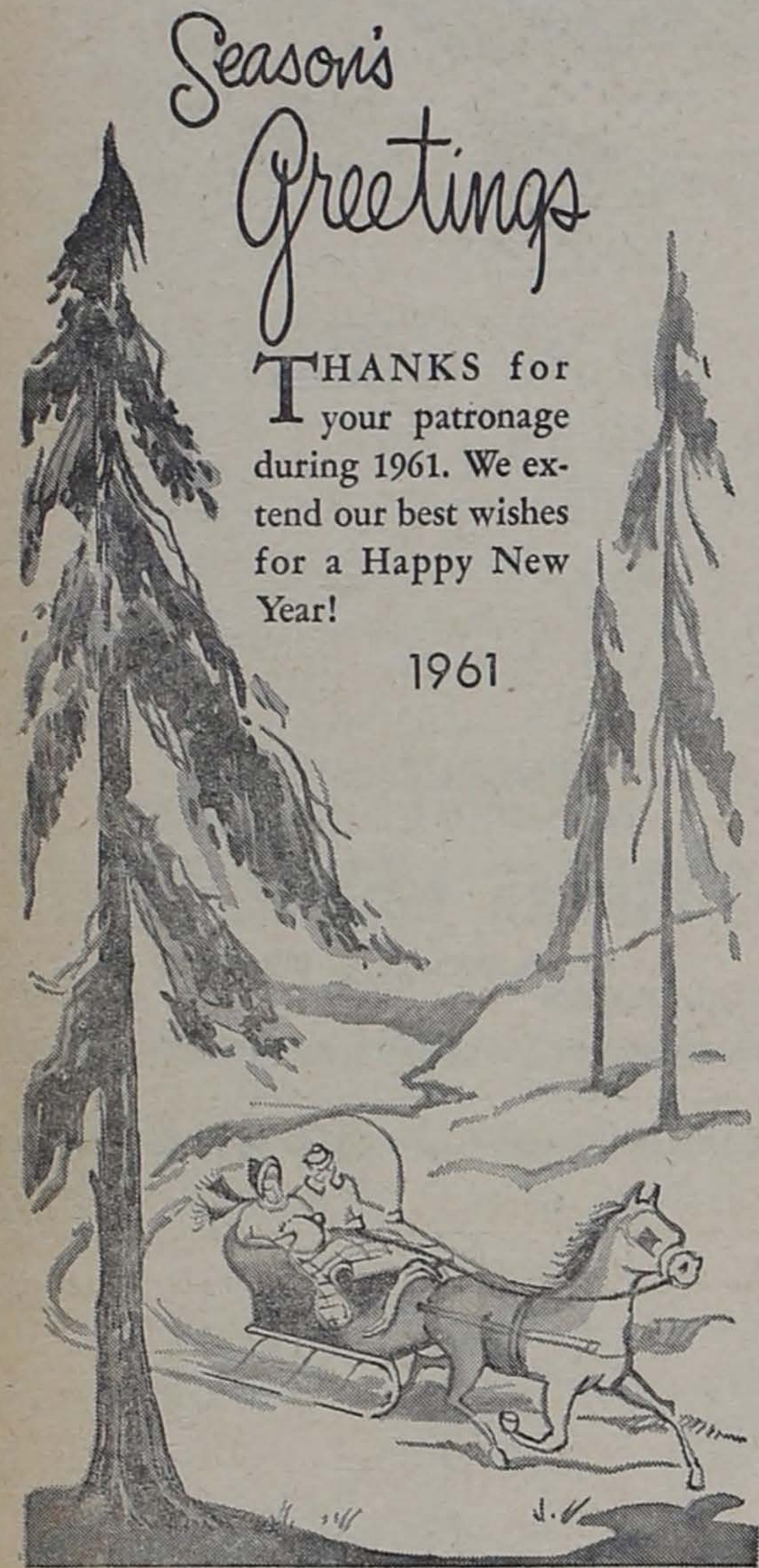
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Oh, holy, sacred Christmas! Let every heart rejoice with the inspiration and blessings of the season. A very Merry Christmas to you all!

WE WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

**EMERSON'S CAFE**

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Emerson, Owners  
DIAL RE4-2271 GORMAN



*Season's  
Greetings*

THANKS for your patronage during 1961. We extend our best wishes for a Happy New Year!

1961

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De Leon, Texas



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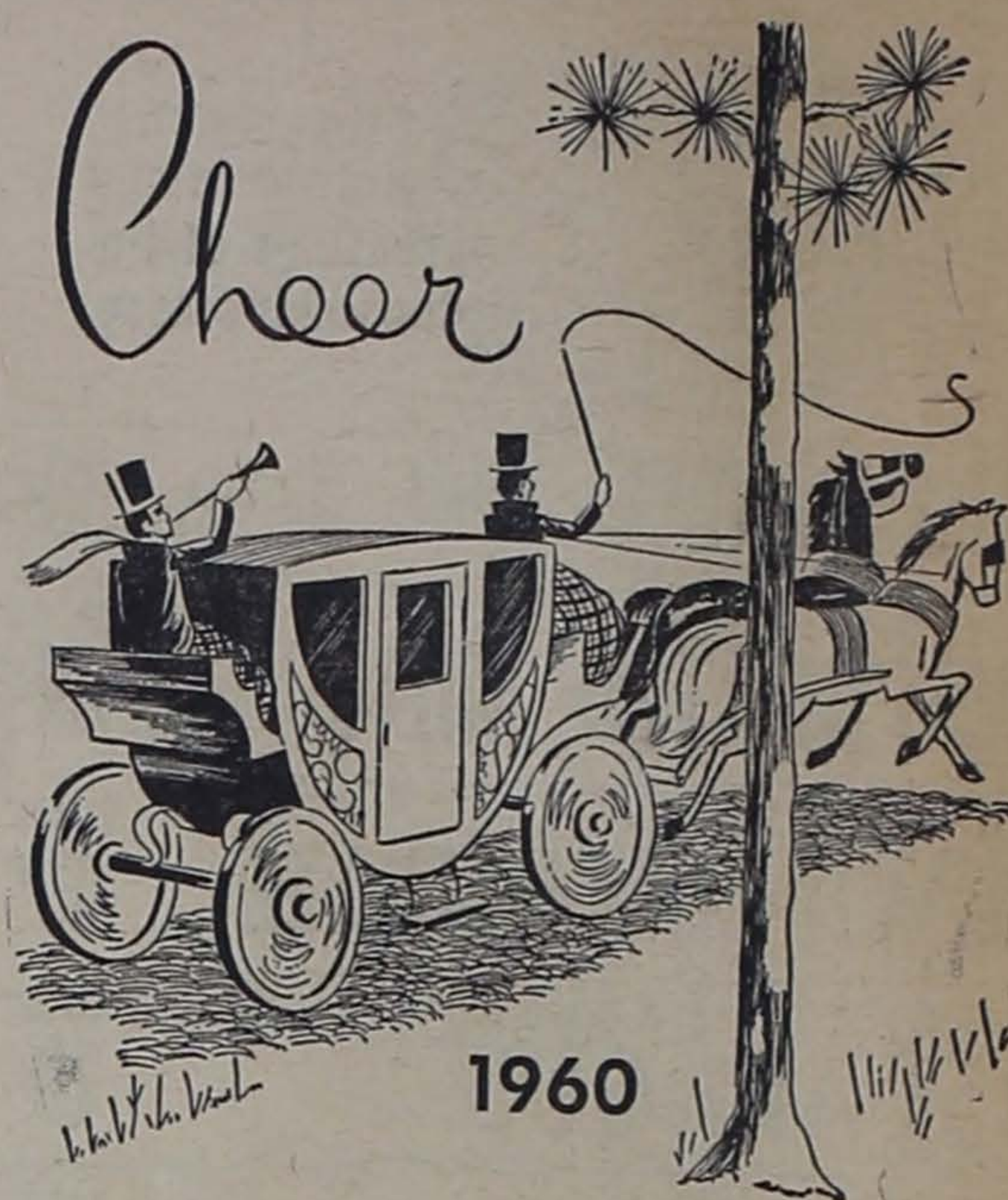
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Morris Gifford — Harvey Howard — L. H. Mayo

STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS

Happy New Year!



**GREETINGS**

To each of our many old friends we send best wishes.

1960

**J. D. TATE & SON**

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PHONE 4515 DE LEON, TEXAS



*Merry  
Christmas*

May the eternal peace of Christmas abide with you throughout the holidays.

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**STEPHENVILLE  
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STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS

# Americans . . . Tomorrow's Giants

AMERICANS ARE FAST becoming the giants of the human race. Young people, 20 to 35 years old, are about two inches taller and five pounds heavier than their counterparts in 1900. American men now average five feet, ten inches—equal to Africa's Nilotic tribesmen, long known as the world's tallest people. Though some Nilotic tribes-

men tower seven feet, their average is now no higher than that of Americans, the National Geographic Society reports. American women are growing too. They now average five feet, five inches. Few modern women can fit into their grandmothers' clothes. Along with height, Americans have increased in weight. Men are up from 160 pounds in 1900

to an average of 165; women also have gained around five pounds, to reach an average of 127. **TREND TO CONTINUE** Anthropologists expect the upward trend to continue because of progress in medicine, sanitation, and nutrition. People moving to the United States soon outstrip their relatives abroad. A recent survey showed that Mexican men who came before they were 27, and stayed in this country at least two years, were taller than their kinsmen who remained in Mexico. A survey of 135 Japanese girls, born and reared in the United States, showed they were 1.6 inches taller than girls of like age in Japan. While biologists know a great deal about growth, some mystery factors remain. For example, scientists have yet to explain why college graduates are usually bigger than people who only finished high school. Nor do scientists know why inhabitants of the mountain States are bigger than Easterners and Southerners.

**CREATE PROBLEMS** Bigger people can create problems for industry. Clothing manufacturers now conduct costly surveys to determine the changing sizes of their customers. Aircraft companies have rearranged cockpits to fit bigger pilots. At least one hotel owner has put a seven-foot bed in every room with the number ending in seven. Curiously, Americans apparently are not letting growth go to their heads. The hat industry reports that most people still buy hats size 7 1/8 or smaller.



We hear many complaints today about the modern generation's lack of that old-time Christmas spirit. Maybe this is because in times past, much of the pleasure was derived from preparing for the holiday. The whole family worked together in order to get ready. In those days, there were no ready-made Christmas trees. The men of the family went to the nearest hillside or wood plot and chopped one of their liking. Tinsel, angel's hair, ornaments, and electric lights could not be bought anywhere. All the tree decorations were homemade and it was custom for the entire family to take part in their preparation.

**Old Spirit** It would be foolish indeed, not to take advantage of today's many beautiful ornaments and decorations made possible by modern industry. Yet, we can still recapture a little of that old-time Christmas spirit by making some of the decorations as a family project. A variety of ornaments are possible from such materials as plastic foam. A cookie cutter, for instance, can be used to outline such shapes as snowmen, Santa Clauses, gingerbread men, dolls, clowns, and stars on a one inch sheet of plastic foam. After the shapes are cut out with a sharp knife, each member of the family can decorate an ornament. They can glue sequins to the figures to form features. The foam can be tinted with food coloring or felt can be glued to the ornament to add extra details, such as hats, ties, and buttons. A pipe cleaner inserted and glued to the top of the ornament provides a hook. Decorating the tree, is usually a family project, enjoyed by both young and old. Preparing the decorations for the tree can be equally enjoyable and memorable.

The date of December 25, as the birthday of Jesus, has been generally observed in most Christian countries since the fourth and fifth centuries. Before that time only the Epiphany (commemoration of the Baptism) was observed.

# DESDEMONA NEWS

Mrs. Ethel Keith

The Buck Gutherys are moving from Kermit to the Slim Adams house here.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Burleson have purchased the Lillie Wittie house and have moved into town.

Mr. Ed May of Uvalde was here on the weekend to visit his mother, Mrs. Kate May.

Mr. H. O. Fien and son, David of Ft Worth, were here Saturday and his mother, Mrs. Ollie Fien, went home with them to spend Christmas.



Mrs. Maggie Pool Foote announces the arrival of a new granddaughter. The new baby is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pool.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Newton of De Loen were here Sunday visiting her parents, the Sam Yanceys. Mrs. Chess Varner and family were called to San Angelo Friday, the 16th, due to the death of his step-father. Burial was at Coleman. He was 78 years and 7 months old. W. W. Trammell had lived at Desdemona in 1920 and 1923.

He married Miss Velma Varner in February 22, 1922. They then moved to Coleman where he had lived until five years ago before moving to San Angelo to be under a doctor's care.

Toys, of course, are the first thing we think of when we start running down the list of young folks on our gift list. For the very young, that is. When we start deciding what to give to the pre-teen and early teen set, we have to use a bit of imagination—as well as a bit of realistic thinking. Too often, we overlook the wonderful world of books.

To the impressionable youngster, good books open the door to adventure, travel, mystery, to endless hours of entertainment, recreation and education.

Books are easy to select and give. All one must know is the age, reading ability and capacity, and interests of the youngster for whom the gift is intended. While books are ageless, youngsters are not; they have their own individual likes and dislikes and a book on a subject in which they are not interested would be as useless to them as a shirt four sizes too big. The same is true if the subject matter of the book is "too old" or "too young." There is no such thing as a book for youngsters "6 to 16." The age span is too wide and the diversity of interests will be even wider.

**Buy Wisely** Some well-intending persons buy books or book sets for the school-age as gifts for infants, thinking they are purchasing a "lasting" gift. Actually, they are wasting their money. If the books are not torn or misplaced by the time the child is old enough to read and appreciate them, most likely the information contained in the books is outdated.

Books for youngsters are written for a select age group—not for a select age. At 13, two boys may have entirely different reading tastes—as well as reading abilities.

Books make excellent gifts for persons of all ages. But, like a glove or a shoe, they must "fit" the recipient if they are to be fully appreciated.



And good will toward all men. Unto all we extend our sincere best wishes and regards.

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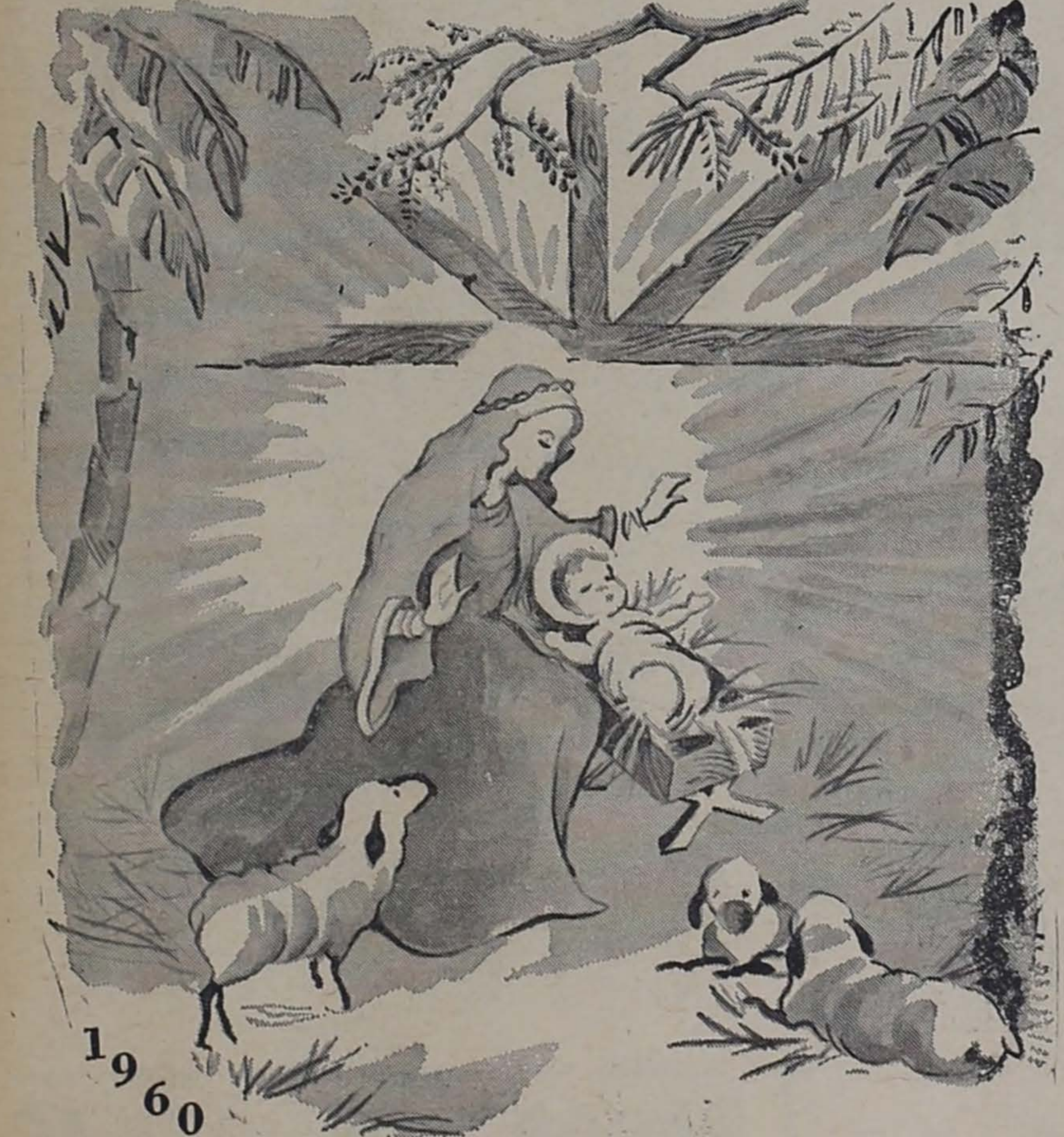
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We join Santa Claus in wishing you and yours a most happy holiday, with peace and good will toward all men everywhere.

WE WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAY & MONDAY

**BROWN JUG DAIRY BAR & CAFE**  
MR. & MRS. E. L. "Jug" DENNIS  
GORMAN, TEXAS



*At Christmas*  
As we stand in awe, filled with the spiritual wonder of the birth of Christ, let us pause and give thanks and ask His blessing upon humanity.

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Our warmest greetings are extended with the hope that this Holiday season brings you good health and much happiness. And may the joys of this Christmas be yours for all time. A Merry Christmas everyone!

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**RAISED IN SONG . . .** Young voices, raised to a chorus of Christmas hymns—this is one of the memorable moments of every Christmas. And when the sounds of "Silent Night" fill the silence of a mighty church, there comes within every heart the urge to sing out with happiness and joy.



**Nativity**

The Nativity theme is by far the most popular of all Christmas card illustrations. Many are reproduced from famous paintings, but each year others are created especially for the Christmas card industry.

**LOWER CATTLE PRICES IN 1961**

COLLEGE STATION — Cattle prices are expected to trend downward in 1961, says Lloyd Bergsma, livestock marketing specialist at Texas A&M. He does not expect producers to be faced with a general downward trend during the first half of the year so much as they will during the second half of 1961.

He thinks the greatest price reductions will be in the lower grades of cattle. With an estimated cattle slaughter increase of 10 per cent, he expects average prices to decline \$2 to \$3 per hundredweight, which will be about the same as this year, says Bergsma. He expects the importation of meat to decline as cattle prices ease off.

His figures indicate a per capita consumption of beef, veal, lamb and mutton and pork to be 161.3 pounds for 1960 as compared with 160.1 pounds in 1959. He expects the 1961 total to reach 165 pounds.

**Hazards Much Worse During Christmas Season**

AUSTIN — "There are more than the usual hazards to life and health around the American home at Christmas," the Texas Dept. of Health warns.

The department said many ornaments and foliage are poisonous.

The fluid in bubbling Christmas tree lights is made with methylene chloride and is poisonous in certain dosages.

Some listed hazards are: Holly berries, toxic when eaten; mistletoe berries, also dangerous; fireplace colors, made of toxic metallic salts; cleaning fluid for toy train tracks; "dancing mothballs," and gasses in pressurized cans of artificial snow.

Let those cheery hellos of the Yuletide season echo throughout the coming year.



**Mistletoe**

The mistletoe, despite the fondness that we have for the plant at Christmas time, is actually a parasite. The white-berried plant sometimes kills off the trees that play it host.



1960

As another Yule dawns we extend to friends everywhere best wishes for a joyous Holiday.

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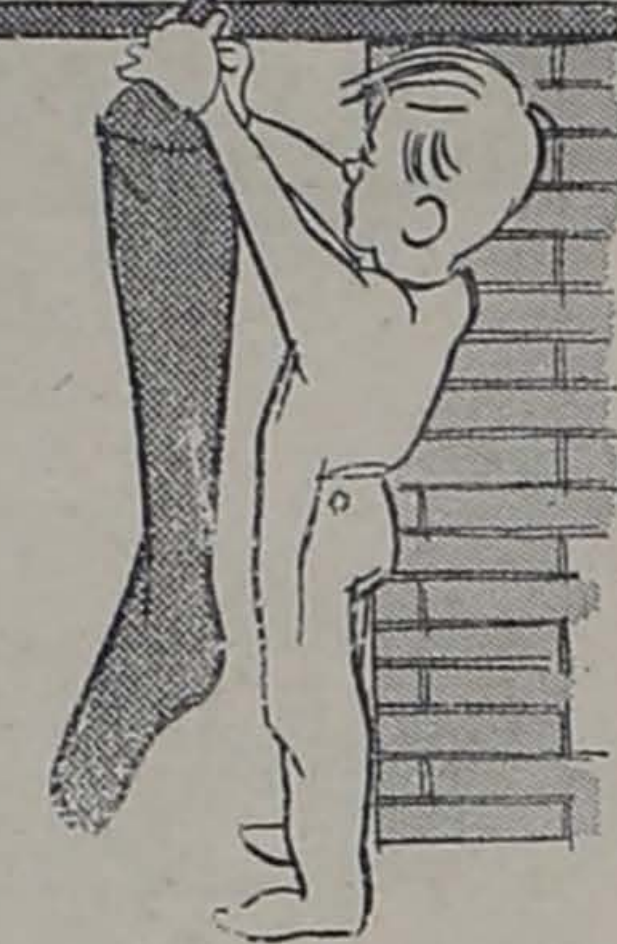
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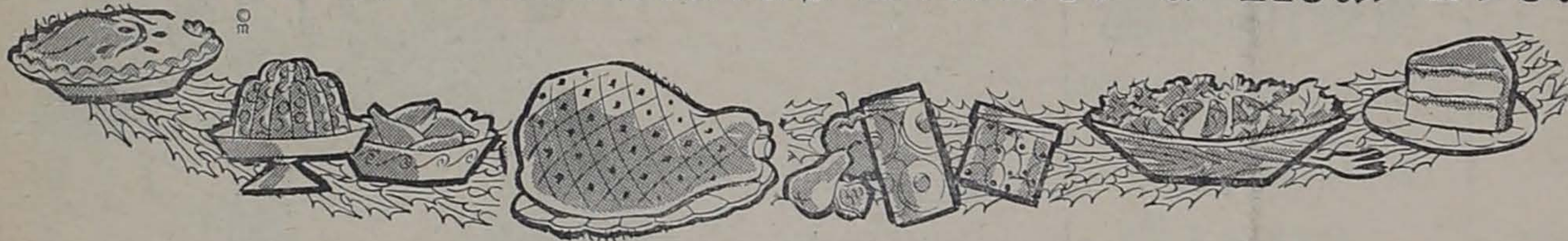


We hope your Christmas stocking will be filled with all the great joys of the season. Also, we take this means of thanking you for your support.

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