

SANTA AND DRAWING AT 2 P.M. DEC. 22

Santa Claus will make his third visit to Gorman on Wednesday, December 22nd at 2 p. m. downtown.

The Gorman Chamber of Commerce has made arrangements with Santa for the return visit and the Volunteer Fire Department men will assist Santa in distributing bags of candy to all the children who are on hand to greet him.

Following Santa's visit a gift certificate drawing will be held. Four \$10 gift certificates

will be given away from participating merchants, Higginbotham's, Frossard's, Seaton's Variety and Daryl's Grocery.

To be eligible to participate in the drawing you must register at any one or all of the four participating merchants. You do not have to make a purchase to register, but you do have to be present to win.

Winners of last Saturday's drawings were Mrs. Jack Mauney, Mrs. M G. Ervin, Mrs. Billy Earl Simpson, and Sherry Porter.



SANTA "I WANT" — Santa listens to the little folk as they express their wishes to him for Christmas.



SANTA AND LITTLE FRIENDS — Children of the area have found Santa to be the Jolly Good Fellow. He plans to be back in town on Wednesday at 2 p. m. with favors for all the children who come to see him.



ME TOO SANTA! — Puppy in the background seems to be whispering in Santa's ear.



SANTA'S HELPERS — Older brothers and sisters helped Santa with the little ones as they took a ride on the fire truck around town Saturday during Santa's visit. Also shown is George Simmons with his wife and children, wearing the new red coveralls recently purchased by the Fire Department. He also assisted Santa in distributing the bags of candy.



Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas. Peace on earth. Good will to all. This is the season of seasons. The holiday of holidays. Unto the world a Saviour is born and the hope that came into the heart of mankind on that night long ago in Bethlehem is strengthened anew.

Let us share with friends and with family the traditional customs, the decorations, the giving of gifts. Let us take the spirit of Christmas into our heart, with all the joy and the happiness that comes with the Greatest Gift of All.



OUR NEW OFFICE — Kernel Gene got his old Polaroid working Tuesday morning and got the above picture of Mrs. Estelle Craddock typing copy. The other picture shows a portion of our office supplies.

Thanks to each of you who have supported the Progress and its printing department - you have made all of this possible. Pictures of our shop will be published later.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Persons who brought food for the Richburg family may pick up their dishes at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The First National Bank will not be open Friday, December 24th in observance of a mandatory State Holiday.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION
We want to thank the members of the Junior GA's of the First Baptist Church and their leaders, Richard Watson, Burl Nelson Harper, Bill Gressett, and Willy Gilbert, for the singing of carols at our home Sunday night. We appreciate the efforts of these young men and the youth in spreading the good tidings of the true meaning of Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. Truitt Coffman

Tom Creighton on Senate Ag. & Industrial Group

Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes announced today thru his Austin office, the appointment of Senators Charles Her-ring of Austin, Tom Creighton of Mineral Wells and O. H. "Ike" Harris of Dallas to the Senate Interim Agricultural and Industrial Study Committee. They will be joined by two lay members to be appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

This Committee, created by SR 1267, will study methods and make proposals concerning the encouragement of foreign trade and the exchange of technological knowledge and assistance with other nations in the field of livestock and grain development and trade. It will report its findings to the 63rd Legislature.

SERVICES FOR JIM JOHNSON HELD FRIDAY

Jim Johnson, 74, died at 6:00 p. m. Wednesday, December 15, in Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Born September 25, 1897 in Comanche County, he was married to Lula Jane Gowan August 19, 1919 in Carbon. They have lived in the Gorman area all their lives.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Friday in Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Don Turner of Mineral Wells officiating, assisted by Richard Watson. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a deacon for twenty years. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors are his wife; two sons, Troy of Gorman and Edward, San Jacinto, Calif.; one brother, Henry Johnson of De Leon; one sister, Mrs. Jack Bice of Lubbock; four grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were R. H. Watson, Homer Richardson, Loyd Glasson, Hillary Seay, Dale Gilmore and George Bell.

Time To Renew Farmers Butane User Permit

Carlton R. Bell, Representative of the State Comptroller's Department, will be in the Commissioner's Courtroom in Eastland on Thursday, December 30th, to issue 1972 Special Farm User Permits for butane powered motor vehicles. Applicants are requested to bring their renewal notice and vehicle when purchasing the permit. Annual cost of the permit is \$60.08.

Applicants unable to meet with Comptroller's Department representatives on the above date may obtain the permit at the Abilene District Office beginning December 27th. That address is 213 First State Bank Building, 4th and Oak, Telephone AC 915-673-7849. Hours are 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to wish all our friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas and thank all who have been so nice to us during the past year. A special thanks for all the food brought to our home during my stay in the hospital and for all the many kindnesses shown to us.

Mrs. Ila and Clyde Pulley

MERRY CHRISTMAS

"Joy to the World!"
May your Christmas truly be a joyful one, rich in spiritual blessings and the happiness of family and home.

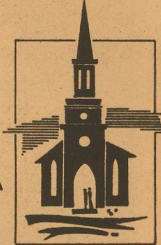


MRS. Z. O. MEHAFFEY

Greetings

Best wishes to you at this special holiday time. Peace, good will to you and yours.

GEORGE, PAT, VONNIE and SARA RODGERS



GREETINGS

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CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a special time in the hearts of men, a time when memories of good things past, thankfulness for today's bounty and hopes for the future transcend differences. The Manger scene with the Christ Child and Wise Men reminds us of the first Christmas and what that means to us. We celebrate the birth of Christ and His gift to the world by giving to each other, by caring and by sending our warm wishes along with those bright packages. We celebrate by sharing our wealth of good things in family gatherings and by showering special attention and love on our children. The celebration of Christmas comes in such a variety of wonderful sounds and fragrances and feelings. Keep the beauty and wonder of Christmas fresh and alive. Greetings from us to all.



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KOKOMO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scitern had their children and grandchildren home for an early Christmas and family reunion on Saturday, December 18. Their children are Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Scitern of New Hope, Mr. and Mrs. John Scitern of Gorman, Mrs. Faye Callison of Duster, Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Tinkler of Lawton, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Foster of Gorman. Grandchildren present were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Scitern, Becky and Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Scitern, Brenda, Nita and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Carr and Bradley of Gorman, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Valley Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Scitern of Gorman, Larry and Melinda

Callison of Duster, Sherry Tinkler of Lawton, Okla., and Lisa Foster of Gorman. Other grandchildren unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Jordan, Tammy, Zandra and Michael of Eastland, and Robert Callison, with the U. S. Army in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Tinkler and Sherry have remained here this week for a longer visit with her parents and his mother, Mrs. R. R. Tinkler of Gorman.

Mrs. J. C. Clearman and Mary Jo spent Friday night in Mesquite with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thompson and Kathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal visited in Hamlin on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neal and attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bruner.

LaVon Snider of Brownwood

and Dwayne Snider of Lubbock are spending the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. Hazel Snider, and Danny.

Randy McDonald, student at Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, visited from Thursday until Saturday with the Glenn Jordans. He was enroute to his home in Portland for the holidays.

Janet and Annette Woodard of Abilene were visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ragland and Gary of Andrews visited Saturday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater.

Mrs. J. C. Clearman was in charge of the Lottie Moon Mission program at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Others having part on the program were Jimmy Little, Mrs. Glenn Jordan, Wayne Eaves, Claude Fuller, Mrs. J. L. Morrow, Horace

Browning, LaVon Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Browning and Mrs. Claude Fuller.

Rob Kinser of Gorman will be the guest speaker at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday, December 26th.

The Glenn Jordans were visiting in Carbon on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson and Mrs. Bessie Morris.

Sunday evening visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers and Kevin of Brownwood, Mike of Whitesboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rodgers, Kim and Janna of Carbon.

Merry Christmas to all!
—GP—

D. R. Clark and Terry, Mrs. Jolene Elison, Mrs. Tommy Clark and Mrs. Estelle Craddock were in Stephenville on Sunday for the graduation exercises of Tommy Clark at Tarleton State College.

OLIVER SPRINGS NEWS

No life needs become an island of loneliness unto itself, for God stands always at the door of our hearts waiting for us to open the latch that He may enter.

Our hearts were made sad again when we learned of the passing of our dear friend and neighbor, Mr. Jim Johnson. We want to extend our sincere sympathy to his loved ones. May God bless each one in the lonely days ahead.

Visiting Mrs. A. D. Bryan Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Norris and daughter of Eastland, Bro. Blackburn and wife of Mexia and the Homer Richardsons. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watson

spent Sunday afternoon in Eastland visiting their son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bice and son of Lubbock were here Friday for the Jim Johnson funeral. Mrs. Bice is Mr. Johnson's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bell are visiting their children in Cleburne.

Mrs. Doris Bryan's grandchildren, Liz, Susan and Little Jim of Houston, are spending this week here with grandmother.

Mrs. Evie Smith had a lot of visitors but didn't learn from where and names.

Mrs. Jess Goodin was visiting here Saturday with relatives.

Dale Gilmore has been here visiting homefolks. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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MRS. LARRY KIBODEAUX IN ABILENE HOSPITAL

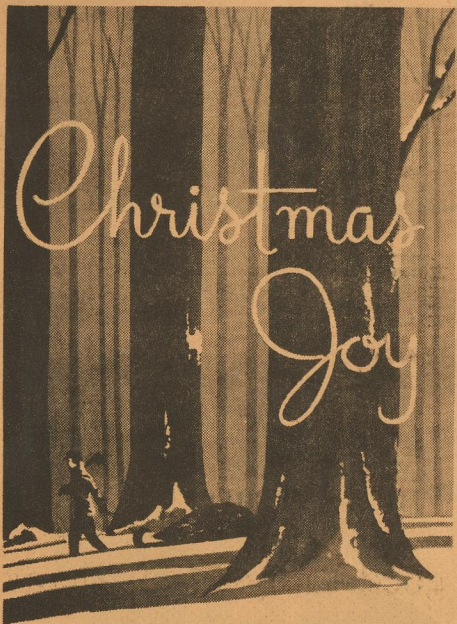
Mrs. Larry Kibodeaux underwent major surgery in the Hendricks Memorial Hospital in Abilene on Friday and is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Cards and letters may be sent to her in care of the Hendricks Hospital, Room 8503, Abilene, Texas.

THANKS TO FIREMEN

We are grateful to the Gorman Volunteer Fire Department for helping us fight the fire at our farm home Saturday afternoon. Without their assistance we would have lost our home. Their unselfish service is deeply appreciated.

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And a MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone.

LEWIS FINA

Again, it's time to say, "Joy to all, and to all, HAPPY HOLIDAY."

WEST SIDE MOBILE
J. R. Rice



Diane Emmons Weds Pat McLaughlan



Frances Diane Emmons and Patrick Barrington McLaughlan were married in a candlelight service in the First United Methodist Church in Breckenridge at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, November 27th.

The Rev. Robert Lindsey, pastor, assisted the bride's cousin, Dr. Leighton Farrell of Richardson, who officiated for the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Emmons of Breckenridge. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. O. B. McLaughlan of Houston and the late Mr. McLaughlan.

Tall white tapers in candle trees entwined with greenery decorated the front of the church which was centered with a prayer bench. Mrs. O. H. Reaugh was organist and Eddie Green of Dallas, soloist. Jean Rupert of Houston was maid of honor. She wore a formal dress of candy pink chiffon with full sleeves, empire waist and ruffled neck. The ruffles were repeated on the cuffs of the sleeves. Velvet ribbon circled the waist and hung floor length in the back. She carried a topiary bouquet of pink roses.

John E. Whalen of Houston was best man. Jeff Emmons of Fort Worth and Lt. Mark Emmons of El Paso, cousins of the bride, and Dr. Curtis Reirson of Waco seated guests. Kara and Mark Salmanson of Waco lighted candles.

Laura Everett of Sweetwater was flower girl and Will Everett was ring bearer. The flower girl wore a full length soft pink chiffon dress with empire waist and long Victorian sleeves. Velvet ribbon circled the waist and ended in

floor length streamers at the back. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a princess gown of dulcet satin. The high necked yoke and deep cuffed sleeves were outlined with needlepoint lace. Lace bandings and covered buttons enhanced the front of the bell shaped formal skirt and double rows of lace banding circled her chapel length veil of silk illusion.

The bride carried a topiary bouquet of white roses, gardenias and stephanotis. For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Emmons chose a pale green lace dress and wore pink rosebuds in her hair. The bridegroom's mother wore a pink ensemble and a pink rose corsage.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Woman's Forum. The bride's table was covered with a Normandy lace cloth and centered with the bridal bouquet. The three-tiered wedding cake was decorated with pink rosebuds with a miniature bride and groom in a lighted bower at the top.

Jo Claire Welch of Houston and Mrs. Homer Hensley of Midland registered guests. Other members of the houseparty were Mmes. C. T. Everett, Bill Eastland, B. H. Trammell, Rob Brown, Wendell Grandey, Richard Wilson, Florencio Gutierrez, Lewis Crosley, William Fairchild, Don Riddle, C. W. Wuffjen, Jr., Otto Bendorf, R. A. Moore, Jo Welch, Margaret Hallauer, T. E. Robertson, and Ernest Maxwell and Misses Carol Wulfjen, Mya and Lisa Swanson, Dorothy Ferguson and Jerry Walker. For her wedding trip the bride

It's Christmas Time In The City

It's Christmas Time in Our City "Christmas in the air, Christmas everywhere."

Members of the Woman's Society of Christmas Service herald the Monday afternoon fog in happy anticipation of their annual celebration of the Coming of Christ. This year in the home of Mrs. M. H. Fairbetter.

Festivities began with greetings and Mrs. Giff Acrea presented Milton Fairbetter, Jr. who played a medley of Christmas Carols on the accordion. Then Mrs. Charles Duran gave a Christmas story, "Serenity," a bit of which everyone needs in Advent Season. Her thoughts climaxed with a prayer.

Mrs. A. E. Pino and Mrs. Bob Green sang Noche de Paz with Mrs. Pino accompanying on the guitar.

Later Mrs. Pino accompanied for a liturgical arrangement of portions of the 19th Psalm with everyone joining in.

There was much more in store. Alfie Pino assisted volunteers in distributing gifts from the lighted silver tree.

Traditional arrangements included wall poster wisemen, designed in bright robes, of the Orient, finding their way to the King.

The dining room table was reserved for the Nativity scene. Chimes from a miniature steeped church rang the carols.

In keeping with the season the windows of the party rooms were curtained forest green net decorated with Christmas bells.

A refreshment plate with chicken sandwiches, cherry topped cake squares and hot Hawaiian spiced punch was served.

Bags of fruit were sacked for shut-in friends and all were on their way.

—GP—

Political Announcements

The Gorman Progress has been authorized to announce the following persons as candidates for office subject to action of the First Democratic Primary:

State Representative, 54th Dist.
JOE C. HANNA (re-election)

wore a costume dress of muted shades of pink and the gardenia corsage from her wedding bouquet.

The bride is a graduate of Texas Christian University where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She is employed by Spring Branch Schools in Houston.

The bridegroom is a mechanical engineering graduate of the University of Houston. His fraternity is Sigma Chi.

He is employed by NASA at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston.

The couple will live at 8200 Broadway, Houston.

The bridegroom's mother hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Woman's Forum Friday night.

Those attending the wedding from Gorman were Mr. J. E. Walker, grandfather of the bride, an aunt, Mrs. T. F. Morrow, and Mrs. Barton Eppler.



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Silent Night



Glory to the Holy night when the angels sang; glory to this Holy day.

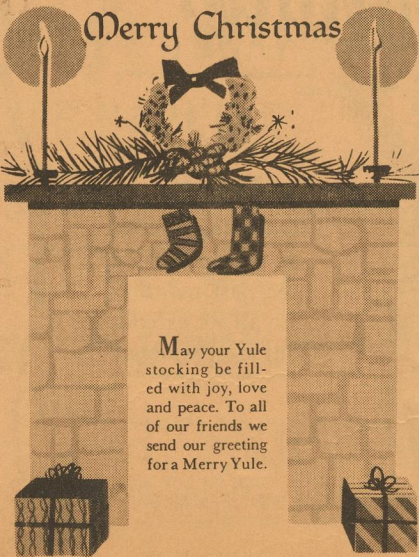
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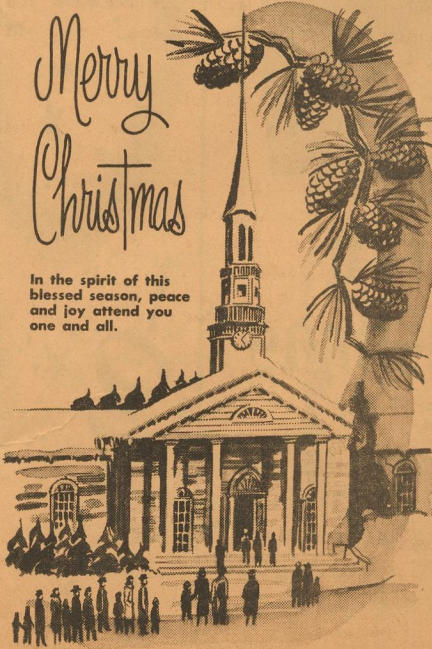
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Merry Christmas to All



WALT WYATT LAID TO REST AT CARBON

Funeral services for Walter Wyatt, 93, were held Saturday, December 18th. at 2 p. m. in the First United Methodist Church of Carbon.

The Rev. Cecil Ellis, pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Joe O'Neal.

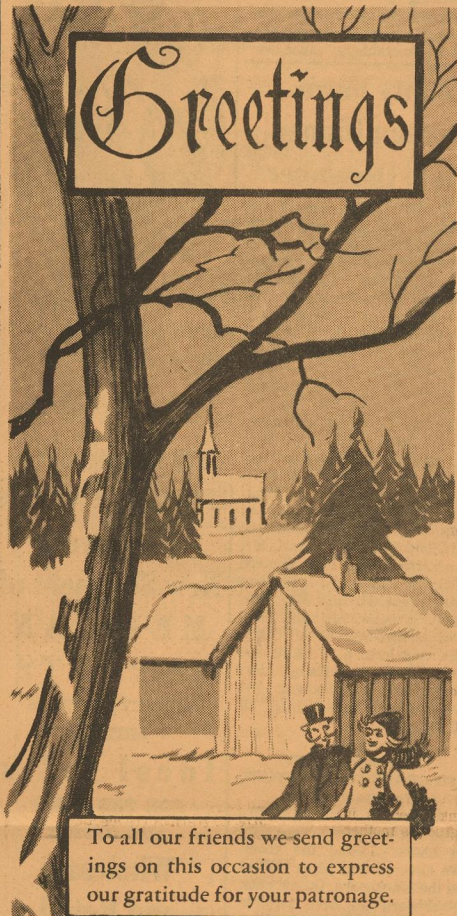
Burial was in the Murray Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Wyatt died at 8:45 p.

m. Thursday in the Eastland Memorial Hospital. Survivors include his wife; two sons, L. D. of Eastland and C. M. of Odessa; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Abbott of Odessa and Mrs. Luther Reese of Carbon; two sisters, Mrs. John Alvey of Burkburnett and Mrs. Bertie Boles of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 16 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.

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Mrs. Johnnie Enzer of Coleman visited Monday with her sisters, Mrs. Mary Choate and Mrs. Zenna Simpson.



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GREETINGS
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Jesus birthday — what a lovely holiday time. Beautiful carols are heard everywhere. Decorations brighten the town and homes, and when the Friendly Ladies Class gathered at the Gene Baker home last Tuesday evening, it was indeed gaily adorned in party attire. It was Christmas coffee-time, and the big Yule candle was burning brightly.

President, Mrs. Charlie Garrett, presided during a brief business meet, but this gathering was mostly for fun.

Mrs. Bill Chandler gave the devotional. After reading the Christmas Story from Luke, Mrs. Chandler continued with a beautiful little story entitled "Pattern of Love" Timmy and Billy, whose Daddy was out of work were each given four dollars and taken Christmas shopping by a welfare worker. They looked in many toy stores, but spent nothing. Arriving at a shoe store, they asked to go in. They wanted new shoes for Daddy. They had a size pattern outline of his foot drawn on brown paper, secured when Daddy slept. The salesman bought out a pair of sixteen dollar shoes that he instantly put on sale at \$3.98, when he sensed the situation. After paying for the shoes, Timmy and Billy bought gifts for their Mother and sisters. A few days later, the lady met the Daddy, proudly wearing his new shoes. He said, "Thanks to Jesus for people who care," and she replied, "Thanks to Jesus for two fine boys who taught me more about Christmas than I'd learned in all my life."

Then Mrs. Baker disappeared toward the kitchen and luscious aromas soon became evident. Presently she announced "time to eat." Mrs. Barton

J. C. TIMMONS FAMILY HAVE PRE-CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

The children of Mrs. J. C. Timmons met in her home on Sunday for a pre-Christmas family get-together. Children and their families home for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Burger and Gena of Phoenix, Arizona, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Eison, Ronnie, Lori of Bridgeport, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rodgers and Kevin, Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. John Rodgers, Kim and Jonna and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stacy of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lam-inack, Revis, Noble and Randy and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Odis Rodgers and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, all of Gorman.

Eppler asked the blessing. Nothing smells better than hot rolls, and they tasted just as good, along with little sausages and ham roll-ups. And there were assorted dips and chips, pickles, olives, etc., fruit salad, and pound cake with whipped topping. And steaming hot cranberry punch. It was all so good, worth saving calories all day. Santa was much in evidence — on the table cloth and napkins, and soon, (just before my third helping) there was Santa saying "lets have the Christmas Tree."

Children at heart, "having the tree" somehow excites even the most sophisticated. "Oh's" and "Ah's", with every body talking at once, soon filled the room. After displaying their gifts, Mmes. Chas. Day, W. O. Parr, Bill Chandler, Gertrude Wallace, Estelle Craddock, Maria Pino, C. O. Revels, Dorothy Hatcher, Barton Eppler, M. H. Fairbetter, Jimmy Turner, Frank Rhymes, Speedy Clark, Charlie Garrett, Jo Nell Kasinger, and Edgar Higginbottom lingered on enjoying the beautiful Christmas spirit.

THE GORDON DESDEMONA SPOT NEWS

By DeMarquis Gordon Eastland County Ag. Agent

It has been an unusual year. Mrs. T. E. Castleberry of Eastland reported that her pear tree has a second crop of pears. The tree bloomed again in the fall and now has small pears. Several others have reported plum trees blooming in the fall.

The peanut growing season was unusual to say the least. Until July 20th, the crop prospects were extremely poor, but rains began in late July and by September growers were saying the crops looked the best ever. Rain continued and created conditions for diseases. The rain continued through the fall and delayed harvest. Because of diseases and delayed harvest peanuts began coming off the vines. When harvest had finished the yields were the lowest in several years. Most growers reported they left more peanuts in the field than they were able to harvest.

The 1972 Edition of the Farmer's Tax Guides are now available in the county agent's office. These guides are provided to help you prepare your 1971 Federal Income Tax Return. Tax rules of importance to farmers are explained, and examples are used to show how they apply to actual situations.

This year's edition covers the new Asset Depreciation Range System and new rules for voluntary withholding of income tax on agricultural labor, and for depositing income and social security taxes. Also included is a reminder to farmers of their possible liability for Federal Use Tax on Highway Motor Vehicles. Filled-in samples of the Federal Income Tax Return, Form 1040, Schedule F-Farm Income and Expenses, and other schedules used by farmers are shown on the first few pages.

The guides are free and may be picked up at the Extension Office. A farmer's Income Tax School has been planned for January 7, 1972. More details on place and time will be given at a later date.

We have a new person on our county Extension staff. Mrs. Shirley Shirley of Cisco is now working as secretary for us. She works each morning in the Home Demonstration Agent's office and each afternoon in the Agricultural Agents office. With Shirley's help I believe we will be better able to serve you.

The pecan show had more entries than we were expecting. The last count revealed that we had 200 entries. This compares with 219 last year and 200 in 1969. The judges said they believed this was the largest county pecan show in the state in 1971. They were also very impressed with the quality of the pecans.

By MRS. ETHEL KEITH

Due to the upcoming holidays and sickness in this community the attendance at the different churches ran a low level Sunday.

Fiftieth wedding anniversary was held Sunday here at the community center for Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ragland hosted by their children who were all present with their families, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ragland and family of Andrews, Dorwood Ragland and family of Crane and Elwood Ragland and family of Eastland, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jack Ragland and family of Lovington, N. M.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hodges were her daughter, Mrs. Loraine Woods, and Mrs. Laura Masters and children of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Rosetta Carlton and children of the Flatwoods Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Walker and children, John, Hugh and Bobbie of Maryland, were here this past week and visited with Ethel Keith and in De Leon with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Abel (his grandparents).

Mrs. Docy Williams is quite ill in the De Leon Hospital again after being at home a few days from the hospital.

Mrs. Neita Gee left Sunday to spend the holidays in Fort Worth with her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baker will fly to California on Dec. 23rd to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Clark, foreman for Mobil here, were hostesses for their annual Christmas Party for the Mobil employees with the traditional turkey dinner and all the trimmings.

A beautifully decorated tree and games were enjoyed following the dinner.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Maltby, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Knott of Lake Leon, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harbin of Eastland and Mr. and Mrs. Cotton Joiner of Breckenridge.

Our winning entries competed with other county winners in the Central Texas Regional Pecan Show last week at Arlington, Texas. The regional show was held at Six Flags Mall on December 15, 16 and 17th.

Homemaker's Hints

By Mrs. Janet Thomas County HD Agent

"This the Season for the Sweets..." delicious pecan pastries were on exhibit at the annual Eastland County Pecan Show. Over 70 entries were shown in the adult and youth bake show for top honors.

The County HD ladies sponsored a bake sale during the show. Money from the sale will be used to finance projects for the club ladies during 1972.

With company arriving for the Christmas Holidays, you might try this Cranberry upside-down cake for afternoon snacking.

Cranberry upside-down cake is simple to make. Spread canned whole cranberry sauce over

the bottom of a buttered cake pan, top with a simple sponge, or butter cake mix, bake as directed on the cake mix package. Served warm, this will be a quick treat for your family and friends.

much light as possible. More plants die from over watering than by lack of water.

Water plants when needed. Insert a freshly sharpened pencil in the soil. If the pencil is clean and dry when removed, the plants need water. Plants do best if the night temperature is about 60 degrees, so either turn down the thermostat or move them to a cool room at night. During the daytime, do not place your plants near the heating unit. They should also be placed

where they will not be exposed to sudden temperature changes caused by doors opening to outside temperatures.

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County Farm Bureau Dinner Held December 6

The Eastland County Farm Bureau Directors and wives met Monday, December 6, 1971 for their annual Christmas Dinner in the Farm Bureau meeting room. Turkey and all the trimmings was served to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burgess and Shane, Mr and Mrs. Glenn Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Campbell, all of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Claborn, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Justice, Ray Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Aaron, Doug Justice, Buddy Aaron, Peggy Fisher, Debbie Aaron, all of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kimmell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cozart, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fry, Winford Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harrellson, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Ommer Akeser, all of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Kirk and Pete Hathcock of Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clearman and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Palmer, all of Gorman.

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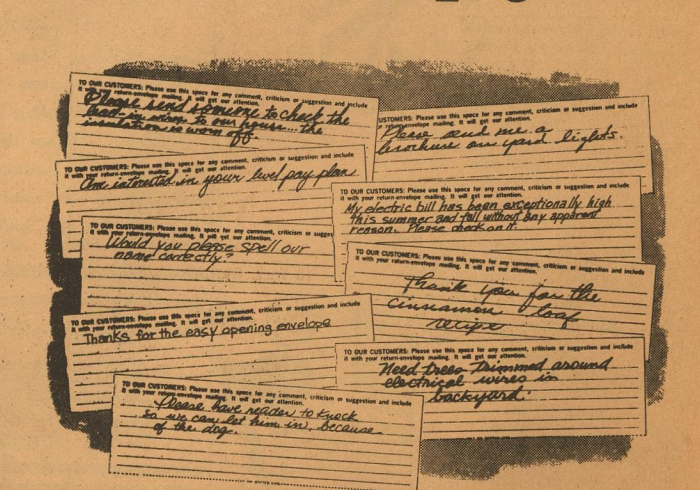
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"As it looks from here"

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — THE PRESIDENT'S TAX PACKAGE related to wage and price controls was finally passed by the Congress last week. Cost in revenue to the Federal Government over a three-year period amounts to \$15.7 billion. Included in this figure is the repeal of the 7 percent excise tax on automobiles and 10 percent excise tax on pick-up trucks of 10,000 pounds or less gross weight. The remainder includes a 7 percent investment tax credit to industry and a reduction in personal income taxes.

THE SENATE UPPED THE ANTE to a loss in Federal revenue of about \$39 billion in the next three years but in conference between the two, the House figure prevailed. Everyone, of course, is for tax reduction but it seems everyone is not for drastically cutting spending to close the yawning deficit of an estimated \$30 billion in this fiscal year ending next June 30. Deficits of this magnitude could have no other effect than to contribute to inflation and, yet, this measure is meant to combat this very serious situation.

IN ADDITION TO THIS ACTION on the part of the Senate, an amendment was tacked on the Bill to provide up to \$40.8 million to be divided between the political parties to finance presidential campaigns in 1972 and thereafter.

UNDER THE SENATE AMENDMENT, a taxpayer could voluntarily authorize the Government to use \$1 of his tax payment to help finance presidential campaigns. The \$1 checkoff could be earmarked by the taxpayer for the presidential candidate of his or her choice, or simply authorize the use of the \$1 to be divided between all qualifying candidates.

THE CONFEREES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE agreed to postpone the effective date to 1973, when writeoff funds would start collecting for the next presidential election in 1976.

SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD LIKELY ENCOURAGE "splinter" parties since, under the formula, a third, fourth or fifth party could qualify if they received 5 percent of votes. Although the taxpayer does have a choice of supporting either the Democratic or Republican nominee for President, he may be forced to support a minor candidate who is running to have his campaign paid for by

the taxpayers. So, it is not as voluntary as it may appear.

HAD THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE \$1 write-off remained for 1972 and applicable to next year's presidential election, approval of the House of Representatives would have been doubtful. The principle however, is the same—this is probably just a starter. With this precedent established it will be easy to extend this provision for the Nation's taxpayers to shell out additional millions to underwrite the campaigns for Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

UNDER THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, a separate vote on this write-off scheme was not possible. As occurs in most legislation, the good has to be weighed against the bad. In this instance there is little choice but to support this conference report. It is an essential part in the overall effort to combat inflation and make the adjustments in our economy now so heavily challenged by foreign trade deficits, unemployment, and underproduction in industry.

AS IN MANY INSTANCES where it is a case of "take it or leave it," there are things included in this legislation which many feel to be basically wrong. The following is a portion of a speech this Member made during the debate on this Bill in the House of Representatives:

"ESPECIALLY DO I DISAPPROVE of the scheme to finance future political campaigns with taxpayers' money. I am aware, of course, that this provision is not effective until 1973 and will not be available for financing presidential campaigns until 1976 but we are voting on a fundamental change in the system and in my opinion it is not justified.

"UNDER THE RULES OF THE HOUSE there is no way by which a separate vote may be had on this provision and that is unfortunate. I have the feeling that there would be a fair chance of rejecting this section of the bill, put in by the Senate, if the Members of the House had the opportunity of a direct vote on this issue. Since it is not possible under the circumstances here today I hope the Congress will, in its wisdom, repeal this portion of this legislation before it becomes effective in 1973.

"IN THE MEANTIME, I FEEL that it would be an irresponsible act to turn down this entire package because of this and a few other objectionable provisions, which could have a vital effect on the immediate direction of our economy."

Cisco Jr. College Band Donations

Cisco Junior College has acknowledged donations to the travel fund of the Cisco Junior College Band and Wrangler Belles Drill Team applied to their recent trip to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

Donation received from Gorman was as follows:

Mr. W. M. Haynes - \$10.00
More than \$17,000 was raised by the college and the two groups for the parade trip. Cisco local participation was more than \$6000 in cash donations, out-of-town contributions exceeded the \$3000 mark, and the band and Belles held several fund-raising projects, including Christmas card sales, car washes, a talent show, and a Country and Western Dance. Also members of the two groups and their families as well as chaperones who made the trip contributed significantly to the travel fund.

The Band and Wrangler Belles were seen on NBC television for more than ten minutes total time during the parade and the pre-parade activities. The band was also seen on the CBS-TV coverage of the parade.

CJC President Dr. Leland Willis in speaking for the college, the Wrangler Belles, and their directors, Mr. Eris Ritchie and Mrs. Pat Owens, stated that "Cisco Junior College has never had a fund-raising campaign which approached the magnitude of our recent campaign for the Macy's trip, and the response of the people of the Big Country of Texas was most gratifying. We hope that everyone who contributed money or who bought Christmas Cards or supported this project in any way felt a great deal of pride in watching our boys and girls represent our part of the country in the prestigious Macy's Parade on Thanksgiving Day."

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ETIQUETTE BUYING
Standard etiquette books all advise against a secretary or other employee giving the boss a personal gift at Christmas time, or any other time.

A small remembrance with thoughtfulness behind it is much more proper. If you have time and a knack for it, something you have made, such as fruitcake, candy, a Christmas kuchen or cookies would be most appropriate.

If you buy something, a fine linen handkerchief or two with his initial, a key chain with his zodiac sign attached, or a charming and inexpensive little book of interest to him.

NEW HOPE NEWS

Merry Christmas everyone!

First, I want to invite everyone to the Christmas program at New Hope Baptist Church Wednesday night, December 22 at 7 p. m. Everyone has put a lot of work in on the program this year so it will be a real good one. And if everything goes just right, Good Ole Santa might stay after his visit in town and come out to New Hope after our program. So plan to come and see what does happen.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Orval Treadway and Windell were Mr. and Mrs. Butch Boyd and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Treadway of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Campbell and boys

and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Cook and boys were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rhyne of Phillips, Mrs. Lennie Montgomery of Gorman and Mrs. Ruth Craighead of Carbon.

Jimmy Rice of Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio visited Jimmy and Lyndell Cook on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane Campbell and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Treadway and Windell and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver visited Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Moore and Dean of Gorman.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver were Mr. and Mrs. Lane Campbell and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Treadway.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weaver visited Jessie Moore in Gorman on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hobbs

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Decorate The Mailbox For The Holidays

The mailbox that stands out on the street or the roadside is a place seldom decorated, yet it offers a fine opportunity to extend your expression of Christmas good will. Whatever the decoration, it must be sturdy and rather compact, able to withstand sweeping winds. Plastic ribbon or oilcloth will make an appropriate bow. An old-fashioned kerosene lantern painted holiday red and trimmed with green might be added for a lively touch of color and a greeting on a winter's night.

visited in our home on Sunday night.

Sing out the old and sing in the new at the New Hope Baptist Church's New Year's Eve Singing December 31st beginning at 8 p. m. and continuing until one minute after 12. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited. So ya'll come!



O balsam tree, that lately held The stars like nesting birds among

Your emerald branches, listen now

To children's voices sweet with song!

You talker with the wind, and friend

Of fox and fawn and silver mouse,

Bearing your tinsel and your gifts,

Glow softly new within this house.

Bringing your fragrance to our hearts

Assuring us that wars will cease.

For a child's bright birthday shine with faith,

O tree of loveliness and peace!

An Eskimo Christmas Time For Festivity

Children of the Far North know of the Christmas story only what the white man has told him. But before the white man visited them, the Eskimos had a big mid-winter festival SINCK TUCK, a big dance and present giving party.

It is unique in that it is an event between towns or villages. One invites the other, and the next winter the entertained village returns the compliment. The heart of it consists of folk dances in costumes of fur, trimmed with feathers and ornaments of ivory; feasting on rare delicacies; and the grand finale, present-giving. On the appointed day, a long, picturesque caravan of dog teams arrives, bringing every member of the village, even the ill and the crippled, who may need assistance. The dancing lasts for days, as long as the entertaining village can produce feasting, provisions and entertainment. It is a season of good will and merriment for all.



"Nodlaig Nait Cugat" as they say in Gaelic or a Merry Christmas to you, too . . . and the Irish really mean it, because one of Ireland's greatest charms is to welcome travelers with open arms.

On Christmas Eve, they place a lighted candle in the window, which can be seen for miles; the lighted candle acts as a guide to welcome wanderers' inside."

The generous Irishman gives the stranger a night's lodging, invites him to share his Christmas dinner, which consists of a saucer of Irish stew — and a nip of the Irish whiskey, too.

Then on December 26th is the custom of "Feeding the Wren" . . . children place a wren in a cage in a Furze bush and go collecting money (so the story goes), in order to release the bird.

Freezing Improves Fruit Cake

All the cooking experts say fruitcake not only can be frozen but often improves in taste from the process of freezing. It seems to stay moist and slices better after thawing. The important thing for freezing, is that the fruitcake be properly wrapped in an air-tight container.

You Can Easily Make Simple Centerpiece

Use a piece of heavyweight white paper to form a cone shape and tape in place.

With all purpose white glue, attach cotton balls all over the cone. Decorate with glitter and small ornaments. This makes a clever tree centerpiece.

Another idea using the same type cone: Make as above, but in a size to fit over a large wide-mouth jar and tape the top section to the lid. Fill jar with your favorite cookies and tape bottom of the cone "tree" to the jar. Attach cotton balls and decorate for a delightful gift centerpiece.

Sideboard Buffet

For Holiday Morning

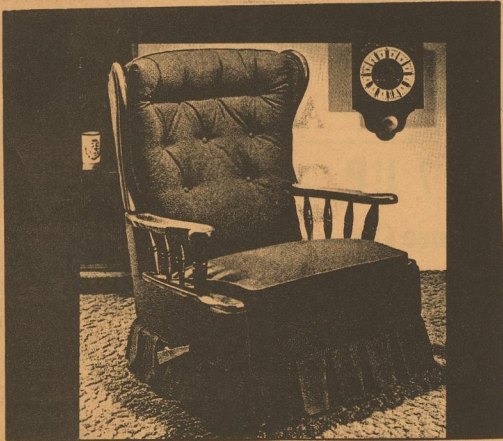
It's an old English tradition, breakfast off the sideboard. The serve-yourself informality is perfect for a holiday morning — be it after a wee-hour party or for a bright-and-early family affair before a big day of celebration. Buffet breakfasts and brunches are an unusually attractive way to lighten the load on the homemaker, suited to the rather flexible requirements of eager young gift openers or the slower pace of the older family members, after an evening of partying.

TRIM CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST EARLY

Around Thanksgiving time write a note to those folks you'd like to take off the gift list, and perhaps put on a card list. Tell them you are thankful for friends with whom you can be perfectly frank. Tell them that this year along with trimming your tree you are trimming your gift list and sending cards instead. You can be sure they'll appreciate your sensible and practical attitude and will reciprocate accordingly.

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This Season

Decorate Your Home With Plants

Your house can have new beauty and meaning all through the holidays if you decorate with living flowers and greens. You don't need many — it's where you put them and how you arrange them that counts most.

Try special Christmas flower-pot wrappings for house plants that you already have. Use candles with your ivy plant. They make perfect decorations for the mantle or the bookshelf.

Azaleas and begonias are also good plants for the season. One fine azalea may be sufficient among a pretty clutter of greens that fill the house during holidays. Christmas begonias stay covered with flowers for several weeks, so enjoy their gorgeous color. Place them against a wall where their contrast can be vivid.

Live plants give a luxurious feeling in the cold of winter. With potted plants, that feeling can be extended long past Christmas.

The first plant of Christmas is, of course, the poinsettia. It is the perfect symbol of the holiday, and almost anywhere in the house is the right place for it.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mason of Kingsville and Mrs. Chloilde Banks of Atlanta, Georgia spent an early Christmas holiday with his sister, Mrs. Myrna Winters. They visited in Ballinger over the weekend with another brother, Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Mason, and with other relatives in Cisco, Abilene, Brownwood and Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhymes, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Anderson and Anthony and Scott Marble were in Ponca City, Okla. Friday, Saturday and Sunday for an early Christmas visit with their son and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rhymes and family.

International Christmas Breads and Cakes

HOLLAND - KERSTKRANS

This is a traditional Dutch Christmas pastry, a rich and luscious favorite:

Pastry
1 1/2 cups unsifted flour
1/2 cup butter
Place flour in bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry blender until mixture looks like cornmeal. Sprinkle top with ice water. Blend with fork. Shape into a ball. Roll dough out on a floured board to 1/4" thickness. Spread with 2 tablespoons butter evenly. Roll up like a jelly roll. Flatten with a rolling pin to 3/4" thickness. Fold in ends, making 3 layers. Chill for one hour.

Filling
1 egg
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/2 cup sugar
Mix almonds, sugar, egg and lemon juice. Shape into 1" thick rolls. Coat with flour.
Now roll out pastry dough into a 5" by 20" rectangle. Place the small rolls of almond mixture in a line down the middle. Bring sides of the dough over the filling to overlap. Paint the edges with water. Press the edges together and seal. Shape the rolls into a wreath. Fit the ends together. Place, seam down, on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 40 minutes, until golden brown. Cool.

Glaze
1 tablespoon cream
1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar
Mix the cream and sugar. Blend the lemon juice. Spoon glaze over the top of the pastry. Decorate with fruit and nuts.

HONDURAS - TORREJAS

This is the traditional Christmas dessert, ladyfingers in syrup.
1 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
2 cinnamon sticks
1 cup water
12 ladyfingers
Boil sugar, water and cinnamon sticks together for 10 minutes. Lay ladyfingers in a shallow dish. Pour the syrup over the ladyfingers. Let stand for 5 minutes, then serve hot.

SWEDEN LUSSEKAKE

It's an old Swedish custom to awaken at dawn for coffee and lussecake on St. Lucy's Day.
1 (13 1/2 ounce) package hot roll mix
1/2 teaspoon saffron
Raisins
Make roll mix and flavor with saffron. Roll dough to 18" by 12" on floured surface. Then cut 1" by 9" strips. Form in S shapes. Coil ends in snail fashion. Place a raisin in the center of each. Bake according to roll mix instructions.

Mrs. Pearl Morrow and Mrs. Gorman Jones of Weatherford visited Thursday with Mrs. T. F. Morrow.
Frank Carter of New York visited last week with his mother, Helen Claxton.

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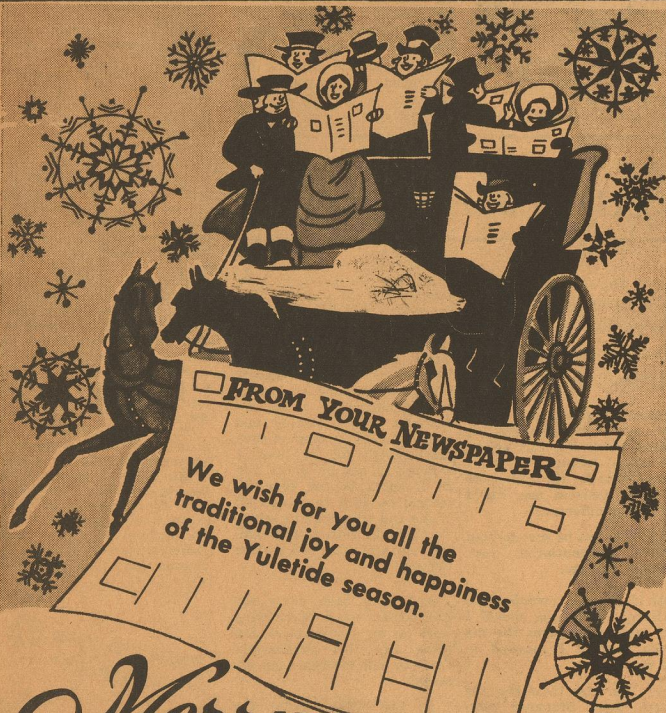
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