



Merry Christmas



SILENT NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother
and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and
mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the
sight!
Glories stream from Heaven
afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
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Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy
holy face,
With the dawn of redeem-
ing grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

CHRISTMAS EVE on a Hospital Ship at Sea

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THIS is the story of the young marine who lost one hand and most of the fingers on the other when a Japanese soldier tossed a hand grenade back at him. The grenade exploded as it left the marine's hands for second time.

He was with us at sea last Christmas. For days he was not happy; his future as he saw it was almost black. He was facing the realization of home.

He seemed to be making a great effort to adjust himself, but got nowhere. On the evening of December 22 I found him sitting in his cabin in the semi-darkness of the red glow of blackout lights, weeping quietly to himself. "It is almost Christmas," he said; "I am used to doing things with my hands for Christmas. We were all taught how to trim a tree well and how to decorate the house. We all made things for one another. What can I do now? There will be no Christmas on this ship for us."

Then I told him quietly of our plans for Christmas and told him that I needed his help; that we would keep it a secret so that the other wounded would have the beautiful surprise and uncertainty of the Christmases of their youth.

There was little he could do with one hand, with only thumb and third finger left, but he helped me make selections of things from my trunk in the way of toilet articles, bits of candy, cigarettes, etc., I was going to wrap in gay red and green and white paper and gold and silver ribbons which I had

hurriedly bought months before when I realized that Christmas might find us at sea and unprepared.

Hundreds of Packages

I did not tell him about the hundreds of small packages which Red Cross gave our chaplain on a last-minute call when we realized that we might have wounded as well as a crew aboard for Christmas. Each of these packages contained an exciting game, a bright handkerchief, some notepaper, a pencil, a miniature volume of a good book, a package of cigarettes, a bar of candy and a Christmas greeting card.

At the time I bought the colored paper and ribbons I also bought a small artificial tree and some no-n-b-r-e-a-k-a-b-l-e ornaments, a string of lights and some old-fashioned Bavarian paper creches similar to those which were the magic of my youth—the kind that, when adjusted, lend life and depth to the story of the Child in the manger. I remember I had given my "aunt," Mrs. Lille Bell Bassett, the time of her life helping me to buy these things during the last half hour I had before sailing from the port where she was living. I had offered as an excuse for the hurried purchases the fact that I had



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the duty watch. I showed all of these purchases to our marine and warned him he must help me put them to the best possible use. It was such a joy to see how he went about trying to find the most advantageous use for what little I had to offer. I told him of the plans for the Christmas party in the mess halls for everybody on the ship except those who were on watch, and that even those on watch would have relief for a short time at least.

Plan Is Outlined

I told him of how we planned to carry all the stretcher case patients to the mess hall and give them the choice seats by placing their stretchers on the mess tables. From there they could see the movie screen, the large Christmas tree, the speakers' stand. This would give them a good view of everything that went on.

Soon he took on a new life.

On December 24 I appointed him to go about and spread the news of the party to all the stretcher cases—and there were hundreds—asking him to urge all of them to come to the party. As a wounded man, he could do more to arouse interest than we could. All were in a receptive mood, for all said they would attend, even those who were requiring 24-hour-a-day bedside care... some who did not know it, but whom we could count lucky if they lived until we reached port.

A Different Party

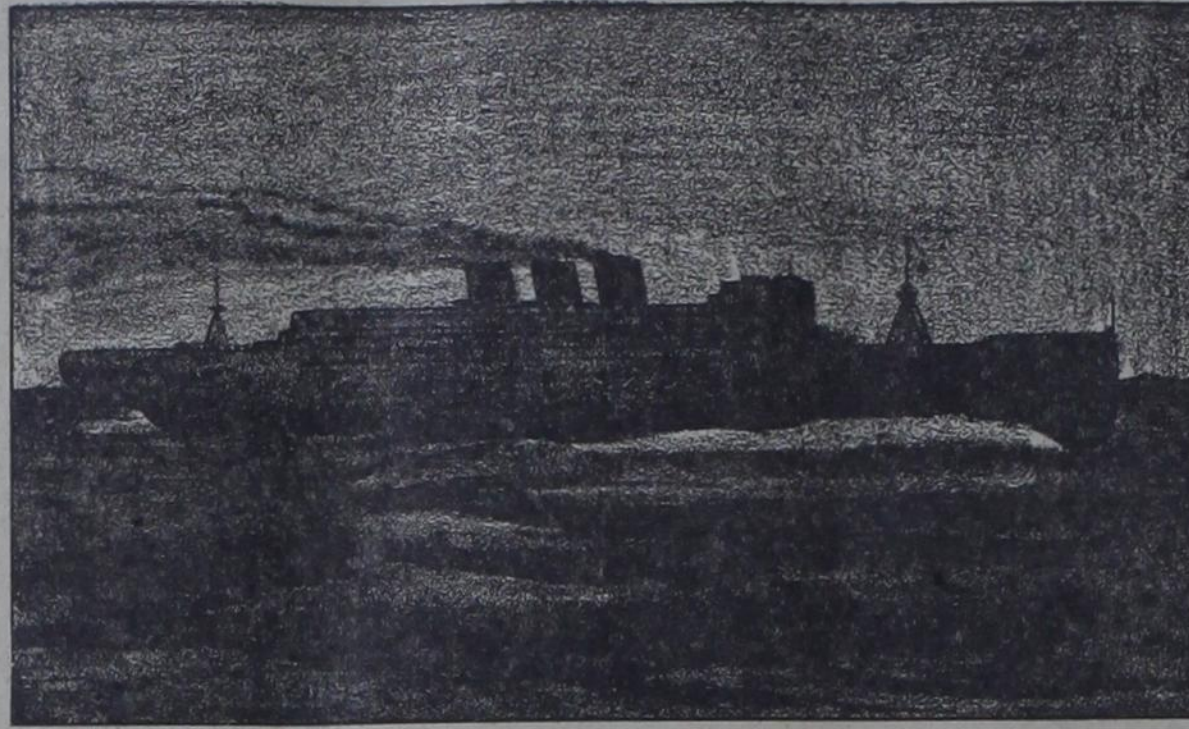
While I hoped that all would be present for a grand family party, deep down I knew that in spite of heroic effort some would never make the grade. The devastating afternoon temperature took its toll. At 4 o'clock 10 men could not be moved. For them we had prepared a different kind of party, a bit of a surprise.

Again in the darkness of the red glow of the blackout lights we crept around the ship carrying on a portable surgical dressing table my three-foot artificial Christmas tree. My electrician's mate would steal quietly into each cabin, having located the light socket in advance, and as soon as our carolers, made up of four officers and four enlisted men, began to sing, "Silent Night," the electrician's mate would stand, as if by magic, a blazing Christmas tree in all its fascinating colors and twinkling stars of light. As sick as they were, each man did his

best to smile, even though many times it was through uncontrollable tears. For those of us who stood by, singing was sometimes difficult, too.

Practiced Secretly

The carolers, who had practiced secretly in the library for days in advance, assembled on Christmas Eve on A deck forward and sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" to the ship's officers quartered on that deck. Then we wound our way up the ladders and through narrow deck passageways top-



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side to the boat deck and to the dark foyer before the skipper's cabin. The marine orderly stood rigidly at attention, as did the captain's negro steward.

10 Desperately Sick

We had completed the rounds of the

cabins of the 10 desperately sick men, which took us all over the ship from sick officers cabins on A deck aft to prom deck to B deck portside and to the ship's company sick bay on C deck starboard forward. We had sung "Silent Night" here; "Noel, Noel," there; "We Three Kings," to Bill, and "Adeste Fideles" to little Joe; "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" to Vitali, the lad whose mother and father still lived in Italy; "Away in a Manger" we sang to the Swedish boy whose legs were held fast in plaster casts and whose bones were badly infected.

Later my fine marine with two fingers came to me that evening and declared: "It would be nice if you would give little Joe one of those small paper cribs—I have been talking with him."

"It's a funny Christmas," remarked Joe. "Instead of looking at the Child in the crib, I can only look at the crucifix on my rosary."

Secretly I had planned to give Joe one of my precious creches, and I did, realizing only too well that that would be the last creche he would see and

enjoy. He, too, was a young soldier, 20 years old, a member of the Hospital Corps who was shot down by Japanese snipers as he helped carry a stretcher case back and hopelessly paralyzed from the chest down.

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NATIVE Pecan Tree 24 Feet Circumference

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AT Christmas time our thoughts turn to trees, especially evergreen trees, but all trees are interesting and none more so than pecan trees. Texas is noted for its prolific growth of native and cultivated pecan trees, and Texas leads all States in pecan production. Next to Texas in pecan output is Oklahoma.

The largest native pecan tree in the world is said to be in Texas. It is the Jumbo Hollis, near Bend, in San Saba county. This tree stands 120 feet high, as tall as a ten-story office building. It has a 24-foot circumference, measured four and one-half feet above the ground. This monarch of the forest has a 100-foot branch spread, and a clear length of 41 feet to the first limb.

When the first white explorers pushed up the Colorado river, they rested under the spreading boughs of this tree, ate its big fine nuts and marveled at its huge size. Generations before them, nomadic tribes of Indians camped under the tree and left arrowheads and other signs of their presence.

There are other big pecan trees in Texas, but they are merely runners-up compared with the Jumbo Hollis which is owned by Mrs. Hassie Morris, of Bend, San Saba county.

Buds Are Grafted On Other Pecan Trees

As early as 1910 buds from the Jumbo Hollis tree were sent all over the South and used for grafting onto other pecan trees. The nuts from this tree are round, large, well-filled and have a rich and tasty flavor. Thirty-three pecans from the tree usually weigh one pound.

In a history of San Saba county, written by Mrs. Lawrence Hamrick, the tree was described as follows: "Standing on the banks of the Colorado river at Bend is the world's largest pecan tree, the Jumbo Hollis. It is located on the property of Mrs. Hassie Morris. In 1919 it produced 1,015 pounds of nuts and for several years has reached close to this number of pounds. Mrs. Morris has been paid as much as \$1.00 per pound for these nuts."

The historian might have added that in 1910 a shipment of pecans from the Jumbo Hollis was sent to the Queen

of England who wrote the owner a letter of appreciation in which she praised the splendid quality of the nuts.

The farm upon which this tree stands was bought long ago by the late Phil B. McCoury who willed it to his daughter, Mrs. Hassie Morris, the present owner, and she still lives there.

Tree Big Pecan Producer

The tree always has been a big producer. Eight hundred and sixty pounds of nuts were gathered from the tree in 1915, and they were sold for 30 cents a pound, bringing the owner \$258. This year the Hollis pecans sold for 35 cents a pound.

San Saba county, on the northeast border of the Edwards Plateau in Southwest Central Texas, from earliest days has been noted for its pecan production. The San Saba river bottom



—Photo by W. W. Mitchell, San Saba, Texas.

Jumbo Hollis, reported largest native pecan tree in the world. Circumference 24 feet, height 120 feet. This fine native tree, recently damaged by storm, lost several large limbs and part of its top.

is lined from head to mouth with native pecan trees, and is the heaviest native pecan producing area in the State.

J. H. Burkett, director of the pecan division of the State Department of Agriculture, says it was in San Saba county that the first effort to top-work (bud) a native pecan tree was successfully accomplished. The county has been the focal center of pecan improvement in Texas. The Jumbo Hollis pecans now are produced throughout the South from buddings of this one tree.

There is no certain way to find out the age of Jumbo Hollis without boring into the tree to ascertain its number of rings and this might kill the tree. San Saba citizens assert that the tree is "centuries old." When the first white man saw it the Jumbo was an old tree.

Thrived in Remote Geologic Times Well drillers in the San Saba Valley, (Continued on Page 4, column 5)

YULETIDE THOUGHTS of the Little Christ Child

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CHRISTMAS seems to me this year quite different from all the other Christmases I ever have known. We shall have gifts, holly and the tree, roaring open fires, and all the family gathered for the feast. It has always meant special music and special services at church, and—of later years especially, much serious wondering thought of the little Christ Child whose life was to be the most important ever lived by man.

I have marveled anew every year over the facts of the Saviour's life; the poverty and obscurity, the complete unimportance of all His associates, even of His persecutors, the strange teaching that was received by a few poor peasants, and the death of a common criminal that they made of Him.

Strange teaching indeed. It contradicted everything that men had ever believed. It discounted force and hate. It voiced the incredible doctrine that love was the only power, and that love fulfilled all the laws of Heaven and earth. They didn't believe Him, and they killed Him, and His forlorn obscure followers faced the great warring world of that day, and of the new worlds and the expanded days to come, with just a few quoted precepts as their heritage.

And that heritage grew and spread and thundered down the ages and reached unknown countries and unborn peoples—O, yes, polluted and twisted and misinterpreted and betrayed sometimes, it is true, but still the doctrine of forgiveness and brotherhood of man. Human weakness delayed it, but nothing could kill it, because it is the truth.

So much we all know, so much we all feel, at Christmas time.

Our Debt to Christianity

But—like a window opening to sudden new light, it has come to me in these terrible past years of war that we owe Christianity a tremendous debt over and above the spiritual value it gives us. That Christianity, and the passionate love it awakened in men's heart, is the actual ark of civilization, and that it ought to be fostered as a

sacred possession by everyone who hope for a new world, believer or non-believer.

The great Hebrew religion, from which the life of Christ was derived, did more than build temples. It built libraries, schools, hospitals, churches, colleges; it laid down a public and a domestic law. What other element ever did? These things do not exist in Oriental countries, where the great masses of the people even today live and die in squalor and superstition.

They do not build cities, railways, bridges, roads. The Orient is almost without these things, as it is without modern conveniences, sewers, tele-

that the miraculous life of Jesus Christ had anything to do with Europe's scientific and material progress, and the unbelievable growth of our own world, yet the fact remains that the believing nations, the Europe of yesterday and the Western Hemisphere of today, are the nations that cling to Him, profess fidelity to Him, no matter how far they fall away from the humility and charity that He preached.

Faith Built Cathedrals

It began, of course, with the brotherhood of the early church, with the sharing of bread and wine. It went on to those early documents, to that wealth of priceless paintings, to the great cathedrals that simple men built for love of Him. Even today our painters do not rival those early expressions of

love and devotion to the Madonna and her Baby; even today our architects marvel at the beauty of Chartres Cathedral and Canterbury and Rheims. Faith built all these; faith inspired the great musical compositions, and the chorals and requiems, and afterward the secular world took hold of these patterns and gave us all we know of modern art and music.

It may be now that, since the war is over, we shall have to begin all over again; in a stable with a Baby; begin with forgiveness and brotherhood, begin to realize that not only do His churches carry His name down the ages to us today, but that every other good and wise and beneficent thing we have all stem from that one life. If this could be brought home to our children, this incalculable debt that they owe to Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate this Christmas, it might solve some of the great problems that we mothers face. It may even solve the atomic bomb problem. Civilization will increase only when we get back as close as we can to the law that tells us that by this shall we be known as Christ's followers, that we love one another. That love fulfills the law. That He is the way and the truth and the light. That ye shall have only to seek ye shall find Him.



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phones, paving, electric lights, etc. I have seen swarming dark communities, hundreds of them, in India and China, into which no one of these things ever had been introduced; where the compounds are icy puddles for eight months a year, and even such simple luxuries as a gas stove or bureau, a change of shoes or a potato had actually never been seen.

Extraordinary as it would be to state



Memory of Gallant Men

THIS Christmas there will be the dark shadow of tragedy on many homes. Husbands and sons went forth to war never to return. They have made to their country the greatest and most costly gift man can make—their lives. All the gifts which we make or which we may receive are as nothing when weighed in the balance against their gift. Bells will ring and candles will gleam and little children will be glad; there will be festivity in our houses, for we must keep Christmas—it is a holy time. Our spirits are tenderer than at any other time in the year.

We must keep Christmas. The dead would not have it otherwise. But let us not forget them and in our prayers for our own households there should be a more ardent prayer that those who sorrow may find comfort. Let us, too, thank the Giver of all good and perfect gifts that He has enriched us by the memory of all these gallant men, who beyond our sight in the unknown land of everlasting light have found peace and rest.



symbol of undying faith and life, abounds in this land. The oldest of the species in the world—the Sequoia trees—grow in California, and one of the most famous of these is the General Grant Tree which stands in the national park of the same name. Sequoias are the oldest living things on earth. Experts declare the age of the General Grant Tree to be between 3,000 and 4,000 years. It was flourishing hundreds of years before Christ was born.

The General Grant is known as the Nation's Christmas Tree and each Christmas Day since 1926 services have been conducted at the base of the giant Sequoia.

Also we have the largest tree to be trimmed each year. It is a 70-foot oak in Wilmington, North Carolina, where the climate keeps the tree green over Yuletide. The community makes a festive of decorating it and singing carols.

Then each Christmas the bell in St. Miguel Church, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is rung. The bell weighs 780 pounds and bears the date of 1356. It was cast in Spain of copper, iron, silver and gold to the thickness of four inches, and brought to this country in 1712.

Christmas Eve, 1945

At its best Christmas Eve is a night when the lights burn a little brighter along the crowded streets; when shop windows are everywhere vivid with red and green, and the last dark cedars stand ranked on the sidewalk awaiting a purchaser and bringing an aromatic breath of the forest to the town and city. The snow may sift down; the air be still, clear and cold—but the spirit of Christmas Eve is impervious to the weather. There is a heartier tone in the greetings of friends, and even strangers smile and exchange good wishes. The lights of home shine out through windows hung with wreaths, and within there is a great bustle of preparation—the wrapping of multi-colored packages, the setting forth of cakes and candies, the filling of stockings and, climax of the ritual, the trimming of the tree. There is noise and happy confusion, great pretense of secretiveness about gifts; music fills the air as the old carols come from singers, who sing with the spirit of Christmas in churches decked with evergreen and holly, the happy story of the first Christmas as told in familiar songs and cherished words.—New York Herald-Tribune.

The Nation's Christmas Tree

The United States takes pride in several factors linking us closely with the great Yuletide holiday. The evergreen, whose perpetually green leaves are the

American Soldiers at Bethlehem Manger

Last year on the Sixth Christmas of the greatest conflict the world has known more than 500 American warriors gathered to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace at the Bethlehem manger, where it occurred.

They started coming in by plane fresh from the mud and gore of the battlefields in France, Germany and Italy, from North Africa, from stations in the Middle East and from the bleak coast of the Persian Gulf.

There weren't many officers among these pilgrims. Most of them were just plain GIs—winging in from scenes of violent death to honor the One who promised eternal life.

They followed the winding road to Bethlehem soon after their arrival in Jerusalem, for they were eager to see "the place." In the Church of the Nativity they descended a short flight of stone steps and shown the exact spot where the manger stood.

A bright metal star inlaid in rock marks the place.

Many attended the midnight mass in the Church of St. Catherine, the Roman Catholic Church adjoining the Church of the Nativity, which is the common property of Roman, Greek and Armenian churches. They heard the Christmas hymns sung by a choir of 2,000 Polish Army men and the Bethlehem bells and an American choir inside

the church broadcasting to the world. They came, not for a riotous weekend, but to observe a ceremony at the place where peace on earth and good will toward men was heralded to the world.

Santa Claus Stresses Holiday Safety

"Stay alive in '45" is a holiday message that Santa Claus has delivered to the National Safety Council. Most of the message is devoted to a warning against fire hazards from holiday decorations.

Santa doesn't want any deaths or injuries, always more tragic at holiday time, in that big bag of gifts he'll be toting this year.

Said Santa: "I am counting on all peoples to observe safety rules during the holidays. Please remind them to—

"Use only fireproof decorations.
"Check all electric lights and wires.
"Keep all lighted candles away from curtains.

"Be sure that the Christmas tree is in a firm stand and not placed in a doorway or near a stove or fireplace.

"Pick up all wrapping paper immediately and save for the paper salvage collection.

"I have tried to select safe gifts and toys for everybody, so please see that they are used safely.

"A Merry Christmas to all, and remember—Stay alive in '45."

Army Report On Discharged Men

The Army reports that 3,114,000 of the 8,300,000 men in the Army when the European war ended have already been discharged. Navy, marine and coast guard discharges bring the grand total to 3,950,000. The Navy has released 670,132, the Marine Corps, 107,389 and the Coast Guard 52,623. Discharges now are running at the rate of more than a million men a month.

The Navy point score for discharge for enlisted men dropped from 41 to 38 December 1. It will go down to 37 December 15 and to 36 January 1, 1946.

Motorists Warned On Winter Hazards

Regardless of mild or severe weather this winter will bring the most perilous conditions in the history of motoring, Carroll E. Mealey, director for the Eastern region of the National Safety Council, said.

He warned that adverse factors in winter driving had reached a new peak and might increase before next spring. Only the utmost caution exercised by motorists can avert a ghastly toll of death and injury, he added.

"The over-all situation is abnormal even when compared with 1944," he said. "Due to lack of maintenance and replacement the average highway has deteriorated 10 per cent and the motor

vehicle at least 30 per cent, which means both are about 40 per cent off standard. Add to this summary the menace presented by thousands of cars now in service which should have been in the junk piles long since.

"The upswing in traffic due to the free flow of gasoline and the worn tires are major hazards which will contribute a percentage to each of the rest of the dangers that confront drivers. I am alarmed at the tendency to speed prevailing in many areas. If this condition is carried into the winter I shudder to speculate on results during the coming months."

Food Prices

OPA promises a new drive to keep food prices in line, now that sugar alone remains on the rationing list. There will be price chiseling, since all meats, butter, fats, and cooking oils are point free. The worst trouble will come in parts of the country which are remote from centers that produce these foodstuffs.

And for some time there will be local shortages in butter, fats and oils. OPA intends to "crack down" on merchants who boost the prices of these items above the legal ceilings.

Sugar, incidentally, may stay on the ration list for some time along with automobile tires. These two are the only items remaining in the ration point system set up early in the war.

The fats salvage program sponsored by the government since soon after Pearl Harbor is to continue.

Housewives and other consumers will be paid four cents a pound for salvaged fats. These are sold to soap

manufacturers and other industrial users.

Pearl Harbor Inquiry

It was not a lack of warning about the aggressive intentions of the Japanese that contributed to the success of their Pearl Harbor attack, but rather a refusal on the part of high military and civil authorities in this country to credit them with the audacity to strike at this American stronghold.

This was one of the most significant points developed by the appearance of venerable ailing former Secretary Cordell Hull before the joint Congressional Committee that investigated Pearl Harbor.

Hull told of his early conviction that the Japanese were bent on war and recalled a series of warnings about this danger which he conveyed to the Roosevelt cabinet.

He said it was November 25 that he abandoned all hope that the Japanese would accept peace. On that day he told the war council:

"That the Japanese were already poised for attack. They were likely to break out anywhere at any time at any place, and I emphasized the probable element of surprise in their plans. I felt that virtually the last stage had been reached and that the safeguarding of our national security was in the hands of the Army and Navy."

Nevertheless, Mr. Hull told the committee, as did former Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles, in later testimony, he heard at no times in the weeks preceding December 7, 1941, any suggestion from a military source that Pearl Harbor was a likely target.

The MOST Beloved CAROL

By TRUDI McCULLOUGH
(Baltimore Sun)

THE night before Christmas in 1818, "Silent Night"—most beloved of Christmas carols—had not yet been composed. But on Christmas Day it was sung for the first time by children in an Austrian village to the accompaniment of a guitar.

That Christmas Eve the village priest, young Josef Mohr, sat reading the story of the Nativity when a peasant woman knocked at the door. A child had been born in one of the humble homes in his parish in the Alps. He went to bless it and returned so filled with the meaning of the Christmas story that he sat down to write what he felt. The lines kept turning into verse: "Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright..."

A second knock at the door brought his friend, the organist and schoolmaster Franz Gruber, with word that the church organ had broken down. If there was to be music tomorrow it must be a very simple hymn since there was little time to rehearse the children. Gruber there and then composed the music for "Silent Night," later erroneously attributed to Hayden. Next morning, with only a guitar to guide them, the village children sang the song that was to become the carol of the world.

Sung at Court of Saxony

Nearly twenty years later four brothers and sisters were asked to sing it at the court of the King and Queen of Saxony. The journey of "Silent Night" had begun. It was introduced to America by bands of Tyrolean singers and bell ringers who toured the German-American communities that sprang from Boston to Milwaukee.

And yet "Silent Night" and most of the other Christmas songs America knows are not really carols at all. They are Christmas hymns set to solemn music by such famous composers as Bach, Handel and Mendelssohn.

Strictly speaking, carols are to be sung merrily and the term originally meant a dance. Perhaps the only real Christmas carol known to many Americans is "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly." Other real carols that appear as favorites are "Boar's Head Carols," the "Cherry Carols," the "Hunting Carol," and "Good King Wenceslas."

Simplicity of Music

America seems to be the one country in the world where the terms "carol" and "hymn" become interchangeable at Christmas time. But all the songs Americans have claimed as their favorite carols have one thing in common—extreme simplicity of the music. There is almost no choir or group any-

where that can make "Silent Night" or "Little Town of Bethlehem" sound unattractive.

The origins of all these songs are obscured and varied. As in the case of "The First Noel" or "Nowell," books engage in a genteel battle as to whether its genesis is English or French. Thus the two different spellings. It was first printed in England, but perhaps even there few people realize that the complete text of all its stanzas tells the entire Nativity story as told to the shepherds by an angel.

Tune From Handel's "Messiah"

Another founded on Biblical text is "Joy to the World." Based on the ninety-seventh Psalm, it was written by an Englishman named Isaac Watts in 1719. Its tune is from Handel's "Messiah."

Charles Wesley, brother of the great John Wesley, wrote "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." The melody comes from the second chorus of a Mendelssohn cantata that was originally composed to celebrate the birthday of printing.

Luther Wrote Words

And Martin Luther wrote that children's favorite "Away in a Manger" for his own children, who formed a domestic choir. The origin of the music is in doubt.

"Oh Come All Ye Faithful" has no clear history, but its Latin origin is attested to by the fact that all present-day Latin countries have their own versions. It is believed it was once sung to a fast tempo and danced around the "creeche" or crib that was always set up to commemorate the Nativity. The carol's certain history began in 1751 when it was sung at Stonyhurst College. It was sometimes referred to as the Portuguese hymn because it was a favorite at the Portuguese chapel in London as well as at other Roman chapels.

Only one of the favorites is of strict American origin: "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Written by John Henry Hopkins, an Episcopal clergyman, in 1857, its dramatic stanzas imply that it may originally have been meant for a home-made drama in the village church.

Originally Song of Happiness

Some of the most interesting histories belong to the songs that are properly carols. "Good King Wenceslas" was originally a springtime song of happiness. In Bohemia, where Wenceslas ruled in the Tenth Century, street singers used to make their appearances in warm weather and sing these words about the King's extreme generosity as a hint to passers-by to loosen up their own pockets. Being associated with generosity, it naturally became a song of Christmas and gifts.



"The village children sang the song."

Grass Root Reveries

By JOE GANDY

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THIS would be the happiest Christmas in America in a quarter of a century if it were not for industrial warfare. After brilliantly winning a war on two fronts we start a war at home among ourselves, thereby holding up reconversion. Labor and capital could settle disputes if motivated by the Christmas spirit. Good will goes a long way toward smoothing out differences and disagreements.

Yes, good will now is sorely needed—not only at home but abroad. Hate almost destroyed the world. A Third War can wipe out the human race as it exists today. Atomic bombs would do the job and do it quickly and completely.

Therefore, at this glad Christmas time let's stop hating one another for once and forever. Let's put good will into our hearts and keep it there. Let's read over and over the "Sermon on the Mount," by the Apostle of the golden rule who said nineteen hundred years ago: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

Christ came into a world of hate and revenge, a world that sought an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But He taught a new doctrine—a doctrine of brotherly love and good will to all men. Nevertheless, most of his teachings still go unheeded. When the human race accepts and lives the philosophy of life as laid down by the

Saviour, there will be no more race hatred and no more wars.

Despite the labor rumpas, we are going to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year because troopships are bringing home thousands of our soldier boys to be with their loved ones again. This homecoming is the best of all Christmas gifts. We welcome them with exceeding great joy. They fought a good fight, won a glorious victory. No braver men ever faced an enemy in defense of their country.

Turkey on the table Christmas and New Year has been the most popular meat. But not so this Christmas. The most popular meat, if you can get it, is cured ham. The old weather-beaten smoke-house with ham, bacon and sausage hanging from its rafters will look like a mansion these wintry days while you hunger for fried ham and brindle gravy. Songs and poems have been written about the odor of new mown hay, but it's a flop compared to the odor of ham sizzling in the skillet while wife pulls a panful of fluffy biscuit from the oven and says, "Breakfast is ready!"

Speaking of eats at Christmas time, you can't beat the traditional pumpkin pie and pound cake. Some housewives serve new fangled pastry with hifalutin names, but I haven't run across a thing better than old-fashioned ambrosia, boiled custard and cookies. I can eat my weight in cookies—and that is why wife hides the cookies. Some-

times I discover where she has hidden them and slyly eat my fill. Once I heard her say to herself: "That hound (meaning me) has been eating my cookies again!"

One of Ripley's cartoons recently pictured a plain bar of iron worth \$5. This same bar of iron, when made into horseshoes, is worth \$10.50. If made into needles, it is worth \$3,285, and if turned into balance springs for watches, it is worth \$250,000. At the same ratio a bale of cotton is worth \$3,500 if made into shirts, and worth \$6,200 if made into socks.

The 28-year-old new president of Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford II, said recently to a nation-wide radio audience:

"We have come out of this war with monumental proof that our country can discover and invent and build and produce at a rate that no human being thought possible. Are we now going to sit back and listen to prophets of gloom? Actually, all we need to do is to direct our creative energy into new channels to bring to our country a life richer and better than any of us ever have known."

Henry Ford II is right. Opportunity knocks at our door. Shall we open the door or shall we close it? The answer is up to you and me and all other men in these United States.

The coldest spot on earth is reported to be the Yakutsk region in Siberia where the temperature drops as low as 95 degrees below zero in winter. The next coldest spot on earth is right here in the Southwest if you are caught out in a norther without an overcoat. A good neighbor of mine lost his life because he failed to heed his wife's advice to take along his overcoat when going on a long journey. He ran into a norther, got chilled, took pneumonia and died in a few days.



"That hound (meaning me) has been eating my cookies again!"

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS --- from Over the State

DEER DAMAGE CROPS

Sixty farmers and ranchmen attended a meeting in San Antonio early in the fall to talk over ways of protecting their corn and other crops from marauding deer. The animals increased during the war. Some farmers reported their corn field losses as high as 100 per cent.

GALVESTON WINS SAFETY PLAQUE

For the third time in four years Galveston has won the safety plaque awarded by the State. During 1941, 1942, 1944 the city had fewer traffic fatalities than any other city in Texas in the 50,000 to 100,000 population on bracket. So far this year Galveston has had only one traffic death in the city limits.

TEXAS OFFERED "BATTLESHIP TEXAS"

Secretary of Navy Forrestal is reported to have offered the " Battleship Texas" to Texas, as the grand old warship is to be retired from service. Representative Thomas suggested that the warship be sailed up the Houston Ship Channel and permanently berthed off the San Jacinto battle ground.

PENNY PARKING METER

El Paso has been giving the penny parking meter a trial. The meter will take either a penny or a five-cent piece. One penny will buy 12 minutes of parking time; two pennies will pay for 24 minutes of time; a nickel buys an hour's time at the curb. Five hundred parking meters of this variety recently were installed in Mexico City.

CHINAMAN SAYS "NO" IN 3 LANGUAGES

Houston police questioned a transient Chinaman concerning \$7,000 found in his hotel room. Although he declined to answer questions as to where he obtained the money, he spoke freely in three languages, Chinese, English and Spanish, on all other subjects.

RIO GRANDE GIVES TEXAS 200 ACRES

Thanks to whims of the Rio Grande, Texas is 200 acres bigger than it was a while back. The shifting river in a recent flood cut a new channel and added a good sized farm, 200 acres, to the State near Los Indos, Cameron county. Three families, cut off, will become non-resident citizens of Mexico. The Boundary Commission will establish the new border line and life will go on as usual in the lower Valley.

LANDED A GOOD JOB

C. B. Hogan, Jr., of Dallas, is 30 years old. He was discharged from the Army Air Forces with the distinguished service cross, the air medal and four oak leaf clusters. He didn't walk the streets hunting for a job. He simply inserted the following advertisement in a Dallas newspaper: "Are you crazy? Discharged veteran wants job with high salary. Comes recommended as lazy, inefficient, not too bright, plus other debatable qualities. Heaven help you. Come and get me."

EARLY DAY BUFFALO STAMPEDE

In early times a stampede of bison left an untold number of dead animals in a Texas stream channel running near Plainview, Hale county, and Texas University Museum Director, Dr. E. H. Sellards, is trying to find out about it. Bones of the animal, piled in layers, lie under 12 feet of valley soil in what once was a stream, and from spears found there it is believed the pile-up occurred when Indians first started hunting buffalo in Texas. Bones so far uncovered indicate the animals were larger than the later day buffalo which roamed the plains of Texas.

UNWELCOME TAXICAB PASSENGER

Near the end of a long, uneventful night, R. L. (Red) Engelking, a Houston taxicab driver, delivered two passengers to West Alabama street and when they stepped out of the cab a ferocious-looking bulldog jumped in. The bulldog occupied the seat, refused to alight. In desperation the taxi driver rolled up to the nearest police station where several officers removed the animal from the cab. Kinny Poston, of the Humane Society, who knows nearly all Houston dogs, undertook to return the taxicab-riding bulldog to his master next morning.

FFA BOY HONORED

At the 18th annual convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Marion F. Baumgardner, of Wellington, Collingsworth county, was elected vice-president of the national organization. At a banquet given by The Kansas City Star, he was awarded one of the 150 American Farmer degrees given for Future Farmer work. As a vice-president, Baumgardner represents twelve Southern States. He is the second Texan ever elected to a national office in the FFA. Roy Martin, of Cotulla, served in 1936. In this position, Baumgardner will direct the work of 200,000 Future Farmers in 6,500 departments.

BIRTH RECORDS SOAR

Texas recorded 164,033 births in 1944, highest in history. The 1944 rate of 23.9 per 1,000 population is larger than the 1943 rate of 23.4. Death rate for the year, 8.9 per 1,000, remained unchanged.

COUPLE LIKES FARM LIFE

Sixty-six years ago Mr. and Mrs. William Arnett were married in Alabama and came to Anson, Texas, December 1, 1891, where they settled on a farm which they bought. They have lived on this farm 50 years. Once they moved to town for a short time but did not like town life.

CYCLIST CLAIMS 300-MILE RECORD

Jack McDonald, of Dallas, claims the record bicycle-time of 15 hours and 48 minutes actual riding time from Dallas to San Antonio. He made the trip on a special bicycle of his own make, with six 30-minute stops for food and rest.

CITRUS CROPS ENRICH RIO GRANDE VALLEY

More than 9,000,000 citrus fruit trees are enriching farmers in the Rio Grande Valley this year. The crop is expected to cash in for more than \$60,000,000. P. J. Neff, Houston, vice president of the Missouri Pacific lines, says perishable shipments from the Valley increased 50 per cent between 1940 and 1944, and added that his railroad expected another 50 per cent increase in the coming five-year period. Cannons are credited with having done much to stabilize the market for citrus products.

GI PIGEONS FOR SALE

Thousands of Army homing pigeons have been for sale in five-pair lots for \$25 the lot. Any person may apply to the Office of Surplus Property of the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., for detailed information regarding the GI message bearers. Many of the pigeon's were taught to fly at night, all are of exceptional breeding and have been carefully trained. Many are descendants of the nation's finest homing pigeon stock.

GROWS SWEETER BEETS

Beets grown in the Brazos river valley between Waco and Navasota contained a higher sugar content than beets grown in the western sugar beet States, according to Representative Poage, a member of the House Agriculture Committee. The report was based on tests made by F. G. Blake, of Cameron, Milam county, a soft drink manufacturer. Saccharine content of the Brazos valley beets is said to be about 21 per cent.

ALAMO GIVEN VALUED COLLECTION

Three thousand books about Texas, valuable old Texas paintings, documents and early-day newspaper clippings have been presented to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas by Dr. William E. Howard, of Dallas. The priceless collection represents the work of a lifetime and a large cash outlay. The collection is to be placed in the Alamo. Some of the first maps of Texas and letters from Bowie, Travis, Crockett and Houston are included in the collection. Portraits of 62 Mexican viceroys who ruled Texas for Mexico and letters from each are among the valued articles. There are 75 different portraits of Sam Houston.

"UPSTAIRS" SUPER-HIGHWAYS FORECAST

High land costs and increasing traffic are going to force some of Texas' super-highways "upstairs" after a while, says W. J. Van London, State highway engineer. "Skyways would be extremely useful in some places in Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio right now," the engineer says.

WATCH OUT FOR MAD DOGS

Rabies is more prevalent in winter than in the "dog days" of summer and fall, says Geo. W. Cox, State health officer. He reported that in February last year the State laboratory examined 312 animal brains for rabies and more than 37 per cent tested positive, while in August only 155 brains were examined with 30 per cent positive. If all stray dogs were destroyed and all pet dogs vaccinated, the disease could be more easily controlled, doctors say.

COUPLE WED 65 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Adkins were married October 15, 1880, in Pettrilla, Ill. Forty years ago they moved to Texas and made their home at Eagle Lake, Colorado county, where they raised six children. A daughter, Mrs. William Spalinger, of Eagle Lake, and her husband, entertained the couple on their 65th wedding anniversary.

ATTACKS AND KILLS CATTLE

Henderson county farmers are on the lookout for a panther, or other large animal, which has attacked and killed one or two calves and which attacked, but did not kill, a grown cow on the farm of M. R. Renfro between Baxter and Flat Rock. Panthers have been reported in the vicinity over a period of years but none have been killed there recently.

100-YEAR-OLDSTER KEEPS UP TO DATE

Although more than 100 years old, having lived through four wars, H. S. Hilburn, of Graham, Young county, keeps posted on the news of the world and manages to walk to town frequently to chat with other early day settlers of the county. He celebrated his 100th birthday with a party at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Matthew, of Graham. His first home there was a dugout. Later he built a house, and at a still later date erected a modern house on the land which he still owns. Mr. Hilburn was born at Paris, Texas, September 27, 1845.

OWNER CONSERVES TIRES

Tire rationing never bothered Wesley Richards, of McAllen, Hidalgo county, and he never worried once during the war about his car wearing out. Mr. Richards drives a 1929 Ford which is as spick and span as it was 15 years ago when he bought it and his tires, the same ones that came with the car, are in fine shape. He simply takes good care of his car, never drives faster than 30 miles an hour and keeps his tires in the shade when not using them.



THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS!

TALE OF 19 POSTHOLES

An old story going the rounds is about an accountant in Dallas, checking the voluminous inventory files of the Defense Plant Corporation, says he found listed by the government, in addition to millions of dollars worth of other property, an item labeled: "19 postholes."

BEAR KEPT COMING

Charley Bazzell, of Longview, Gregg county, is showing a fine dressed bear hide from a 225-pound bear which he killed in the Cellways district of northern Idaho last winter while visiting his sister. He shot the bear at a distance of 200 yards with a 30-30 rifle. But the bear kept coming, and at 10 yards stopped and stood up. Then Mr. Bazzell gave him another shot which laid him out.

NUECES RIVER DAMS TO BE BUILT

Two of six dams to be built on the Nueces river will be started within 14 months, and cost approximately \$20,000,000, according to F. W. Pulliam, of Crystal City, president of the board of the Nueces River Conservation and Reclamation District, which met recently. Water from the first two dams is expected to irrigate nearly 40,000 acres of land, 21,500 acres at Cotulla and 18,500 acres at Uvalde. The other four dams will be built at Concan and Sabinal and will irrigate more than 30,000 acres.

BUFFALO-BRAHMAN CROSS-BREED BULL SOLD

Chris Smith, who operates a service station at Four-Way, 30 miles north of Amarillo on the Dumas highway, has sold his crossbred buffalo-brahman bull to an Oklahoma concern for show purposes. The cross-breed, probably the only one in existence, is a 4-year-old and weighed more than 3,000 pounds. For a while Mr. Smith kept the animal on a ranch in Colorado, but he became unruly and was returned to Texas.

NO INFLATION THEN

From an issue of The Texas Coaster, dated 1895, the following prices were taken from advertisements of leading merchants:

Shot guns, from \$5 to \$25, at Dyer and Ransom's.

Fresh fish, dressed 10 cents a pound, every day at A. Kaulfers.

Best quality American sardines, 5 cents, at Baker & Hirsch's.

Children's hose at Dyer's for 5 cents a pair.

Every day, fresh oysters, at 75 cents a hundred. Cooked, 25 cents a dozen, at A. Kaulfer's.

Numsen's Clipper brand tomatoes, 4 two-pound cans for 25 cents, at Baker & Hirsch's.

Good syrup at 30 cents a gallon, at Baker & Hirsch's.

The Reliable Dairy, J. W. Cornett, manager, delivers the purest milk at five cents a quart; butter, the best, at 25 cents a pound.

You can get a fine cassimere suit of men's clothes at Dyer's for \$4.75.

Baker & Hirsch will sell you one barrel of good flour for \$3.85.

CAPITAL POURS INTO BUSINESS

During the first nine months 1945, domestic firms incorporated in Texas had authorized capitalization of \$9,932,000, compared with \$8,344,000 for the same period in 1944. In September alone 83 new firms were incorporated with authorized capitalization of \$1,679,000. For the most part the new concerns are merchandising and building companies.

KILLS LARGE BOBCAT

Sid McCreary, of Palestine, went hunting for squirrels in the Trinity river bottoms. An animal came creeping toward him as he still-hunted the squirrels and when it was close enough he shot and killed it. It was a bobcat, three feet long, and about 18 inches high.

BANANAS GROW IN LOCKHART

Several years ago some banana trees were planted in Lockhart, Caldwell county. The trees grew, but never produced until this year. Due to recent mild weather, 12 fine bunches were harvested from the trees.

FORMER SLAVE PREACHES

J. W. Thompson, negro Baptist preacher who lives in the rear of an apartment house at 111 N. Winnetka Avenue, Dallas, celebrated his 96th birthday in December. Born a slave in Victoria, Texas, he has lived through four wars. For 20 years he worked for a packing company in Dallas. Now he spends his time preaching and occasionally performs a wedding ceremony. He enjoys fine health.

MEXICO BUYS TEXAS KARAKULS

Jose L. Sanchez, of Mexico City, has bought 50 head of Karakul sheep from Mrs. Alex Allbright, of Dundee, Archer county, for the Mexican government. Mexico is to conduct breeding experiments with the Karakuls from which many fine "fur" coats are made. Alex Allbright established the Karakul ranch in Archer county, Texas, 43 years ago. Mrs. Allbright has managed the ranch since his death in 1936, and now has 800 sheep on the ranch. The Allbright ranch is well known in New York where the fine pelts from the new-born lambs are fashioned into many fine fur garments. Original stock for the Allbright ranch was imported from Astrakhan in southern Asiatic Russia.

TO CELEBRATE 103RD BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mary Holcomb, of Tyler, Smith county, will celebrate her 103rd birthday the day after Christmas. Of her nine children, three are still living. Mrs. Holcomb was born in Skipper county, Alabama, moved to Kentucky Town, Grayson county, a number of years ago. She now lives in Tyler with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Carr.

STEEL BOAT FOR FISHERMEN

In Abilene, Taylor county, a manufacturer soon will start turning out a boat made of 22-gauge steel which may be taken apart easily and carried in the back of an automobile. The parts can be reassembled in about five minutes, the maker said, who claims it is an ideal boat for fishermen.

TO PLANT OIL-BEARING TREES

Oil-bearing trees from Mexico are being planted for experimental purposes in the Rio Grande Valley. E. D. Cook, of Southern Methodist University agricultural department, supervised the planting of a truckload of "Garcia Nutans" on a farm owned by Carl Hoblitzelle. Similar trees have been planted on property owned by Dr. C. L. Luidell, of SMU.

THIEVES INVITED TO TAKE CARS

A classified ad in the Daily Sun of Goose Creek, Harris county: "The party or parties responsible for the theft of seven wheels and tires off two cars parked in the driveway at Slapout Gulley, are invited to come and get the rest of the cars. No questions asked." The thieves did not accept the invitation.

CHRISTMAS EVE ON A HOSPITAL SHIP AT SEA

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After repeating our performance in the cabin of each of these very sick men, the carolers proceeded to the mess hall, singing "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly." Here we had a good movie and an inspiring talk by our skipper, who spoke of the Christ Child as One for whose principles of life we are fighting. After this talk we had a feast.

Just think of it! Real steak, sandwiches, coffee, coke, ice cream, cakes, candy, Christmas cookies baked by our own ship's baker, all you could hold. During all this time my fine marine with but two fingers carried sandwiches, one by one, around to the stretcher cases.

The next day the patients slept late as though inebriated with good food and pleasure. Few of them waked for breakfast. They were still in a daze when I saw them at about 10 o'clock, as though they had been out all night and kicked up their heels. When I came to the bed of my fingerless marine I found him looking up at the ceiling, smiling. He jumped out of bed at attention and said: "Sir, I really believe that was one of the finest Christmas Eves I have ever had. And a Merry Christmas to you, sir; a Merry Christmas to you."

NATIVE PECAN TREE 24 FEET CIRCUMFERENCE

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near Bend, have brought up petrified pecans from great depths, proving that pecan trees thrived there in remote geologic times.

The great size of the Jumbo Hollis is best appreciated when compared to other large pecans trees in Texas.

In San Antonio, on South Flores street, there is a pecan tree with a circumference of 15 feet, standing 62 feet high.

Thirteen miles northeast of Breckenridge, Stephens county, is another pecan tree which measures 22 feet in circumference, and has a spread of 120 feet.

A large pecan tree, just found and measured at Toledo Bend, Newton county, is 15 feet six inches in circumference, 119 feet high and has a spread of 119 feet.

The Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College, College Station, is conducting a continuing search for largest trees in Texas, including pecan, of all species, and will welcome information about big trees of any sort in any part of the State.

THE FLOP FAMILY



By SWAN

A LITTLE FUN *Jokes to Make You Laugh*

Under Cover

A first grade class was asked to draw a picture with a horse in it. One small urchin did nothing, declared he couldn't draw a horse and flatly refused to try. Suddenly without further urging, he got to work. When the teacher looked at the picture later Johnny's achievement was a large barn, doors closed, covering the entire paper. "But where is the horse, Johnny?" inquired the teacher.

"In the barn," said Johnny confidently.

Ole's Rejoinder

Ole had bought a tractor but couldn't run it in spite of the fact that the dealer had shown him again and again how to operate it. The dealer finally quit in disgust. "I can sell you a tractor, but I can't sell you brains to run it," he said.

"Shoor you can't," retorted Ole. "You can't sell vat you haven't got."

Uncle Zeke's Wisdom

The late Simon Bolivar Buckner used to tell a story of an old resident in his Kentucky home who was celebrated for his wisdom.

"Uncle Zeke," a young man once asked, "how does it come you're so wise?"

"Because," said the old man, "I've got good judgment. Good judgment comes from experience, and experience—well that comes from poor judgment!"

The Small Son

The small son of the house had been told that he must always wait patiently till he was served at meals, and not draw attention to himself.

One day he was dining out at a friend's house with his mother, and somehow he was accidentally overlooked. Nobody noticed, and for a time he was patient, but at last he could stand it no longer. Leaning across to his mother, he said in a low voice:

"Mother, do little boys who starve to death go to heaven?"

Sweet Land of Liberty

Lord Halifax, who once said that it seemed to him every airman he met in London was an American, now is telling this story:

A man died and went to heaven where amid all the delights, he was startled to find four men in chains. "Men in chains, in heaven?" the new arrival gasped.

"Oh, we had to put them in chains," he was told. "They're dying to get back to America."

Sandlot Baseball Story

My favorite story is of a sandlot baseball game that lasted into late twilight. The trailing home team had finally managed to fill the bases. Two men were out and two strikes had been called on the batter. At this crucial moment, the pitcher and catcher of the rival team held a conference:

"It's so dark, nobody can't see nothin'," said the pitcher. "I'm going to wind up and make believe I'm throwing the ball, but instead I'll slip it to you now. After I go through the motions you pound your glove and pretend to make the catch."

The men retired to their positions and went through the elaborate motions, as proposed. The umpire peered over and bellowed: "Str-r-ike three! You're out!"

At that decision the batter became enraged. He pounded his bat on the plate in disgust. "Strike!" he wailed, "that was no strike—it didn't come within two feet of the plate!"

Sales Solution

A resourceful packaging man was able to make a hair-growing preparation sell after it previously had had a sorry sales record. The solution: Printing in red on the label, "Do not place

this preparation on any part of the body where you do not wish hair to grow."

GOOD TIDINGS
And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.—Luke 2:8-12.

WORLD SERIES INCOME
The world baseball series income from selling of tickets to games totaled \$1,400,000. While players' shares can only be estimated, it is believed the victorious players will receive about \$6,500 each while the losers will get about \$3,900 apiece.

Savannah, Ga., has a theater in active use which was established in 1818.

One after another... they all reach for HiHo because of their finer flavor!



LOOSE-WILES BISCUIT COMPANY—Brown Cracker and Candy Company Division

Poultry News

Written by

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I have been thinking seriously this year, as in other years, of the things that should have been done in November on my poultry place. This year, I am reminded more than ever, that too few of us poultrymen have brought our breeder birds into production in December. All experienced poultrymen know that flocks for market egg production as well as those for hatchery flock purposes should be housed and in laying quarters by December 1st of each year. Any blood testing, selecting, treating for lice, mites and so forth should have been done well along before the 1st of December. When we have had a moderate fall such as this year up to November 22, too much is put off getting the layers under way on time.



the dead line for you to get busy. There are a good many dealers in every locality that sell a good dusting louse powder and have a booklet they can give you on the use of the product.

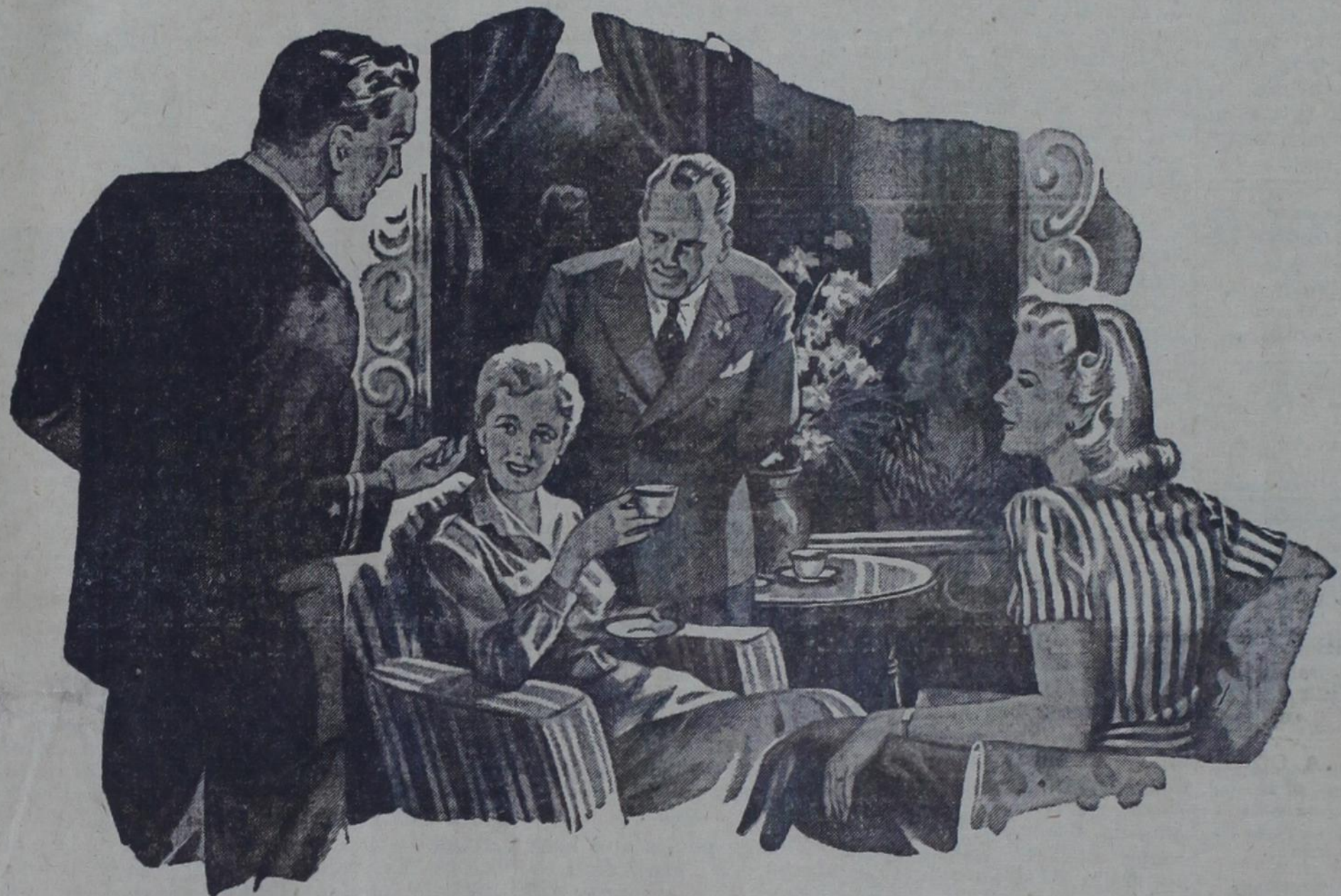
If you didn't worm your birds in October or November or in some instances both (depending upon the amount of contamination), you may find your hens are not in production in the house in December as they should be. There is no dodging it, so now is the time to do some worming. If you don't think they're wormy, however, pick up several of the worst looking birds, pen them, and give them a pill. Place these birds in a coop with a wire bottom so that nothing can get to any worms they might pass through to the ground or floor underneath. If these ten or more specimens pass worms, then I would not hesitate to go to the expense of buying pills and worming the whole flock. Use a worm pill with a coating that will carry the medicine into the bird's system far enough that the dose will be effective at the right place or where the worms are. Several commercial worm pills of this type are on the market.

If any of your birds have scaly shanks so frequently seen in warmer weather and you did not treat their legs by dipping them and bathing them in kerosene several times daily until healed when it was warm, you still have the job to do.

In catching birds for any of these operations, handle them carefully. You have frequently heard it said, "I don't believe in pilling birds, because it is too severe." Often the severity is a result of harsh treatment in catching the birds. Use a wire trap in your house or a good standard culling coop.

For winter litter, I believe there is nothing that will wear as well or prove more sanitary in the laying house as shucks. They should be placed about one foot deep and replaced when worn to the point that they no longer look like shucks, but shreds. You can buy commercial litter if no other.

Winter is coming so now is the time to stop all cracks on the sides and ends and on the roof. A warm, well-ventilated house is what you should have.



ISN'T *Good Living* JUST A MATTER OF CHOICE?

Good foods carefully selected and properly prepared are the basis of good living. Among all the foods you serve, good coffee is probably the most important. It's the "backbone" of many menus, notably breakfast and supper; it's the one part of any meal that must be good if other foods are to be enjoyed. Hence don't take chances by trying to save a penny or two a pound. Buy the choicest, most skillfully blended coffee the market offers. Such a coffee is *Admiration*—superb in quality, rich in flavor, delightfully aromatic and inviting. More people in the Southwest drink it than any other brand. There's a reason.



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Texas Farm News Reports

Many States have egg-grading laws, but there is none in Texas. Jesse Bass, of Crosbyton, has installed an egg-grader in his Crosby county hatchery. He says there are three main grades of eggs with two minor ones, and he grades his eggs both for hatching and for commercial selling.

An International Harvester Company cotton picker, purchased by George C. Chance, one of the big planters of the Brazos River Valley, was demonstrated near Bryan, Brazos county, during the picking season. The cotton had been defoliated in a demonstration by the American Cyanamid Company and was clean of foliage. The picker harvested an acre of cotton in approximately one and a quarter hours, traveling at the rate of two miles an hour. Cotton men estimated the crop harvested by the new machine would average three-fourths of a bale to the acre, or about 1,200 pounds. At prevailing rates for pickers, \$2 per hundred, the machine was earning money fast. It is estimated that under all sorts of conditions the machine will pick cotton at from \$9 to \$25 per bale cheaper than hand pickers.

Texas bees contributed 7,392,000 pounds of honey to the nation's dinner tables this year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported. This is 820,000 pounds more than the State's honey output in 1944. Nine thousand additional colonies, plus increased production of one pound per colony, brought about the large production this year. Texas ranks tenth in honey output for the nation.



In an open letter to farmers of Freestone county, Charlie V. Hanning, agricultural agent, says too many farmers are "fire bugs" and advised the farmers to quit burning grass, weeds and stalks that are good fertilizer and also, when turned under, hold the soil together, hold water and permit air to reach the roots of growing plants.

At the beginning of fall Texas had 1,500,000 fewer laying hens than a year ago but still led all of the States in number of producing birds. U. S. Department of Agriculture counted Texas egg layers at 21,888,000 and Iowa next with 21,478,000. Minnesota was in third place with 18,387,000. But Texas' honor was an empty one in production per hen, Texas being in 39th place, with Vermont leading.

From a one-acre demonstration Julian Reynolds, member of the Lessburg boys' 4-H club of Camp county, harvested 245 bushels of marketable sweet potatoes this year. Heavy application of fertilizer on good soil plus clean cultivation were responsible. County Agricultural Agent Ross H. Brison does not claim a record, but characterizes the yield as "unusual."

There will be no cotton acreage quota in 1946, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson announced in November. Earlier in the month the Department of Agriculture estimated the 1945 crop at 9,368,000 bales. Estimate for Texas was slightly over 2,000,000 bales, a decrease of about 100,000 below September 1 expectations. This is the smallest Texas crop in 50 years.

Thirteen new applications for soil conservation assistance in Austin county have been approved by the Austin - Washington county district of the Soil Conservation Service.

Hybrid corn in the field may look light, but "the yield will fool you," says Troy Hiller, Jr., of Sanger, and Alex Collins, of Cooper Creek, Denton county, in a report to Denton County Agent G. R. Warren. Both harvested more corn than their fathers who used different varieties on nearby land.

Texas rice mills are running 20 to 24 hours a day, the Eagle Lake Headlight, Colorado county, reported. All varieties have been pouring in, including the late Roxoro. Fifty-five per cent or more of the crop goes to the government, while some is going to Cuba. Not all orders can be filled.

The new drug, "Phenothiazine," developed in Texas and used for the first time in doctoring sheep, is now being used under direction of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Husbandry for prevention of worms in cattle, horses and hogs. Thirty members of the Progressive Farmers Club met at Victoria, in Victoria county, recently and saw a special picture and heard instructions on use of the drug.

Steve Murrin, of Mansfield in Tarrant county, is loud in praise of soil conservation and rotation grazing. He reports that his stock go through the winter with little or no feed as a result of improved methods. He has been mowing weedy areas of his pastures, overseeding rescue grass and sodding bermuda grass on the bottom lands, in corrals and around feedlots, clearing out undesirable trees and contour furrowing buffalo grass pasture.

Turkey poults and baby chicks don't grow well together. Parmer county 4-H club boys who received awards of poults in the cow-sow-hen program last spring, were advised by County Agricultural Agent Lee H. McElroy, and not to place them with their chicks. Those who followed his advice raised 60 per cent, and those who did not, raised only about 30 per cent. The surviving turkeys were fed on waste grain and skimmed milk and went to market at weights of 20 pounds and better, McElroy says.

In times gone by Texas turkeys, like old-time Texas longhorn cattle, ran wild on the range and were rounded up periodically. Usually hens sold for 50 cents and toms for 75 cents regardless of size, age or condition. But times have changed and turkey raising is a new industry of almost incalculable value to the State. One turkey egg can bring a farmer \$10, if it is the right kind of egg. It is estimated there are more than 4,700,000 turkeys in Texas, worth approximately \$28,000,000. Production this year is 25 per cent above last year.



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OVERSEAS GIFTS for Folks Back Home

By CHARLES W. DUKE As a consequence of the global war there will be a more bewildering array of gifts under the Yule trees of the United States on Christmas Eve this year than ever before in history.

For weeks every ship returning to this country has been laden with the Christmas offering of GI Joe and his fellows of the Army, the Navy, the Wac, the Coast Guard and other units for

analyzed by Philadelphia and New York perfumers from samples submitted by wives and sweethearts of soldiers.

Variety and novelty have made up in most instances, however, for any lack of quality in the gifts from foreign lands. And many a doughboy has managed to get a real bargain from a grateful merchant or an individual in one of the liberated lands. The list includes Glengarry caps from Scotland, Oriental slippers from the North African countries, real Irish linen handkerchiefs, white kid gloves hand made in Naples, sabots of wood from the Low Countries, mosquito boots of leather from Natal, Brazil, Kashmir robes and exotic items from many other foreign lands.

In the Pacific area the soldiers have had much less choice of gifts to bring home. Nearly all of them have managed to acquire grass skirts, however. They also have sent home highly-flavored native sweetmeats and decorative articles. Included are ear and nose rings which will be kept as mementoes. When nothing else is available they serve the purpose of reminding wives, mothers and sweethearts that the thoughts of their fighting men, always turning back home, do so



their loved one at home. Millions of these returning service men and women have been ransacking the world's shopping centers.

The doughboys have been raiding the shops in such numbers that it has been necessary for the Red Cross to organize shopping brigades.

The news reels recently have shown films of GI Joe lined up as apparent spectators at fashion shows in liberated Paris. Couturiers and perfumers and specialists in other French trinkets have been reaping a harvest—if they had anything to sell after hiding it from the Germans for five years. Many of them, incidentally, have been charging prices unheard of before the war.

For a silk scarf that under normal rates of exchange could have been bought in Paris for much less than \$5.00, GI Joe willingly has shelled out 1,000 francs—or about \$20. Silk handkerchiefs have been sold as high as \$10. And the chic little sweaters have been bringing up to 2,500 francs, or \$50.

The doughboys have been particularly partial to perfume in their Paris shopping, according to all reports. At the store of one perfumer they were lined up every morning awaiting their turn to buy. In these shops the soldiers got a break in quality, according to American experts, even when they paid extremely high prices. But the same cannot be said of the purchases made in Egypt, Iran, Persia and Italy. Mixtures of dark oil and vinegar with no scent at all have been

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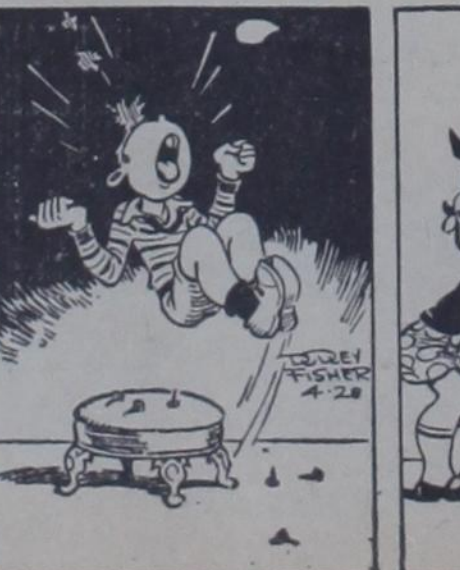
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MARINES BRING SANTA TO CALEDONIA BOY WHEN SANTA CLAUS CAME TO AMERICA

By SGT. RAY FITZPATRICK
(Marine Corps Combat Correspondent for Boston Globe)

The Christmas spirit doesn't need snow and holly, as was demonstrated by a group of American servicemen who gave one little lad in the South Pacific the happiest day he had ever known. The story is being told now for the first time.

It was the day after Christmas, 1943. Two marines and a soldier were strolling along the hot, sleepy streets of Noumea, New Caledonia, when they chanced across a small boy standing in front of a store window. He was looking at the gay Christmas decorations, and crying.

A little questioning brought out his story. His name was Jean, and he was 8 years old. His father was dead and his French mother had a job that gave her only enough money to keep the two of them alive. From the Americans who swarmed about the island he had learned of Christmas in the United States—the visit of Santa Claus with his wonderful array of toys and surprises. He had prayed that this Santa Claus might somehow hear of him and bring him some gifts, but yesterday morning, when he awoke, he found nothing. And now, today, seeing the Christmas decorations had made him very sad.

Marines Go to Town

The three servicemen exchanged glances that sealed a silent pledge.

"Maybe, Jean," said one of the marines, "the trip to this part of the world is so long that Santa Claus has been delayed. Come out to camp with us, and maybe he'll be along later."

At the marine camp the soldier was assigned to show Jean around while the two marines went back to town to see what the stores had to offer. Most of the stores' scanty stock had been sold out before the holiday, but the shoppers managed to buy a half dozen toys. Then they bought huge quantities of candy and cookies and started back to camp.

There they found that other marines had learned the story and were searching everywhere for gifts for Jean. From sea-bags and locker boxes came trinkets to gladden a youngster's heart.

But one leatherneck remained unsatisfied with the gifts he saw and went on an expedition of his own. He was back an hour later with a boy's bicycle, to be sure. It was old and rusty, but it was a bicycle. Immediately a whole crew went to work on it—repairing, painting and polishing.

From a Christmas box someone unearthed a six-inch Christmas tree set in a little red bowl. Another marine was dispatched to the Red Cross to borrow a Santa Claus suit.

When all the preparations were completed, Jean was taken to a tent.

"We heard that Santa Claus was near here, Jean," he was told, "so we're going to wait for him."

Santa Down a Tent Pole

There came the sound of jingling bells that didn't sound too much like tree chains. Then, before Jean's wide, startled eyes, down the tent pole came a roly-poly figure dressed in red. Over his shoulder was a sack (which had come from the laundry).

From the bag came gifts almost beyond the French lad's imagination. There were toys, and books, and pounds of candy, and souvenirs from America and from all over the Pacific. And caps and clothes were there, too. (To a certain quartermaster this may answer a problem that has bothered him for a long time.)

Hardly had Jean had a chance to examine these gifts when Santa stepped outside the tent. In a moment he was back, pushing a gleaming bicycle. The marines lifted Jean into the seat and helped him wheel his way around the camp. Never was a boy so proud.

After a big dinner, Jean was loaded into a jeep with his precious bicycle and his other gifts and driven home in state. He was the happiest boy in all New Caledonia.

The American servicemen, all strangers in a strange land, went back to their duties, glad that they'd had a chance to bring a touch of the Christmas they had known back home into the life of a little boy so like the little boys they had all known back home.

How they felt was probably expressed by one of the marines.

"It was a pretty lousy Christmas yesterday," he said, "but just being able to see this kid beam over his presents today made it really seem like Christmas. We thought we were giving Jean a big treat; it was he who was giving us a real Christmas."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13-14.



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YULE DECORATIONS

Do your best to get the Christmas Spirit into your good home. The war-over, this should be the happiest Christmas we have had in years. Make "Merry Christmas" really MERRY. Many of us will be together this Christmas for the first time in a long while. Let's leave nothing undone to make it a day to always remember.

Take a drive or walk into the country and gather the fall leaves and mistletoe to decorate your home. Decorate the table and fill the wall cases with the leaves. Lay them on the mantle of your fireplace if far enough away from fire to be safe. Put them in the chandelier; they are lovely with the light shining on them.

Some of the forest shrubs have berries that make the loveliest wreaths. Tie them together, into a circle, and hang them in your window. Put one on your door. Make a spray for your porch and put MERRY CHRISTMAS on a big red bow and fasten the spray with it. Let the whole world know that you are glad there is peace once more in America.

Don't forget to use mistletoe around and overhead if you are lucky enough to have it grow in your locality, or can buy it in stores. Dad will surprise the life out of mom when he catches her under the mistletoe and it will tickle the kids pink.

If you have cedars in your yard or any green foliage they are nice to mix in with the fall boughs. We have an ornamental pepper in our yard and it is really effective to add to the spray in the wall vase.

Make your Merry Christmas for the bow out of white paper, just cut it out and paste it on. Tie your bow first and then you will have it in the right place.

If there's a large mirror in the living or dining room, give it a holiday air by spelling "MERRY CHRISTMAS" with red gummed paper letters across the top. Or border it with small gold stars sprinkled on the glass.

Hunt up all the Christmas books the family owns—Dickens' "Christmas Carols," the children's dog-eared "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and other old favorites.

It's fun to cover them with new jackets of gayly patterned gift wrapping paper and keep them on a table in the living room all through Christmas week.

Want something different for the Christmas dinner table? Get an inexpensive small red drum and remove one side. Circle it with a holly wreath and fill the center with little surprise gift packages that are not to be opened until after dessert.



A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mom can surprise the kids by having a Christmas party for them. Kids love get-togethers and for amusement can decorate the Christmas tree. What can be more fun than decorating the tree?

If you are short on tree decorations, as most of us are because of shortages, you can let the girls pop some corn and string the popcorn with cranberries. It makes nice danglers, or can be hung in scallops all around the tree.

The smaller children like to make bright chains of colored paper. Some stores have Christmas paper for wrapping packages and you can save this for the chain. Scissors and a little paste is all they need. Santa Claus can be made of red paper with bits of cotton pasted around for white fur. Little black boots will make a nice ornament and you can tuck a stick of striped candy in the boot. Little snowmen can be made the same way. Chewing gum is back on the market, also cigarettes, both wrapped in tinfoil and enclosed in colorful packages. The little

wrappers can be folded diagonally down to a small piece and the open edge scalloped or pointed. Hold the center with your fingers and open up; shape it a little and you have a pretty flowerette that sparkles. Tie a string on the back and hang it on the tree.

Popcorn balls can be made, enough for the whole neighborhood, to have as gifts from the tree. Make little boots and fill them with candy. All the kids like to have something off the tree on Christmas morning.

End your party with all the kids singing Christmas carols and give each child a cup cake with a glass of punch. All children love cake and punch and it is good for them just before bedtime.

This is clean fun for the youngsters, and you will enjoy making them so happy. The whole neighborhood will be talking about the wonderful time they had at your Christmas Tree Decorating Party. If you are without lights for the tree try some colored globes in your lamps. It gives a cheerful effect.



GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN

Gay packages containing food delicacies of your own making are always among the nicest and friendliest of all Christmas gifts. But this year especially, with food less plentiful and so many hungry soldier boys coming home, gifts from the kitchen will be appropriate and welcome.

Nothing could be a nicer remembrance this year for good neighbors and friends than a jar of your canned peaches, an attractive assortment of the jellies you made last fall, a jar or two of choice preserves or some other preserved food that you make especially well and therefore made in abundance. Wrapped attractively, such gifts present the delightful appearance which is so important in gift packages.

Gifts from your canned foods shelf are easy now because the work of preparing them was done months ago. Other gifts of food, such as cookies, cakes, pudding and candies, require some time now but they make charming gifts and are worth the bit of extra effort. Often you can combine food for giving with preparation for your own family.

If you make a plum or suet pudding for your family for Christmas dinner, prepare it several days in advance and make a few extra ones for giving. Gift cookies can also be baked when you are making those for your family.

Perhaps you can even spare enough sugar to make a limited amount of the home-made candy that is always nice to have about at holiday season and if you do you will spare enough for a gift package or two.

There are countless gifts that you can give from the kitchen this year even though some of the makings are more than a little scarce. If your Christmas

cookie recipes call for whole cups of butter, use only one-third to one-half the amount of butter and the remainder of vegetable shortening. Your family and friends will still praise your cookies. The amount of sugar you use will have to be watched, of course, but almost all of us have saved up during past weeks to be ready to do some extra baking at Christmas time. By adding honey to sugar you can save almost 50 per cent of your sugar.

A glance through your Christmas list will suggest a number of people for whom gifts from the kitchen will be the most appropriate of all possible remembrances.

The following are a few recipes that may be helpful in preparing gifts of food:

Pecan Puffs

1/2 cup shortening (part butter)
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup pecan meats
1 cup cake flour
Confectioners' sugar.

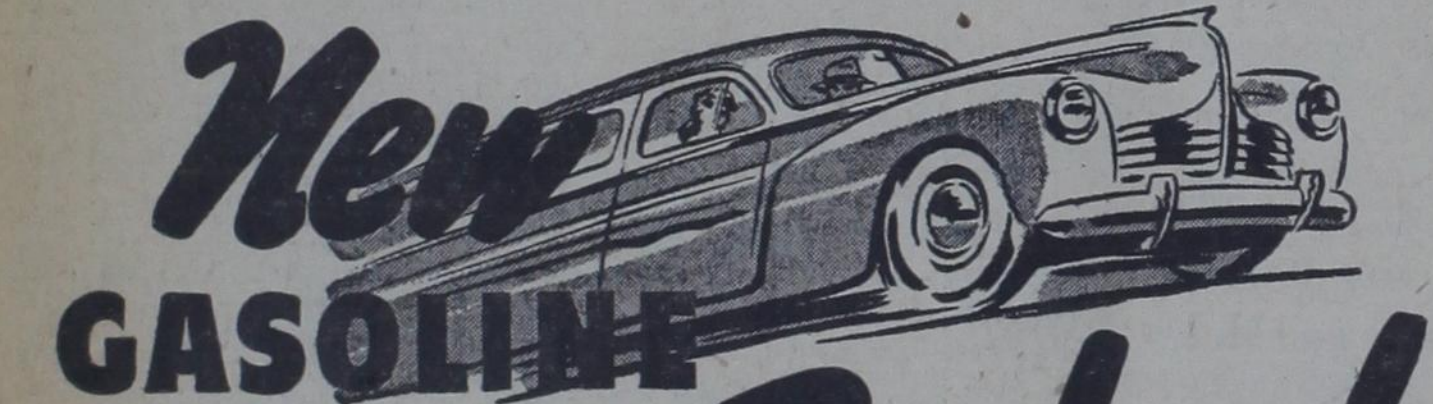
Beat shortening until soft. Add the sugar and blend until creamy. Add the vanilla. Grind the pecan meats in a nut grinder. Sift the cake flour before measuring; stir it and the pecans into the butter mixture. Roll the dough into small balls. Place them on

a greased baking sheet. Bake in a slow oven of 300 degrees F. for about 45 minutes. Roll the puffs while hot in confectioners' sugar. When cold, roll them again in confectioners' sugar. These are rich and devastatingly good. Makes about 32 1 1/2-inch small cakes.

Butter Thins

2/3 cup sugar
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3/4 cup shortening (part butter)
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups bread flour
1/2 teaspoon salt.

Sift sugar. Beat shortening until soft; add the sugar gradually. Blend until very creamy. Beat eggs in one at a time. Add the vanilla. Sift the cake flour before measuring; resift it with the salt added. Stir the sifted ingredients into the butter. Drop it from a teaspoon well apart onto a greased sheet. Make the cookies about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Decorate each one with a nutmeat. Bake them in a hot oven of 400 degrees F. until the edges are brown.

Molasses Mint Taffy

1 1/2 cups light molasses
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vinegar
1 1/2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
7 drops oil of peppermint

Cook molasses, sugar and vinegar in a large saucepan slowly, stirring constantly, to 260 degrees F. or until a little of the syrup dropped in cold water becomes brittle. Remove from heat and add butter, salt, and baking soda. Stir until mixture ceases to foam, then pour into a greased or oiled pan about 12x 8x1". When cool enough to pull, drop peppermint in center, and draw corners toward the center. Press together, then pull the candy until it is light in color, and begins to harden. Then pull into 2 long strips 1/2" in diameter and cut with scissors into pieces 1" long. Wrap in Cellophane or waxed paper. Makes 80 pieces.

Spiced Nuts

1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon cream tartar
1/4 cup boiling water
1 1/2 cups walnut or pecan meats
1/2 teaspoon vanilla.
Mix sugar, cinnamon and cream of tartar. Add boiling water and stir over slow fire until sugar is dissolved. Cover a

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CHRISTMAS ROSES

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First Lieutenant Christine R. Norton, of Bovina; First Lieutenant Jonita R. Bonham, of Oklahoma City, and First Lieutenant Teresa McKnight, Sunnyside, Utah, flight nurses with the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron, a unit of the 13th Air Force in the Philippines.

Bovina Girl Flies With 13th Air Force Crews

HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AIR FORCE—First Lieutenant Christine R. Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Norton of Quemada, Tex., is a flight nurse on duty with the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron, a unit of the 13th Air Force in the Philippines.

During September, Lieutenant Norton helped evacuate more than 4000 soldier patients by air to set a new record for her organization.

Lieutenant Norton entered the service in September of 1944, has been overseas eight months.

The 801st was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation by order of the President for outstanding courage and efficiency for evacuation of wounded personnel from battle zones in Mindanao during the Philippines campaign.

Bovina Soldier Home On 52-Day Furlough

Pfc. John Bonds, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Bonds of Bovina, is spending a 52-day furlough with home folks and old friends at Bovina, after more than three years in the service, the last year of which has been spent in the South Pacific.

Bonds was assigned to a B-29 outfit and was a member of the ground forces, most of his duties being that of a truck driver. He said that most of the time he was about 1500 miles from where the fighting was taking place, and so felt reasonably comfortable so far as his safety was concerned.

He will report back to Roswell, N. M., on Jan. 6 for reassignment.

MOVING IN HOUSE

Sterlyn Billington is making preparations to move in a small house from seven miles east of town and it will be located on Second Street just across the street from the O. C. Sikes residence. Billington said that he plans to use it as rent property.

Tribune want ads get results.

WILLIAMS OUT

Friends of Johnnie Williams are glad to see him able to be out again. Williams sustained a fractured vertebra several days ago when he fell from a load of feed at his farm in the West Camp community.

Wheat Poisoning Taking Cattle Toll

County Community Hospital Explained

Tax Collections Up To Usual Rate

Despite the fact that the farm income in Parmer county this year has been at a rather low ebb due to short crops, tax collections for the current year are "about the same as usual at this time of the year," it was reported at the tax collectors office today.

Attaches at the collector's office said that there was a "good response" to an appeal by Tax Collector Earl Booth a few weeks ago for the payment of current taxes in order that schools might have funds with which to operate instead of having to borrow money for operating expenses.

Poll taxes are at a rather low level for this time of the year, when it is remembered that 1946 will be election year, with precinct, county and state officers to be elected. The records reveal that up to date only 696 poll tax receipts have been issued, which is less than half the receipts issued in a normal election year.

In order to vote in any election in Texas during the year of 1946, poll taxes must be paid on or before Jan. 31, 1946, at which time all unpaid taxes become delinquent, the collector's office warned.

Armstrong Named Head Of County Committee

John R. Armstrong, of Farwell, was named as chairman of the Parmer County Triple A committee, when delegates from the various communities of the county held a meeting last Friday at the AAA office in Farwell.

Louis H. Hoffman, of Friona, was elected by the delegates as vice chairman of the county committee, with John H. Gammon, who resides near Muleshoe, chosen as regular member to the body. Alternate members are B. E. Roberson, of Summerfield, and J. T. Eubanks, of Muleshoe.

In conjunction with the individual community committees these members will work with the local Triple A director, John R. Martin, in administering the AAA program during the coming year.

Community Program At Texico, Friday Night

Gathering for an evening of entertainment and distribution of gifts from the gaily decorated tree, the annual community Christmas party will be held in the Texico auditorium on Friday night, December 21, Supt. B. A. Rogers said today.

Teachers at the school are arranging the program for the evening, which will feature short playlets and cantata performances by members of the grade school, in addition to musical numbers, readings, and portrayal of the Nativity scene by the high school students. The program will begin at 8 p. m., Texas time.

Tribune Plans No Paper Next Week

According to present plans, there will be no issue of The Tribune next week, in order to allow the force to take a vacation.

This will be the first issue of the paper that has been skipped since the present management took over 20 years ago next April.

Wheat Pasture Gets Short In Region

Thousands of acres of wheat that has been affording good pasturage for livestock in this region is beginning to "play out" with the continued dry, cold weather, stockmen are reporting this week.

Col. Dick Doshier, local auctioneer, who has been assisting in the Clovis sales rings the past several weeks, said today that more than 1500 head were brought in from the wheat fields last week and sent through the sales arena. He predicted that cattle movements from the wheat would continue to be heavy unless moisture, in some form, came soon.

The wheat that afforded excellent grazing early in the fall has in most cases been overstocked, with the result that fields have been grazed off at an early stage.

Stock that is forced from the wheat will, in most cases, be shipped from this area, as there is little grass to be found, due to the extremely dry summer season.

Business Houses To Close Christmas

A checkup here today revealed that practically all local business houses would be closed all day on Christmas Day. This includes both local drug stores.

Quite naturally, the public expects all public offices at the court house to be closed, as well as government offices, and the local bank.

A survey indicated that it would even be wise to fill up your car with gas and oil on Christmas Eve as few—if any—of the local filling stations are expected to be open on Christmas day.

RHINEHART IMPROVING

The condition of O. W. Rhinehart, Bovina business man and farmer, was reported "considerably improved" today and it is believed that he will be permitted to leave the hospital at an early date.

Rhinehart was rushed to a Clovis hospital early last week, where he was found to be suffering from ruptured stomach ulcers. He underwent an operation on Tuesday night of last week.

SET SAFETY RECORD

NEW ORLEANS—The five airlines serving this city made a perfect safety record last year.

The working details of the proposed Parmer County Community Hospital were explained to a good number of residents of this section who turned out to hear the matter discussed at the district court room Thursday evening of last week.

Joe Poindexter, of Friona, who is serving as temporary chairman of the board of directors, opened the discussion after he had been introduced by C. M. Henderson of this city.

In opening his remarks, Poindexter said it had been his theory to investigate any new proposition and "go along together with the things that are good—to me that's good living."

He said that although the name of the proposed institution was the Parmer County Community Hospital, this did not mean that the services of the hospital would be limited to the people of this county. "The services will be available to anyone whom our community serves," he said.

Poindexter explained that the board of directors would be elected by the members of the hospital group, and while details of this board have not as yet been settled, it has been suggested that one director from each commissioner district in the county should be named on the permanent board of directors.

In a very positive manner, he said, "We are going to build the hospital. We already have 48 members, but we must know how many members are going to be enrolled before we can make definite plans about the actual building."

A site has already been selected, Poindexter explained, and an architect has been employed. He added, that the architect "is already working on the plans, and the hospital is going to be modern in every detail."

Miss Lora Mae McFarland, secretary of the hospital board, was introduced and discussed the service plan of the proposed institution, and stressed the importance of improving the general health, adding that it was her belief that the community hospital would be the answer to this problem.

Following Miss McFarland's talk, Poindexter returned to the floor and conducted a question and answer session, which brought out many points that neither of the speakers had touched in their remarks. Concluding, he said, "We are not here to high-pressure you people into anything—but if you believe it is a good thing, memberships will be offered after adjournment."

The meeting was preceded by a number of musical selections by the Hardage Brothers quartet and their string instruments.

CLOSE TWO DAYS

Mrs. Bess Henneman, local Selective Service clerk, reported this week that the Parmer draft office would be closed from Saturday noon, December 22, to Wednesday morning, December 26th, in conjunction with a ruling announced last week by state headquarters, which gives workers both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as holidays.

Burgomaster, 1300 pound two-year-old race horse, was the largest horse that ever trod a race track.

County Agent Lee McElroy reported the first of the week that numerous cases of wheat poisoning were reported over the county last week, and added that grazing on wheat was getting "mighty short" as a postlude to continued drought.

Asked about poisoning, the agent said that cases had been reported all over the county, heavy in some places and light in others. As to a remedy, the agent shrugged and replied, "We just don't know. Even men who have made a study of it can't tell you what to do; one says it's the animal, another says it's the wheat, some say that mineral supplements will guarantee against blaut or poisoning, but we actually don't know."

McElroy went on to say that some herd owners who had been grazing stock on wheat with no ill effects, lost animals "within 30 minutes" when the herd was moved to a new pasture. "Keeping bundles and minerals handy will help," he added, "since if the cattle have that feed they won't eat so much wheat—and may escape poisoning."

He further said that he had made efforts last weekend to secure a visit from a specialist, to analyze some pastures on which numerous cattle had been stricken, but had received no confirmation along this line.

Several county men have reported that cattle grazing side by side had some stock that seemed immune to poisoning, but added that close tab was being kept on most of the stock running on wheat pasture.

Discharges Filed Here During Past Week

County Clerk D. K. Roberts reports the following discharges filed in his office by men in the service, since last Tuesday noon.

Julius Young Dycus, aviation ordnanceman second class, was released by the Navy at Shoemaker, Calif., on December 9. At San Pedro on December 12, Harold Bell Brown, seaman first class also received his Navy discharge.

T-4 Aaron R. White, who served with the medical detachment of the 6th General Hospital, was released at Fort Sam Houston on December 5. He served in the Rome-Arno and Po Valley campaigns, spending two years and nine months overseas. White has the EAME ribbon, good conduct and victory medals. He was in service 39 months.

T. Aubrey L. Carlton, of the 544th Engineer boat and shore regiment, was discharged on December 10 at Fort Bliss. He spent 18 months overseas, serving in New Guinea and Luzon, and holds the American theatre, A-P, Philippine liberation, good conduct and victory colors, in addition to an arrowhead (invasion emblem). Carlton was in service 19 months before shipping overseas.

Pfc. Albert L. Miller received his discharge papers at Fort Bragg, N. C., on December 9, after serving 9 months overseas with the 396th MP outfit. Campaign stars are Rhineland and Central Europe, worn on the EAME ribbon. Other awards include the American theatre and victory ribbons, and good conduct medal. Miller was in uniform for a total of 41 months.

HAS OPERATION

Mrs. Fidel Baca is reported to be recovering satisfactorily from an operation, performed recently for gall bladder trouble at a Clovis hospital.

Now She Wonders Why She Wanted Husband Out of Army

Monday nite, 17th Dear Clay, Cripes, this being a wife again really keeps me hopping. . . but I must tell you about our living quarters. We have us a choice goat's nest and I do mean goat, there's one tethered right outside our bedroom window, which also overlooks a chicken yard. . . from the other window you get a beautiful view of another chicken yard, from the kitchen window (which the stove, luckily, covers half-way so you don't have so much to look out!) you get a snappy view of the alley, and from the bathroom window a glorious scene of the back end of an apartment house, concrete, plus one window where the neighbors gather. In front? Oh, sure, you can see out the front, too—both doors—looks right down a drive way flanked by clotheslines and scabby fence to a lovely collection of junk which somebody is going to do something with some time, I

hope. Inside it really isn't so bad, now that we have it sorta fixed up, but the first view I get still unnerves me, after looking at it for three weeks.

To be literal, it's a couple of these large govt. granaries, hitched together, with a bathroom tagged on one end. The bathroom we were considering renting out for freezer locker space, since it has a concrete floor, a staircase which leads to the loft or whatever they want to call that wide open upstairs, with no door on same, and no stove to take away the chill, plus no shower fixtures. . . but we got that fixed last week so we are bathing again. Sure smells better around the old home place, too! Incidentally, we added a stove, so guess we won't go into competition with locker operators.

The kitchen cabinets are quite the thing. You have to tiptoe to reach the first shelf and the top one I just ignore. The doors either swing open

or stick shut, and below the sink (which also serves as a lavatory) the cabinets I just can't quite conquer, since the doors throw me every time. Just manage to get the one on the right open and stick my head in and scramble for what I want from the left. No drawers for assorted knives, etc., so there is a pasteboard box sitting on the floor at the side of the cabinet into which I gaily toss things. Did hang the can opener on the wall, so I wouldn't have quite so much trouble!

The clothes closet (in kitchen) is really a deal, must be all of 18 inches deep and 36 inches long, with a swing-and-sway (apologies to Sammie Kaye) clothes rail that threatens to throw the whole works in the floor. Kater's heavy overcoat would scramble things, so it hangs on the wall outside the closet, and the closet door itself bears housecoats, ties, belts, etc. We did purchase an icebox, which

runs beautifully but never has anything in it, and a nice breakfast table and chairs, which you are not to put your feet on, even if you can't reach the top cabinet shelf. I might add that the icebox is topped with the radio and the chest of silver.

In the other room we have (1) a borrowed dresser which could do with a coat of paint and has side mirrors that swing and slap you in the face unexpectedly; (2) a chair from the kitchen set, usually bear-

TO OUT-OF-TOWN SUBSCRIBERS

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DEAR SANTA PLEASE BRING ME A FIRE TRUCK, TRUCK AND TRAILER TRAILER. JOHNNY ARMSTRONG

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 3½ years old. Please bring me a color book, crayolas, broom and candy. And most of all, send my sailor brother home. Love,
Betty Johnston

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little boy and

minded my mother and daddy. On my report card I have made good grades. I want you to bring me an airplane, necktie, some candy and nuts. And please, Santa, don't forget the soldier and sailor boys who won't be home for Christmas. Love,
Bobby Johnston

Hello, Dear Santa,
Mother says we have been good children since last Christmas. For Christmas, Kenneth wants a choo-choo train, Koleta wants a crying

doll and nursing bottle, Carmelita wants a teddy bear some candy, nuts and fruit. Thank you, Santa. We are,
Kenneth, Koleta and Carmelita Doshier.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in the first grade. I am a little boy six years old. I have tried to be a good boy. I want a toy gun, a truck, a ball and lots of nuts, candy, oranges and apples. With love,
Albert Harrison.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the fifth grade. I have been a good girl. I want a doll, a pair of skates, and anything else you want to bring me. I want candy, nuts, oranges and apples. Don't forget my brothers, sisters, mother and father. And don't forget all the boys and girls. And please don't forget the soldiers. With love,
Margie Ann Harrison

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little 8 year old girl. I am in the third grade. I have tried to be a good girl. I want a doctor and nurse set, a pair of anklets, and a pair of skates, and lots of nuts, candy, oranges and apples. With love,
Laura Harrison

Dear Santa Claus,
I do not go to school. I am four years old. I have tried to be a good girl. I want a doll, a ball, a color book and some crayons. I want lots of nuts, candy, oranges and apples. With love,
Joyce Harrison

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl six years old. I want a doll, a doll cradle, some dishes and a telephone. Santa, please be good to my brother over in the Philippines. Your little friend,
Fern Tipton

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl five years old. I should like to have an Uncle Wiggly rabbit doll and a pair of house shoes. I would also like to have some candy and nuts. I have tried to be a good little girl. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Love,
Janet Wynona Branscum

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 8 years old. I would like to have an archery set and anything else you want to bring me. I am in the third grade. My teacher

is Mrs. Pool. Love, Dean Branscum
Dear Santa,
We are two little girls, two and five, and have been good little girls. Please bring us a table and two little chairs. Also some dishes and knives, forks, and spoons. Please bring some fruit and nuts, too.
Jo and Connie Potts

Dear Santa,
I am a boy 8 years old and in the 3rd grade. I have been helping my daddy. I want a gun, telescope and airplane if you have them. Also some candy, nuts and fruit. I have a sister, 4 years old. Her name is Doris. She wants a doctor set and telephone. Remember all the rest of the little boys and girls. Your friend,
Edward Rolland

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a girl 10 years old in the 4th grade. I made an A report card last six weeks and have tried hard. I want a Bible with my name printed on it and a game. My baby brother is 20 months old. His name is Donnel Neil. He wants a horse and pull toy, or just anything. We all want some candy, nuts, fruit. Don't forget my teacher and my friends at school, also mother and dad. Love,
Mary Joyce Rolland

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old and tried to be a good little boy. I want a gun and holster, a truck, and a game. Thank you. Love,
Jerry Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl of 5 years and I've been a pretty bad girl, but want a doll and blanket and a little broom, please. Please remember Karon Williams of California. Love,
Gloria Johnson

Dearest Santa,
I've been a good boy. I am 3½ years old and I want a tractor, gun, and a ball and a truck. Please remember my grandparents of Texico and Fresno, Calif. Bye-bye,
Don Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,
We are little girls two and one-half years old and have been good girls. We would like for you to please bring us BIG dolls, dishes, marbles, tricycles and anything else that you have for little girls. There are many boys and girls here and every place who want nice things. Remember them, too. We love you,
Lee and Lynn McElroy

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In The Spotlight

Today, Christmas takes the spotlight. May it be the bright spot of the year, a season to be long remembered and cherished. And may it be made even brighter by the thoughtful expressions of friends and loved ones everywhere.

Christmas

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Farwell, Texas

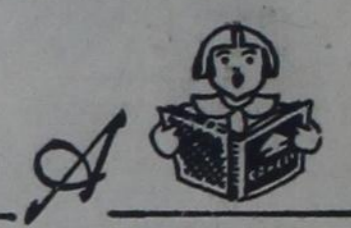
To You and Yours

All good wishes for a Merry American Christmas. May it be a season of good cheer and fine fellowship. If there are those of your loved ones who are in distant lands at this Christmas time, and who will be unable to spend Christmas with you, may you receive an extra blessing to compensate. We are sure it is their will that you celebrate Christmas as usual. They have fought valiantly that you might enjoy this and other occasions so dear to freedom-loving Americans.

Let's be happy — because it's Christmas.

C. J. DOOSE
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Farwell, Texas

GREETINGS



JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

There is no finer occasion in all the year than Christmas—it's the season toward which each of us look with eager anticipation. The goodwill of our friends, the cheerfulness of friendly associations, the spirit of giving and receiving the expressions of love and good wishes, all combine to make life worthwhile.

We hope you will have a joyful Christmas and we wish to add our expression of appreciation to our loyal friends and customers. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

D. W. Bagley

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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HERE'S A MEDAL FOR YOU

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 BOVINA, TEXAS.

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
 The true meaning of Christmas is best manifest by the cheerful atmosphere and the friendly associations of those about us. It is the time of good fellowship and the thoughtful consideration of others.
 May this happiness be yours to enjoy, not only at Christmas but during every day of the coming year.
THELMA'S
 CLOVIS, N. M.

Candles—Symbolic of Season


Christmas candles can take many shapes and forms, many may be made at home, or purchased on the market, to suit the decorative effect desired.

Constructive Toys Make Better Gifts

When you buy toys for children, give a thought to their constructive qualities. How much can they do with the gifts you are providing them? Will they soon tire of them and go back to the good old spoons and pans in the cupboard that they can do so many things with? If you buy a doll, get one that can be dressed, bathed and brushed. If a boy wants a doll, let him have it. Fathers love children.
 Growing children need big toys that require lifting, tugging, running—movement of muscles. Blocks are ideal. Think of the things that can be done with them! One carpenter out of work made quite a good thing last Christmas of children's blocks. He collected odds and ends of boards at the lumber yard, planed them off smoothly, painted them gay colors and sold them in lots of a dozen up to 100. Wagons, cars, scooters, skates, sleds, and skis are good. But the toy should suit the age of the recipient. Every boy should have a ball of some kind. Boys like trains, but wooden blocks painted to resemble cars are better than the kinds that can run only on tracks. Girls are pleased with rolling pins, doll beds, houses, trunks, small chairs and tables, and dishes. One mother writes that her son's most cherished gift last Christmas was five pounds of assorted nails given him by an understanding uncle.

For older folks, books and Christmas just seem to go together as naturally as bread and jam, or



Educational toys are popular.

ham and eggs. A home-made book may make a hit. It may consist of leaves of brightly colored cambric, ten colors in all, sewed securely through the middle to hold them together, and with pinked edges.

BATTLE ROYAL

Although the Dempsey-Firpo fight for the heavyweight championship of the world lasted but two rounds, or little more than four minutes, it was a battle royal with 11 knock-outs.

In Our Very Best Manner We Wish You the Nicest Christmas You've Ever Had...
ELECTRIC SHOE SHOP
 Texico, New Mexico

GLAD TIDINGS

 MAY THE SKIES BE FILLED WITH CHEERFUL GREETINGS TO YOU, OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR LIBERAL PATRONAGE AND TRUST WE MAY CONTINUE TO MERIT YOUR CONSIDERATION.
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 Without the watchfulness and protection afforded by America, Christmas would fall far short this year. But because Americans everywhere have fought so courageously, Christmas in America will continue to be traditional.
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MEMO TO
Our Friends
Merry Christmas

SPAULDING HARDWARE
 Clovis, N. M.

ONE FRIEND TO ANOTHER

 We'd like to see each of you personally, of course, to wish you all the good things we can think of for you and yours.
 May this message convey to you our sincere admiration and appreciation of those whom it is our privilege to serve.
 Your friendship is valued most highly and because of these fine associations, we welcome the chance to say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."
S. E. MORRIS
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OUR PLEDGE
We pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and to the Republic for which it stands; One Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Now She Wonders—

(Continued from Page 1)
ing my small traveling case; (3) a lovely living room couch and chair, courtesy of the Graham family as a Christmas present; (4) a wicker library table, also borrowed, which stands bowed down with Christmas tree, complete with a few colored balls and six lights; (5) a mirror, also borrowed; (6) the cedar chest, which holds most of the family heirlooms, clothes, my hats, writing paper, towels, etc., plus whatever clothes Kater happened to take off the night before and the stuff from his pockets; (7) a borrowed gas circulating heater, which doesn't circulate as the fan doesn't operate, and consequently, you have a hot head and cold feet at the same time; (8) a borrowed end table from home load-down with alarm clocks, ash trays, matches for stove, books, magazines, and whatnots; (9) a bedstead, the like of which I hope never to see again, which bends forward at the top and outward at the bottom, causing no little confusion about keeping the springs where they belong, topped off with a mattress (also donated by the Graham family, and for good reasons, I'm sure) which I honestly believe to be stuffed with broken bottles, concrete chips and scrap iron; (10) a couple of windows, one of which has curtains; (11) a couple of rag rugs, also borrowed from home and such other odd things as we happen to drop here and there, such as house shoes, pajamas, and stray pieces of Kleenex which I keep shedding, and a 250-watt light glaring at you from the ceiling. It's all done in a tasty green with cream ceiling, with the putty smeared natively along the cracks in the sheetrock, instead of in cracks, and adorned most of the time with cobwebs which I can't manage to keep cleared off.

Oh, my goodness, I forgot to tell you about our shower curtain. It is the latest thing, my dear, file this for reference when you start keeping house in a snug chicken coop. On the curtain rod, made, incidentally, of my broom handle, which means that I am now sweeping with a stub, literally, is a coat hanger, on which is draped Kater's army raincoat. At the south side of this, about halfway down, a towel is tacked onto the side of the shower and tied to the lapel button of the coat; then, sticking up about 10 inches from the floor is a dismembered cardboard box, which is likewise tacked to shower walls. If you stand directly in front of the spray at all times, while bathing, not more than six or eight gallons of water will accumulate on the floor for you to wade through as you get out and try to dodge (1) the chest of drawers, banned to the bathroom because of lack of space otherwise; (2) the stove, which sits out in the middle of the floor to keep the heat in the room; (3) the roll of so-called kleenex now serving as toilet tissue, and (4) the string to the light, which dangles at just the right length in the middle of the room to sweat you in the eye or hang in the towel as you start to swing it over to get your back and shoulders dry. Oh, another thing, speaking of facing the shower—you really won't be able to do anything else, as the stall is just wide enough to stand in, and rub the paint off the walls, or the hide off your elbows, while you are scrubbing. In addition, someone else on the line is always turning the hot (or cold) water on (or off) and you freeze (or scald).

Darling, do come see us...
Abie.
IDLEWILD RENTALS

NEW YORK—Twelve airlines have signed contracts for operation quarters at Idlewild, the city's new airport. The 100-gate passenger promenade at this airport will be 3 miles long and two stories high. There will be a promenade deck on the roof.

HOLIDAY DANCES
XMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH
XMAS NIGHT, DECEMBER 25TH
NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31
NEW YEAR'S NIGHT, JANUARY 1

Regular Dancer Every Tuesday and Friday Nights. All Dances Start at 8, last till 12. Three and one-half miles northeast Muleshoe, Tex., at

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Belgium Orphans Grateful for Clothing Received from America

The following letter, from Rochefort, Belgium, has been received in the United States, addressed to "all the little girls and mothers of America who sent us the good clothes we received today". It is self-explanatory.
I am only a little girl, an orphan, and with many other little girls aged 3 to 15 years, we live in a boarding school where they provide for us with the help of the National Commission for aid to infancy. We, of course, have greatly suffered from the war, especially when the Boches came back again in our little town smashed by the bombs, and shelled all over again when first we dared to come out...
What has long since been impossible to find was clothing. So often our good mistresse have urged us to take care of our dresses, stockings, and shoes, saying: "If ever they get spoiled, we can't find others for you, children." And really they could not find anything. All that was sold was what is called here "ersatz", which means a German bad and nasty thing. So you can imagine what eyes we opened when your grand gift arrived. We have jumped and laughed and clapped our hands. We have danced round the parcels and admired one by one all those nice things, and now every one of us tries to be good, to work well, to have good places in class, so to obtain one of those precious and nice things which will be distributed by our mistresses at the end of this week.
Many thanks to you, our benefactors, many thanks, to all our little sisters of America. We have learned to love your country, to admire your soldiers, to highly respect your so deeply regretted President. Many thanks for the precious gifts, of course, but so many thanks for the kind idea of sending them. It makes us and our mistresses so happy to feel that we have friends over the seas. We pray God to reward you for us... and give you happiness for the joy you gave us.
Respectfully yours,
All the little girls of the Maison du Sacre-Coeur
56 Rue d' Austerlitz, Rochefort, Belgium.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 2 years old. I have been pretty good. I wish you would bring me a tractor, cap, and gloves. Don't forget my new baby brother. He would like some candy.
Alfred Stover

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 4 years old. I help my daddy all I can. Would you please bring me a caterpillar, a warm cap and some gloves? Please remember Mom and Dad and also my granddaddy.
Bobbie Stover

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good girl in school. I have made a perfect report card so far this year. Would you please bring me a warm cap and some gloves, and I would love to have a doll, too.
Mary Sue Stover

Dear Santa,
I help my mother with the dishes and I have been good at school. Would you please bring me a bracelet, a set of dishes, cap and gloves. Don't forget my teacher and all the good boys and girls.
Nadean Stover

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 4 years of age. Please bring me a baby doll and table and chairs. Also bring me a telephone if that isn't too much. I have been good part of the time.
Love,
Donna Kay Bruns

Tech Receives \$55,000 In Surplus War Goods

LUBBOCK—Equipment and material of the value of \$55,000 has either been received by Texas Technological College, or is in transit, from the stocks of surplus war goods. Such donations of equipment and materials are made to schools and colleges on a basis of pre-industrial training of aeronautical industrial training, according to S. T. Cummings, college purchasing agent.
Principal items of goods received include a big screw machine, an electric welding machine, and a 22-ton capacity hydraulic press from the Chemical Warfare department. And from this same source in transit is a large list of material, including sewing machines, laboratory stools, typewriters, marking machines, waste balers, cloth cutters, floor trucks, and a miscellaneous group of electrical equipment and supplies, including motors.
From the Ordnance department material already received includes a multiple spindle automatic metal polishing machine, and a hardness testing machine. And in transit from the Ordnance department is a very valuable and expensive gear cutting machine, an automatic arc welding machine, and a direct current electric welding machine.
In transit from the Army Engineers department is a large assortment of material such as band saws, electric drills, vises, grinders, lathes, sanders and welding machines.
Much more surplus war material has been requested for Texas Tech, according to Cummings. Equipment and material received will be assigned to the department of the college which needs it most.

ATC GETS CUT

WASHINGTON—Plans announced by the War Department for the Air Transport Command call for slashes in operations. The ATC's fleet of 3000 planes is to be cut to 650 by next July and scheduled routes are to be reduced from 210,000 to less than 80,000 miles.

PLEASANT HILL

Jeanne Singleterry is in the hospital in Clovis with ptomaine poisoning. She was better at last reports.
Byron Buford is on his way home from overseas. He has been gone 3 1/2 years, and is to land in California between December 15 and 20.
Hershel Horton leaves Dec. 21 to go to Santa Fe and then to San Francisco to join his ship to go overseas again.

New Army Recruiting Stations Are Open

Col. Robert L. Hardy, district recruiting officer, West Texas U. S. Army Recruiting District with headquarters in Lubbock, has announced the opening of nine temporary recruiting stations in the district.
These stations are being opened in order to obtain closer contact with men desiring enlistment in the regular army. The new stations are to be opened prior to December 20 and will be in Pampa, Borger, Wellington, Sweetwater, Odessa, Lamesa, and Dalhart. Two temporary stations have already been opened in Childress and Plainview.
In selecting the personnel to open the new recruiting stations, Col. Hardy has picked the very best and most qualified enlisted men in his command. The enlistment quota set for the West Texas is 1,325 for the month of December.

Thompson Appointed With FCA Directors

HOUSTON—Charles C. Thompson of Colorado City, has been re-appointed by Governor I. W. Duggan of the Farm Credit Administration, Kansas City, Mo., for a three-year term on the board of directors of the Farm Credit Administration of Houston, Jack Shelton, FCA general agent, announced here today.
Thompson, prominent West Texas farmer and stock raiser, and chairman of the board of Texas Technological College at Lubbock, has completed one term of office on the Farm Credit board.
The Farm Credit Administration of Houston, which serves the State of Texas, is composed of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, the Houston Bank for Cooperatives, and the Production Credit Corporation of Houston.
Thompson was re-appointed to the board as the top nominee from three names submitted as a result of balloting among the national farm loan associations in Texas.

Boar's Head Rich In Lore and Food

The wild boar has been revered from earliest times as having taught mankind the art of plowing by rooting into the ground with his tusks.
Pre-Christian Druids, celebrating the winter solstice, offered a boar's head to the goddess Freya and, because of its food value, boar has always been an important part of festive menus.
Once upon a Christmas Day—so the story goes—a student of Oxford was studying Aristotle while walking in Shotover forest. Suddenly a wild boar rushed at the lad who, in desperation, crammed his book into the gaping jaws of the beast.
The student was poor and could not afford to lose his Aristotle, so he cut off the boar's head and recovered the text book; neither was a good boar's head to be wasted, so it was taken to Queen's college, roasted and eaten. Whenceforth, elaborate ceremonies attend the bringing in of the boar's head on Christmas Day.

AIR INSURANCE
NEW YORK—The 62 companies represented by U. S. Aviation Underwriters, Inc., have increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000 the limit on individual "airinsurance" policies for passengers of airline commercial and personal planes, and coverage has been extended over the entire world for passengers of the U. S. airlines.



FOR SALE: Farm land and resident's property in Texico and Farwell. List your's with me, I have the buyers.
S. C. Hunter, Texico N. M.

If interested in a business or business building, come see what I have listed. S. C. Hunter, Texico. 52-tfc

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NOW you can have the posthole digger that digs in all kinds of soil. Drives from belt pulley, mounts on right front side. Available for International, H & M, John Deere, A & G, A. C., W. C., and MM-UTU. Consumers Supply, Clovis. 4-4t

FOR SALE—80-acre sandy land farm, all cultivated, on bus and mail route, near REA. No improvements. Fine peanut land, make ideal hog and chicken ranch. Price \$1500. Willis Walker, Turkey, Texas. 5-3p

FOR SALE—160 acre farm, including 30 acres summer-tilled wheat. Some improvements. Located 3 miles north Oklahoma Lane school, or six miles south Bovina, on Okla. Lane road. Will take down payment and make some terms. Louis Pesch, Box 730, Bovina. 5-3tp

FARM WANTED—Prefer share basis, but would consider renting or buying. Have plenty labor. A. E. Harrison, Rt. 1, Texico. 5-3tp

FOR SALE—Half section well improved farm, subject for irrigation, on mail and school bus routes. Located 8 miles east of Lariat. Don McClain, owner. 5-3tp

FOR SALE—5-room house, located 2 miles north Bovina. See Milton Brown on C. M. Brown place, Rt. 2, Friona. 5-3tp

HAVE business building in Farwell on Main street, for quick sale. See S. C. Hunter, Texico. 6-tfc

FOR SALE—Business location adjoining railroad siding in Farwell. S. C. Hunter. 6-tfc

WANTED — WANTED!
We are desperately in need of wire coat hangers, to handle the Christmas rush. Will pay 1 1/2¢ each. Bring in immediately.
CITY TAILOR SHOP 6-ttc

FOR SALE—Registered Durham bull, 4 years old. Jim Harding, 6 miles south, 3-4 west Texico. 6-1p

FOR SALE—480 acre farm in Curry County. 6-room house, well, outbuildings. Price \$10,000. See us for cheap land. M. A. Crum, Friona, Texas. 6-1tp

WANTED—A good reliable man or woman to supply customers with Rawleigh Products. Write to Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-254-127, Memphis, Tenn.

NEW WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITERS. Streamlined. Also bargains in used Remington, L. C. Smith typewriters and adding machines. G. E. McCrate, Umbarger, Tex. 6-4tc

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B. N. Graham

FOR SALE—My farm in the Oklahoma Lane community. J. B. McGuire. Telephone 261, P. O. Box 9, Seymour, Tex.

FOR SALE—4-piece bedroom suite, mattress and springs. Practically new. Fred Henry at barber shop in 6-5tp. Farwell. 6-3tp

Wishing You a Pleasant Yuletide

The Yuletide Season brings with it the pleasant thoughts of friendship, tried and proven, and cherished through the months just past. It makes us realize that friendly associations with our fellow men are invaluable in both public and private life and are above things material. May we keep in our thinking the idea of Christmas as it should be, and to observe it accordingly throughout the new year. That is the way those who will be absent would have it.

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GREETING YOU
AT THE GREATEST DAY OF THEM ALL

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Bill Moss Farwell, Texas

To the Farthest Corners of the World
—Our Wishes Go This Christmas

FOR A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS

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Lucy O. Brown, P. M. Eunice Humphrey, Asst.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this Holiday Season we feel prompted to tell you how deeply grateful we are for the consideration you have so kindly extended us in the past year and to wish each of you a Christmas of happiness and a year of health and prosperity.

WILLIAMS PAINT STORE
119 East Fifth Clovis, N. M.

PEACE . . . CONTENTMENT PROSPERITY

May you enjoy them all in the year to come

SINCEREST GREETINGS TO EACH OF YOU

CITY CAFE
RAY STAPLES BOVINA, TEXAS

This Completes Our Christmas

WE DO NOT CONSIDER OUR CHRISTMAS COMPLETE UNTIL WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR SEASON'S GREETINGS TO THOSE WITH WHOM WE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED IN THE PAST YEARS. IT GIVES US A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO EXTEND THESE GOOD WISHES BECAUSE WE KNOW THE VALUE OF FRIENDS LIKE YOU.

CITY SERVICE GARAGE
Floyd Francis Texico, N. M.

Syria Camel of Jesus

Blessed by Child Christ

In Syria, water and wheat await the Gentle Camel of Jesus who travels over the desert on Epiphany Eve bringing presents to good children.

Legend says the youngest of the camels which bore the Wise Men to Bethlehem was exhausted by the pressing journey and, as it lay moaning before the Stable, the Christ Child blessed it with immortality.

How Our Allies Observed Yule Around Globe

Here at home, the vacant place at the fireside or Christmas dinner table need not mean that the absent one is without friendly participation in the joys of the season. Our millions of American servicemen overseas in occupied countries or other places will find Christmas observed in almost any land in which they find themselves and with a variety of customs that should be refreshing to a visitor.

Our soldiers in the Pacific and Far East will find the climate the strangest part of their Christmas day. For it will be midsummer in most places. On Pacific islands the G.I.s will find a surprising amount of Christmas spirit expressed by the warm-hearted people.

In the Philippines, for example, Christmas is one of the loveliest times of the year and is one of the oldest traditions of the Filipinos, to



Twins will spend Christmas with Allies.

whom Christianity was brought in the 16th century. The celebration starts with morning masses several days before December 25. These are called misa de galle (when the roosters are beginning to crow). Music by violins, tambourines and the organ adds to the impressiveness.

On Christmas Eve the Filipinos fast before the midnight service—a very solemn ceremony in palm-filled and lantern-lit churches. The fast is broken with a Christmas dinner of ham, stuffed chicken, fruits and nuts and hot chocolate. Carol singers go from house to house with a Belen—a reproduction of the Nativity scene and children kiss the hands of their parents for blessings—followed, of course, by gifts. Often the holiday branches are taken from bamboo trees and every home takes pride in its colored lanterns of original patterns.

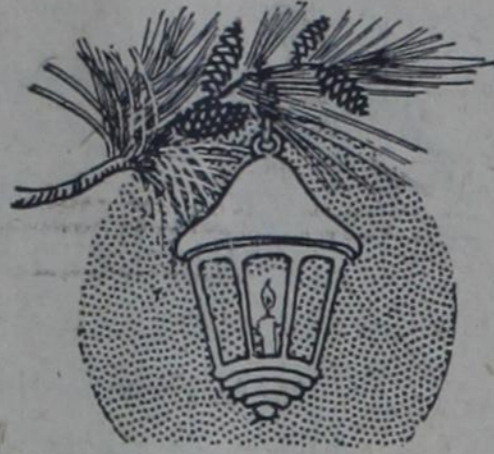
Firecrackers in China. Yanks in China will find more red fire crackers than are usually found on the Fourth of July in America. They are usually hung in festoons over store counters. No Chinese celebrates anything without firecrackers. The Christian Chinese have learned to love the carols of their new faith, and sing them with Chinese words, as they exchange gifts around the tree. With so many G.I.s in China this year, Christmas will be a major festival.

In India, particularly in the large cities, American boys will find Christmas customs like their own, observed by European residents.

In Australia and New Zealand, a white Christmas is unknown, but the customs are the same as in snowy American and English areas. While roast beef, turkey, plum pudding and mince pie are the substantial

Christmas dinner much in the English tradition, the meal will be eaten on a warm summery day. Instead of poinsettias and green Christmas wreaths, the holiday blooms "down under" are pure white Christmas lilies, gladioli and delphiniums.

Allied troops still in the Middle East may find themselves near Bethlehem. Last Christmas many American boys from the Mediterranean made pilgrimages to the holy places and many left in that area may plan similar trips this year. If so, they may attend impressive services held by the Eastern Orthodox church on the Latin Christmas, beginning at



10 o'clock on Christmas Eve. The patriarch comes from Jerusalem with a troop of cavalry and ecclesiastic guards in gorgeous array. At the reading of the gospel the people leave the church and follow the clergy along a rock-hewn passage to the grotto of the Nativity. There a waxen image of the Infant is laid on the site said to be that of the manger.

In Europe many of our soldiers will worship in some of the oldest cathedrals on the continent. At St. Peter's in Rome, at Notre Dame in Paris and at other historic shrines of Christianity solemn and impressive services will usher in the day.

In Belgium, the Santa Claus part of Christmas will have passed by December 25, for their St. Nicholas Day is 19 days before that date. The old saint rides a white horse

in Belgium, instead of driving a reindeer and the children leave hay in their stockings for the horse to eat in return for what the good saint leaves for them.

MISTLETOE ANCIENT MYTHOLOGY SYMBOL OF DIVINE FAVOR

The custom of kissing under the Mistletoe descends from Scandinavian mythology.

Frigga, goddess of love and beauty—counterpart of Venus—so grieved when her son Balder was struck down by an arrow fashioned out of Mistletoe that her tears became the white berries of the plant; Balder was restored to life by the concerted efforts of the gods and Frigga, grateful for her son's restoration, legendarily bestows a kiss upon those who pass under the Mistletoe.

The Mistletoe was sacred to the Druids of ancient Britain and, in Virgil, it is the Golden Bough which enables Aeneas to descend to the underworld and return safely.

Considering its heathen associations, the Church has never sanctioned the use of the mistletoe as a decoration appropriate to a religious edifice. However, no restrictions have been strong enough to banish the parasitic plant from the home where it continues to be emblematic of peace, friendship and true love—sealed by a kiss.

New Year's Compliments

Danish families save their broken crockery—to toss against their friends' doors on New Year's Eve.

The crockery tossed, the tossers run; but not too far; they expect to be invited in for doughnuts.

The most popular household in the community is so designated on New Year's morning by the debris around the doorstep.

Greetings

The warmth and cheer of the Christmas fireside, and the feeling of good living which it represents—may it be with you all next year and the years following.

No finer attribute can we find than is manifest by the splendid patronage you gave us this past year and we are also thankful for your indulgence of our efforts to serve you under abnormal conditions.

We will do the very best we can, that we pledge, and look forward to the time when we may all resume our normal place and when the Christmas fireside will see the reunion of those we love.

This thought we cherish as we wish this Christmas a host of good things for you and yours.

Lee McElroy

County Agent



May Christmas be Long and a Merry One --- A Season You will Always Remember.

CRETNEY'S

YOUR DRUG STORE IN CLOVIS

for a RICHER CHRISTMAS



FOR those of us here in America let this be truly a real Christmas. Let it be a season to be remembered for many years to come.

Here, in America, is cause for rejoicing. We have had no invasion, our homes are still intact, we have food, warmth, good fellowship—and FREEDOM. What greater heritage could be ours.

Let us be appreciative. Let us carry on in the traditional spirit of the happy holiday occasion. We owe it to ourselves, and more important, we owe it to those lads who have gone forth to defend the American way of life. It is our obligation to keep the Christmas tradition alive as a part of the thing for which they have fought.

This should be a richer Christmas. Sharing the heartaches and disappointments with others has made each of us more thoughtful, more considerate and more appreciative and from this attitude comes the contentment and happiness so essential for a successful Christmas season.

May all that is worthwhile be yours this Christmas.

Macon Elevator

BOVINA, TEXAS

WE'RE THANKFUL AT CHRISTMAS

As we look about at this glad season of the year, we find many things for which to be thankful.

First, we are glad that we are Americans, free to enjoy life, and live in a land where freedom is the heritage of everyone. We are grateful for this privilege.

Thankful are we that have friends whose associations we treasure immeasurably. It is comforting to know these are lasting friendships, cemented by the experiences we have had together, in times that are good and in times when it is difficult to express one's feelings in order that we might share the disappointments and sorrows of our friends.

It is gratifying to be a part of this community, to participate in its progress and to watch its forward development.

We are thankful for the patronage you have given us, ever mindful of your consideration and your understanding of our efforts to serve you, even though conditions sometimes make it difficult for us to maintain the high standard that has always been our policy.

We are glad it's Christmas and trust yours will be one of happiness and rejoicing.



Maye Baker's

"Fashion Center of Clovis"

"Elegance and Originality in Feminine Attire"

418 Main St.

Clovis, N. M.

Colorful Homemade Decorations Lend Gaiety to Christmas Tree

Contriving homemade Christmas wreaths is a family project that can provide fun for youngsters and adults alike. Moreover, it offers chances for ingenuity in design that may awaken the inventive spirit of everybody concerned.

The materials are usually not hard to find. Designs can be based on a few basic ideas which can be expanded into almost endless variety.

For Christmas wreaths, various greens, wire, binder twine and string are of course, the principal ingredients. The greens may come from the home yard, neighboring woods or a convenient florist. Among common varieties are holly, pine, spruce,

the tips of branches, cutting the material into sprays about half a foot long. Hold the material in the left hand and place it on the frame with the right. Tie the first spray securely with binder twine, or if you have it, fine spool wire. Add successive groups of sprays, facing them in the same direction as the first spray and being certain to tie them securely, too. Watch the outline of the wreath as you proceed, so the greens are evenly distributed and the contour of the circle is preserved.

Some irregularities and bunching may of course occur regardless of how careful your work is. These can be corrected by using shears to trim off excess foliage.

After the wreath is finished it is still possible to add decorative features, such as pine cones, berries or small fruits. These should be wired at the stems and then fastened securely to the wreath.

Sizes and types of wreaths will depend on the materials available and to a certain extent on the family's geographical location. But many variations on the basic design will suggest themselves, once the project of wreath-making is undertaken.



boxwood, yew, arborvitae, ivy and mountain laurel. For color, such fruits as crabapples, cranberries, grapes, or small tangerines may be added. A coat of shellac will help preserve the fruit.

First, it is wise to decide the size of the wreaths you want and then work from there.

If the wreath is to be small—say not to exceed three feet in circumference—the frame can be made from a coat hanger that is straightened out and then fashioned into the form of a circle. For larger wreaths, several coat hangers may be combined to form a frame, or else wire salvaged from some farm or home operation can be utilized.

Among greens best suited for small wreaths are holly, boxwood, yew or arborvitae. For larger wreaths, holly, pine, fir, ivy are effective.

So far as possible, in working with evergreens, it is advisable to use

Nightly Posadas Drama Of Nine-Day Christmas

In Mexico, "Posadas" commemorate the journey of Mary and Joseph and their attempt to find lodging in Bethlehem.

Families and friends are divided into two groups—the Holy Pilgrims and the Cruel Hearted Innkeepers. The Pilgrims, led by an angel guiding Mary and Joseph, march through the house carrying lighted candles and singing the Litany of Loretto.

The Innkeepers slip into a room and close the door: soon Joseph begs entrance, which is refused until much coaxing and explanation reveal how desperately Mary needs shelter and the Pilgrims are finally admitted whereupon the whole assembly kneels in prayer before an improvised altar.

After the "Posada" is over, refreshments are served and the evening is spent in jollification.

What Is Christmas Without Toys?



There is no shortage of toys, although the trend has been toward mechanical or educational types. Dolls have not been forgotten, however.

PLANT COVER CROPS

Any part of the farm or home garden not being used to grow winter vegetables should be sown in a cover crop to prevent erosion and to add organic matter to the soil.

BUILD TURBINE TUNNEL

BOSTON—A new laboratory with a supersonic wind tunnel and facilities for research in gas turbines is being constructed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

INSTITUTE OF NAVIGATION

LOS ANGELES—Army and Navy meteorologists and astronomers meet with more than 50 navigators from the airlines, at the University of California, to lay the foundations of an Institute of Navigation.

HENS TAKE VACATION

Even the best of hens have a molting period, and this should be a "paid" vacation for them. If fed well during the lay-off they will resume work in good health and ready for all-out production.

ANOTHER American CHRISTMAS

No American Christmas is complete without the expressions of good fellowship and Christmas greetings from one friend to another. So, here's our message—and may you understand the true feeling of appreciation we have for your kindnesses in the past.

Perhaps the coming year will see a happier time for all and may the heartaches and tribulations of months past be overshadowed by the good fortune of all.

SPURLIN SERVICE STATION

Phillips 66 Station

Farwell, Texas

There is no point in storing feeds for winter if rats and insects are allowed to "make a run" on the bank.

Collards, mustard and turnip greens are high in vitamin A content.

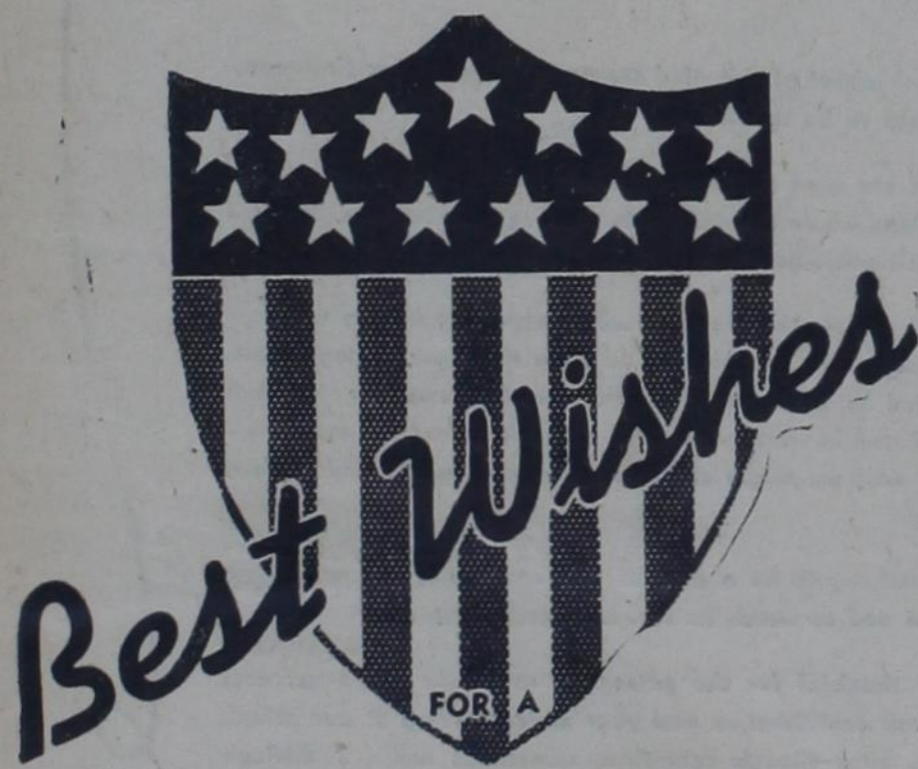
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—OF—

Englant Welding Shop and Garage

BOVINA, TEXAS

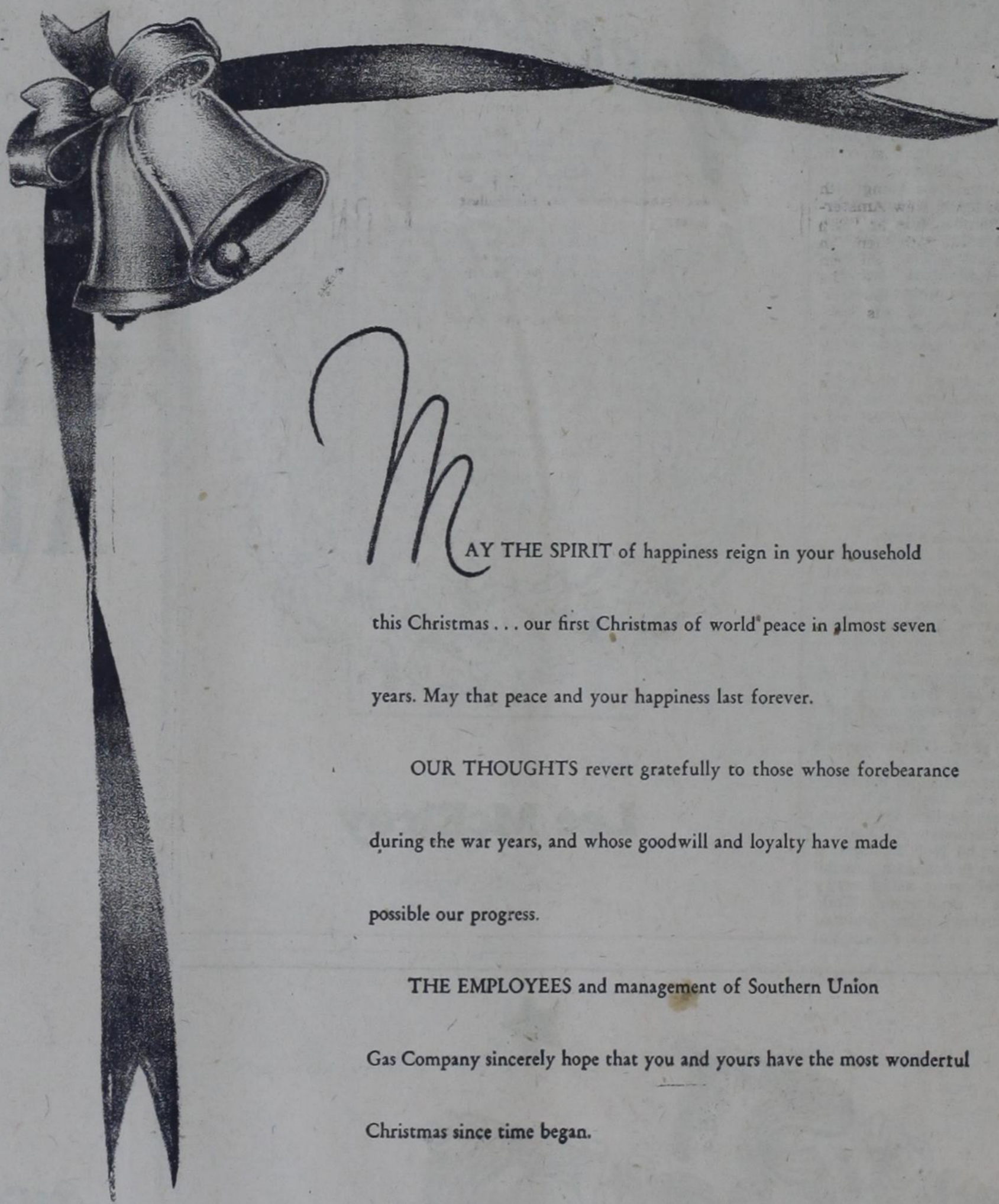
EXTEND



REAL AMERICAN
CHRISTMAS

We Wish You, One and All

CORDIAL GREETINGS



MAY THE SPIRIT of happiness reign in your household

this Christmas... our first Christmas of world peace in almost seven years. May that peace and your happiness last forever.

OUR THOUGHTS revert gratefully to those whose forbearance during the war years, and whose goodwill and loyalty have made possible our progress.

THE EMPLOYEES and management of Southern Union Gas Company sincerely hope that you and yours have the most wonderful Christmas since time began.

And...
May 1946 hold a full
measure of prosperity
and health for you.

Southern Union Gas
Company

Famous Artist Sketched First Santa for U. S.

Thomas Nast Is Credited With Pictorializing Famous Character In 1873.

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

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

The story of how our American version of Santa Claus evolved is interesting. According to legend,



children of Lapland and Siberia, raised on tales of the good and generous St. Nicholas, thought of their benefactor as dressed in furs and traveling in a reindeer-drawn sleigh, just as they did themselves.

Stories of St. Nicholas.

Wondrous stories of this great Fourth century saint, who gave handsome presents to good little children, were repeated at the fire-sides of all Europe from the time of his death in 342. The Dutch children observed the anniversary of his death on December 6 and received presents in their wooden shoes.

These Dutch youngsters thought of St. Nicholas as a stern old man with a long white beard, garbed in bishop's robes and carrying a stick to chastise naughty children.

The little Hollanders coming with their parents to found New Amsterdam brought Santa Claus or "San Claas" as they said, with them. In no time the English colonial children whose fathers had taken over the Dutch settlement and renamed it New York caught on to this wonderful man. The English moved his yearly visit from December 6 to New Year's Eve.

Germans coming to America brought their Christmas customs; Christmas trees and Christmas candles burned in honor of the Christ Child, whom the German children called "Kris Kringle."

At about the time that these festivities were making Christmas Day important, families beginning to spread across the country chose this celebration as a day of reunion. Thus the Dutch figure of Santa Claus, the German traditions of Christmas and the English season of celebration became combined in one single holiday.



Superstitions Told About New Year's In Many Lands

Good Luck Offered in Many Ways to 'Believers.'

New Year's Day affords everyone the opportunity to bring himself good luck throughout the year. At least that is supposed to be true according to several old superstitions concerning the beginning of a new year.

The "First Foot"—the first person to enter the house on New Year's morning—plays a significant role in the family's future fortunes. He must be a dark man to bring good luck, but if he also brings a gift and "carries in" more than he "takes out," then the house is assured peace and plenty for a whole year. The most auspicious gifts as luck-bringers are a lump of coal and a red herring.

Unmarried persons are advised to look out of the window on New Year's morning. If you see a man, it is a sign that you will be wed before the year is out. Should you see a horse, you can have a wish, and it will be realized within the year. To see a dog is lucky, but a cat foretells woful.



A little care will make it possible to bring oneself good luck for the entire year. Wear something new, if possible, on New Year's Day, but the garment must be put on when you first dress in the morning. Receipt of a gift is certain to carry luck. Wish everyone you meet "A Happy New Year," but remember when the greeting is given to cross your fingers for luck. Be sure to say "rabbits" as the first word when you wake before anyone has had a chance to speak to you.

Love's progress will be aided on New Year's Day if you are careful to put on the left stocking before the right. The potency of this charm is supposed to be increased if you do all things as far as possible left-handedly during the day.

To open a bank account on New Year's Day was considered lucky in Old England, the custom growing probably from the belief of many centuries that whatever you do on the first day of the year will be an indication of what will happen during the months that will follow.

In some parts of England and Scotland it is supposed to be unlucky to leave a house until some outsider has first entered it.

"JIGGLE" NEEDED ON PLANE

WASHINGTON—The new jet propelled fighters have to have small vibrators attached to their instrument panels. This is done to insure a constant vibration of the instrument board, otherwise, due to the absence of vibration in jet planes, many of the instruments would not operate.

IT SEEMS only yesterday we expressed our Christmas greetings but now another year has gone by. Much has happened, and we are sure there have been days and weeks that seemed unusually long to a lot of us. Yet the year passed quickly and once again we arrive at the most glorious season of the year.

Here indeed, is an opportunity to relax, to be contented and to enjoy the associations of our loved ones and the friendships of our acquaintances to the fullest extent.

It's good to have Christmas. Its value is immeasurable because of the feeling of goodwill each has toward another.

So, we wish you a Merry Christmas and trust the next twelve months will speed by as quickly and that much happier days will be found as the New Year gets under way.

JUST
... JUST
TWELVE
SHORT
MONTHS

Season's
Greetings

POWDER PUFF BEAUTY SHOP
Texico, New Mexico

WE LOOK HOPEFULLY TO THE FUTURE

We eagerly await the coming of the New Year because we are confident that it will bring untold happiness and joy and contentment for each of us. From the exigencies of the turbulent months just closing we find courage to face the future. Americans have been united closer than ever before and from this attitude will grow a more tolerant feeling for our fellow man.

We await the future with great anticipation and take comfort at this glad Christmastime from the friendships which we have enjoyed in the past.

Lariat Elevator

Boone Allison, Mgr.

Lariat, Texas

COMEBACK

"How old are you, Sonny," asked the inquisitive old man of the little boy on the beach.

"Six," came the brisk reply. "Six!" echoed the old man, "and yet you are not as tall as my umbrella."

The boy drew himself up to his full height. "How old is your umbrella?" he demanded.

Tribune want ads get results.

HONEST FISHERMAN

He had been fishing with no luck. On his way home he entered a fish market and accosted the clerk.

"John," he said "just stand over at that side of the store and throw me five of your biggest trout."

"Throw them? What's the big idea?"

"Just so I can tell the family I caught them. I may be a poor fisherman, but I'm no liar."

PLACEMENT SERVICE

The University of Texas College of Business Administration conducts a Placement Service for students majoring in business, and each year between 75 and 100 students are placed in satisfactory jobs. Mrs. Olivia Reed, secretary, reports. Manufacturing, industrial, and business firms in Texas and elsewhere call on the service for capable students.

Hang on to your War Bonds!



In the Twilight
of Another Year

Arising magnificently from the problems and difficulties that have been the experiences of each of us the past year, is the tolerance we have for the shortcomings of others. We see more clearly our own faults, consequently we are more sympathetic of the other fellow.

The old years fades into history. Many, many important events have taken place and we find ourselves with mixed emotions. We ponder the next twelve months, yet we face it with the same determination that has carried America thus far.

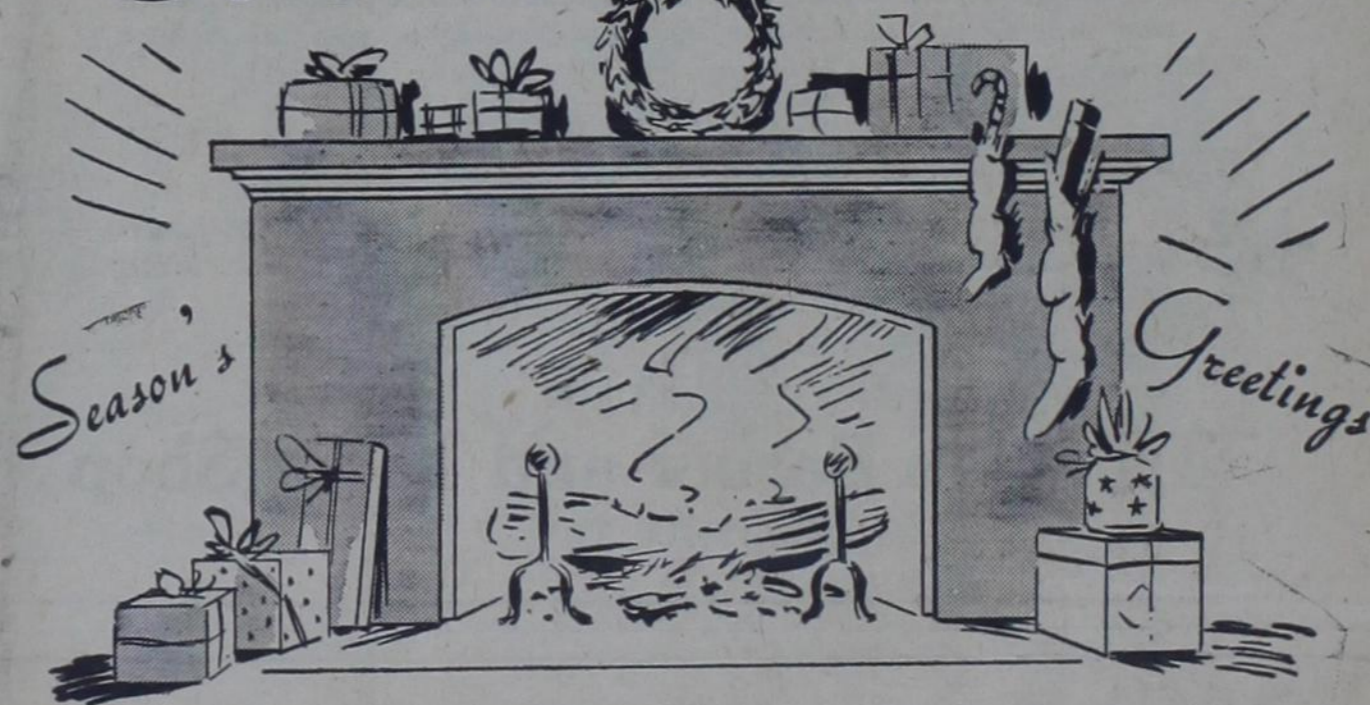
We do not fear the new year. We welcome it, with all its possibilities and the promise of happier days. Grant that we may continue to be tolerant one with another and as the dawn of the new year approaches, we say, "Season's Greetings to You, Our Friends."

Henderson Grain & Seed Co.

C. M. (Heine) Henderson

Farwell, Texas

CHRISTMAS



AMERICAN STYLE BIBICAN

The aroma of Yule logs burning . . . gay holly wreaths . . . tinsel Christmas tree by the fire place . . . beribboned gifts and whispered conferences . . . Christmas stockings . . . the eager anticipation of children awaiting Santa . . . the Christmas dinner in all its traditional glory . . . the associations of loved ones . . . the greetings of friends and the goodwill of all . . . the feeling of deep contentment and satisfaction brought about by the combination of these pleasing thoughts . . . that's Christmas, American style.

May it forever be so and may this Christmas be the type of Christmas you treasure so precious, this is our Yuletide wish.

CITY CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McDonald

Farwell, Tex.



Merry Christmas

A DRIZZLING rain seeped through Mike Duncan's threadbare coat and soaked him to the skin. Snow had preceded the rain that afternoon and the going was pretty tough. He wearily trudged along, endeavoring to keep out of the way of reckless herds of last-minute Christmas shoppers who thought of him only as a bar to their progress.

Ordinarily Duncan would not have thought of his wet skin, his tattered clothes, or even of his empty stomach. They were all part of life on the road—but this night was different. It was Christmas Eve.

It must have been the holiday season—why else would someone thrust a fifty-cent piece into his hand and



"Are you sure that's all you want?"

then vanish into the shadows? He could only murmur a grateful "Thank you, sir, and a merry Christmas to you" before the donor disappeared into the swirling crowd.

Duncan reached into his left pocket, pulled out two dimes and five pennies, laid them with the half-dollar in the palm of his other hand and stared at his entire fortune of seventy-five cents.

He smiled sardonically when it occurred to him presently that the building in front of which he stood was the United States Mint. He

turned and, with a laugh that had a hysterical ring to it, jingled his handful of coins. His mirth attracted the cop who had been standing on the corner watching him. The officer said to him in a brogue so thick that it could have been cut with a knife, "Move on, blasht ye!" Mike wandered off down a deserted side street, clinking his money.

After about an hour of aimless roaming through endless alleys, he found himself directly opposite a brightly decorated restaurant. He crossed over and from sheer curiosity looked in the window.

There were only two patrons inside—an elderly man and woman seated at a front table who were avidly devouring with much relish a whole roast turkey with all the side dishes.

Duncan's mouth began to water—his stomach seemed hollow—he felt his legs go weak, and his ever-present hunger was getting the best of him. Suddenly he remembered the seventy-five cents. He thought quickly. A bed for the night at a flophouse would cost fifteen cents—that would leave him sixty. He decided to go in and order a roast turkey sandwich. He gave his hat a few deft pats and opened the door. He hung his battered hat and coat where he could grab them in case of an emergency, and made himself comfortable at a table in a corner. Duncan knew that his appearance was none to prepossessing and that a waiter would not dash up to some one from whom he could not get a tip. After a while a vinegar-faced man deigned to come to him. "What'll you have?" he asked, stifling a yawn.

"A hot roast turkey sandwich," replied Duncan.

"On toast or rye bread?"

"Rye."

"Anything else?"

Duncan shook his head. "No, nothing else."

"Are you sure that's all you want?"

"Yes, that's all. Just a roast turkey sandwich."

The waiter returned with the order, placed it before him, shook his head wonderingly and withdrew. Duncan virtually devoured the sandwich in three bites. He delicately wiped his mouth with a napkin, then beckoned the waiter. "Check, please," he said.

"Check?"

"Yes, the check." Duncan raised his eyebrows.

"But there is no check."

"No check? What do you mean—no check?"

"There are none tonight. This is Christmas Eve. Didn't you see the

sign in the window? Customers can order anything they want. It's on the house. You're the only guy who didn't order the whole darned menu. Well, merry Christmas," he added.

Duncan's jaw dropped. His gaze fell on the half-dollar, two dimes and five pennies still clutched in his hand. Slumped in his chair, his eyes followed the back of the retreating waiter.

Switzerland Kept Xmas for Refugees

Switzerland "kept" Christmas last year for the 20,000 refugee children who were being cared for within her borders as Europe celebrated its sixth wartime Christmas.

From France and Belgium, from Holland, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and far distant Greece they had come—many of them orphans, many children without a country—traversing Europe by circuitous routes. Guided by peas-



Toys for refugee tots.

ants, Red Cross workers, Wehrmacht guards, and older children they arrived on foot, herded in cattle cars, traveling in groups.

A fraction of the millions of innocent victims of World War II, these refugee children were supposed to remain only two or three months so as to give other youngsters a chance to recuperate in neutral Switzerland. But in many cases, repatriation was delayed—parents were scattered or dead, battles still raged in areas whence the children had come, so they were allowed to remain and Switzerland, crowding them to her bosom, welcomed many, many others.

Covington, K., claims to have the smallest church in the world, Monte Casino Church, accommodating only three persons, including the priest.

"LIGHT" HOUSEKEEPING

In recommending light colored walls and ceilings, Miss Myrtle Fahsbender, director of home lighting for Westinghouse, has her reasons for believing they give more light for the money. From actual "measurements" made on walls of 12 different colors, it's known that white walls reflect as much as 85 percent of the light that falls on them, whereas dark blue walls ab-

sorb all but 7 percent. In between these two extremes are a choice of colors of various shades and tints that will be attractive and still contribute to the room illumination by reflecting a large percentage of the light. While redecorating may have to take a back seat temporarily, it's a step in the direction of "light" housekeeping to keep walls and ceilings clean. Excessive dust or grease wastes light, too.

WOMEN AIR EXECUTIVES

WASHINGTON—Three top line women executives in the transportation field have offices here. They are Ann Archibald, assistant vice president of Pan American Airways; Pat O'Malley, assistant to the chairman of the board, Transcontinental & Western Air Inc.; and Carlene Roberts, assistant vice president American Airlines.



Valiantly and courageously, let's make this a good Christmas, one that will shine out for all the world to see. Let's make this our pledge because it is in times like the present that we need the encouragement and strength so necessary to meet the trials of the future.

To our customers, our former customers and our future customers, and to those whom we have never had the privilege of serving, we wish to express our warmest Christmas greetings and a word of encouragement.

We are proud of the things you have done toward making this a better world and we are sure that you will have the faith and determination to carry on in the best possible manner in the future.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

Capitol Freehold Land Trust

Farwell, Texas

IT'S A PLEASANT CUSTOM AT

CHRISTMAS

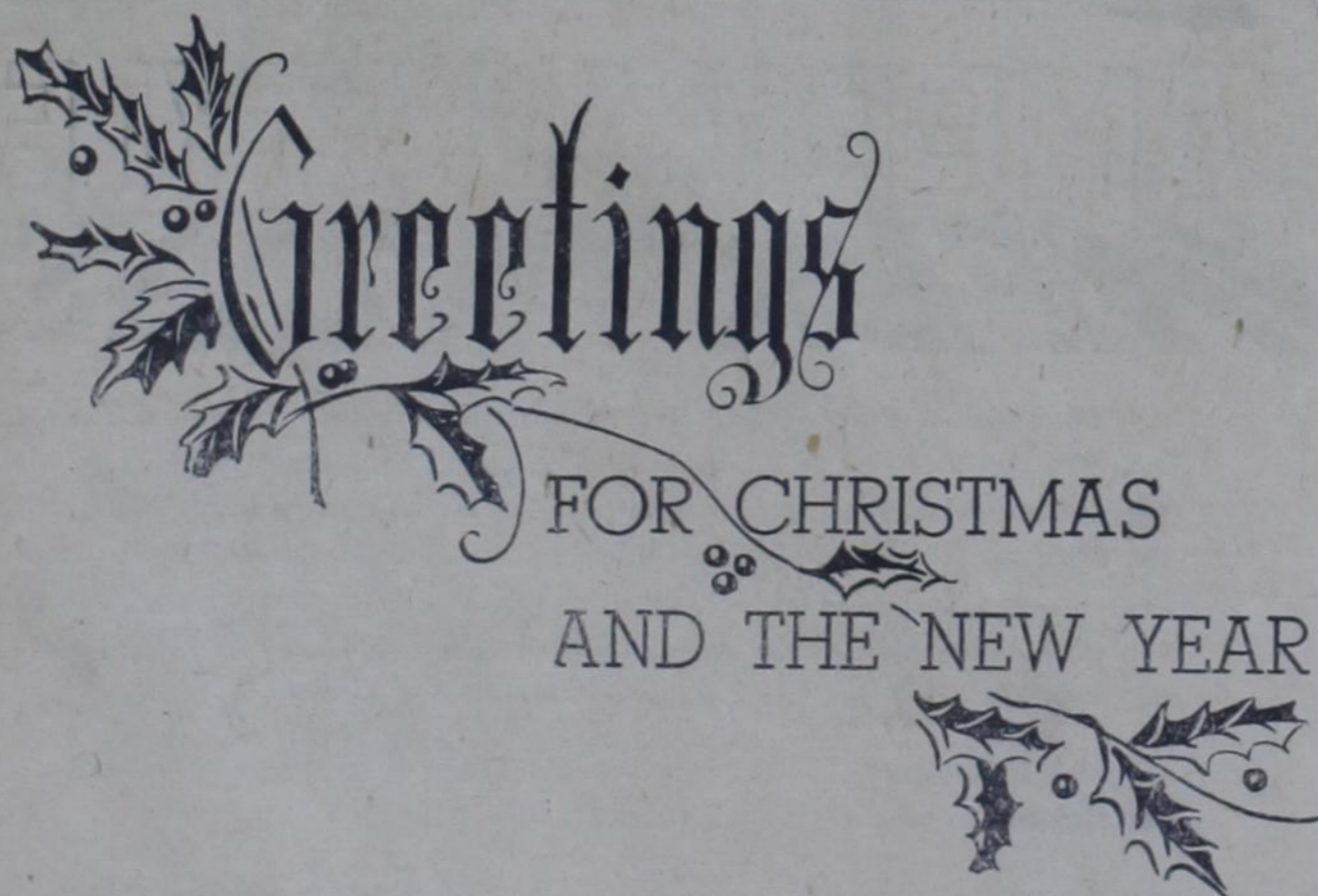
It is a very pleasant, cheering custom to renew friendly associations during the Yuletide season by extending to you our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas

We like to think of each of you as a friend and that our success, whatever it may be, is just a reflection of yours

Our wish is that these friendly associations have been as pleasant to you as they have been to us. May the coming months bring you a large share of prosperity and happiness.

Trimble's Barber and Tailor Shop

BOVINA, TEXAS



Gateway Auto Co.

600 MAIN

CLOVIS, N. M.

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

The observance of the Christmas season is an essential part of the American way of life. Other nations observe the Yuletide, 'tis true, but it remains for Americans to celebrate the occasion in a spirit that closely follows the goal of everyone—the pursuit of happiness, the right to live our lives as we choose.

That's why, at this glad season of the year, it is appropriate to give thanks not only for the origin of

Christmas, but for the privilege of being an American as well.

We are a free people and will remain so. Our youth has gone to the far corners of the world that we may maintain the principles upon which this nation was founded. Our boys have been victorious and will continue to be victorious.

And from these victories will come more happy Christmas seasons and a continuation of our way of life.

C. R. Elliott Company

BOVINA, TEXAS

Traditions and Customs Are Bequeathed by Ancient World

Early Christians did not celebrate the birthday of Christ. It was not until the Fourth century that December 25 came to be accepted as the presumed anniversary of the great event. In that year Pope Gregory V set this day officially. His intention was partly to absorb the old pagan festival of the returning sun (the winter solstice on December 22) in a Christian feast. A number of pagan celebrations were overlapped in this manner during the first centuries of Christianity.

In Great Britain, for instance, the "Lord of Misrule" led the frolicking, parading, and carol singing. This period of pranks and general foolishness is supposed to have descended from the Saturnalia of pagan Rome. Only a few Britons now follow this jolly old custom.

Nativity Plays.

The Santa Claus tradition represents the combining of a number of widely differing relics of old superstitions and beliefs. The northern Europeans in pre-Christian times believed in a spirit of woods and fields who had to be placated now and then, or he would ruin the harvests. This being known in Norway as the "Nisse," and by various names in other Scandinavian countries. It is still a custom in rural regions for children to set out porridge and beer on Christmas Eve to please the Nisse. He is merging, however, with the popular figure of Santa Claus.

In Britain the character known as "Father Christmas" is supposed to be a Christian version of this ancient spirit of the fields. The Dutch Sinter Klass, or St. Nicholas, is still recognizable as the good bishop of Myra in Dutch plays, but he too is being absorbed in the more popular version of Santa Claus, the fat, red-coated little man with the big bag of presents. This idea of Santa Claus is a south German interpretation. In other parts of Germany the dispenser of gifts is "Dame Bertha." The custom of hanging up stockings comes from Italy.

Switzerland has developed the custom of parading from house to house and singing carols in a picturesque way. Costumes are remarkable. Young men and women wear headdresses representing houses, ships, mountains, and so forth. Huge sleigh bells tinkle from their waists and shoulders. These Swiss carolers also have a peculiar dance used only on Christmas Eve. In Switzerland, as in other southern European countries, the gifts are brought to good children, not by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child, who comes from the North Pole in a fairy sleigh.

In many German villages an old man with a small drum marches about the house after the Christmas dinner, leading a procession. His drum is to frighten away any witches who might have come into the house during the year. He finally reaches the last room where the Christmas tree stands, laden with presents.

Mexican Christmas.

Mexican Christmas Eve is a pretty combination of the religious and the festive observance. There is a dance in every village until midnight. At the stroke of twelve the musicians play a mystical sacred melody, and everyone converges in front of the "nacimiento," or crib representation. Then the oldest woman present picks up the image of the Christ Child and marches slowly to the church, followed by all the villagers. They enter the church for the midnight mass. When this is over, the dancing and revelry, complete with fireworks, recommences, and lasts until dawn.

Members of the Orthodox Greek church, who cling to the old style calendar, celebrate Christ's birthday on January 6. Many people in Greece, Serbia, Rumania and other Balkan states, as well as many Russians, belong to the Orthodox church. Their Christmas feast traditionally begins with a bowl of "kutya," which is a combination of wheat, honey, ground poppy seed and pecans. Mushroom soup, fruit, fish and nuts are also served. A small layer of hay is spread under the table cloth to show humility for Christ's birth in a stable. Polish people also follow this last custom.

So every country and every district often has its own special way of keeping Christmas. The United States, being composed of people from everywhere, has received customs from every people, and has adopted those it liked, and altered them to fit the American style. So it has been with Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe, the Christmas plays and carols, the luscious menus—everything has been gladly taken over, with thanks to the many nations and peoples that have bequeathed them to us.



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CHRISTMAS

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It is the duty and obligation of every American to make this the best Christmas of them all. It's going to be a big job, it's true, but for the sake of the sacrifices that have been made and because it's the neighborly and friendly thing to do, it is our job to make every effort to enjoy the full blessings of Christmas.

All of our loved ones cannot be home but may we keep in our thinking the idea of Christmas as it should be, and to observe it accordingly. That is the way those who will be absent would have it.

Let's be happy and considerate at Christmas and let us strive to maintain this same attitude through the months of the new year. It will make for a happier living for all.

Best wishes for the Yuletide and a host of good things for the year just approaching.

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We should appreciate this gift of liberty more this year than ever in our history. Do you ask why?

It is because the gift of liberty this Christmas has been given us by thousands upon thousands of the youth of our land who have gone to the distant points of the globe to fight for freedom loving Americans.

In the midst of our Christmas celebration, our every thought should be, and must be, centered around the men who have made it possible for us to continue to enjoy the occasion.

The gift of liberty is priceless. It has not been made without cost. So, as we extend our greetings to you, we want it understood that we are also thinking of those brave lads who have unselfishly presented the gift of liberty to America.

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EVERYWHERE



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Elsewhere in this world millions of peoples will not enjoy the blessings of Christmas but here in America, at least, the occasion will be observed with reverence and happiness and good cheer. Christmas in America is traditional and it will remain traditional because it is a part of the American way of life.

And so, as you gather with your loved ones, at this glad season of the year, please have a thought for us. We will be thinking about you, and wishing for you and yours all the good things we can think of; happy in the thought that the future will be better and brighter for all of us.

May the Yuletide be filled with happiness and the New Year be one of health and good cheer.

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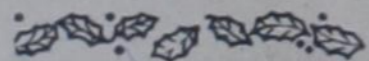
KEEP YOUR CHIN UP

When we think back over the strenuous days of the past months, the difficulties and obstacles that have confronted each of us, we find our Greeting rather empty and meaningless.

Not because we aren't sincere, not because we are unappreciative, but because we fully realize the magnitude of attempting to convey in words the things that are in our hearts.

We've come a long way and we've got a long way to go yet, but somehow, our confidence in the people of this community, as well as all Americans, leads us to know that eventually we will again enjoy the full benefits of the American way of life as we like to live it.

Until that time, there's still work to be done, so, lets keep our chin up and look forward to happier days ahead.



**A Merry Christmas and
A Bright New Year**

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Christmas Day
By
Charlotte Greer

"THE trouble with having such an all-fired modern family and trying to keep up with them," Alice told herself as she looked around the hotel dining room on Christmas Day, "is that modernism and Christmas just don't go together."

Her face felt as stiff as a hardened jelly mold from holding the smile she was determined not to relax, and internally she was positively wound up from the effort to emulate the rest of the gay, noisy people who were here instead of being at home where Alice thought they should be on that day above all others that has made your own fireside the place you most like to be.

While they waited for the entree she and William were alone, sitting at opposite ends of the long table watching their children dance. Each one had been permitted a guest of his own age, but Alice's eyes were focused on her tall, dark-haired Bill and his slim, golden-haired girl, Rosemary. Bill would soon be eighteen, that was why he fixed her attention.

William came over and sat beside her. "Happy, Alice?" he said, and covered her hand with his.

She returned his smile. After all, this spree was costing enough to have bought three or four turkeys for home consumption. "You were right, dear," she said. "The youngsters love it."

"Rosemary told me this is the one orchestra of all on the air that she'd choose to see," he said proudly. "It's a holy wonder her folks would let her out of the house on Christmas Day."

"The Custers are pretty old-fashioned people," said Alice, feeling that she was complimenting the girl's family.

"We're good for the Custers," said William. "They need stirring up. It's a fine thing for Rosie to get out and see a bit of the world."

"They're having their Christmas dinner tonight," said Alice. "Mrs. Custer has invited Bill before the young people go to the dance."

"Come on, Alice, let's show these kids what for." In spite of the crowd, William covered the ground as he had in college when she fell in love with him. She was glad that she had managed to have her hair done Saturday. The gardenias the children had given her to wear to church yesterday were still fresh. She'd let Sister wear them tonight if her date didn't crash through. Bill had bet Sis fifty cents he wouldn't.

The orchestra melted into "White Christmas," and young Bill tapped his father on the shoulder. "Mom's favorite, Dad. Let's change."

Alice said, "You dance almost as well as your Dad."

"Look at him, will you?" said Bill. "Quite the old boy."

Before long everyone was helping Bill and Sister dress for the dance. Bill lost his wager, and whistled over the red roses that were just right on the turquoise blue of Sister's frock.

She said Bill looked simply gorgeous in his tuxedo and when his father saw him he said, "Too bad they don't wear 'em in the army, son."

They heard Bill call Rosemary's number on the phone downstairs and then he closed the door for privacy. "Wouldn't you think," said Sister, "he'd give the poor girl a chance to take a bath? I bet she gets good and sick of him."

Suddenly Alice remembered a call she had forgotten to make about the baskets the church distributed yesterday. She flew to the upstairs' extension, and when she heard Bill still talking in leisurely fashion, she opened her mouth to say, as she often did when necessary, "Hang up, you two. I need the phone."

But she didn't say those words or any others. She listened a few moments and her eyes filled with tears. The disappointment and hurt at the way her family had preferred to spend their Christmas vanished as her very best Christmas present of 1945 was received on the wire.

"Heck no," Bill was saying. "I can hardly wait for an old-fashioned Christmas dinner. That hotel business was all Dad's idea so Mom wouldn't have to cook and wash dishes all day. None of us liked it at all. Mom had a good time, though."

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NEW YEARS AT THE CORNERS
By
E. P. O'BRYAN

"POP," Maw Levis called from the kitchen, "you get your lazy bones out of that chair and wash up! Dinner'll be ready in two shakes of a lamb's tail."

Pop managed to lift his six feet of bone and sinew to his feet and headed for the kitchen sink.

"Don't you go usin' that clean towel, neither," Maw admonished. "That's for company. Use the roller towel. Sakes alive, I do believe you'd wipe your dirty feet on the front door mat if I'd leave it out."

"What's a door mat fer," Pop flared, "if it ain't to wipe feet on?"

Pop gave the roller towel a vicious jerk. "Y'know tonight bein' New Year's Eve, Maw, you 'nd me ought to step out somewheres. They're having a big shindig over at the



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Corners store. Jed Hafey's openin' a keg."

"If it's anything like that keg he opened Thanksgiving, you ain't gettin' any nearer to it than you are right now. Pretty howdy-do, you comin' home six o'clock in the mornin' and shootin' off the shotgun through the roof so it leaks like a sieve. No, siree, you ain't even gettin' near enough to have a smell of any keg Jed Hafey opens," Maw said.

Suddenly Pop looked up from his plate. "Well, consarn! What you cryin' about, Maw?"

"I ain't cryin'," Maw denied. "I'm just thinkin'—thinkin' back fifty-two years. You was payin' attention to me and kind o' jealous like. I couldn't turn 'round but what you was kissin' me. You was jealous o' Jed Hafey—jealouser than anything."

Pop snorted disdainfully. "What'd I have to be jealous o' Jed Hafey fer? Tell me that."

"Plenty," Maw said, "I was going to marry him."

Pop dropped his fork. "You was a-goin' to marry Jed?"

"Sure. Only his folks wanted him to marry Edda Stout. She owned all the bottom land nearly in Clarke county. He couldn't marry me until he was of age, on account o' his folks wantin' him to marry Edda. In a year he figures he can get all her money and then divorce her and marry me. Meanwhile he said I might as well marry you, then when he got all Edda's money I could divorce you and marry him. Said you was about the most harmless male bein' in all Clarke county and no harm would come to me marryin' you. He said if I married anybody else I might fall in love with him and then he'd lose out."

"So that was the way o' things! I remember. Jed did divorce Edda a year or so later. How come you never told me this before, Lil? And how come you not to divorce me and marry Jed after he got his divorce?"

"How come?" Maw said. "Well, Pop, I guess maybe you was kind o' responsible for that. Ain't no tellin' how a woman looks at things until she's hogtied to a man. I just kind o' forgot about Jed. Money didn't matter so much, after all. I found out it was the man that mattered. You kind o' had good ways about you, Pop. Different kind o' ways, only they was the right kind. Made a girl think twice afore jumpin' in from the fryin' pan into the fire. You was good enough for me, I found. If there was any better men'n you, I wouldn't have no way o' knowin', o' course. Everything was so nice I didn't think it could be any nicer, so I just decided to hang onto you and let Jed rot for himself."

"By gum!" Pop exclaimed after a moment's reflection. "Now I am a-goin' to that keg openin' tonight if it kills me. And you're a-goin' with me, Lil. I won't have Jed thinkin' he didn't get cheated in the deal, consarn his danged hide! If I go without you he'll think I don't care none about you, and I want to make him feel right good and jealous."

"Jed jealous after fifty-two years?" Maw said incredulously.

"Well, if he ain't he ought to be! Happy New Year, Maw!"

"I'll go," Maw said, "but remember, Pop Levis, if you get drunk tonight I'll break the mop handle over your head when we get home—that is, if I'm still able to tell a mop handle from a crowbar."

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NO DOUBT all of us find it difficult to observe the Christmas season in the manner to which we have been accustomed in former years but shall we not receive a certain amount of satisfaction from the knowledge that we are a step nearer to lasting Peace

FROM the set-backs and disappointments of past months have come the cementing of solid friendships that will in a measure compensate all of us for the sacrifices we have made. Out of the chaotic conditions will come a quiet understanding that will remain with us always.

AND SO, at this time of Christmas, may we make every effort to enjoy it to the fullest and let us be thankful for all good things that have been our fortune.

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Here, at least, is something steadfast, something secure, something which binds us together more than any one thing. Christmas, with its spirit of hope, of peace, and happiness will continue indefinitely.

May the spirit that makes Christmas the greatest day of all days be yours throughout the coming year.

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IN THE streetcar crowded with holiday shoppers Mrs. Weston couldn't see the couple behind her but their words added to her mounting despair and fury. Overhead, tinsel-wreathed placards exhorted to buy fur coats, diamonds, perfume. She shut her eyes to them but she could not shut her ears.

"That was one swell party last night," sighed the man. "Oh, boy!"

The girl squealed. Mrs. Weston cringed. The high laughter was like the whistle in Puppo, the rubber dog they'd given Harvey Jr. his third Christmas. Puppo had become more than a toy. He still lived in glory, a kind of household god enshrined in the whatnot in Harvey's room. "Love to Puppo," Harvey ended his letters. Puppo always topped the



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Christmas tree. There'd be no tree this year. It was worse than childish of Harv to want one. She wouldn't have it. A package had been sent to Harvey Jr. overseas in October, but there'd be no Christmasing at home.

Wicked, horrible, thought Mrs. Weston, that people are going through all the old motions of a Merry Christmas. No one has a right to be merry.

"You looked super last night," said the man. "You are super, honey. You're so beautiful." Mrs. Weston turned slightly and caught a glimpse of a flat pretty face surrounded by blond curls. "You rate orchids, honey," the man went on, "and you're goin' to have them."

The constant ache in Mrs. Weston's heart sharpened to a stab. For such fools her Harvey was risking his life. Another block of their chatter and Mrs. Weston would say, "The money squandered on orchids, young man, would buy a good many war stamps," or, "This is no occasion for whoopee."

"Jack thinks the Army is going to get him this time." It was the girl speaking. "And is he scared!"

The woman next her got off and another squeezed in. "Certainly going to be a big Christmas," observed the newcomer cheerfully. "Were you downtown Saturday? Worst jam I ever saw."

"I was not," Mrs. Weston felt compelled to explain. "I am going to town now only to select a wreath for my mother's grave."

Behind her the young people were still shrilling about Jack and the Army. "Tell him we'll give him a farewell party. Tell him if he gets shot he'll have a pretty nurse." The man was chortling. "Let's get off next corner, beautiful. You can buy me a drink."

Liquor, thought Mrs. Weston furiously. That explained their incessant giggling over nothing. She raised her voice. "I don't see how people can think about Christmas. How they can drink and laugh and waste money on silly things. Life is so terrible—" her voice broke. Heavens, people were staring! "My son—somewhere in the Pacific," she added hurriedly in a low voice. "I—I'm thinking of him."

She felt a hand on her shoulder. "Lady you have the wrong angle." The man behind her leaned forward. Her eyes met compassionate blue ones in a face curiously pale. "It don't help your boy any for you to have no Christmas. Be as merry as you can. Like as not he'll be back, fit as a fiddle—like me." He lurched to his feet.

Something caught in Mrs. Weston's throat. He was limping to the door. The car jolted to a stop and the girl thrust a steady little hand under his arm. Drunk, thought Mrs. Weston, drunk with the joy of being alive. She sprang to her feet, without apology pushed through the crowd. "Wait!" But they were getting off.

She was halted by the crowds on the sidewalk. Standing on tiptoe she saw the couple turn in at the dairy bar. A drink. They'd laugh and make love over an ice cream soda. "Merry Christmas, soldier," she whispered. "Be as merry as you can."

Misty-eyed, she walked to the corner rimmed with Christmas trees. "A small tree," choked Mrs. Weston. She wiped her eyes and picked one up, testing its weight. "It must be strong," she told the vendor firmly. "Strong enough to hold up a good sized rubber dog, and—our spirits."

Christmas Customs of
World Accumulation

By ELIZABETH BOYKIN

With internationalism the hope and prayer of all of us, whatever our political faith, it is particularly stirring to think of the internationalism of our Christmas. It is not only an international celebration but the midwinter holiday is one that man has commemorated since long before the Christmas era, almost as far back as we can trace his story.

At first the midwinter holiday was a celebration of joy that the gathering darkening of the days had stopped and that the days were growing lighter and longer again. Early man had a terrible fear that there might come a time when there was no light left on earth.

The christian era likewise was ushered in with a symbolism of light in a dark world and so the celebration of Christ's birthday was set at this midwinter time in the fourth century A. D.

But the church regarded as heathen the use of lights and evergreens to decorate for Christmas festivities. A vigorous effort was made to suppress their use and Tertullian writes: "Let the heathen kindle lamps—they who have no light. Let them fix to the door posts laurel branches to be burned, but thou, oh, christian, art a light in the world, a tree that is evergreen. Make not a pagan temple of thy own house door."

Symbol of New Faith.

But the love of man for light and for evergreens, even to symbolize his new faith, persisted and during early American times, efforts to suppress the idea were still being made. Massachusetts in the 17th century enacted a bill reading, "Anybody who is found observing by abstinence from labor, feasting or in any other way, any such day as Christmas Day, shall pay for every such offense five shillings."

But eventually the evergreens and the lights were accepted as a part of the christian celebration of Christ-



mas and they even acquired a christian symbolism. The holly berries came to represent the drops of Christ's blood, the leaves his crown of thorns, while the mistletoe berries became symbols of Mary's tears.

The gay home customs of Christmas are likewise an accumulation of many lands and many cultures. The American Santa Claus developed from Holland's St. Nicolaes while our Christmas tree came from Germany. England gave us the tradition of the flaming plum pudding and many of our most beloved carols. Mexico is the homeland of the poinsettia, and the Latin countries of Europe gave us the creche and many of the loveliest of the religious pictures that we like best on Christmas cards. From Sweden we have the gracious gesture of the sheaf of wheat on the gate posts so the birds can share the holiday and the custom of gingerbread cakes in animal shapes.

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Looking back over the past twelve months we find that we have fallen far short of what may have been expected of us and now, at this Christmastime we pledge to you that we will make every effort to do a better job in the future.



When we express our Christmas Greetings to you, we want you to know that we are fully aware of your problems and it is our hope that you may derive some amount of happiness in this expression, knowing that it comes from one who is your friend.

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HOLIDAY TRIP
 By Ethelyn M. Parkinson



MISS SCHULTZ had the train practically to herself until the stop near the post where the soldiers and girls thronged on. They were a typical holiday crowd, going to Chicago for the Christmas weekend.

Miss Schultz moved over near her window, and hoped some soldier would sit down and talk to her. One by one they glanced at the vacant seat beside her and went on. She had given up when a young voice said, "May I sit here, please?"

The soldier was stocky, dark and nice looking. Miss Schultz smiled. "If you wouldn't rather be back with the young folks."

He grinned and sat down. "You're not so old. Besides, I'm lonely. I have no folks except Elise, the girl I'm going to marry. She's an Army nurse, in France now."

"That's difficult," Miss Schultz said. "You've seen action, I observe."

"Well, not as much as some of the fellows. At Guadalcanal I got shrapnel in my leg. After Tarawa, I had malaria. At Saipan, I got a chest wound. But I'm going to be good as new for Tokyo!"

"And you're still a private!"

"It's O. K. Can't all be generals. Only—a few extra bonds wouldn't hurt. You see, I was working my way through school when this began, and Elise was still in training so we haven't anything saved."

"I might introduce myself," she said. "I'm Miss Hedwig Schultz. I was retired as a Home Economics teacher, but now I'm back."

"Hedwig!" the boy laughed. "I guess 'Hedy' is short for that. Going home for Christmas?"

Miss Schultz shook her head. "I'm like you. No folks. The truth is, I'm going to Chicago on a hunch. Ever hear of the Al Joy quiz program? It's a good place for a soldier to make a little money, sometimes."



"Well, I'll be jiggered."

I've sent them a question, and I've a hunch they're going to use it. If they do, I'd like to be there."

"But—lots of people send questions."

"Mine is good," she said. "It's a catch question."

"I'll just bet!" he laughed. "Keep my place! I'll get us some candy bars."

She heard a girl ask, "Say, soldier, what's she got that I haven't got?"

"Me!" Dan said good-naturedly.

He offered Miss Schultz the candy. She reached for one, then dropped her hand to her lap. "I almost forgot," she laughed. "No sweets in my diet. People think diabetics have always eaten too much sugar. It isn't true. Diabetes is caused by a disturbance of the islands of Langerhans. They're cell groups in the pancreas. They control sugar metabolism in the body."

"Well, I'll be jiggered!"

Before they parted Dan said, "Miss Schultz, I enjoyed the ride. Hope I'll see you again."

After dinner she hurried to the broadcasting station. The studio was decorated for Christmas. She started as she saw that Private Dan Monroe had been chosen as one of the contestants.

One by one the others were eliminated. Dan stood alone. "And now for the jackpot question," the announcer said. "Five hundred thirty-four dollars! Could you use that, soldier?"

"Could I!"

"How may I ask?"

"Well, I've got a girl . . ." Applause drowned his voice.

"Let me warn you," the announcer said, "this is a catchy question. But you've been around a lot. Where are the islands of Langerhans?"

Miss Schultz held her breath until Dan said clearly, "the islands of Langerhans are situated in the pancreas, sir."

Everyone whooped. Miss Schultz scarcely heard . . . a one-hundred dollar bond will be mailed to Miss Hedwig Schultz. . . .

Later, a soldier called, "Merry Christmas, Hedy," threw his arms around her and gave her a great big kiss. "Look, Hedy, I'll buy you a sundae—the biggest, ooshiest, gooiest, sweetest—oh—oh! You can't eat it—or can you?"

Miss Schultz winked roguishly. "See if I can't!" she said.

Mistletoe May Mean Messenger of God

Some say that the word mistletoe comes from the missel thrush, a messenger of the gods who brought the plant to the earth. Actually, the bird is very fond of the berries and is responsible for the wide distribution. Growing as it does, on trees as a parasite, it is showy because of its huge mass of dense light green foliage.

Its Latin name, Phoradendron, means tree-thief.

In Virgil, mistletoe was the golden bough, by the plucking of which Aeneas was enabled to descend into the underworld and return safely.

In ancient Britain it was the sacred plant of the Druids. The chief nature festival of these forest worshippers was around the oak tree with the most mistletoe on it. The Arch-Druid ascended the tree to the lowest bough on which the sacred mistletoe was growing. With a golden sickle he cropped the branch and allowed it to fall in a fold of his ample robes. The plant was so sacred that it must never touch the earth. The priest then broke the bough into many pieces and gave a twig to each of his followers with a prayer.

In the language of the flowers, mistletoe means "give me a kiss." This has its basis from a Scandinavian myth.

ON THE TARGET



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Gifts away! We hope you'll be the target for scores and scores of nice things this Christmas. And we wish, too, that you may spend a most enjoyable and happy holiday. Greetings everyone!

HOME GROCERY & MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Les Means Texico, N. M.

We Wish You Well

Our every thought this Yuletide is for those about us whom it has been our privilege to serve and those whom we would like to serve in the future.

Your consideration and regard mean much to us and we are grateful for your friendships.

May this be a Christmas never to be forgotten for its happiness and contentment.



Season's Greetings

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Bovina, Texas

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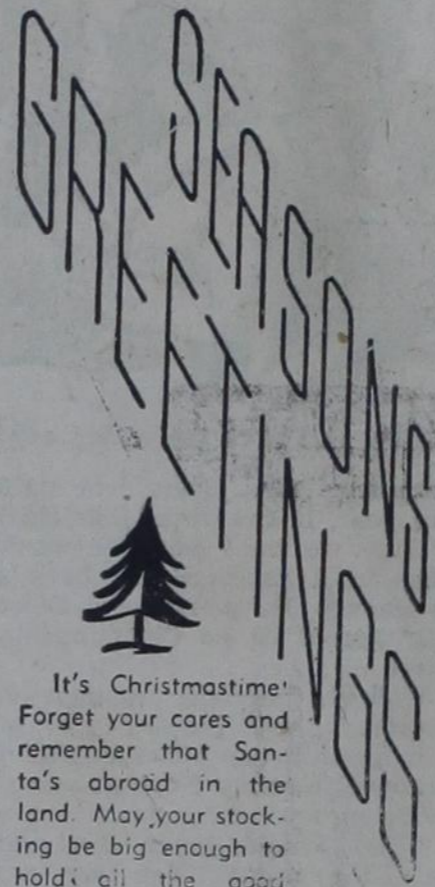


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Clovis, N. M.



It's Christmastime! Forget your cares and remember that Santa's abroad in the land. May your stocking be big enough to hold all the good things we wish for you.

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 Reva Martin, Asst.
 Chas. Crume, Carrier

To You and Yours

YULETIDE OF MUCH MERRINESS

A NEW YEAR OF GREAT HAPPINESS

May old Santa remember you well this Christmas—our wish for you and yours.

Meadors Chevrolet Co.

BUICK—CHEVROLET

Phone 67

Clovis, N. M.

Merry Christmas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND MANY OF 'EM!

We've been searching for a little different way of expressing our Season's Greeting to our friends, for words that would convey the true feeling we have in our hearts.

There are lots of fancy phrases and we tried some of them out. But somehow they just didn't get the job done. Every time we came back to the tried and proven formula—"Merry Christmas."

It's a time-worn phrase, and many times expressed without feeling. But to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

So, we'll look no more for fancy phrases—Merry Christmas.

Roberts & Hardage

U. S. ROYAL DEALERS

Farwell, Texas

Change Made in Celebrating Day

New Year's became a holiday long after the American custom of New Year's calls, which justify its observance, had gone the way of the hoop skirt and the polka. There is nothing American about the carnival-like merrymaking which nowadays welcomes the New Year. Or can it be that even this is a metamorphosis of the watchnight meeting of 40 years or more ago? To deacons and elders, to all anxious heads of families, it used to seem fitting to spend the last three hours of the year in singing lugubrious hymns and giving thanks that they had been singled



Ring in the New Year.

out for preservation when so many had been removed by an equally discerning providence.

But to the young the watchnight meeting was always a dreary service, only to be endured in view of the joys of the morrow. And when the life and color were taken out of the observance of New Year's itself there seemed little sense in ushering in a day of gloom with a still gloomier New Year's eve. So they left the watchmeeting to those who found no more pleasure in their days and for themselves introduced the practice now generally prevalent of indulging in a last fling in preparation for the morrow's disagreeable business of turning over a new leaf.

They have revived the old pagan ceremony except that no miniature skeletons are passed around at the feast to remind them that they are mortal. Nothing in this modern New Year's eve abandon, however, commends it as a substitute for the old gracious custom of paying and receiving calls, a custom for which desuetude was hastened by the prodigious growth of the large cities in the 25 years following the Civil war.

More than four-fifths of the three hundred and fifty million people in India go barefooted.

Observe Holiday In Many Ways

The name January is derived from the two-faced god, Janus. He was originally the god of light and day, however, he gradually became the god of the beginning of things.

The beginning of the year was sacred to Janus and a festival in his honor called Agonia was celebrated. At the beginning of any important undertaking his aid and advice was sought.

He was worshipped as the guardian of trade and shipping and he was the inventor of agriculture.

In addition to secular celebrations, many religious denominations hold special services on New Year's Eve from 9 or 10 to 12 o'clock.

The Methodist Episcopal church was the earliest to adopt this cus-



Last day of 1945.

tom and they are called "watch-night services."

In 1944, St. George's Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia held its 175th watch night service. The church was founded in 1769 and in 1770 held what has been called the first such services in America. Many other churches are holding such services today.

January 1 is a legal holiday in all of the states and the District of Columbia. It was not until after 1918, however, that the date became a legal holiday in Massachusetts.

With the exception of war time, the date is a legal reason for liberty for the sailor and soldier. Yes, army and navy regulations specifically state this fact.

To quote from the navy regulations: "The first of January—and such other days as may be designated by the President, including the day of national thanksgiving, shall be designated as holidays on board ships of the navy and all naval stations."

Each Swiss Canton Has Own Traditions

Winter beauty and winter sports reach the acme of perfection in Switzerland by Christmas time. For many of the natives, however, this glad season signifies in addition a period full of sacred mystery and the anniversary of days particularly specified in ancient legends.

However, the ruddy-cheeked St. Nicholas has in some parts of the country been supplanted by the Christkindli, or Christ child. This lovely angel is said to have come from the Far North and it always brings to each home it visits a Christmas tree, decorated with all the glittering things associated with fairyland and heavily laden with gifts.

Forecasting with Onions.

If you want, for instance, to find out how the weather will be during the next year, cut, on Christmas Eve, an onion into half; peel off 12 layers, one for each month, and fill the same with salt. Those peelings which contain damp salt the next morning predict rainy weather for the respective month.

Young people who are anxious to learn something about their matrimonial prospects are advised to drink three times from nine different fountains, when the church bells are ringing on Christmas Eve and they will then behold their future mate standing at the church door.



"Zucher Tiggel," a kind of Christmas cookie that have been made in Switzerland many centuries, are an essential feature of the holidays, particularly in the neighborhood of Zurich. Wooden molds dat-

ing back to the 17th and 18th centuries are still used. The so-called "Tiggel sentences" are very popular, which depict an entire series of some story. The one in the picture reads, "So ists gut Reisen" or "Sleigh riding is fine."

If you are courageous enough to consult the oracle as to the length of time which is still allotted to you on earth, take your Bible on Christmas Eve and the first psalm which strikes your eye contains stanzas the number of years which you are yet given to live.

Suffolk, Va., is known as the city of wooden chimneys.

To Our Friends Everywhere
Greetings

FREAR'S BOOTERIE

Clovis, N. M.

CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

MAY THE NEW YEAR HOLD FOR YOU

☆ ☆ THE BEST OF EVERYTHING ☆ ☆

THAT PEACE AND FREEDOM BRING



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Clyde and Joe

Farwell, Texas

THE eventful happenings of the past twelve months make Christmas this year something more than just a holiday. Americans have been drawn closer together and the ties of mutual understanding are greater now than ever before.

Americans everywhere are grateful to those who have given so unselfishly toward protecting and defending the homes of our nation. Whether they be on home soil or in distant points, their part has been magnificent and worthy of commendation.

Let us not forget what they have done. Our greeting this year is especially with the thought in mind that without the fine youth of this land America could not celebrate Christmas in the traditional spirit.

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FARWELL,

TEXAS



PEOPLE on the snow-packed downtown streets were scurrying home. Wretchedly Private Kane hunched his shoulders deeper into his Army coat. It was Christmas Eve—and his last furlough. What should he do with himself? And he didn't even have a bed.

A sign on a door read "Bundles for America," and he went in. At a desk a woman was warning, "Miss Rigsby, don't shove the candy into these stockings too hard. The net tears."

"I'm sorry," Miss Rigsby's hands fluttered. "I—I guess I don't do much good." Private Kane figured she must be seventy.

The young woman urged, "You'd better go home now. It's dark. You've helped a lot, really." She informed Private Kane, "Homes Registry—244 Market Street—will get a room for you." Then added, "Merry Christmas."

At the door he stood looking out. Merry Christmas! That was a laugh. Christmas meant home and he'd never had one. Not that he hadn't appreciated the orphanage. But he was to be shipped soon and perhaps—perhaps he might never know what a home was like.

His Army buddies wore mittens knitted by mothers, sweaters by aunts. They whisked out family pictures, pictures of sweethearts. And he—he had nothing! His chest hurt him, and his cough was harsh. "Liniment's good for that, soldier."

It was the little lady. Her black hat sat high on her head. He thought, Her ears will be cold.

"Rub your chest and put flannel over it." Her hands made a darting gesture to push his collar close about his neck. She was the kind who mothered everybody. "You—you could sleep at my house," she said timidly. "You—maybe have an engagement first—"

What could he lose? But as he



"You could sleep at my house," she said.

helped her into a taxi he regretted his impulse to accept.

The driver stopped in front of a toy of a house. Snow peaked the fence posts and was like crushed diamonds on the walk. She opened a door into the kitchen, and Private Kane looked around at the fancy lamp with glass prisms, the elegant silver canister on the worn red and white checked tablecloth. "Where's everyone?" he asked.

"I live alone." Her blue eyes were apologetic. "I told you you'd better go on and have a jolly Christmas Eve—"

He lifted a stove lid on the range. A red glow flickered. He dumped in coal and opened the drafts with

authoritative flip. "It'll be cozy in no time. Better getcha some coal."

"You shouldn't have all this trouble," she protested.

"Trouble!" A wry grin twisted his lips. "Say, don't take off your coat. We're going to shop."

Private Kane and Miss Rigsby selected carefully. He stopped before a fir. "Let's buy it." Private Kane smiled as he set his purchases down at the door. "You wait here a minute." Of course, he reminded himself, this was only make-believe having a home. Just the crumbs.

He had bought her a fleecy blue scarf when he asked her to wait. Back at the house he set the table. The silverware was carved with cherubs. "Gosh, that's swell hardware."

After supper they trimmed the tree. "Tinsel's a little tarnished," she said. "Oh! The angel!" She held it tenderly. "Pa always fastened it on the very top."

His eyes lingered on the lamp, the tree, the silverware. Gosh, the quiet of it! Crumbs to remember. "You—could have a room of your own—" she stopped. Then, "If—if you wanted to come back here. After

the war, I mean." She pushed a round fat object into his hand. "It was Pa's. I want you to have it."

Private Kane sat up. "Me?" he breathed. "Me!" The watch was heavy and solid. He turned it over, observing the grand manner in which it was carved. "Thanks. Aw, gee—"

"Merry Christmas," she beamed. "Merry Christmas to you!"

Once more his eyes swept the room. Home! Why—this wasn't crumbs. This was bread!

PLANE BUYING FOR VETS

WASHINGTON—Changes in regulations made by the Surplus Property Board make it possible for returned war veterans to buy airplanes and parts from government surpluses. The Board by an amendment to regulation 7 allows veterans to buy one plane, no matter what its cost, and \$2,500 worth of parts. The plane can be purchased only for the establishment of a business and must not be for personal or private use.

Dominoes originated in France.

BUYS WAR PLANES

LOS ANGELES—The University of Southern California has placed orders with the RFC's group controlling the educational sale of surplus aircraft to schools for five war planes. Ordered are a B-1, B-25, P-38, P-47 and P-63.

CRITIAL

Little Mary's father had spanked her. That night when she said her prayers she concluded with the petition:

"And please don't give daddy any more children. He don't know how to treat those he's got now."

TRY THIS

Should pies persist in boiling over in spite of careful sealing, Mrs. Julia Kiene, director of the Westinghouse Home Economics, suggests giving this a try: Bake them at 450° for 25 minutes, then reduce heat to 350° for balance of baking time.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We believe in observing Christmas. Come what may, Christmas is the one occasion of the year when a feeling of good fellowship predominates the thinking of everyone. That's why we like Christmas.

It gives us an opportunity of a better understanding with those whom we serve. What joy and happiness would be manifest if each of us would carry this feeling of goodwill and cheerfulness throughout the year.

Let us be proud that we may enjoy the greatness of America—the freedom which is our heritage. Let us be proud of the achievements of those who have made it possible for us to continue enjoying this freedom. Without their efforts and sacrifices it would be an unhappy Christmas, indeed.

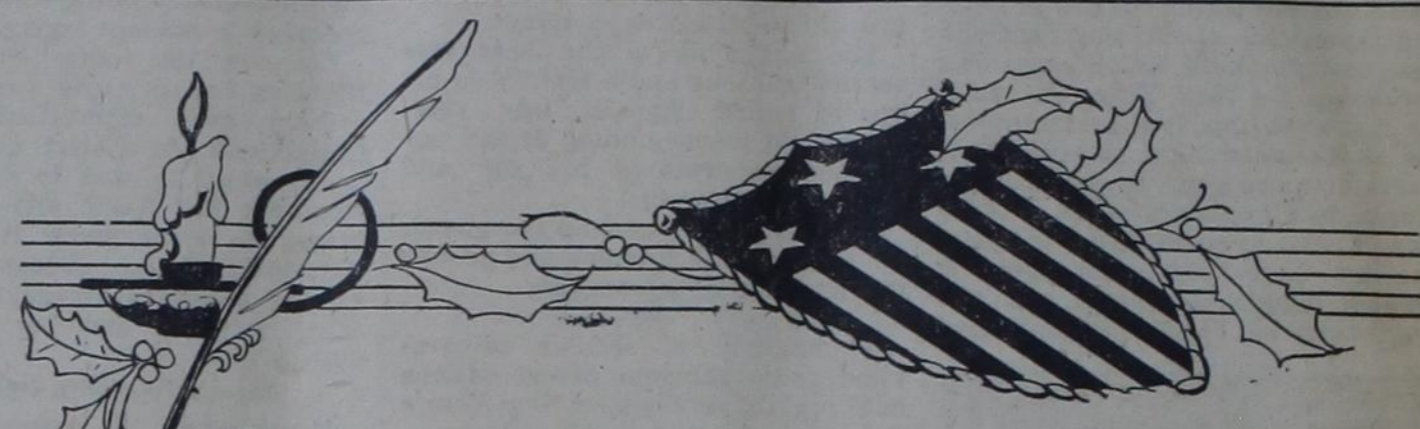
But because of them, America continues to celebrate Christmas. We are truly grateful.

GREETINGS

Sheets & Buck

BLACKSMITHING—WELDING
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Texico, N. M.



The Foundation of The American Way Of Life

In times such as these Christmas brings home to us the realization that "Peace on Earth, good will toward men" is more than an empty phrase. It is the foundation of the American way of life, the goal which each of us look forward to so that the greatest happiness may be achieved.

The Yuletide brings with it pleasant thoughts of tried, proven and cherished associations, bound together more firmly by the experiences of past months.

To you, our friends, may we extend the Season's Greetings and a sincere wish for genuine happiness at this Christmastime.

Kemp Lumber Co.

Joe Crume, Mgr.

Farwell, Texas

Here's OUR GREETINGS

Pause a few minutes, please, to accept our heartiest GREETINGS for the Christmas season. Our every wish is for your happiness and contentment at Christmastime and during the New Year.

Whatever your disappointments may have been the past year, whatever sacrifices may have been yours, may you find strength to face the future with a cheerful heart.



We, as Americans, look forward to each Christmas because it is a season that is definitely a part of the American life. From the friendliness of the Yuletide, may we obtain the determination to meet the problems of the future, secure in the knowledge of tried and proven friendships to help us in our every effort.

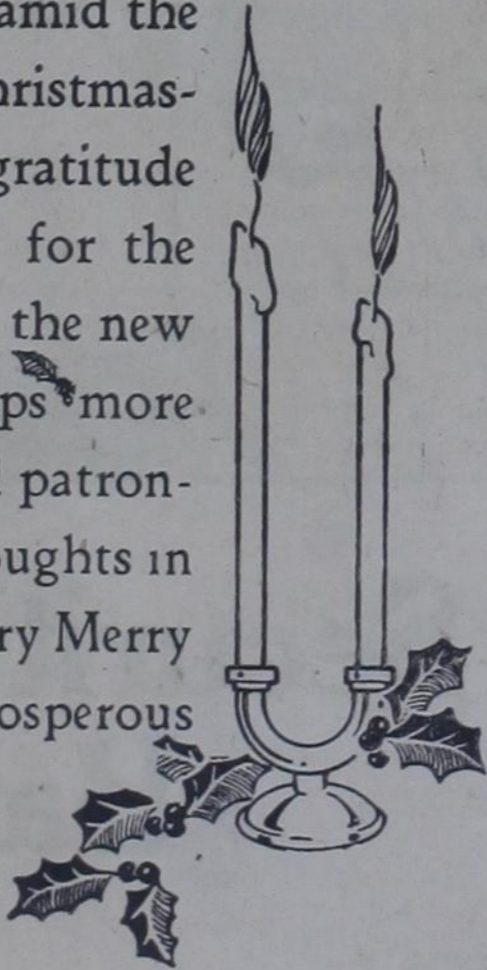


Farmers Supply Company

Ray Mears, Mgr.

Texico-Farwell

AS THE old year draws to a close, amid the good cheer and fellowship of Christmastide, we desire to express anew our gratitude for the manifold courtesies received, for the cordial relations we have enjoyed, for the new friends made and the old friendships more closely cemented, and for the splendid patronage that has been ours. With these thoughts in mind we wish for you one and all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and most prosperous New Year.



Farwell Elevator Co.

Ray Ford, Mgr.

Farwell, Tex.

Christmas Plant Was Named for U. S. Diplomat

Poinsettia Brought Here From Mexico Adopted As Christmas Plant.

Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for home Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Nearly a century and a quarter ago, Poinsett, then U. S. ambassador to Mexico, first brought cuttings of the "fire plant" to his South Carolina home. Carefully he tended the transplanted tropical beauty. Under his skillful hands the flower thrived and improved.

Soon the fame of this colorful new plant spread to other states and Robert Buist, a Philadelphia botanist, bought some cuttings from Poinsett. He named them euphorbia poinsettia.

Since that day enthusiasts not only in the United States but throughout the world have continued to improve the poinsettia, until today there are a score of varieties from giant six-foot stalks to diminutive dwarfs, double and single varieties, green poinsettias with red veins, white varieties and a gradation of reds from the traditional flaming scarlets to pale pinks.

Besides serving as ambassador to Mexico, Poinsett was a member of congress from South Carolina and served as secretary of war in President Van Buren's cabinet. He was a personal friend of Presidents Madison, Monroe, Jackson and Van Buren.

Make Your Own Yuletide Wreaths

It's Fun for All and Offers Chances for Clever Designs.

COLORFUL homemade decorations that lend gaiety to the Christmas tree and help out any lack of store trimmings can be made from such commonplace things as egg shells, peanuts, pine cones, squashes and colored paper.

Eggshell trinkets offer a variety of decorative possibilities. The shells can be salvaged from family baking days by running a darning needle through the shell at both ends and blowing out the contents. If necessary the holes can be enlarged so that a bright-colored string with a knot in the end can be run through the egg, so that it may be strung gaily on the tree.

Before stringing on the tree, shells may be colored all the hues of the rainbow, as at Easter time. Or designs in pencil on the shell may be made in the form of scrolls, leaves or figures. The designs may be filled in with colors, outlined with black crayons. Christmas seals pasted on white eggshells will be bright and shiny. Colored confetti dots can likewise be used on the eggs.

Peanut dolls to hang on the tree can be made by stringing suitable



sizes together and tying the cord tightly to keep them in shape. They can be painted gold or silver or any other color that will liven the tree and give the little folks a part in the decorative scheme.

A half-dozen star Santas swinging from the tree will add interest. Make some five-pointed stars from heavy paper. Paste a Santa head-onto the top point and design white mittens on the next two, draw a belt and it's done. Run a string through Santa's hat and tie to a branch.

Small green squashes painted with shellac or varnish so they will retain their freshness can be either tied to the tree or arranged around the base.

Pine cones tied with ribbons and perhaps a bell and painted white or silver for make-believe frost are perfect for suspending from the tree.

Bean Winner Rules On Twelfth Night

Epiphany, or the Feast of the Kings, is the great homecoming day in France; servant girls would rather lose their positions than miss the family reunion and expect to receive an extra month's pay to wit.

The elaborate dinner features a cake in which a China bean has been hidden; the cake is cut into as many pieces as there are persons in the party. Whoever finds the bean in his or her piece of cake automatically becomes King or Queen of Twelfth Night and proceeds to choose his or her partner. The King and Queen reign over the ensuing festivities — each member of the party being obliged to obey their ridiculous commands.

Clerical employees expect a bonus and tradespeople anticipate Christmas boxes on Epiphany and Christmas trees are set up in stores and public places around which patrons pile heaps of gifts to be distributed in hospitals and among the poor.

The national drink of Japan is sake, distilled from rice.

TIN CAN OCEAN TRANSPORTS

LONDON—Floating airfields supported by hundreds of bouyancy cans with hexagonal surfaces so linked as to let the airstrip roll with the ocean swells have been tested by British airmen. The flexibility of the surface of these airports is controlled by underwater dampers. An ocean airport constructed with bouyancy cans can be built to any size and shape.

OPA PLEASE NOTE

The story of the creation of the world is told in Genesis in 400 words. The world's greatest moral code—the Ten Commandments—contains only 297 words. Lincoln's immortal Gettysburg address is but 266 words in length. The Declaration of Independence required only 1,321 words to set up a new concept of freedom.

The Office of Price Administration

used 2,500 words to announce a reduction in the price of cabbage seed.

CONTINUE PRODUCTION

"If we can attain and hold full employment, farmers will not have to go back to pre-war levels. Instead, they should be able to go on producing livestock and poultry at about the present rate, and they could even expect an increase in the market for dairy products."—Secretary Clinton Anderson.

CONFIDENCE

IN OUR FELLOWMAN

THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND EXPERIENCES OF PAST MONTHS HAVE NOT BEEN WITHOUT A LARGE MEASURE OF GOOD. FROM THESE EXPERIENCES HAS COME A GREATER DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN THOSE ABOUT US.

WE ARE GRATEFUL AND TAKE THIS METHOD TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR GOOD FAITH AND OUR UTTER CONFIDENCE IN YOU OUR FRIENDS NEARING THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER YEAR WE PLEDGE OUR EFFORTS TO BE OF BETTER SERVICE AND USEFULNESS TO OUR FELLOWMAN.

A HOST OF GOOD WISHES TO YOU. ONE AND ALL!



Sincere Good Wishes

Bovina Wheat Growers, Inc.

LEE THOMPSON, Mgr.

Bovina, Texas

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS



Once again we welcome the Christmas season. This year however the occasion takes on added importance because of the trying times each of us have experienced since last Christmastime

Gratefully we acknowledge the courtesies you have extended us these past twelve months, and we know of no better time to express our appreciation than on this, the happiest occasion of them all

May Christmas hold for you and yours all the good things possible.

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Farwell, Texas.

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THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Help them get home for Christmas

Make only essential trips during the holidays



528,000 home-bound members of our victorious forces will reach West Coast ports this month

The biggest gift that thousands and thousands of the men and women in our fighting forces could get is a chance to spend the Christmas holidays with the folks at home.

But getting them home is far more than a matter of discharge papers or a holiday leave—there's the problem of getting them to wherever home is.

Tens of thousands are now in California ports waiting to get home.

The Army and Navy tell us that better than a half million service personnel will be returning in December. That means 17,000, on the average, must be taken care of each day.

Our trains are already overcrowded. We don't want to disappoint a single soldier, sailor, marine, coast guardsman, Wac, Wave or Spar we can possibly find space for.

So won't you help us to do our share in playing Santa Claus to them by postponing your trip until after the holidays—unless it has to be made.

You'll get—we'll bet—a little glow out of knowing that you're making it possible for somebody in the service to be home. So again we ask, in all friendliness, won't you postpone your trip until we can serve you in the traditional Santa Fe manner.

SANTA FE SYSTEM LINES

Serving the West and Southwest



Tuberculosis Seal Idea Originated In Copenhagen

Sale in America Resulted in Big Life Saving.

It was a busy afternoon just before Christmas in 1903 and piles upon piles of holiday letters and packages were pouring through the post office in Copenhagen. A postal clerk, Einar Holboell, expertly handled the letters and packages, and as he did so, he pondered an idea which was to have great effect upon the destiny of millions of people in the world.

This idea of Holboell's was to mark the beginning of one of the strangest wars ever fought—a war in which human lives were to be saved, not sacrificed; in which homes have been saved, not bombed; one in which there can be no armistice, no peace treaty. For the world-wide war against tuberculosis is a total war and final victory will come only with the complete eradication of the ancient enemy which for centuries has been the cause of more deaths than any conflict or pestilence in history.

By 1907 the Danish Christmas Seals were appearing on letters to people in America. Jacob Riis, whom Theodore Roosevelt once called "America's most useful citizen," published an article "The Christmas Stamp,"

which set people in this country to thinking about what they could do

with the idea. They thought the story good, but they pondered that the problem was too great for a penny stamp.

Late in the autumn of 1907, Emily Bissell, a young public health worker in Wilmington, Del., became concerned about the fate of a little sanatorium on the Brandywine river. She asked for assistance, but those that could give always replied in the negative with the postscript that she should not waste the money.

In her blackest moment, Emily Bissell recalled the article written



by Jacob Riis, and sat down to design the first Christmas seal for America. With new design in hand, Miss Bissell set out to get help in putting her plan across. She encountered trouble from those that could afford to help. Finally she took her design to a small printer who agreed to wait for his pay. She talked with the postal clerks and they said that they would assist if the people would be advised that the penny stamp would not carry anything—that it was purely ornamental.

The printer turned out 50,000 of

the stamps—the people of Delaware had begun to hear about tuberculosis—and a Christmas Seal table was set up in the Wilmington post office, and the first Christmas Seal sale in America was under way.

HERE'S HOW TO SELECT A TREE

"How can we select a Christmas tree that holds its needles?" is a question fathers and mothers ask year after year.

The answer depends on the type of tree you buy and the care you give it once you set it up.

All trees tend to drop their leaves after they are cut and stored in a dry room. But some kinds naturally hold their needles longer than others. Trees used most commonly on Christmas are the spruces, fir, hemlock, pine and red cedars.

Spruce are the first to shed their needles. A spruce can be identified by grasping a branch tightly. Its sharp needles will

prick your hand. The ideal Christmas tree is the fir. It resembles the spruce except that its needles are not sharp. The needles stay on the tree for a long time, and become a golden brown before they finally drop off. Needles of the Douglas fir are flat and soft to the touch. This popular tree can be easily identified by examining the cones which have small appendages on each side.

Pines have never been very popular as Christmas trees, in spite of

the fact that they do not shed their needles easily. This is most likely due to their unsymmetrical appearance which does not closely resemble the traditional Christmas tree.

No matter what kind of Christmas tree you select, it will hold its needles longer if it is standing in water. Place a little water in the base of your tree stand and you will be bothered less with falling needles than you were last year.

GIRL SCOUT AIR STUDENTS
NEW YORK — Five thousand young American women between the ages of 15 and 18 are now enrolled in Wing Scouting, an organization sponsored by the Girl Scouts of America which is in its third year.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS



WESTERN NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSN.

D. P. Bates, Mgr.

Muleshoe, Texas

ONCE again, as the Christmas season is ushered in, we wish to take advantage of the opportunity to express our sincere good wishes to those whom we have been associated in a personal and in a business way during the past twelve months. Serving you has been a happy privilege, from which we have received a tremendous amount of satisfaction and it is our sincere wish that we may continue to be of service to you in the future.

Without your friendships and your goodwill we would have been dissatisfied but because of your understanding of our problems and because we tried desperately to understand yours, we have enjoyed a continuation of your patronage. It is our expressed desire to improve our facilities of service and we assure you that as conditions return to normalcy you can depend on our institution making every effort to fulfill your requirements.

THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Merry Christmas

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

AUBREY BROCK, Mgr.

Bovina, Texas



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TO OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS WHOM WE HAVE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING THE PAST YEAR.

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CHRISTMAS

TRADITIONAL AS THE HOLLY WREATH

Each year, as Christmas rolls around, we find ourselves looking forward with keen anticipation toward the opportunity of sending Season's Greetings to our friends.

This custom has become as traditional with us as the holly wreath is with Christmas. To each of you we say, with a warm feeling of appreciation, "MERRY CHRISTMAS."

This Sincere Greeting From Your

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—OF PARMER COUNTY—

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SAM ALDRIDGE

County Attorney

Local Happenings

Teachers Plan Annual Yuletide Vacations

As pleased as the students themselves over the coming Christmas holidays, teachers in the Texico and Farwell schools are making plans this week to enjoy a breather from school and, for some, a change of scenery.

Supt. and Mrs. H. A. Clift and family will go to Bonham, Texas, this weekend, for the season, while Virgil Kelly reports that he will be in Portales, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morton will go to Sylvester, Texas, for their holidays.

Mrs. Leroy Hunton is probably the happiest of the Farwell teachers, announcing that her husband is home from the Army on furlough, and that they will spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and family plan to visit in Clinton and Hollis, Okla., while Miss Anne Nabors is going home to Abernathy, and Miss Berthamae Thomas will be with her parents at Clarendon.

Mrs. Earl Booth reports that she and her family will visit in Lubbock on Christmas Day, otherwise, they will be at home in Farwell. Mrs. Harry Whitley and Mrs. Lenton Pool plan to spend the holidays here.

Supt. and Mrs. B. A. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sanders plan to be here. Tom Hudson and his family will spend part of their time in Clovis and Forrest, while Mrs. Jimmie Allman will be at home in Clovis.

Mrs. W. T. Russell admits that she has always wanted to see New Mexico at Christmastime, and so will remain here. Mrs. Elman Stark will visit in Bovina with relatives.

Mrs. James White will go with her husband to Wadsworth, Ohio, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. White at Christmas, and the couple plans to spend New Year's in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rodewald, at Logan, N. M.

Mrs. J. E. Neill will be at home in Texico and also plans to visit at Wynoka, Okla., while Miss Mabel Davis will spend the season in the parental home at Mountainair.

Tipton-Brand Vows Spoken in Clovis

Miss Frankie Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tipton of Farwell, became the bride of William R. Brand, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Brand, formerly of Farwell and now of Lockeford, California, on December 9th.

The nuptials were read in the Christian Church, in Clovis, with Minister Lorts officiating.

For "something new and blue" the bride wore a blue wool suit, with black accessories, and for "something old" had on a pin belonging to a sister-in-law of the groom, which was over 100 years old.

Mrs. Max Huber, sister of the groom, was the only attendant at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Brand are at present making their home in Farwell. Brand recently returned from overseas, and has received his discharge from the Army.

Junior Play Chosen

Miss Anne Nabors, sponsor of the Farwell Junior Class, announced this week that the class play had been chosen, and will be presented after the first of the year. The play is entitled "Almost Summer", she added, and casting will be made following the Yuletide holidays.

Class Has Seasonal Social on Tuesday

Mrs. A. D. Smith and Mrs. O. B. Pipkin served as hostesses, Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Smith entertaining members of the Wesley Bible Class, and their guests, with a Christmas social.

Bouquets of Christmas greenery, interspersed with pine cones, served as decorations in the entertaining rooms, with the Nativity scene portrayed on the mantle. The serving table also carried out the Yule motif, with open face sandwiches in Santa Claus, Christmas tree and star shapes, in colors to match.

Mrs. Anne Overstreet led the devotional, giving the ever-lovely story of Christmas, and the group joined in singing carols, after which Mrs. Smith read Maragret Sander's "The Ragged Coat". Mrs. O. B. Pipkin acted as Santa in distributing gifts from the gaily decorated tree.

A surprise pink-and-blue shower was tendered Mrs. Charles Walker by the ladies, with Mrs. Pipkin making the presentation of a bassinette piled with packages.

Guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Effie Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Graham and Mrs. Charles Walker. Members present were Mesdames E. G. Blair, Ralph Humble, Albert Thomas, B. N. Graham, M. C. Buck, E. M. Roop, Jess Newton, G. W. Atchley, Ruby Dixon, Anne Overstreet, Lena Yoder, Roy B. Ezell, S. C. Hunter, and the hostesses, Mrs. O. B. Pipkin and Mrs. A. D. Smith.

Missionary To Japan To Speak in Bovina, 23rd

Rev. H. B. Ramsour, Southern Baptist's missionary to Japan, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning, December 23rd, at the First Baptist Church in Bovina, it was announced today by the pastor, Rev. Fred Stumpff.

Rev. and Mrs. Ramsour were appointed as missionaries to Japan in 1940 and were evacuated from Japan shortly before war was declared. They have been serving in South America since early 1942. Rev. Ramsour will have many things of interest to say about Japan and its great need of the gospel.

The annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering will be received at the close of the morning service. The many friends of Bovina Baptist Church are cordially invited to attend this special service.

New Parsonage Open To Local Visitors

Minister and Mrs. L. C. Cox entertained the past Sunday afternoon, when they held open house at the new Church of Christ parsonage in Farwell.

Christmas decorations prevailed throughout the house, with sprays of evergreen and tall tapers being used. The lovely lace covered serving table was centered with a bouquet of greenery and pine cones and lighted with candles. Mrs. T. E. Levy and Mrs. J. D. Thomas presided at the table.

Mrs. Willis Magness and Mrs. Sam Randol assisted Mrs. Cox as hostesses, showing guests through the newly-completed parsonage.

More than 50 visitors called during the afternoon.

Mrs. C. A. Cassady and children spent the weekend visiting in Plainview.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM



COLLIER ENROUTE HOME

A release from Pearl Harbor reveals that Joe H. Collier, AOM3-c, of Farwell, was due to dock in San Francisco on December 4, on the U. S. S. Saratoga.

REPORTED DISCHARGED

Luther E. Johnston, formerly of Bovina, was discharged from the Naval personnel center at Jacksonville, Florida, on December 8, the Navy reports to The Tribune.

A dispatch from the Borden General Hospital at Chickasha, Oklahoma, reveals that Pfc. Jerry Brand, of Farwell, received his discharge at that place on December 14th.

TIPTON IN MANILA

Cpl. Marion Ewell Tipton is now stationed in Manila, and hopes to be on his way home in a few weeks, he has notified relatives here. Tipton sends Christmas greetings to his friends in this community.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Pfc. Homer Kyle arrived home the past Friday on a 60-day furlough. He has been with occupation troops in Italy for the past nine months.

ARRIVES FOR HOLIDAYS

Leon Cantrell arrived last weekend from his naval station at Key West, Florida, to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife and baby son, in Texico. Mrs. Cantrell is the former Eileen Randol, and has been making her home here for some time.

ANDERSON COMES IN

Pvt. Bobby Anderson is here from his station at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, being one of the fortunate who drew Yuletide furloughs. He is visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Anderson.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

Cpl. and Mrs. Andy Marcus arrived unexpectedly the first of the week from Maryland, where he is stationed, to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Russell, in Clovis, and with friends in Texico-Farwell. Andy is on a 20-day furlough.

VOLLEY HODGES ON LEAVE

Volley Hodges, Navy lad, is here spending a few days leave with his sister, Miss Lorene Hodges at the Sikes Motor Co., and other relatives and friends in the county.

IN FOR HOLIDAYS

Pvt. Auddie J. Barker arrived here Monday morning from Kearns, Utah, to spend a 15-day furlough with his wife and sons, who are residing in Texico.

Christmas Party Tonight at Gym

Members of the homemaking department of the Farwell school will entertain with a Christmas party tonight (Wednesday) in the gymnasium of the school.

Miss Anne Nabors, sponsor, said the girls were inviting boys as guests for the evening, and seasonal entertainment will be arranged.

Enroute To California

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leroy visited Monday in the home of her sister, Mrs. John Martin and family, in Farwell. The Leroy's were recently married at Belton, Texas, after his discharge from service, and are en route to California to make their home.

Is Visitor Here

Mrs. Emelie Beall spent the weekend in Farwell with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Minter, and in the home of Mrs. Anne Overstreet. Mrs. Beall, who has been teaching in El Paso for several years, is enroute to New Jersey, where she will take a position in school immediately after the holidays.

Tribune want ads get results.

DR. J. R. DENHOF
OPTOMETRIST
127 W. ST. CLOVIS, N.M.

New Officers Elected For Methodist WSCS

New officers for the coming year were named by the Woman's Society for Christian Service, last Wednesday afternoon, when the ladies held their meeting at the Methodist Church.

Preceding the business session, Rev. Charles Walker was a guest speaker, directing the devotional for the afternoon. His topic was taken from the study book of the organization, "Divine Fatherhood".

The new officers include Mrs. B. N. Graham, president; Mrs. O. B. Pipkin, vice president; Mrs. Anne Overstreet, corresponding secretary; Mrs. M. C. Buck, recording secretary; Mrs. W. H. Graham, treasurer; Mrs. A. D. Smith, superintendent of mission study; Mrs. Ralph Humble, superintendent of supplies; Mrs. G. W. Atchley, superintendent of literature; and Mrs. Albert Thomas, superintendent of social service.

Weekend Guests Here

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Long, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Crossland and daughter, Mrs. Wayne Ross and Miss Ruth Fay Patterson, all of Plainview, were weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, in Farwell.

License Issued

A marriage license was issued last Saturday night, December 15th, by county Clerk D. K. Roberts to R. W. Healer and Miss Callie Mae Nazsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Magness and family were weekend visitors in Lubbock.

Miss Ina V. Haynes, who has been in California for several months, arrived last week to spend Christmas with her parents in Clovis, and relatives and friends here.

A. J. Routh, recently discharged from service, arrived here last week to remain over Christmas with his parents. He has been living in Los Angeles since his discharge, and plans to return to that state.

Miss Norma Jean Thomas, who is attending Abilene Christian College, is here for the seasonal vacation with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Thomas.

Mrs. Bess Henneman and son, A. C., will leave this weekend for Amarillo, where they will spend the Christmas season with relatives.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

RED CROSS PHARMACY
Texico, New Mexico

Home for Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haynes who had been occupying a house in south Farwell belonging to W. B. Hill, have moved to Clovis. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry purchased the residence, and have taken possession.

Mrs. M. C. Roberts has gone to Dallas to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Cason, of Ontario, California, announce the arrival of an 8½ pound son, on December 13th. Mrs. Cason is the former Mary Lou Crume, of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Martin and family will leave the first of next week for Crosbyton, Texas, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

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Three million servicemen, who were absent last Christmas, will be home with their loved ones this year.

Mrs. Fred Henry has returned home from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jones, who now live in Denver, Colo. They resided at Bovina for a number of years.

Hang on to your War Bonds!

Everything for the Christmas Feast

Do your buying now for your Christmas feast at STATE LINE . . . its the wise and economical thing to do.

TEXAS ORANGES Per lb.	8½c	DELICIOUS APPLES Per lb.	15c
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MINCEMEAT 15 oz. jar	30c	ROASTED PEANUTS Per lb.	28c

SCHILLING'S Vanilla 4 oz. bottle 63c	Coffee CHASE & SANBORN 1 lb. jar 34c	Potatoes IDAHO 10 lbs. 33c
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FLEISHMAN YEAST 3 for	8c	BEEF ROAST Per lb.	25c
LUNCH LOAVES Assorted, per lb.	32c	HAMBURGER Per lb.	24c
WEINERS Per lb.	29c	BOLOGNA Per lb.	28c

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Always fresh—at your grocer's



Office or Lodge Decorated With Little Effort

Have you been chosen to arrange your office or lodge Christmas party this year?

Don't look at it as a chore, or something that can be done in the last few days before the actual holiday. Make preparations for it ahead of time—and you will see how much more enjoyment everyone will get out of it.

Christmas is the season for parties when people spend much of their time indoors either entertaining or being entertained. It is during this season that everyone is looking for new ideas for decorating homes, offices, recreation centers or gathering places.

Christmas greens are the favorite decoration and most univer-



sally used in all countries. In America, the pines, holly and mistletoe are displayed in wreaths or hung about the room to give a holiday atmosphere.

Other natural materials may be added, such as pine cones, shells, seed pods, ground pine or fruits.

If color is to be added, paint the gourds or pine cones with poster paints and fasten them on the pine boughs with wire or string. Pine cones painted in white and edged with red or blue are especially striking when hung against a dark green background.

Three dimensional posters make effective decorations, and are easily made from cloth, stiff paper or other material. This type of decoration is particularly effective made up in the traditional Christmas scenes such as the bringing in the Yule log, Nativity scenes, or caroling.

Christmas cards are a good source to go to for suggestions if you need a design for a poster or bulletin board as a central piece.

The distance between the two most remote points in Texas is considerably greater than that from Chicago to either the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico.

POSSUM FLATS . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS!

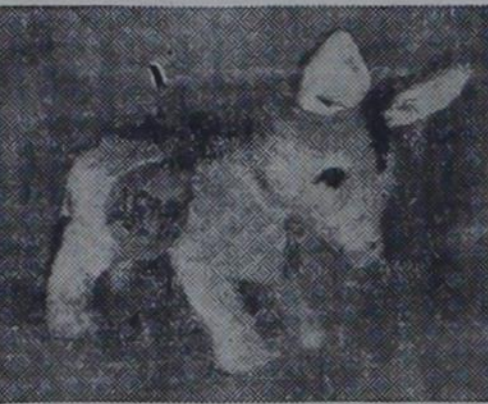
By GRAHAM HUNTER



Origin of Stockings And Shoes for Gifts

Why have stockings come to be the traditional receptacles for family Christmas gifts?

Although historians can give no completely authentic answer, they point out that children's stockings are usually hung by the chimney to keep warm or dry out, so it was natural that Santa



Claus should pick them as the place in which to deposit gifts.

In certain regions of France it is the shoe that is put out on Christmas Eve. Some authorities say that shoes and stockings were put near the fireplace for the same reason that an old boot was associated with a wedding—in order to bring good luck and drive away evil spirits.

One Christmas story stresses the good luck feature. St. Nicholas, it is related, once dropped a purse down a chimney. Instead of falling on the hearth, the purse dropped into a stocking, and ever since then the happy custom of filling the Christmas stocking has been universally popular.

Reason for Eight Reindeers
Have you ever stopped to think why St. Nicholas drives eight reindeer instead of one? You haven't? Well, let's pause for a moment and figure it out.

St. Nicholas is a mythical character, he rides in a mythical sleigh, carries a mythical bag, and drives mythical reindeer. The creators of St. Nicholas knew that one reindeer would do the job, but in order to make the character more impressive and longer remembered, they hitched a matched unit of eight to the sleigh.



At this season, I wish to pause long enough to express my thanks for your patronage and good will through the year now drawing to a close.

COL. DICK DOSHER, Auctioneer

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OF THE SEASON

And all good wishes for a Merry American Christmas

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Clovis, N. M.

IT'S TIME FOR OUR
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CLOVIS, N. M.

We have a host of friends in this area whom we would like to see personally in order to extend a personal Christmas Greeting.

We may not get around to everybody so we ask that you consider this as being a genuine expression of good wishes to each of you and a hearty thank you for past courtesies



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Clovis, N. M.

RULES ON CONFINEMENT
Cattle and other livestock, when shipped across state line, may not be confined in cars for more than 28 consecutive hours without being unloaded for rest, feed and water. The period may be extended to 36 hours if the owner wishes. The 28-hour law was passed by Congress in 1906.

"And" is the most frequently used word in the Bible, appearing 46,227 times.

FARMER'S SHARE CLIMBS
The farmer's share of the food dollar has exceeded the charges made for marketing his products only during World Wars I and II. He received about 40 cents of the consumer's food dollar for the pre-war years, 1935-1939, as compared with 52 cents for 1943.

Upland, Ark., with its population of four, is believed to be the smallest incorporated city in the United States.

... YULETIDE

MAY IT BE YOURS EVERY DAY
OF THE COMING YEAR

SUTTER'S

"Distinctive Jewelry and Gifts"

CLOVIS, N. M.

THE PEACE AND
CONTENTMENT OF
Christmas



Would that the spirit of Christmas remain with each of us throughout the days of the coming year. What joy and happiness would be in store for all. It would lead to a better world, a more complete understanding of the problems of our loved ones and friends, a happier life.

May each of us, in our own way, resolve to carry the spirit of the Nativity in our hearts, maintaining the cheer of Christmas all through the year.

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Clovis, New Mexico

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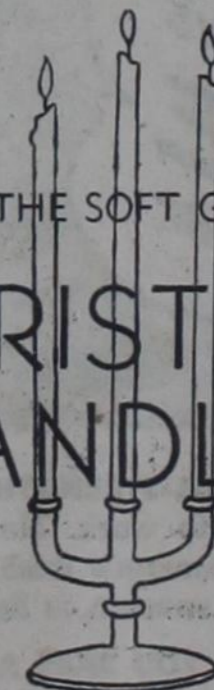
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Bring you a comforting peacefulness that will remain with you always.

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CLOVIS, N. M.



With sincere Christmas Greetings, accept too our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment. In connection with these greetings, may we say, "Thanks to all the good friends of this organization for enabling us to continue to be of service to you."

BILLINGTON'S BARBER SHOP
ESTELLEN'S BEAUTY SHOP
Farwell, Texas

Bovina Happenings

Georgie Price is visiting this week in Arkansas.

Mrs. A. G. White spent the week end at Woodward, Okla., with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. I. L. Rhodes, and her little grandsons, Maurice and Danny Jo.

Opal Bowen spent the weekend at El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jefferson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Terry at Friona.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dial, of Albuquerque, formerly of Bovina, have a new daughter, born Dec. 7th.

Weldon Wines is home. He has recently received his discharge from the Army.

J. W. Ashcraft visited friends in Bovina over the weekend.

Elza Godsey is home with a discharge from the Army.

Mrs. Rogers, from Amarillo, visited her daughter, Miss Martha, who is teaching here, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis White and Bob visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kelly on Earth, Friday.

Nettie Lee Wilson and Mrs. Dolly Williams went to Lubbock, Sunday. They brought Mrs. Beal home from the hospital.

Mrs. Katherine Byler was in Amarillo, Monday, to meet her husband, who has recently received his discharge from the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Turner and Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rury went to Wellington, Tex., Tuesday. The Rurys will stay and spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Van Wheeler.

Vernon Estes, of the Navy, is visiting his wife and other relatives.

Lady Armstrong is ill at this writing.

Eris Norton, of Del Rio, is visiting friends in Bovina.

Mrs. Clifford Leake and Mrs. Hubert Ellison were in Clovis, Wednesday.

MR. SHEETS SPONSORS THEATER PARTY

Mr. Sheets and seven of the basketball girls went to Clovis, Monday afternoon, saw a good movie and had lots of fun. Those in the party were Sara Venable, Rosa Lee Denny, Mary Alice Englant, Martha Williams, Betty Moorman, Nancy Wilson, Delores Sheets, LaJuanna Jo Sheets, Delores Wilson and Mr. Sheets. Three of the basketball girls were unable to attend.

MUSIC RECITALS GIVEN LAST WEEKEND

In the home of their teacher, Mrs. Margaret B. Caldwell, the intermediate and lower junior piano students had their Christmas recital, last Friday, December 14th.

On Saturday, the younger group had a party-recital at the home of Mrs. Caldwell, inviting their mothers as guests.

Participating were, Carolyn Wilson, Billy Ward, LaJuanna Sheets, Clara Derrick, Margie Leake, Doris Jean Young, Kathryn and Sandra Jefferson, Anita Sharp, Billy Richards and Sue Hoffer.

Guests were Mesdames Ray Tharp, Frank Wilson, Chas. Jefferson, Ollie Hofefer, Earl Derrick, Vernon Waro, Clifford Leake, Cash Richards and the Misses Cochran. Refreshments were served after the program.

Sunday afternoon featured the junior and senior high school students in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Denney.

Macy Watson, Martha Williams and Rosa Lee Denney played selections required for credit, as well as numbers for entertainment. Selections were also played by Patsy Ellison, Letha Bridges and Bobby Edwards.

Invited guests were Mesdames Williams, Wilson, Ellison, Charles, Edwards, Miss Doris Watson, Mrs. Caldwell, Lura Dell Cherry, Nancy Lou Wilson, Delores Wilson, Carolyn Wilson and Mrs. W. O. Cherry, the state examiner for credit work.

After the singing of carols by the group, refreshments were served by the hostess.

GIRLS BALL GAME

A very exciting game took place between Bovina and Oklahoma Lane girls in the Bovina gym, Tuesday night. In the first half both teams exchanged the lead but in the last round-up, Bovina came out ahead, 54-38.

Players for Bovina were Moorman, Trimble, Bridges, Venable, Johnston, Moody and Williams.

For Oklahoma Lane, Sudderth, Doshier, Hinchey, Gulley, Berry, and Edwards.

PROGRAM OF CONFERENCE LEADERS HELD TUESDAY

A closing program of the conference leaders of the Methodist church was held in the church Tuesday night. Classes were held and special lectures and songs given, after which a social hour was spent. A soup supper was served to 35 or 40 members.

BRIDAL SHOWER GIVEN IN AUBREY BROCK HOME

Mrs. Charles Ross, Mrs. Sam Sides, Mrs. I. W. Quickel and Mrs. Brock were co-hostesses at a lovely bridal shower, given in the Brock home for Mrs. Hurston Battey, Thursday afternoon, from 2 to 5 o'clock.

The house was decorated with pink carnations and bright little Christmas trees and poinsettias, carrying out the seasonal motif. Musical numbers were given on the piano by Mrs. John L. Wilson, a vocal solo was given by Mrs. Elman Stark, entitled "Some Sunday Morning".

The gifts were presented in an unusual way, by Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Quickel, who came marching in by waltz time, carrying a large pink umbrella, and pushing a handcart filled with the beautiful array of gifts. Mrs. Quickel welcomed the honoree to Bovina, and presented the packages.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Amy Hromas, Ruby Wilson, Doris Wilson, A. G. White, C. L. Jones, E. H. Cummings, Lewis M. Gore, J. W. Ford, C. O. Smith, Battey, F. D. Smith, L. H. Pesch, Trostle, Stark, Jack Kamenski, Vernon Estes, the honoree and the hostesses.

Regrets were sent by Mesdames Kimbrow, Caldwell, Englant and Mary Alice Englant, Wilbur Charles, Kessler, Bob Williford, Buchanan, Brookfield, Dorothy Sue Cummings, J. C. Denny, Tom Okrion, C. R. Elliott, Frank P. Wilson and Wanda, Gene Ezell, Geo. Trimble, Ware, Jefferson, W. E. Williams, Frank Hastings, Gladys Tidenberg and Mr. Quickel.

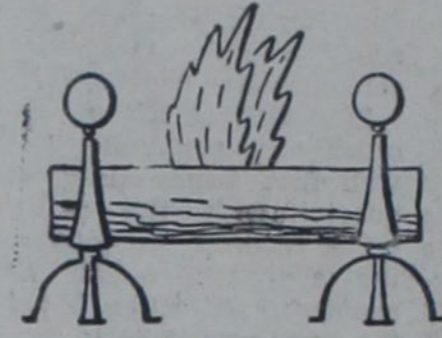
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• Know what character is? Cleaning the corners nobody sees! And say, cleaning's extra tough now, with soap so short. You can help by turning in USED FATS to help make it. Keep saving, wontcha?

May the Yule Logs Burn Brightly



The glowing cheerfulness of the Yule log is symbolic of Christmas. The warmth of good friendships is reflected throughout the nation and the season of god will be in evidence everywhere.

Would that this atmosphere of happiness prevail every day of the coming year so that each of us might enjoy the associations of our fellowman more fully.

Let us strive for such a goal

OLLIE'S GARAGE & SALVAGE

Ollie Williams

Farwell, Texas



ONE OF THE FREE THINGS FOR WHICH MEN FIGHT

May we be humble in our thoughts at Christmastime, fully aware of the sacrifices which have made it possible for us to enjoy another free American Christmas.



May our Christmas greeting be extended not only to our friends at home but those in distant lands who have fought so valiantly for the things in which Americans believe.

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Clovis, N. M.



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CHRISTMAS and FRIENDS

The Yuletide season without friends, would be empty indeed and we are grateful for our friends. We are thankful because these friendships make our Christmas complete each year.

You have been liberal with your patronage, and you have been considerate with your favors, and from these associations comes our sincere desire to strive for better service in the future.

To wish you a Merry Christmas is a mild way we have of expressing our appreciation for our friends but we want you to realize our genuine feeling for each of you. And, while we're at it, may we assure you again that it is our expressed desire to serve you in the most efficient manner we know of in the coming year.

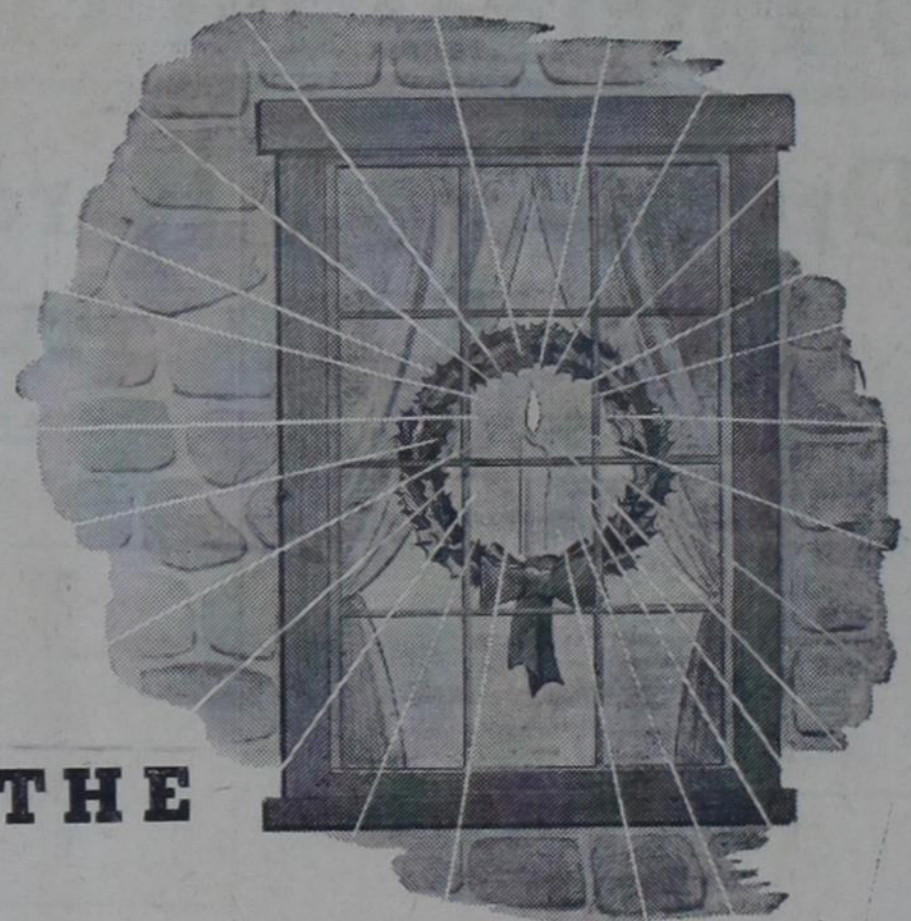
Each one of our personnel joins in this Greeting. May the Season be one of full happiness.

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MAY THE
LIGHT OF PEACE
SHINE ON FOREVER!

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PUBLIC SERVICE
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Rogers, Portales, Center, Bovina Defeat Texico

The Texico school basketball teams came out on the little end of the score in every engagement except one played over the past weekend. The seniors boys were dropped by both Rogers and Portales, the senior girls lost to Bovina, the grade girls went down before Center, the junior boys took a loss from Rogers, but the grade boys racked up a win over Center.

McCormick led in the downfall of the senior boys when he paced the Rogers team, Friday night, to a 38-27 score. Coach C. E. Sanders reported ruefully that his boys had the ball a large portion of the time, but were unable to score, while Rogers bagged one every time they got an opportunity to shoot. Johnson was high for Texico with 16, McCormick had 17 for Rogers.

The "B" team boys were also on the small end of a 19-11 score, when they faced the Rogers quint that night. Gordon took eight points for Rogers and Blain topped Texico with three.

The local girls visited in Bovina Friday night, coming home with a 31-23 defeat from the fast-moving Bovina sextette. The Texicoites were unable to stop Moorman, who hit the bucket for 17 of Bovina's points. Flye was high for Texico, with 13. Loss of E. Brown through fouls in the final minutes of the game put Texico far behind, after they had run the winners a close race to that stage of the game.

Also on Friday night, the grade teams squared off against Center, and the local boys won their match, 8-7, while the girls were decisively bounced, 50-1. The girls took a free throw in the first quarter, but never managed another score. Texico's boys had a 7-2 lead at the half, but barely managed to squirm through with a win when Center bounced back in the second round.

The heartbreaker of the weekend was the 40-25 loss, administered by Portales to the senior boys. With only a few minutes left to play, the score was tied at 22-all, and then Texico lost three main stringers—Johnson, Vought and Baldock—via the foul route. Portales grabbed the chance and banged away to run up 17 points in quick succession and take the game.

James Gibb of England invented the game called table tennis, now known as ping pong.

Cage Games Called Off Due To "Flu"

Scheduled cage games between the Farwell and Friona teams were called off the past Friday night by Friona, due to an influenza epidemic in that school, where classes were closed that day.

In order to provide entertainment for fans and practice for the locals, Coach Jack Williams arranged a game for the boys with the Clovis B squad, while a group of outsiders contacted the Farwell girls' team.

The visiting Clovis boys were quickly snowed under by the Farwell first team during the initial quarter, with the regulars being pulled shortly thereafter in order that the subs might have their chance to see action. Final score of the game was 48-36, in favor of Farwell.

Clovis had a distinct advantage in the opening minutes of the third quarter, when Captain Max Ford decided he wanted to play for Clovis and neatly bagged a two-pointer for the visitors instead of shooting at his own goal. Rattling his team members and giving Clovis a morale boost, the locals dropped about 10 points before they recovered their balance and went on to win.

The Farwell girls took their first win of the current season against the outsider squad, with Coach H. A. Clift reporting the score at 18-20.

Loss To Bovina Teams
The local teams dropped two conference games, Tuesday night at Bovina, being outplayed all over the place in both contests.

Score for the girls' game was 45-17, with Farwell's guards unable to handle Moorman, who ran up 13 points. Meeks paced Farwell with 6.

Warlick Thomas led the scoring for Farwell, with 8, while Hawkins of Bovina was high man of the evening, taking 13. Final score of the conference match stood at 30-17.

ILLNESS HITS AGAIN

Tom Hudson, who has been attempting to present Texico junior class students in production of their play for several weeks, said Tuesday that production (scheduled for tonight, Wednesday) has been postponed again, due to illness in the cast. "We just don't know when the play will be given now," he said on Tuesday, adding, "Not until the second semester of school, if at all."

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Poison Gas Kills 1,951 Americans In 1944

COLLEGE STATION—Although use of poison gas was outlawed by the Geneva Convention and was not generally believed to have been used during the war, poison gas killed 1,951 Americans during the last year.

The catch in this statement is that these were not war casualties, but victims of accidents from gas on the home front.

Still, points out Mrs. Eloise T. Johnson, specialist in family life education with the Extension Service, the 1,951 Americans are just as dead as if they had died in battle. She quoted figures from the National Safety Council which showed that 97 per cent of the victims were stricken in their own homes. Carbon monoxide was the poisonous gas in eight out of every nine cases.

Safety principles recommended for avoiding monoxide poisoning in the home include use of a flue pipe to carry away gases from gas ovens and water heaters.

Other "musts" listed by Mrs. Johnson are regulation of draft on heaters with a check draft rather than with a damper. If a damper in a stove or furnace pipe is used, it should never be closed tightly enough to force gases into the room.

Gas burners should burn with a transparent blue flame. If the flame has a white or yellow tint, adjustment is necessary.

Never operate a gasoline engine in a closed space unless the exhaust is piped out of doors. Open shed doors before starting the car, truck or tractor.

More Acres, Less Farms Are Listed For Texas

COLLEGE STATION—Texas has gained 5,536,238 acres of farmland since 1940, but lost 19,819 farms in the same period. This startling transformation in the Texas farm picture during the war years is indicated in preliminary figures gathered in the 1945 census of agriculture by the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, Washington.

A brief analysis of these figures shows that the number of farms in the 254 Texas counties decreased from 418,002 in 1940 to 398,183 in 1945, equivalent to a loss of 4.7 per cent. At the same time farm acreage increased from 137,683,392 to

Evolution Given Of Santa Claus

St. Nicholas and Santa Claus met at the Sunday School Christmas party and, being sort of busy right then, agreed to rendezvous at midnight under the Christmas tree.

St. Nicholas, a lean Asiatic wearing his miter and canonical robes, spoke first:

"I lived in Asia Minor some 1600 years ago. I was Archbishop of Myra and, while living on earth, I did drop a few purses of gold down a poor man's chimney so his daughters could be supplied with dowries. European countries celebrate my liturgical Feast Day—December 6—as a day of gift-giving and for centuries I rode across Europe on my old gray mare; my pockets bulged with apples and nuts and trinkets, which I gave to good children while switching the naughty



Santa at army outpost.

ones with my bundle of birch rods. But what is all this Christmas business—and where did that red suit come from?"

"When the Dutch settlers came to America," replied Santa Claus, "They brought many legends about St. Nicholas with them. These leg-

ends, with writers and cartoonists cooperating, gradually slipped into American traditions; Santa Claus started coming around at Christmas time; Washington Irving suggested the sleigh and reindeer in 1809; Thomas Nast supplied the red suit, and Dr. Clement Moore sort of tied the whole idea together when he wrote 'The Visit of St. Nicholas' in 1822."

Someone forgot to turn out the lights after the Sunday School party—and St. Nicholas was so interested in Santa's zippered boots that he forgot his bundle of birch rods.

Further breakdown shows that the greatest gain in farmland in any county was more than 700,000 in Hudspeth. The largest loss, or more than 382,000 acres, was in Webb county, which also lost 165 farms. The greatest gain in number of farms, 1,979, was in Hidalgo county, and Harris county led in the number of farms lost with 1,866.

Christmas Joy!

And all good wishes to each of you for this Christmas and many Christmases to come.

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Many Relics of St. Nicholas Still Are Enshrined in Southern Italy

To the residents of the town of Bari, Italy, the possession of a saint's body meant much in the early 11th century. That is why all that is mortal of Santa Claus—otherwise St. Nicholas, the bishop of Myra in Asia Minor—now rests in Bari.

The body was stolen from its original tomb in Myra by Italian sailors, who thought as most Europeans thought back in 1087, that a saint's body brought prosperity and good luck to a town. Even an arm or a toe was rated highly among civic possessions.

However, once buried again in Bari, the saint's body was credited with curing 30 people of distemper and performing other miracles. So Bari became a place of pilgrimage and the legends about St. Nicholas multiplied apace.

We owe our notion of Santa Claus as a secret dispenser of gifts to a

story that St. Nicholas once saved three girls from a life of vice by throwing purses of gold through a window in Patara, thus permitting a poverty stricken nobleman to give his daughters suitable dowries as custom demanded.

And St. Nicholas is credited with restoring life to three boys who had been slain and dismembered by a wicked innkeeper of Myra—that is why we occasionally see stained glass windows in which the saint is shown beside three lads in a tub.

So the legends multiplied and especially did they become popular in Holland and Belgium. There, too, the children put their wooden shoes before the fireplace on Christmas Eve and confidently expected that good behavior of recent weeks would be rewarded. Bad children, of course, found only ashes and whips in their shoes.

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Turkey, American Style, Very Tasty

Roast peacock is still the piece de resistance of Christmas dinner in Argentina.

In Medieval England, the peacock

was served with all his brilliant plumage in tact; sometimes, when he was baked in a pie, his head appeared from one end of the crust and his tail from the other; more often, he was served sitting upon a large tray—borne to the feast by a lady of the court who was chosen and honored to do so.

To serve him whole, the bird was flayed—skin and feathers together; care was taken to leave the head attached to the skin and the neck bone unbroken.

Having been roasted and allowed to cool, the peacock was wrapped in his feathers and propped upon a tray—as he was wont to sit when alive, showing off his magnificent tail; a sponge, saturated with spirits, was placed in his gilded beak and lighted as the bird was being served—but for all his good looks, the peacock was cold and dry when eaten.

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