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BEHIND CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

end of the current Seal Sale in sight and County still more than of the amount of last year, Dr. H. E. president of the local association, this week appeal for purchas-

hope of the county as- that enough funds can this year to employ a course to work in coun- on the tuberculosis for this work and to approximately \$2,000 needed equipment for of TB and for its in the early stages.

er cent of all seal sales tions will remain in County to be used in the control and combat the

from over the state, incomplete, indicate becoming increasingly the tuberculosis prob- to Dr. Z. T. Scott, reasurer of the Texas Association.

from the scores of ing daily with Christ- contributions at Associa- quaters highlight the the traditional Christ- carry a special meaning as young and old. A of Texas student wrote: I have received by part of a photofluoro- ray that had been taken the University campus want to thank the As- for a very kind act—I towards the day will be possible for me to

REST IN
TOURNEY
UNTING

Wheeler's Annual Invitation Basket- ment which will be Friday and Saturday, and 18, are shaping up W. O. Carrick, said

250 and 300 players are expected to be these days, representing a dozen Texas and schools.

will consist of first, sec- third place trophies in and girls competition, individual awards will go to and by judges for the team, Supt. Car-

books have entered both teams, while two and Cheyenne, have boys teams.

entering both boys and girls: Mobeetie, Allison, Shamrock, Reydon, Bris- Samnorwood and

nder of the Wheeler store schedule which 3, follows: Reydon, there; Jan. 7, there; Jan. 10, Mo- Jan. 14, Kelton, 17 and 18, tournament, H. Higgins, there; Jan. Canadian tournament; Shamrock, here; Feb. 4, here; Feb. 7 and 8, tournament at Lake- date uncertain; Feb. 28, date uncertain; Feb. 28,

lds Opens
Auto Store

new place of business Auto Store, located formerly occupied Cleaners, and R. R. Fields.



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J. C. Howell
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WHEELER MEN BUY SURPLUS WAR MATERIALS

"Lumber for sale" was the magnetic words that drew hundreds of eager West Texas buyers to a "Sight Sale" of surplus building materials from the recently dismantled prisoner of war camp at McLean conducted at the War Assets Administration of Ft. Worth.

All purchasers were mostly veterans contractors who were holders of HH priority certificates issued by the Federal Housing authority or Civilian Production Administration.

Two Wheeler buyers: Harrison Hall, who purchased 2,000 board feet of oak flooring for \$120.00, 8 pieces of asbestos pipe for \$10.62 and 400 board feet of 1x4 lumber for \$18.00 and Mash M. Geyer bought a job lot of oak flooring for \$39.50, 1 laundry tub for \$5.50 and a commode for \$3.60.

The sale to HH priority holders ended December 20, but will reopen December 30 and continue through January 14 for all other priority groups and commercial channels.

A total of 300 buildings at the former POW camp have been torn down, and materials are being sold this week to HH priority holders only.

Other buying days are as follows: December 30, 31, and January 2 and 3, material supply dealers buying for resale to HH priority holders; January 6, federal agencies; January 7 and 8, veterans holding WAA certification; January 9, RFC buying for small businesses; January 10, state and local governments and instrumentalities; January 13, non-profit institutions; and January 14, commercial buyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Carver moved to Mobeetie last week where they will make their home.

Nash Will Give Away Toys On December 24

Harold Nash, owner and manager of the Nash Appliance and Supply Company, announces in an advertisement in today's Times that he will give toys, absolutely free, to children who visit his store, accompanied by their parents, on Tuesday, December 24.

Mr. Nash asks that copies of his advertisement in this issue of The Times be brought to his store to exchange for the free packages. "I am doing this in appreciation of your splendid patronage during the past year," the merchant declared.

INCOME TAX TIME COMING

Many farm and ranch operators of Wheeler County must soon bring out their pencils and record books and start figuring income tax reports.

All farmers with a gross income of \$500 or more are required to file a return. C. H. Bates, farm management specialist of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, reminds the farmer that he has his choice in paying income tax: he can file a declaration of his estimated 1946 net income by January 15, followed by a final return by March 15, or he can make a final return by January 15, in which case he does not have to file a declaration.

While a record number of farmers will pay income taxes for 1946, the average tax bill will be less than in 1945, due to a reduction in rate and the combination of the normal tax and surtax levies, Bates says. Farm income taxes should average about 17 percent less than in 1945 predicts the farm management specialist.

A change in the tax law permits deduction, as a business expense, on reasonable wages paid by a

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HOME EC GIRLS DISPLAY GIFTS THEY CREATED

Mrs. Bonnie Harmon, home-making instructor of the Wheeler High School, this week released the names of girls who worked the past month on Christmas gifts which were displayed at the ladies' night banquet of the Chamber of Commerce held on Tuesday night of last week.

The homemaking girls prepared and served the delicious Christmas meal, and decorated the cottage carrying out a Christmas motif.

The names of the girls who worked on the gifts and what each of them made follows:

- Freshman Class**
Betty Brown: 1 stuffed deer, 2 aprons, 1 sachet bag.
Mary Alice Close: 2 sox dolls.
Ruby Davis: 2 stuffed horses, 1 stuffed dog, 8 aprons, 1 cup towel.
Dorothy Esslinger: 1 scarf, 1 cup towel.
Wilma Hall: 1 potholder, 7 cup towels.
Martha Ann Hastings: 1 stuffed rabbit, 1 cup towel, 1 picture, 3 potholders, 4 sachet bags.
Barbara May: 1 buffet set.
Jo Rean Moore: 1 pair of pillow cases.
Linnie Newkirk: 4 cup towels.
Floy Bell Patterson: 2 potholders, 2 stuffed ducks.
Joan Richerson: 1 doll, 1 buffet set.

- Sophomore Class**
Georgia Warren: 1 dresser scarf, 3 aprons.
Leona Skidmore: 3 potholders, 3 aprons.
Peggy Rodgers: 2 aprons, 1 laundry bag.
Patsy Noah: 1 stuffed donkey.
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Mobeetie W. S. C. S. Elects New Officers

At a recent meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Mobeetie Methodist Church the following officers were elected:

- President, Mrs. G. A. Brown; vice-president, Mrs. H. E. Matthews; secretary, Mrs. Ralph Oldman; treasurer, Mrs. John Dunn.
Secretary of missionary education, Mrs. H. E. Matthews.
Secretary of Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. S. H. Salley.
Secretary of youth work, Mrs. C. C. Dyson.
Secretary of children's work, Mrs. Jim Selby.
Secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. A. A. Burch.
Secretary of literature and publications, Mrs. John Dunn.
Secretary of supply work, Mrs. Hugh Bailey.
Status of women, Mrs. L. D. McCauley.

BRISCOE CAGE TEAMS CHAMPS

Both boys and girls basketball teams of Briscoe won first places in the Kelton Invitation Basketball Tournament held December 13-14. Each team was presented an attractive trophy for its achievement.

Bill Price, Briscoe's star forward, was voted the best sport of all the players entered in the tournament, and was presented a gold basketball. Price is considered the best basketball player in this district, and has made most of the points for the Briscoe team for the past two years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Price.
Price was also placed on the all-tournament team by the judges, along with the following other Briscoe players: Kirk Kite, Fay Francis and Juanita Clepper. The all-tournament players received awards of gold basketballs.

Wheeler County Farm Committeemen Elected

The names of county and community committeemen recently elected to serve during 1947, were announced today by V. B. Hardcastle, secretary of the Wheeler County ACA.

The community committeemen were elected by farmers of the county on Saturday, November 30. Delegates selected by the community committeemen met at the ACA office in Wheeler on Friday night, December 6, and re-elected the entire county committee that served during 1946.

The county committeemen are: Gilbert E. Shaffer, Twitty, chairman; Cecil O. Martin, Wheeler, vice chairman; and Tom E. Layman, Mobeetie, regular member.

\$72,800.00 IS ALLOTTED FOR SOIL PROGRAM

Wheeler County's 1947 appropriation for soil conservation practices under the ACA program has been set at \$72,800.00. V. B. Hardcastle, ACA secretary, declared today.

The new appropriation is only slightly lower than that of 1946, when the figure allotted this county was \$74,238.00. Local farmers received all of the allotment during the current year plus \$7,000.00 turned over to this county which other counties failed to take advantage of.

Soil conservation practices were used on 1,160 of the county's 1,470 farms during 1946, Hardcastle said.

The following practices of the 1947 Agricultural Conservation Program have been approved for Wheeler County:

Construction of terraces for which proper outlets are provided, construction of diversion terraces, construction of earthen dams or reservoirs for livestock water or erosion control, drilling or digging wells for livestock water, field strip cropping not on the contour. Deep plowing of sandy cropland to prevent wind erosion, protecting summer fallowed acreage, contour listing or furrowing of cropland or land planted to crops in 1947, contour farming inter-tilled crops, contour farming drilled crops, leaving on the land as a protection against wind erosion, the stalks or stubble of sorghums or millet.

Elimination of destructive plants on cropland and range land, moving established pastures, re-seeding range or pasture land by deferred grazing, establishing permanent pastures by seeding perennial pasture grasses.

Establishing or improving permanent pastures by seeding adapted pasture grasses, pasture legumes, or mixtures of grasses and legumes, harvesting legume and grass seed, establishing a satisfactory cover or winter legumes seeded in fall of 1946, growing a green manure or cover crop of summer legumes, application of potash and phosphate other than raw rock phosphate, control of bindweed.

The new program will start on February 1, as it will take until that time to clear the 1946 schedule, Hardcastle said.

DEATH CLAIMS PIONEER WOMAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Westmoreland, resident of Wheeler County for 34 years, were conducted from the Church of Christ in Shamrock on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Westmoreland, who formerly resided in the Twitty community before moving to Shamrock, passed away shortly before midnight on December 16, after having suffered a stroke on the previous Monday.

Minister Murrey W. Wilson of the Shamrock Church of Christ was in charge of the last rites and interment was in the Shamrock cemetery. Pall bearers were: Harold Westmoreland, Clint Westmoreland, Buren Stephens, Loren See, Holly Ellis and Christopher Winters. Serving as flower bearers were: Mrs. Elane Winters, Mrs. Frankie Stephens, Mrs. Zella See, Mrs. Georgia Ellis, Misses Media Mae See and Alberta Winters.

Mrs. Westmoreland was born in Missouri on March 18, 1881, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Slusher. She came to Wheeler County 34 years ago residing in the Twitty community 8 years (Continued on Last Page)

George W. Lamb, Wheeler, was named first alternate, succeeding Clarence Zybach, and Jess R. Patterson was selected second alternate, replacing Edgar Baker, Twitty.

In 1947, the county will be divided into only five communities under the ACA program, Hardcastle said, with central meeting places at Kelton, Wheeler, Mobeetie, Pakan and Shamrock. In the past there have been 12 communities in the county.

There are a total of 1,470 farms in the five districts, and 1,160 of these were used in carrying out one or more conservation practices during 1946.

The following community committeemen were elected by farmers on November 30:

Kelton—Charlie M. Lang, Kelton, chairman; Robert L. Taylor, Allison, vice chairman; Frederick L. Rathjen, Kelton, member.

Wheeler—George W. Lamb, Wheeler, chairman; Thomas A. Treadwell, Briscoe, vice chairman; Charles F. Waters, Wheeler, member.

Mobeetie—Jesse R. Patterson, Mobeetie chairman; Albert Scribner, Mobeetie, vice chairman; Edward E. Farmer, Corn Valley, member.

Pakan—George L. Cose, Lela, chairman; Mike Mertel, Pakan, vice chairman; Dusan Pakan, Pakan, member.

Shamrock—John W. Glascock, Shamrock, chairman; Don P. Rives, Twitty, vice chairman; Everett S. Harvey, Bethel, member.

COOPERATION OF PATRONS ASKED BY POSTMASTER

Postmaster Chester Lewis this week urged the public to cooperate with the postal department in keeping the mails free of prohibited matter.

"One of the best ways to do this is to remind the people occasionally as to what articles should not be placed in the mails," Postmaster Lewis said.

"It is not possible to mention in detail all types of unmailable matter. The following list, however, is representative of the types more commonly dealt with:

"Intoxicating beverages; inflammable matter such as matches, lighter fluid, and other articles likely to cause fire through absorption of moisture, or spontaneous chemical changes; ammunition and all other explosives; firearms, such as revolvers, which are capable of being concealed on the person.

"Obscene matter, poisons, narcotics, extortion letters, lottery and fraudulent matter.

"In our efforts to disseminate information concerning unmailable matter for the purpose of ridding the mails of such matter, possibly preventing the disruption by criminal prosecution of promising careers for many youths, and avoiding the stigma upon others who may not have been informed, the cooperation of the public will be appreciated," Lewis said.

Times Apologizes To Produce Association

Through a mistake in the mechanical department, the names of the Wheeler County Association were left out of their Christmas greeting advertisement which appears on another page of this issue of the Times.

The directors who were omitted include: V. B. Hardcastle, George Lamb, Gordon Whitener, J. F. Rathjen and A. A. Jones. Narville Arganbright is manager of the association.

The Times humbly apologizes to Mr. Arganbright for this error.

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 3 Months 75c
 Everywhere Else
 1 Year \$2.50
 6 Months \$1.50
 3 Months 85c

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of this paper will be gladly corrected upon due notice being given to the Editor personally at the office at Wheeler, Texas.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

HOLIDAY PRECAUTIONS

Coming holiday celebrations may be marred by many motor vehicle killings and maimings unless we take a lesson from previous years' experience, safety specialists of the National Conservation Bureau, accident prevention division of the Association of Casualty and Surety Executives warn.

Candles Originally Were Symbols of Light and Joy



Since the beginning of time man has sought to prolong the day and dispel the horrors of darkness with watch-fires, torches, beacons, etc.

In 1945, one out of six drivers involved in fatal accidents had been drinking, the Bureau experts point out, and one out of four adult pedestrians killed had also been drinking. The proportion of drivers who had been drinking was between 17 and 18 per cent, about the same as in 1944, but even higher proportions of drivers and pedestrians were found to be under the influence of alcohol in accident surveys, employing chemical tests of body fluids.

With this Christmas and New Year's holidays likely to be the gayest since 1940, National Conservation Bureau safety authorities say every effort must be made to keep the death toll from accidents down. Traffic accidents accounted for 307 deaths during Christmas holiday period in 1940 and 316 in 1941.

"It seems a certainty that unless many of our holiday celebrants radically mend their ways during the approaching festivities, hundreds of American's drinking drivers and pedestrians will be killed," Bureau safety specialists say.

New Year's Eve Peril

"This peril is so great that it should be forcefully impressed upon the minds of all persons who are prone to drink and especially those who overdo their farewell to the old year and their salute to the new. The year-round statistics dealing with drink and traffic accidents are ghastly enough—but those averages are multiplied many times during the few hours on New Year's Eve."

As New Year's Eve rolls on and reasonable restraint begins to disappear, death elbows into his place as ringmaster of many parties. In one of every three fatal motor vehicle accidents occurring at night, the drinking driver or pedestrian turns up as a member of the cast. But it's during the wee small hours of the morning that the old gentleman with the scythe really begins to get in his best licks. Averages show that in the single hour between two and three o'clock in the morning there are about twelve times as many fatal motor vehicle accidents per mile of travel as there are during the sober, busy-hour from eight to nine A. M.

The notion that two or three "quick ones" don't impair driving ability just doesn't hold water.

the National Conservation Bureau warns. Those people who blandly believe that a little alcohol sharpens their vision and speeds up their ability to make split-second decisions are just inviting the undertaker when they put that theory into practice on the highways. The safety specialists point out that they are not trying to moralize. They only advise, out of past records, that celebrants should observe common rules of safety for their own protection and that of others.

Holiday Precautions

So, during the holiday season; observe these tried and tested formulas:

If you have had a bit too much "cheer" and are going to walk

on the streets or highways wait until you have command of your faculties.

If you are going to drink on your round of parties, don't drive. Let somebody else who isn't drinking do the driving.

"Those are old, old suggestions," say the men who know the causes of accidents. "The reason they're repeated now is because they work."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: I'd better get the snow cleaned off this windshield at the next town; I can't see two feet in front of me.

St. Sylvester's Feast Day Marks End of Year

The feast of St. Sylvester, who was Pope from 314 A. D. until his death in 335, is observed by the Roman and Anglican churches on December 31.

In Germany and Belgium the morning of St. Sylvester's Day is commemorated religiously, while the afternoon and evening are devoted to various kinds of horseplay in anticipation of the coming New Year.

READ THE TIMES' WANT ADS!

MAY CHRISTMAS BRING YOU

EVERY JOY

AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BE A VERY HAPPY ONE.

We offer this Christmas wish in true appreciation of the many favors extended this firm in the past.



THE PERMANENT WAVE SHOP

LILLIE McCLAIN, Owner

Margaret Anglen — Mildred Wofford
OPERATORS



M'ILHANY'S

For Everything You Wear

WHEELER

ALWAYS AN UNEQUALED



TO EXTEND
SEASON'S BEST GREETINGS

We are happy that the Holiday season again furnishes us an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued friendships of you, and you and you. It is a blessing we value highly.

Our thoughts are with you, friends, and we hope next year will be one of full happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

THE FIRST STATE BANK
 MOBEETIE, TEXAS



Selling the Gulf South to Industry

Every family in your community benefits when a new business opens there. Every new industry means more jobs for local workers, more tax revenues for the town and state, more money in circulation for everybody to share.

To encourage the movement of industry to this area, United Gas Pipe Line Company launched an extensive national advertising campaign more than seven years ago to proclaim the advantages of the "Gulf South" for industry... selling its raw materials, its friendly labor, its markets, its transport, its fuel.

This month United Gas ran its 100th advertisement directed to the big men of industry, in such publications as TIME,

BUSINESS WEEK, MANUFACTURERS RECORD and WALL STREET JOURNAL. Our purpose? To build prosperity for all the people of the five-state area we serve... for anything that benefits our customers benefits us; anything that benefits us benefits our customers.



UNITED GAS... SERVING THE

Gulf South



Hope is justifiably strong as another Christmas draws near—that out of the mistakes of the past will come a better understanding of the problems of others, truly worthy of the sentiments men voice at Christmas.

Creetings to you, one and all

WHEELER HOSPIITAL
WHEELER, TEXAS



To test your Christmas spirit and knowledge, the following questions are given. You should answer half of them in order to pass.

1. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"?
2. What story contains the following: a miserly old man?
3. Where is Christmas Island?
4. Who wrote "White Christmas"?
5. In what country was mistletoe first worn around the neck to prevent sickness?
6. What does the Saxon word "hael" or "be in health" mean in connection with a Christmas custom?
7. An old Christmas superstition starts "A warm Christmas means . . ." How does it end?
8. Who is Quetzalcoatl?
9. What plant, a thorny one, traditionally blooms only at Christmas time?
10. Until her death what song did Mme. Schumann-Heink always sing on Christmas Eve?
11. What is the literal meaning of "Christmas"?
12. Where are the remains of Good St. Nicholas of Myra buried?

Answers

1. Dr. Clement C. Moore.
2. Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."
3. In Indian ocean, southwest of Java.
4. Irving Berlin.
5. Sweden.
6. Wassail bowl.
7. A cold Easter.
8. The Aztec Indian god, half bird, half snake, who took the place of Santa Claus in Mexico in 1930.
9. Christmas cactus.
10. "Silent Night."
11. Mass of Christ.
12. The remains were stolen in 1087 by merchants and re-interred at Bari.



IT WAS three nights before Christmas and Margaret was packing to go home. Contrary to traditional sentiment, she was not happy about it, for she had planned to stay in New York with Ralph. With considerable forethought she had even planned the day; church in the morning, Christmas dinner with Amy and Bill, a walk down Fifth avenue at twilight, a snack of supper, and the theater.

But Ralph had been invited to a "swell house party in Philadelphia." Margaret slammed down the top of her suitcase. She could have borne up under a Christmas with a lonely mother, or a widowed sister. "What about me?" she had longed to cry out, but she had instead, smiled and said that it was just too marvelous, wondering meanwhile if Mr. Johnson would let her have an extra day off. Ralph had only to go to Philadelphia, two hours away, while she had no one within 500 miles!



Several hours later she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

Now she was ready, bag in hand, for the midnight train. As she waited for the taxicab, she smoothed her black tailored woolen frock over her slim hips. If New York hadn't been particularly kind to her, it had at least taught her how to dress!

She couldn't sleep on the train. Closing her eyes, she saw the cluttered desk which she had left at Roswell's Advertising agency, and Mr. Johnston's kindly face when he had told her to go home for Christmas. She saw Ralph's desk in the manager's office, Ralph dancing in Philadelphia, Ralph opening Christmas gifts — and just Ralph, with whom she would never again share good times.

There was a three-hour wait for the local train at Pittsburgh, but Margaret was too tired and depressed to leave the station. After buying a magazine featuring an article on men, and an astrological delineation of her birthsign, she settled herself into the practical task of trying to determine her future in this most unpredictable world. Several hours later, not much wiser but much more weary, she stood on the porch of a white frame house.

The door opened and Margaret blinked.

"I win!" shouted Ralph triumphantly. "She came on the midnight train!"

Mrs. Brown rushed out to the hallway and enfolded her daughter in an ample, motherly embrace. "Margaret! Why child, you're a sight! Your face is as black as coal."

Margaret withdrew herself from her mother's arms and looked at the two of them coolly. "Well, if it isn't asking too much, just what is this? Not a weekend in Philadelphia, I believe!"

Ralph took her bag and magazine and helped her out of her coat. "Don't be like that, Margaret! I bet your mother a box of candy against a mince pie that you'd come down on the midnight train."

"And what, exactly, are you doing here?"

"Margaret!" chided her mother.

"I invited myself. A surprise for you, and then I wanted to talk to your Dad about something . . ." Ralph was awkwardly turning the magazine in his hands. "Jumping fishes!" he exclaimed. "Look at the little red book!" He opened it to a center page, and read: "The natives of this sign are more than likely to have short tempers."

"Give it to me!"

Ralph held it tantalizingly out of reach and Margaret stamped her foot. "Ralph Wells," she said, "I come home for a rest and the first thing you do is make fun of me. If I have a complete breakdown it's your fault. Give me that book!"

"There, there," comforted her mother. "You go upstairs and get washed. You'll feel better."

Margaret started up the stairs, then turned in sudden remembrance. "Are you staying over Christmas?" she asked Ralph.

"I had expected to."

"You might as well. There's a dance Christmas Eve."

At the top of the steps she turned again. "And don't forget, half of that pie is mine. After all, I did the coming home!"

"Okay."

"She's tickled to death to see you," whispered Mother Brown cautiously. She patted his arm, and Ralph understood.



WELCOME to you, New Year, enter newborn king—

Can you tell us something of the tidings that you bring?

Do you carry happiness?

Enough to last the year?

Do you sing a song of joy?

To cast out doubt and fear?

Perhaps a balm for heartaches?

You bring along with you?

Perhaps a key to friendships?

To busy us all year through?

We bid you welcome, New Year—our dreams we trust with you,

Forgetting ills of all the past, we start the book anew.

Saint Nicholas

Day in Holland

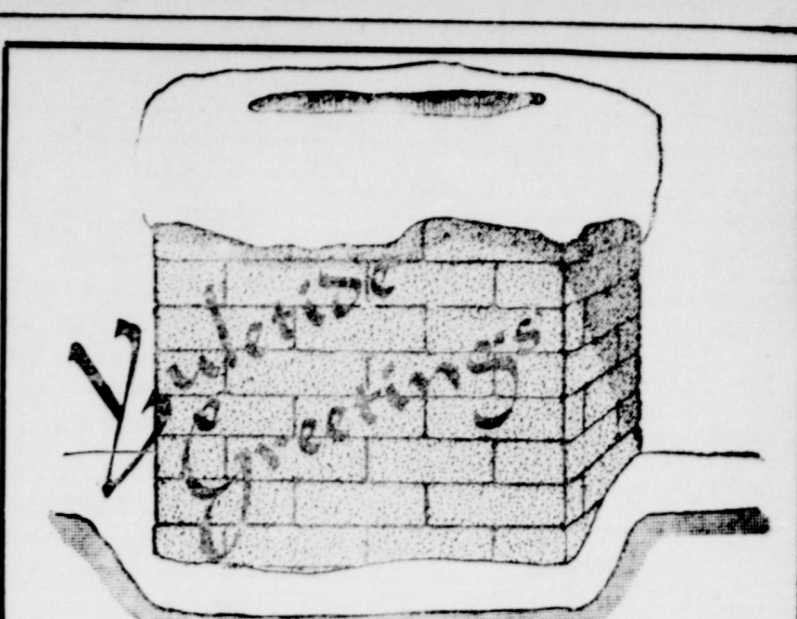
When Christmas rolls around in Holland, it is quietly and religiously observed: St. Nicholas Day, December 6, is the day of gift-giving and jollification.

For weeks, life-sized figures of St. Nicholas have decorated shop windows and men dressed as Nicholas have stood in front of business establishments, and driven around in horse-drawn carts delivering parcels.

At last the great day arrives: if there are several children in the household, sometimes they are gathered together from neighboring households, Bishop Nicholas (dressed in full vestments and accompanied by his Moorish servant) attends the children's party and impresses them by his knowledge of their shortcomings and chides them fatherly before distributing the trinkets and gifts he has brought for them.

After the youngsters have had their fun, the grown-ups sit around a festive table and open their surprises. Small gifts are baked in loaves of bread, packed in enormous crates, wrapped in bales of paper—each wrapper directing the present to a different person: the longer the donor and final recipient remain unknown, the greater the general jollification.

Indicative of the spirit of the season, packages containing gifts are often entrusted to strange passers-by who are instructed to leave the parcel on such and such a doorstep and ring the bell.



Extending our Sincere Wishes for a
CHRISTMAS OF GOOD CHEER
and a
NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS
MOBEETIE VARIETY
MOBEETIE, TEXAS



We heartily wish that the comforting thoughts of Christmas will reach you for many years to come.

BOB RODGERS
Wheeler, Texas



For all your Tomorrows...

As we extend our Season's Greetings to each of you, the prospects of the coming year are bright and cheerful. For this we are immeasurably grateful. The future is distinctly encouraging and it is our ambition to have a part in this progress. To this end we pledge our untiring efforts.

In this gesture of good will we wish particularly to salute our friends and to wish them a season of good cheer and fellowship and a New Year of success and happiness.

FREE TOYS

In appreciation of your splendid patronage during the past year we will give absolutely FREE toys to the kiddies when accompanied by their parents Tuesday, December 24 ONLY.

Please bring copy of this advertisement and get your FREE package.

Wash Appliance & Supply
Wheeler

Here's to Your
GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Puckett's Food Market
Wheeler, Texas

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pennington III, of Alpine are visiting with friends and relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Nations and daughter, Kay, of Alpine are here visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Nations and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hyatt.

PEPPARD'S
FUNK-G
HYBRID
The Great Corn
WITH STRONG VITALITY
Grown For Texas
Listen to Great Stories About Corn
KTSA Every Saturday at 1:00 PM
KRRV Every Sunday at 9:30 PM
WKY Every Saturday at 11:45 AM
ORDER NOW FROM
WHEELER COUNTY PRODUCE ASSN.

"YOUR CHEAPEST WAY TO BUY OR SELL" WANTED ADS

RATES—10c per line (counting 5 words to line) for first insertion. Minimum charge, 30c; 5c per line after first time. Minimum charge 15c. Reader ads scattered among local items 15c per line each insertion. Cards that run every week 25c per column inch per week.

DISPLAY ADVERTISING—National rate, 42c an inch; Local Advertising rate, 30c per column inch, 25c per inch when 30 inches or more used each week during calendar month.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Burroughs electric bank posting machine, good condition, can be used as adding machine. Complete with motor and table, \$85.00. The Wheeler Times. 50-tfp.

COMBINE USERS—For information and prices on Tri-State Electric Header Controls for M-M Combines, Write Hyatt Mfg. & Supply Co., Kimball, Nebr. 52-3tp.

FOR SALE—1945 A-C Combine, 8-ft. cut. In A-1 Shape. See Murry Vise, Briscoe. 1-tfc.

Just what you need for your first of the year inventory... pad of inventory sheets with column for number of items, dis-

cription, cost per item and total values. Ask me about them or drop in at the office and pick up a pad. J. C. Howell at the Wheeler Times. 52-3tp.

FOR SALE—W. C. Allis Chalmers, 40 model, fully equipped. Geo. Bowden, 7 1/2 mi. east and 1/2 mi. north of Wheeler. 52-3tp.

FOR SALE—House in Mobeetie, also have buyers of farms and small tracts. It will pay you to see me before buying or selling. D. G. Sims. 52-3tp.

WANTED—Furs, at highest market prices. A. Hendershot, Canadian. 52-8tp.

BUTANE SYSTEMS—No down payment. Payments as low as \$61.66 per year or \$4.92 per month if you prefer monthly installments. Nash Appliance & Supply. 52-2tc.

FOR SALE—good Royal Standard No. 10 typewriter, just cleaned and overhauled, \$75. The Wheeler Times. 50-tfp.

MISCELLANEOUS

NOTICE—No hunting in my pasture. Chapman's Dairy. 47-tc.

WANTED—Pigs and shoats, also top hogs at Shamrock Sale Barn, 1 mile north of Shamrock. 45-4tp.

ALCOHOL

PUBLIC enemy No. 1—

We can now do your cemetery work. Grave markers, covers, and curbing. Will Warren, Wheeler. 29-tfc.

BEWARE—Your policy with us is the best insurance you can buy. Think twice before you allow any person to influence you to change your policy to some other company; as the only one to benefit by such a change would be the other fellow—not you. Doris Forrester Insurance Agency. 52-2tc.

Veterans' News

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—As a World War II veteran with visual impairment pursuing a course of vocational rehabilitation, am I entitled to the services of a reader to aid me in completing my course?

A—Ye. Every veteran in school training whose vision is so impaired as to make it impossible or inadvisable for him to use his eyes for reading will be provided with reader service either by the school or through the regional office manager of Veterans Administration.

Q—As a citizen of the United States who served in the Canadian Air Forces during World War II, am I eligible for benefit under Public Law 16, Seventy-eighth Congress, as amended?

A—Yes, you are qualified in the same manner and to the same extent as persons who served in active military or naval service of the United States, but you must be a resident of the U. S. at time of filing your claim. Benefits under Public Law 16 will not be extended to you if you have received similar benefits from the government of the nation in whose active military or naval service you served.

Q—As a World War II veteran on terminal leave and hospitalized pending final discharge, am I eligible for benefits under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act?

Forrester Insurance Agency. 52-2tc.

SHADE TREES, evergreens, flowering shrubs, and fruit trees. Will Warren. 43-tfc.

Buy, sell or trade anything. J. Wade Duncan, Real Estate and Cattle. Duncan Bldg., Phone 312, Pampa, Texas. 48-7tc.

WANTED—Listings on houses, lots and farms. Mrs. J. M. Glover, Dealer. 52-1tp.

NOTICE: Please do not dump trash on our place near the city water wells. T. T. Wallace. 2-2tp.

Professional Column

C. J. MEEK
AGENT
INSURANCE
Night Phone 124, Day Phone 48

HOMER L. MOSS
LAWYER
GENERAL PRACTICE
WHEELER TEXAS

Dr. C. C. Merritt
CHIROPRACTOR
WHEELER, TEXAS
Equipped to give complete chiropractic service

SHELBY PETTIT
REAL ESTATE, LIVESTOCK
FARM SALES A SPECIALTY
PHONE 158 FOR A DATE
OR
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District Manager
American National Ins. Co

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Good fresh Milk, Cream, Butter and Buttermilk
Deliveries twice daily
Phone 70 Wheeler

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Production Credit
Association's
Representative
IS IN THEIR
Wheeler Office
EACH
Thursday



SERVICE CLEANERS
WHEELER, TEXAS

SPECIAL NOTICE TO FARMERS

Farmers have until January 15, 1947 in which to file estimates of 1946 income taxes. It is suggested that figures be prepared and submitted as soon after January 1, 1947, as possible. If you have completed your 1946 business, final returns may be computed now. Due to limited time in which to take care of clients it is hoped that you will be prepared at the earliest possible moment.

CLIFF R. WEATHERLY
1st National Bank Bldg.
Wheeler, Texas;
F. & M. Bank Bldg.
Shamrock, Texas

Shamrock Mattress Factory

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS
IN NEW LOCATION
Across Street From Old Location
On Farmers Co-op Gin Lot

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BOX 8 SHAMROCK, TEXAS



And many thanks for your fine patronage in the past year.

OTIS REID'S GARAGE
Wheeler, Texas

Hear America's favorite tenor



JAMES MELTON
Every Sunday on the
HARVEST OF STARS
with Howard Barlow
and 60-piece Orchestra
Lyn Murray Chorus
Distinguished Dramatic Casts
Special Musical Guests

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INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

A—Yes, subject to all conditions of the act except final discharge, but you will receive no subsistence allowance while on terminal leave.

Q—May widows or children of deceased veterans secure a guaranty loan?

A—No. This privilege is limited to veterans themselves, but a loan guaranteed for a veteran may continue after his death.

Q—Must property used to secure a loan be covered by insurance?

A—It is customary for lenders to require insurance on buildings against which loans are made in order to protect themselves against loss of security. This also protects the veterans since it may provide funds to replace the loss. Buildings used as security for loans which carry the guaranty of the Veterans Administration must be insured against fire and other hazards against which it is customary to insure in the community.

The Veterans Administration has reminded veterans who have National Service Life Insurance that they may now be insured

VISUAL TASKS

Should be accomplished with a minimum of effort.

DR. J. E. HEWETT
OPTOMETRIST
107 East Fifth, Amarillo, Tex.
Next door to KFDA., Ph. 9934

See D. A. Hunt

For Low Rate
Burial Insurance

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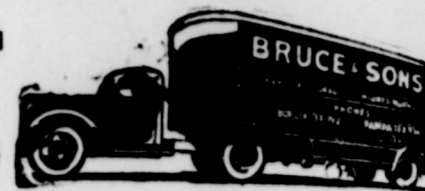
against total disability.

Total disability income benefits authorized by recent legislation may be added to any plan of NSLI upon application, proof of good health, and payment of extra

premium. VA said.

Premium rates for the coverage range from to 94 cents a month per insured's age and type of

Pampa Texas Ph. 934



EXPERT MOVING—CAREFUL HANDLING
VAN SERVICE—NATION-WIDE SERVICE



NOEL

"All the angels in Heaven shall sing on Christmas day in the morning."

NATION'S BARBER & BEAUTY SHOP
WHEELER, TEXAS

A PROTECTION SHIELD FOR THE MEN IN THE FIELD



Like I said, "I'm Cotton Ed... been about this Shield of Elk Cottonoil. pretty... but a Shield ain't no better than that's behind it. Course we Cottoners COULD stand a little PROTECTION from SOMEBODY. Come to think of my overalls had a new of a Shield or when they was new... something a guarantee... if I wore 'em... they would stand behind... something. Yep... and my smokin' tobacco had a guarantin' the flavor and the like... so if Elk Co wants to help us to help our selves... guess it's alright like "Pa" always said, "IF YOU WANT A FUTURE... BUSINESS WITH THEM THAT'S GOING TO BE THE FUTURE"... record "Pa" fetched us another

Sincerely,
Cotton Ed
"Friendly As Cotton"

Elk Cottonoil Co.
YOUR PROTECTION THRU THE YEARS

MANY, MANY THANKS

FOR THE SPLENDID BUSINESS WE HAVE ENJOYED DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON— AND WE WISH EACH OF YOU A



Earnest Lee Hardware
Wheeler, Texas

HERE IS NEWS IN THE WHEELER TIMES WANT-ADS

DR. M. V. COBB

CHIROPRACTOR
A Complete Health Service
Colon Irrigation—X-Ray—Electrotherapy
Lady Assistant
Phone 180 104 W. 2nd St. Shamrock

Society

Mobeetie W. S. C. S. In Meeting Tuesday

The W. S. C. S. of the Mobeetie Methodist Church met in the home of Mrs. H. E. Matthews last Tuesday afternoon for their annual Christmas program.

scripture which was followed by a prayer by Mrs. S. H. Salley.

Mrs. Dick Brown told "The Legend of the Bells" and Mrs. John Dunn gave a short biography of the writer of the following Christmas carols which were sung: "Joy To The World", "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night".

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to the following members and friends: Mesdames Woodford Williams, Pierce Walker, Vernon Hooker, Shell Gulley, Emma Williams, McCleskey, Alexander, Ernest Moore, Clarence Dyson, John Dunn, L. D. McCauley, Jim Selby, S. H. Salley, Yvette Seitz, Dick Brown, Ralph Oldman, A. A. Burch, Ellie Mae Salley and H. E. Matthews.

Mrs. Johnston Hostess For Christmas Party

The Blue Bonnet Study Club held its Christmas program in the home of Mrs. E. E. Johnston last week.

Mrs. J. M. Boswell was leader of the program and gave an illustrated poem, "The Night Before Christmas". A Christmas short story was told in a very capable manner by Mrs. Willard Godwin. Mrs. H. E. Matthews led the group in singing carols.

The Johnston home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and Mrs. Mayme Patterson, president of the club, acted as Santa.

The Christmas motif was carried out in favors and delicious refreshments were served to: Mesdames Austin Caldwell, J. H.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 3 years old, and try to be good.

I would like for you to bring me a pretty sleepy doll, a buggy, ironing board and a housecoat.

Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Lots of Love,
Cecilia Ann Johnson

Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 16, 1946

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm a little girl five years old; I have been a pretty good little girl, I would like for you to bring me a doll, dress, gun and holster, and Santa don't forget my little cousins and other children.

Annette Hutchison

Briscoe, Texas
Dec. 13, 1946

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 3 1/2 years old. I would like a coaster wagon, gun, truck and jeep. I'll be looking for you.

Bobby Riley

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 6 years old. I would like a doll, a set of dishes, and a story book.

Lots of Love,
Neida Riley

Wheeler, Texas
Dec. 16, 1946

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll, set of blocks and a rocking chair. I am 1 1/2 years old.

Anna Ellen Riley

Mobeetie, Texas
December 16, 1946

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy seven and a half years old, and I am in the second grade. I have tried very hard to be a good boy this year, which is very hard for me to do. I never like to be still and really like to play.

What I would like very much this Christmas Santa, if you can spare one is an electric train building set, skates, books, nuts and candy.

Jimmy Dwayne Selby

Briscoe, Texas
Dec. 13, 1946

Miss Marcelle Farmer, who is teaching in the Las Cruces, N. M. schools, is spending the holidays here with her parents.

READ THE TIMES' WANT ADS

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Save Time
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Reproduce anything that can be typed, drawn, traced or photographed on a master.
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THE WHEELER TIMES
WHEELER, TEXAS

PROTECTION

"Folks call me 'Cotton Ed' . . . reckon that's alright 'cause my name's . . . Ed . . . and my work is Cotton. Been thinkin' about PROTECTION . . . If you are a 'Cotton Farmer' . . . maybe been thinking PROTECTION too. You want a profitable Future . . . Security . . . a Reward for your work in Cotton Farmin' . . . Now I been thinkin', that the place to get Protection . . . is from them that has PROTECTION TO GIVE. "Like 'Pa' always said, 'Son', he said, 'If'n you want SUCCESS . . . trade with them that is SUCCESSFUL, promises don't mean nothin' . . . but a fact is a fact.' Yes sir . . . guess Pa fetched us a fact there . . ."

Sincerely,
Cotton Ed

"Friendly As Cotton"

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YOUR PROTECTION THRU THE YEARS



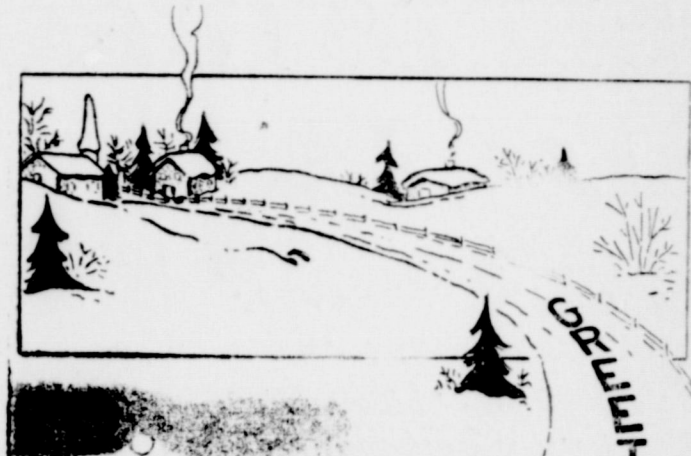
High School Classes Enjoy Xmas Parties

The classes of the Wheeler High School enjoyed yuletide parties last Monday night. The senior class being at the home of their class parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Weatherly. Christmas candies, apples, nuts and drinks were served to 14 seniors and their sponsor, Miss Celeste Wiley.

Miss Dolores Ahler entertained fellow junior class members and their sponsor, Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, at her home in Wheeler.

The sophomores enjoyed themselves at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carrick and presented them with gifts. Refreshments of sandwiches, hot chocolate and popcorn balls were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Parks, class parents, gave the freshman and their sponsor, Mrs. Harvey Close, a Christmas party in their home. 24 were present, including guests, and were served sandwiches and coca cola.



In this Holiday message to our friends, we want to add our sincere appreciation for the good will and cooperation you have given us. Equally as warm and sincere are our cordial wishes for a Christmas of good cheer and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

JIM'S CAFE
WHEELER, TEXAS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



We are grateful for the fellowship we have enjoyed with those who have come to worship with us this year. We wish for all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of service if the "Lord Tarry".

We have appreciated the free publicity given our church this year by The Wheeler Times, may the Lord bless the Press that His name might be made known.

The church, the deacons, the Sunday School personel bids this section of the country God's blessings.

DEACONS

R. A. Lile, Chairman	R. L. Rodgers	T. D. Jones
Harry Wofford	J. E. Risner	Harold Hill
Frank Wofford	I. M. Passons	G. W. Mason
Gordon Whitener	Paul Shumate	N. L. Sechrist
	B. V. Stewart	C. P. Waters

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Harry Wofford, Supt. Frank O. Wofford, Choister
Joe Tilley, Secretary Peggy Rodgers, Pianist

TEACHERS

Mrs. Gordon Stiles	Homer Moss	Bob Rodgers
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Whitener	Mrs. P. D. Fullingim	Mrs. Vernie Hardcastle
Mrs. Harvey Patterson	Mrs. Narville Arganbright	Miss Lois May
Mrs. Marl Jaco	Mrs. Roy Weatherly	Miss Betty May
Mrs. Lee Guthrie	Mrs. Ebb Farmer	Mrs. Fred Waters

First Baptist Church

P. D. FULLINGIM, Pastor

FINER QUALITY AT LOWER PRICES FROM COAST TO COAST

CLAY'S

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FOOD IGA STORE

To our friends of this community, to our friends in other communities and to the friends of our friends we say, "MERRY CHRISTMAS." The old year has been a good one. We cannot count our manifold blessings but we know we have much to which to be thankful. It is with heartfelt feeling and gratitude that we send each of you these greetings.

May this Noel see you happy and contented and may the New Year be one of genuine happiness for you and yours.

Season's Best!

BURKE'S GROCERY & SERVICE STATION
MOBEETIE, TEXAS

THREE YULE 'FIRSTS'



Claims to being "first" among Christmas cards are held by these early designs.

Fun at Dingley

When they were all tired of blind-man's bluff, there was a great game at snap-dragon, and, when fingers enough were burned with that, and all the raisins gone, they sat down by the huge fire of blazing logs to a substantial supper and a mighty bowl of wassail, something smaller than an ordinary wash-house copper, in which the hot apples were hissing and bubbling with a rich look, and a jolly sound that were perfectly irresistible.

and on earth peace to men of good will.

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year

May your circle of friendships remain unbroken during the coming years and may the blessings of Christmas extend throughout the days to come.

FRANK O. MOTE GROCERIES
Mobeetie, Texas

GREETINGS

Here's a little note from us to you — to say Merry Christmas to our friends and a hearty good wish for a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year

GARRISON SERVICE
WHEELER, TEXAS

"Which came first?" and "who thought of it first?" are the two questions asked since time immemorial. These questions have baffled historians, challenged detectives, caused law students to burn the midnight oil — but most of all—have intrigued the public. For the last few years there's been a big to-do about the "first" Christmas card and the subject has fascinated many greeting card collectors, art dealers, museum curators and a sizable portion of the American and British public.

The earliest Christmas card on record, in the light of recent findings, appears to be that of W. M. Egley, dated 1842. Discovered in a mass of skating prints by the British museum, it is indisputably a Christmas card and seems to have been produced for general use. It resembles the early New Year's cards of German origin with its various scenes enclosed in a half-gallic, half-rustic treliswork and it depicts the Christmas pantomime "Harlequin and Columbine," a puppet booth, skaters and other scenes relating to the holiday season. Its sentiment reads "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to You."

Until the Egley card was discovered, the first known Christmas card was, for years, thought to have been the one designed by J. C. Horsley RA for Sir Henry Cole in London in 1846 who wanted a card to send to his friends at Christmas. Horsley's card was lithographed by Jobbins of Warwick court and a thousand copies struck off. These were colored by hand and featured among other scenes a merry family group holding filled wine glasses aloft.

In several states of the Union there is a definite law forbidding anyone from interfering with a child's belief in Santa Claus.

"This," said Mr. Pickwick, looking round him, "this is indeed comfort."

"Our invariable custom," said Mr. Wardle, "Everybody sits down with us on Christmas Eve, as you see them now—servants and all; and here we wait till the clock strikes twelve to usher Christmas in, and while away the time with forfeits and old stories. Trundle by, rake up the fire."

Up flew the bright sparks myriads as the logs were stirred, and the deep, red blaze sent forth a rich glow that penetrated into the farthest corner of the room and cast its cheerful tint on every face.

"Come," said Wardle, "a song—a Christmas song, give you one in default of a better."

"Bravo!" said Mr. Pickwick. "Fill up!" cried Wardle. "It will be two hours gone before you see the bottom of the bowl through the deep rich colour of the wassail; fill up all round, and now the song!"—From Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers."


TRY Wheeler Bread and Family Loaf

CITY BAKERY

GREETINGS

May the season of good will remain with you next year and all the years to come.

RUSS VARIETY
Wheeler Texas



Let's make it an AMERICAN Christmas

W.E. Pennington & Son
WHEELER, TEXAS

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- Auto Accessories
- Gifts

AUTHORIZED DEALER

WHITE AUTO STORE

YULETIDE Greetings

to All Our Good Friends

ADAMS GROCERY
"WE DELIVER"

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We wish you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous Christmas, and a successful New Year.

We trust we have met with your hearty approval in the past and that our efforts to serve you have not been in vain. May we continue to serve you in the future.

DORIS FORRESTER AGENCY
WHEELER, TEXAS



The beauty of Christmas has come down to us through the birth of the Savior who taught the world that love is stronger than hate and good mightier than evil. May this prevailing spirit of good will embrace us all during this joyous holiday season.

Romans Started Christmas Boxes

Boxing day has been a day of gifts to public servants since Roman times. It originated as a pagan custom, for the Romans observed the rite during their winter feast of Saturnalia. Later, when the people became Christians, the gifts were handed during Mass to the priests, who placed them into boxes. The feast was then known as Christ's Mass and the boxes as Christmas boxes, not to be opened except by being broken.



All manner of tradesmen soon realized that the idea was a good one, and it became a common practice for apprentices and others to take a box round to their business acquaintances, singing carols the while.

By the time Pepys wrote his famous diary, Christmas boxes were well established, and he mentions them several times in his writings. Swift also has a word to say about them in his "Journal to Stella," written in 1710: "By the Lord Harry, I shall be undone here with Christmas boxes."

One public servant, the "bellman," who enjoyed the privilege of soliciting Christmas boxes, was in some respects the forerunner of the postman, often being commissioned to deliver letters. At the approach of Christmas he would push poems of his own composition under the doors of townsmen whom he had served. They were reminders that recognition was expected on Boxing Day.

December is one of the two deadliest months of the year for accidental deaths, the National Safety Council says. Peak traffic deaths, burns and asphyxiations swell the toll.

READ THE TIMES WANT ADS

Treat Refrigerators With Tender Care For At Least Six Months

COLLEGE STATION—With a plentiful supply of new refrigerators still six months to a year in the future, it's up to home-makers to treat the old box with tender care until new ones start coming off assembly lines in large quantities.

Mrs. Bernice Claytor, home management specialist of the Texas A. and M. College Extension Service, points out tips to follow in keeping the refrigerator in good shape: keep it cool, clean, defrosted, repaired, and checked regularly.

The refrigerator should be in the coolest convenient spot in the kitchen, Mrs. Claytor says—out of the sun, away from the radiators and kitchen stove. Air must circulate between the wall and the box to carry away the heat generated by the unit, so there should

be at least two and a half inches of space between the box and the wall, she explains.

All spilled food should be wiped up at once, and the refrigerator cleaned thoroughly each time it is defrosted. In cleaning the inside, one level tablespoon of baking soda mixed with a quart of water makes a good cleaning fluid. Defrosting should not be put off until the frost becomes thick on the evaporator; it should be done when the frost is a quarter of an inch thick. The condenser must be kept free from dust and lint, and may need cleaning every month in some refrigerators.

In repairing the refrigerator, changing a fuse is about the only repair job the home-maker should attempt. Only an authorized service company should be allowed to make further repairs, says Mrs. Claytor. Housewives should not forget that these rules of refrigerator care apply just as much to new refrigerators, when they get one, as the old box.

TIMES WANT-ADS GET RESULTS!

THANK YOU!

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends in this community for all favors received during the past year and for your understanding of our efforts to serve you. We hope during the coming year to better our service and extend to all friends the Season's Greetings and very best wishes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

REIDS BARBER SHOP
WHEELER, TEXAS

SEASON'S GREETINGS

And an abundance of Christmas Cheer.



Christopher S. McClain
District Clerk-Elect

PEACE On Earth

May the full significance of Christmas gladden your hearts and give you peace of mind and spirit.



Harry Wofford
County Clerk



May the ringing of Christmas carols accompany the happy music in your heart!

G. W. Hefley
County Judge



JOYEUX NOEL TO EVERYONE
The greeting is brief, but it comes from our heart... joy for 1947!

Allen Kavanaugh
County Superintendent



HI, HO, AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hang the holly high in every window — the mistletoe on every door and to everyone a Merry Christmas!

Lloyd Anglin
Commissioner, Precinct 1

MERRY Christmas

and a Happy New Year



HOMER L. MOSS
County Attorney



A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

May the glorious light of peace and love and joy shine upon you and those dear to you as you join together in celebration of His birthday.

S. B. DAVIS
Commissioner-Elect, Precinct 2



CHRISTMAS CHEER

It takes too long to say all we'd like to about the pleasure it's been serving you this year so we'll just say, "Merry Christmas."

Jess Swink
Sheriff

To our FRIENDS

May the glow of Christmas blessings rest upon your homes and light your paths of health and happiness throughout the New Year

The day of all days returns again! Christmas with all its joys and happiness, is the finest occasion of all on which to reaffirm our faith in the people whom it has been our privilege to serve in the past. May it be our good fortune to continue to enjoy the friendships and associations of each of you, our friends and neighbors. Our wishes are yours—a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Wheeler County National Farm Loan Association
R. H. FORRESTER, Secy.-Treas.
DIRECTORS—Raymond Moore, Tobe Frye, A. N. Williams, J. H. Caperton and C. F. Waters

TO OUR many, many friends we extend greetings of the Yuletide season... and our sincere appreciation for their encouragement and goodwill. And because we are grateful for your friendships we resolve to strive for even greater service in the years to come.

Best Wishes to All

Greetings

RICHERSON GRAIN CO.
WHEELER, TEXAS

We do not want you to wait until Christmas morn to accept our Christmas Greetings. You'll probably be so busy unwrapping packages that you might overlook our little message.

Please Open

BEFORE

Christmas

We just want to wish you a joyous Christmas. May your every wish come true, and may you have the opportunity to forget the disappointments of the past and supplement them with the bright hope of the future.



ROGUE THEATRE
MR. AND MRS. LEE GUTHRIE

Christmas
GREETINGS
TO OUR FRIENDS

BURCH'S VARIETY & SHOE REPAIR
MOBETTIE, TEXAS

IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO GREET YOU

In the excitement of a busy holiday season, we trust that you will stop long enough to accept our GREETINGS OF THE SEASON. Our own Christmas would be incomplete if we did not take advantage of the opportunity to wish you all the good things we can think of. You have been considerate of us in the past, and we trust that we may continue to merit your patronage in the future.

ANN'S BEAUTY SHOP
ANN PITCOCK, Owner PHONE 74

County Behind

(Continued from Page One) contribute quietly to similar projects which are fundamentally mindful of others."

A 76 year old retired clergyman said: "Tuberculosis is like sin and the devil—once either gets a good hold, it never leaves one entirely—I think I would be the last man to develop TB, but I realize that overwork and under-eating will bring down even the strong man. May the Lord bless you in your good work."

Business and professional people also have voiced interest in the Texas campaign against TB. A utilities executive wrote: We are indeed grateful that we should have the honor to contribute to such a worthy cause." A University president said: "It is a pleasure to receive Christmas Seals for the 1946 season. It is also a double pleasure to share in the support of the wonderful work being done by the Texas Tuberculosis Association." A newspaper editor said: "Many thanks for the opportunity to contribute to this very worthy cause. Please keep me on your mailing list."

A housewife wrote: "Thanks for sending me the Christmas Seals—my Christmas wouldn't be complete without them." And another contributor who believes Christmas Seal gifts are "better late than never" wrote: "Enclosed is a money order for the Seals you sent me last year and this year. Sorry I was so neglectful in my last year's privilege to give my aid in this great cause."

Expressing the appreciation of the Texas Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated local associations for the courtesy and interest Texans are showing in the current campaign, Dr. Scott said: "The generosity for which Texans are famed is once again supporting a cause in which they believe wholeheartedly. Their active interest in fighting tuberculosis, and their financial support in the Christmas Seal Sale are greatly strengthening the campaign against the State's greatest public health problem."

Home Ec. Girls

(Continued from Page One) Margaret Ann Holt: 2 nursery pictures.

Pat Williams: 1 cup towel.
Yreva Sue Carter: 1 stuffed dog, 1 apron.

Anita Weatherly: 1 dresser scarf.
Doris Ragan: 1 stuffed doll.

Marie Edwards: 1 picture, 1 apron.
Melba May: 2 pictures.

Junior Class
Joyce Brown: 1 stuffed horse, 1 stuffed lamb, 1 stuffed elephant.
Frances Porter: 3 aprons, 1 sachet bag.

Yvonne Clark: 2 potholders.
Christine Jones: 1 luncheon set.
Joyce Bowman: 1 luncheon set.
Vaneta Brewer: 1 stuffed dog, 1 hand towel.

Betty May: 1 tablecloth (embroidered).
Dolores Ahler and Jo Ewing Reid: 1 yard doll.
Ruby Reid: 4 napkins.

Mrs. Mabel SoRelle and son, Jim Biggs, of Amarillo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Close and children.

Safe, Sane Holiday Is Urged By Mayor

Mayor R. H. Forrester, in a statement to The Times, has urged the residents of this area to lend every cooperation possible in helping prevent accidents in the Wheeler area during the Christmas holiday season.

Mayor Forrester said: "Let us all cooperate in making this an accident-free Christmas. We can do this by exercising more care in driving, in working and in playing."

"The papers published on the morning following Christmas Day will list scores of holiday casualties. For your sake and for the sake of your community, don't be responsible for one of these. Let's make it a safe, sane Christmas."

Death Claims

(Continued from Page One) before moving to Shamrock 26 years ago.

Mrs. Westmoreland enjoyed a wide acquaintance throughout this area and had countless friends who are grieved over her death.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Alma Poole and Mrs. Emma Fox, both of Shamrock, and one brother, M. B. Shusher of Billings, Montana.

Mrs. Westmoreland became a Christian in early girlhood and her membership was with the Shamrock Church of Christ at the time of her death.

12 Texas Turkey Flocks Are Of Highest Quality

COLLEGE STATION—Twelve of the 33 highest quality breeding turkey flocks in the United States who met the exacting advanced-breeding requirements of the National Poultry Improvement Plan during the 1945-46 season, twelve were Texas breeders, the Department of Agriculture has announced. The Texas breeders who met the requirements numbered twice as many as any other state. Kansas had six of the top-notch flocks, and the remainder were distributed among Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, New Hampshire, Maryland and Washington.

The requirements of the National Poultry Improvement Plan include top-testing, pedigree and progeny testing. These procedures, which involve extensive records, are laborious, costly and time-consuming but they have proved to be a valuable basis for the breeding of exceptionally high-quality turkeys, the Department of Agriculture explains. The advanced stages of the turkey improvement plan in which the Texas breeders took part are known officially as U. S. Register of Merit and U. S. Record of Performance, the former being top.

The National Poultry Improvement Plan is now in its third year of operation, and besides the 12 flocks which make up the elite of the nation's breeding turkeys, more than 4,000 other flocks and 25 turkey hatcheries are participating in the various phases of the plan.

Scotty Eisher of Dallas is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eisher.

Income Tax

(Continued from First Page) farmer to a minor dependent actually employed on the farm or ranch.

Under certain conditions, only 50 percent of receipts from sale of breeding cattle may be taxable. Bates advises farm operators to consult their county agricultural agents for information on this point or contact an Internal Revenue deputy.

The tax reporting job will be greatly simplified for operators who have kept record books through the past year, Bates says. The Texas Farm Record Book which is available at Texas A. and M. College for a small cost, is a complete and simple form with spaces for recording all necessary items for income tax reports.

Assembly Of God To Hold District Meet

A District Monthly Fellowship meeting will be held at the Assembly of God Church in New Moebettie on Thursday, January 2, Rev. Bonita Hudson, pastor, announced today.

The meeting will continue all day and lunch will be served at the noon hour, Rev. Hudson said.

District Superintendent H. M. Sheets of Lubbock will attend the meeting and preach at the morning and afternoon services.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Youngsters In Charge Of Program At Church

The young people and children of the Mobeettie Methodist church gave a Christmas program at the morning service Sunday, December 22. The program was inspiring and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

The district superintendent, Rev. Johnston, preached and held quarterly conference Sunday night. The crowd was favored with a special song, "Beautiful Bethlehem" which was sung by a trio composed of R. H. Dyson, Richard Dyson and Tom Laman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Buice of Lubbock are spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Barr.

Harry Garrison, who is attending college in Alpine, is spending the holidays here with relatives.

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH
FOR
Christmas Cheer
AND
HAPPINESS IN THE
Coming Year!

CLIFF R. WEATHERLY
JOE WEATHERLY

BULLETIN
Season's Greetings
TO OUR FRIENDS

We hope you will keep this little notice handy over the holidays to remind you of our appreciation for your friendships and thoughtfulness in days past. May you be merry for you and those about you.

LEONARD'S SERVICE STATION
MOBETTIE, TEXAS

THE AMERICAN WAY

WITH THE PLEASANT FEELING THAT COMES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF MANY NEW CUSTOMERS AND THE CONTINUED PATRONAGE OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR MANY YEARS, WE WARMLY WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CITY DRUG STORE

Byron Simpson
66 PRODUCTS
Mobeettie, Texas

Greetings

To our good friends, those whom we have had the privilege of serving in the past, and those whom we'd like to serve in the future, we send this little package of Christmas cheer. It is heavily laden because it carries our most hearty appreciation of your friendships, patronage, and cooperation that you have shown this institution in the past. It also brings you our earnest hopes for a full enjoyment of the Holiday season.

Accept our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Byron Simpson
66 PRODUCTS
Mobeettie, Texas

SANTA, HERE'S WHEELER CHILDREN'S LETTERS

Local Boys And Girls Ask For Gifts Of All Kinds This Christmas

A little boy eight years old
like for you to bring me
a wagon. Please bring
my sister, Janice a doll and
a chair.

Your friend,
Don Conner

Briscoe, Texas
December 8, 1946

I have been a pretty good boy
and I am asking you for
things for Christmas.

Please bring me one gun, a
bicycle and candy.

Please remember all the
little boys and girls.
Your little friend,
Orrell Vise

Santa, remember my
Alvin and Alvis. They are
dear.

Mobeetie, Texas
December 10, 1946

I would like to have a tricycle,
a train, cap pistol and a
doll that I could have in the
if you have one.

I am trying to be a good boy
and I remember all the other
boys and girls.

Thank you,
Larry Finsterwald

December 11, 1946

I want some spurs, I
want some candy and nuts, a foot-
ball and a pair of tennis shoes.

Harold Reid

Mobeetie, Texas
December 9, 1946

Dear Santa,

I am seven years old and in
the second grade at Mobeetie. I
have tried to be a good boy this
year for you. Please bring me a
pair of boots, a wagon with side
boards, a football and a bicycle.

Please don't forget my little
sister and brother. Ann wants a
doll and doll walker, Dan wants
a fuzzy dog and truck. Thank
you Santa.

Your friend,
Ronnie Gatlin

December 10, 1946

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 9 years old. I
am in the fourth grade. I want a
lot but I know that there are
other children in the world. So I
will ask you for just a little. I
want a doll bed and a little suit
case for my doll. You brought
me last year. I hope I am not
asking too much. Don't forget the
other children in the world.

Lots of love,
Lonnelle

December 11, 1946

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 7 years old. I
have been a good little girl most
of the time. I make good grades
at school. I like my teacher too.
I want a snow sled and a baby
doll. Please put some candy in
my stocking. I have had my sister
to write my letter for me.

Love,
Shari



Mobeetie, Texas
December 1, 1946

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 9 years old.
I want a football, a film strip of
Mickey Mouse, a bicycle and some
candy and nuts.

My little sister is seven years
old, and she wants an auto-cycle,
a scottie set, a Trix, the wonder
dog, a magic skin baby doll and
some candy and nuts.

My baby sister is six months
old, and she wants a musical
plastic rattler, a walker-stroller,
a seepy head doll and a swing.
Don't forget our little friends.

Love your friends,
Donald Alton, Essie Inez
and Linda Francis Brown

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

I wish you would please bring
me a bicycle and basketball.

James Darrell Garner

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 7 years old
and I have been a good little girl
most of the time. I want a piano,
snow sled, bicycle, and a great big
doll for Christmas. Please re-
member all the other children.

Lots of love,
Nancy Lee

Mobeetie, Texas
December 4, 1946

Dear Santa Clause,

I am a little girl eight years
old. I would like for you to bring
me a bicycle, doll, cradle and lots
of nuts, fruits and candy.
I will leave you some coffee
and cookies on the table.

Love,
Shirley Ann Johnson

December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a baby buggy,
sweetheart bracelet, doll, candy
and nuts, I love you.

Your friend,
Phyllis Richerson

December 8, 1946

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like to
have a hammer, square and a
saw, and I would like to have a
set of wrenches, a hack-saw and
a set of screw drivers.

Your very best pal,
J. E. Rogers

Mobeetie, Texas
Route 2

Dear Santa,

I am six years old and I want
a tricycle for Christmas. Would
love a cap pistol, but if you
haven't enough to go around
leave me out for I would be sad
if all little boys don't get a cap
pistol.

Thanking you in advance.
Troy Wayne Wilkinson

December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl three years
old and live in Alpine, Texas. I
am going to be in Wheeler at
Christmas Time, so please leave
the following items at my Nanny
and Daddy Nations and Nanny
and Daddy Hyatt's homes: A
tricycle, a black puppy named
"Poochie", some school books, a
doll and anything else you want
to leave. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,
Kay Nations

Dear Santa,

December 10, 1946

I have been a good girl. Will
you please bring me a pair of
boots, spurs and a cowgirl suit,
also a bicycle.

I love you,
Pamela Jo Anglin

Mobeetie, Texas
Route 2

Dear Santa,

Hope you are well and have
plenty of toys this Christmas. I
am 4 years old and I want you
to bring me a cap pistol and a
little chair and hope you bring
all good little boys some presents.
Thanking you in advance.

Lots of love,
Baby Ray Wood

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

Here is my Christmas list. Cow-
boy suit, pair of spurs doll with
curly hair, ring, horse, candy and
nuts, sweetheart bracelet, a
saddle.

Kathryn Ann Whitener

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

I want a cowboy suit. I want
a pair of boots. Please bring me
a saddle for my horse, Old Davie.
Be sure it isn't little because it
won't fit around him.

Thank you,
Jo Jo Jaco

Briscoe, Texas
Nov. 26, 1946

Dear Santa,

We are three little brothers
and have been pretty good. Will
you please bring us a gun and
scabbard, a belt, an airplane, and
army jeep, and a knife with a
chain on it.

Your friends,
Jimmy, Jerry and Gene
Keelin

December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl 3 years old.
I want you to bring me a negro
doll, little wagon, and a little
car, nuts and candy.

Thank you Santa,
Ruby Lee Barten

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

Bring me a doll with curly
hair, washing machine, cowgirl
suit, sweetheart bracelet, and a
pair of boots. I love you.

Della Beth Wright

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle and
catipiller. Some candy and nuts.

Glen Babb

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a doll
with curly hair, also some candy
and nuts?

Shelia Patterson

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

I like school and I have been a
good girl. I would like for Christ-
mas a ring, rubber doll, skates,
ironing board, pair of boots, wash-
ing machine, candy and nuts.
Will you please bring these
things?

Goodbye Santa Claus,
Love,
Margaret Jane Wofford

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

I want a cupie doll and some
candy and some nuts.

Love,
Patsy Burgess

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

I want a doll with curly hair.
I want a sweetheart bracelet and
a ring. I have been a good girl. I
thank you.

Peggy Jo Weeks

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a
sweetheart bracelet and a locket?
Also some candy and nuts.

I love you.

Lois Bridges

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

Please bring this: A horse, ring
and tennis shoes and skates, cow-
boy suit and a pair of boots.

Do you remember me?

Sharon Green

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

I want a climbing tractor. I
want a cowboy suit. I want a pair
of spurs. I want a pair of boots.

A. J. Isaak

December 9, 1946

Dear Santa,

Bring me a cowboy suit. I am
a good girl. I want some candy. I
want some nuts too. I want a ring.
I want a rubber doll.

Mary Ella Joslyn

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a scooter and
a pair of skates.

Wallace Albert Johnson

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

Bring me a cowboy suit, cati-
pillar and candy.

Alton Brooks

December 12, 1946

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I want
a box of cards. Also, a ring, doll,
candy and nuts. I love you.

Ada Lenora Clark

December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,

I want a saddle and a pair of
boots with spurs.

Gerald Satterfield

December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a football, pair
of spurs, cowboy suit, saddle
truck and wagon.

Goodbye,
Darrel Moore

December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,

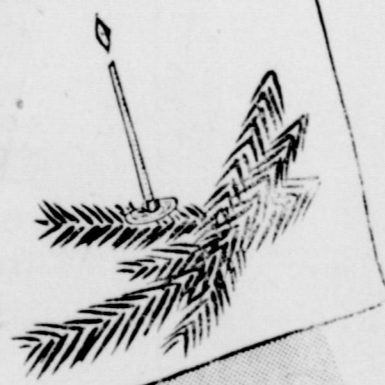
Please bring me a catipiller
tractor and candy and nuts.

Cecil Glen Pierce
(Continued on Last Page)

GREETINGS

of the
Christmas Season

OUR BEST WISHES ARE
OFFERED TO EACH OF
YOU . . . MAY THIS
CHRISTMAS TRULY BE A
HAPPY ONE.



Southwestern PUBLIC SERVICE Company

this
Christmas

LET'S BE

CHEERY

The urge to make Christmas
more gracious lies deep-rooted
in the hearts of Americans
everywhere, as they pause to ob-
serve the Christmas season.

May happiness be yours to
enjoy this Christmas and may it
give you the inspiration and
guidance to meet the coming
year with a cheerful heart.

B. & B. GROCERY

MOBEETIE, TEXAS

A MERRY American CHRISTMAS

We wish you a most
merry and happy
Christmas and may
the New Year bring
you Peace, Joy and
Prosperity.



BROWN'S CAFE

Mr. Aand Mrs. E. R. Brown

CHRISTMAS



That each of you may enjoy the fullest measure of happiness and prosperity is our Christmas wish to the fine people of this community who have made possible the splendid growth of this organization. Whatever degree of success we have attained, we attribute to the splendid goodwill of our friends.

Wheeler Co-Op Gin
Wheeler, Texas

GOODWISHES



LAURETTE was dining alone in her apartment, while outside the tempo of a New Year's Eve celebration grew in intensity.

It was quiet, sitting there by candlelight, a beautiful moment to reflect back over the 12 months just ending—except that tonight was so crucial! Tonight the vigil would end, the problem would resolve itself. But which way?

It was a strange thing they had done. Just a year ago tonight, while all New York was going mad welcoming the New Year with raucous gaiety, they had been sitting in this very room—yes, Harry over there in the big arm chair and she, Laurette, in the very chair she occupied at this moment. "Laurie," he used to call her; not "Laurette," the name everyone else used, but "Laurie," the convenient abbreviation he had invented.

"I'm a failure, Laurie," he had said. "Five years on the same job with nothing to show save a thinning head of hair and an almost empty bank account."

Laurette remembered how she had tried to comfort him, and then the bombshell:

"No, honey," he had said flatly. "It's no use. We can't be married, for I'd merely be fastening a millstone around your neck. I'm leaving—leaving you right now!"

She had cried, protested, and then he had agreed to make a game of it. His parting words, still vivid, were:

"If you'll wait a year, Laurie, dear—a year from tonight. If I've succeeded, if I've made something of myself by then, I'll be back. A year from tonight. If not, well, probably you'll never see me again."

She still remembered the firm set of his shoulders as he walked out the door that night, bound he knew not where.

She remembered the questions their friends had asked. Where was Harry? Away on a long trip she had replied, at first. Then she had ceased to offer excuses, and of course the friends stopped asking questions.

Only once had there been word of him, and then only very indefinite news.

"I saw him getting into a cab on Market street," Bill Collins had told her upon returning from a trip to San Francisco. "At least I think it was Harry. Saw him only an instant, though, and I couldn't be sure!"



Midnite came, and the noise reached a mighty crescendo.

So tonight she was waiting. Only God and she and Harry knew how important was this New Year's Eve. Bill Collins had asked her out for the evening but she said, no, she wasn't feeling well and would stay home. Then he asked if he might drop around to her apartment and she begged off. Bill had given her a puzzled look, but only God and she and Harry knew.

Laurette washed the dinner dishes, brushed her hair and straightened up the living room, because Harry used to enjoy sitting in front of the hearth with his pipe.

At eleven o'clock there was a knock at the door, and Laurette's heart jumped. But it was only the lady next door, pausing long enough to extend the inevitable "Happy New Year!"

"What's happy about it?" Laurette wanted to ask her.

She picked up a book and tried to read, but it was no use. Mid-night came, and outside the noise reached a mighty crescendo. At that moment Laurette suddenly realized that Harry had failed her; New Year's Eve was over, and he hadn't kept the rendezvous!

Then the telephone jangled and Laurette leaped to answer.

"San Francisco calling Miss Windsor," said the operator. Then a long silence, while Laurette held her breath. Hadn't Bill thought he'd seen Harry in San Francisco? Finally the operator came back: "I'm sorry, Miss Windsor, but our lines have apparently gone out somewhere. I'll have to call you back."

Then Laurette had an idea. "Operator," she asked, "was that call addressed just to Miss Windsor? Wasn't there a first name?"

"Why, I guess so," came the reply. "Yes, here it is—to Miss Laurie, L-a-u-r-i-e Windsor. That's you, isn't it?"

"I'll say it is!" Laurette shouted gleefully. "But only one person in the world ever called me that!"

Greetings

It is a pleasure and an honor at the eve of the Christmas season to express our sincere regard for your friendship and your loyalty and to wish you the Merriest Christmas of them all.



J. C. Wooldrige Co.

Geo. Warren, Mgr.
Wheeler, Texas

BEST WISHES

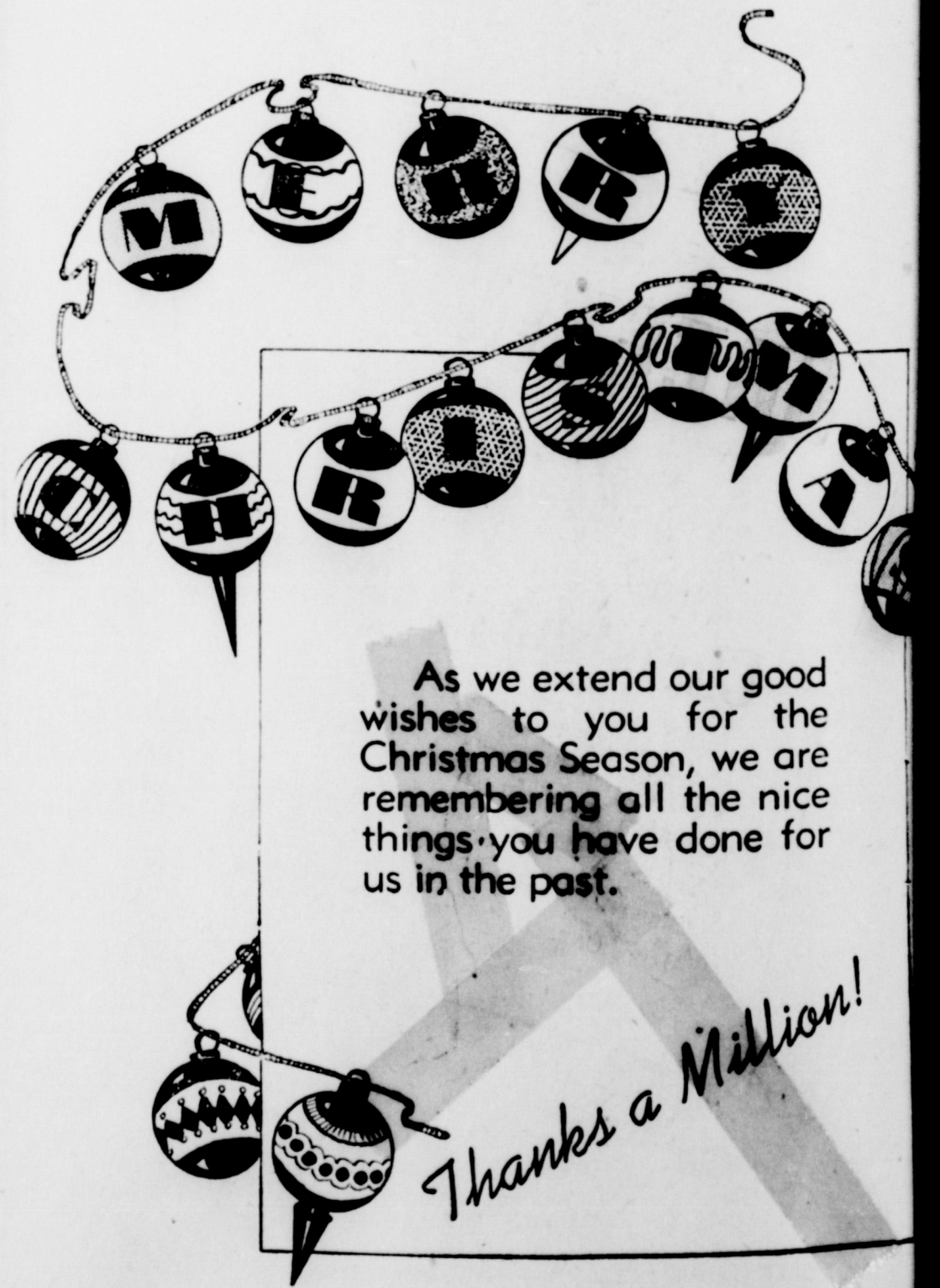
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HAPPY YULE

Hibler Implement Co.

PHONE 151

WHEELER



As we extend our good wishes to you for the Christmas Season, we are remembering all the nice things you have done for us in the past.

Thanks a Million!

W. E. Bowen Implement Co.

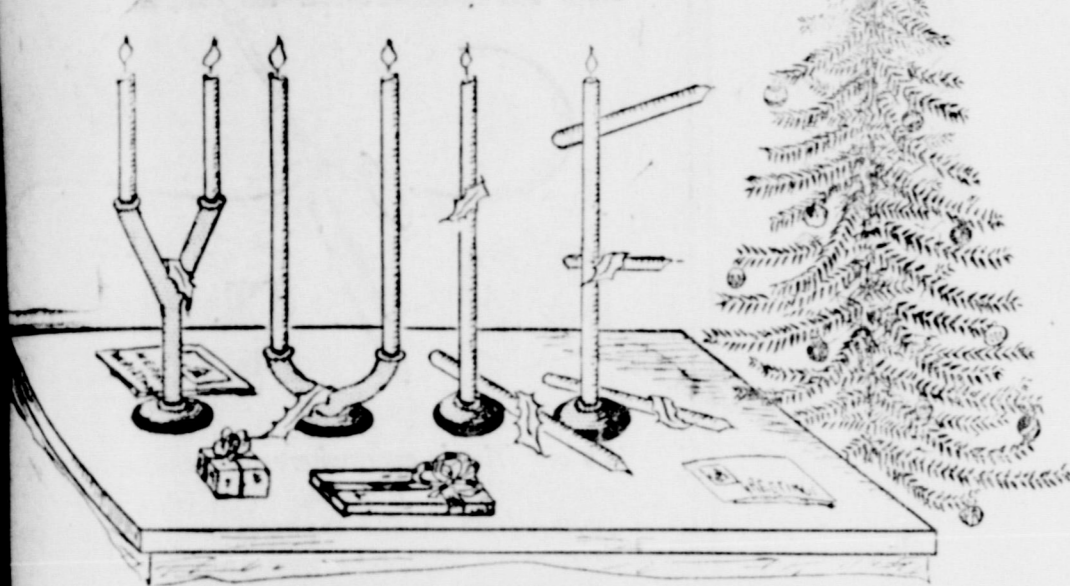
Wheeler, Texas

Season's Greetings

May your Christmas
bring good cheer
and the new year
much health happiness
and peace

CITIZENS STATE BANK
Wheeler, Texas

WE WISH YOU A JOYOUS



MAY YOU EXPERIENCE A GLORIOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON
A HOLIDAY RICH IN HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT

CRESCENT CLEANERS
WHEELER, TEXAS

LETTER & Christmas



"WONDERFUL weather for Christmas!" Timothy Rowan thought as he tramped home through the snow with an armful of mail from the post office.

But he was apprehensive, for in the bundle was a letter from Caroline, his daughter. Why, he kept asking, would Caroline be writing now, the day before Christmas, unless to tell her parents that she wouldn't be home for the holidays?

Noisily he stamped the snow from his overshoes on the back porch, then walked into the kitchen which was savory with the odor of his wife Rachel's Christmas cooking. Then, as Rachel approached the bundle of letters he had placed on the table, Timothy found himself shrinking from the room, fearful of how Rachel would take the news.

No Caroline for Christmas! Why, never once in her 24 years had Caroline been away. But, then, she was building her own life in the city, now—new friends, new interests. And spending the holidays with two old parents was probably pretty dull.

But how would Rachel take it? If only someone, anyone, would spend Christmas with them to relieve the loneliness! Well, how about young Tom Wakefield, with whom Caroline had once been in love, a fine young chap who didn't have a home, and who probably would miss Caroline this Christmas as much as he and Rachel would?

A few minutes later Timothy was tramping downtown through the snow again, and into Tom Wakefield's garage.

"Merry Christmas, Tom!" he shouted, walking into the small office.

"Same to you, Mr. Stone!" cried Tom. "What can I do for you?"

"Well, Tom," Timothy began, "you can make a couple of old people pretty happy if you'll come to dinner with us tomorrow. You see—I don't expect Caroline will be coming and, well, it would be nice if you'd join us."

"Gosh, thanks Mr. Stone!" Tom answered. He turned red, then pale. "I'll be there!"

Back home, Timothy was reprimanded. "Well, Mr. Stone, where have you been, leaving me all alone with this news about Caroline?" Rachel's eyes sparkled.

"I know, darling," Timothy said. "It's too bad she can't be here for Christmas, but I've asked Tom Wakefield to join us. It'll be kind of nice having him, remembering how he and Caroline used to be so close. You know, I think that boy is still in love with her—"



Timothy found himself shrinking from the room.

Mrs. Stone smiled. "Well, we'd better get busy, since company's coming. Fix a fire in the hearth, will you?" And as Timothy went off on his errand, her eyes followed him, smiling.

The Stone household was a busy place Christmas morning. While Timothy tended his stock and poultry, Rachel fixed the turkey, set the table and then went upstairs to dress. And shortly after noon Tom Wakefield arrived, handsome young Tom, and the three of them sat down in the living room before the fire for a short visit before dinner.

Then an automobile horn blared out front, and Timothy ran to the window.

"It's Caroline!" he shouted, beside himself. "Rachel, come quick! She must have come in on the noon train!"

Then she burst into the room, lovely Caroline, laughing merrily, tossing her bags on the floor and running to her parents.

Suddenly she saw Tom, standing white and tense beside the fireplace, and momentarily her mouth fell open with surprise.

"Oh, Tom!" she cried. "You here, too? This makes it perfect!" And she ran to his arms, while Rachel drew her puzzled husband into the kitchen.

"You may be a pretty smart man, Timothy," she explained quietly as she lifted the turkey from the oven, "but we fooled you that time! You just assumed, because Caroline wrote the day before Christmas, that she wasn't coming home. What she said in the letter was that she was tired of the city and was coming back to stay."

"Of course," she smiled, "I'll give you credit. Poor Caroline's heart was breaking for Tom, so your inviting him here today makes everything perfect!"

Children's Day New Year's in Bulgaria

Bulgarian children receive small gifts on Christmas Day from Grandpa Koleda—an ancient winter god—but New Year's Day is really the children's holiday.



Dressed in their newest and best clothes, the youngsters bear gifts to their elders: they receive presents and small sums of money in return. In rural communities the older children visit neighbors: switching the householder with corn rods, they wish him a happy and prosperous New Year. The word "surva" is repeated frequently—the visitors expecting to be served with goodies—but if the supply is exhausted, the situation is accepted with characteristic good humor.

The holiday season climaxes on Epiphany. The orthodox priest leads a procession to the river and, commemorating Christ's baptism, tosses a cross into the water: sometimes the ice has to be broken, but youths dive for the cross unhesitatingly—the retriever supposedly receiving a special blessing.

Name of Jesus Found Carved in Palestine

Urns recently discovered in a cave on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road, believed to be the oldest archaeological record of Christianity, dating back to 70 A. D., contained the name of Jesus carved on them.

It is believed that the carving was made by an eyewitness to the crucifixion. They were found on 11 early Christian burial urns.

A sect of Hebrews, who followed Jesus, denounced Pontius Pilate, and mourned the crucifixion of their leader was believed to have left the writing on the ossuaries in the cave.

Strictly Sentimental

Maybe we are old fashioned but we do get just a little sentimental at Christmas time.

We like to look back over the past twelve months, remembering all the fine things that have been our good fortune. It's pleasant to review the associations we have had with our friends—to find comfort in the knowledge that in lasting friendships come the joys of good living.

It's good to say "Merry Christmas"—it's satisfying to hear our friends say "Merry Christmas."

So, old fashioned or not, we just wanted to extend

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

EBB FARMER'S SERVICE STA.
Phone 128 Wheeler, Texas

A Good Christmas Is a Happy Christmas

It is our Yuletide wish
that you will spend a most
exciting Christmas, one
that contains an immeas-
urable amount of good
cheer—May it be for you a
good Christmas and a
happy one.



Wheeler Radio & Refrigerator Service

CARL LAFLIN YOUR GE DEALER WHEELER, TEXAS

MAY IT LAST FOREVER

All of us look forward to the quiet and cheerfulness of Christmas. Sparkling Christmas candles, gaily decorated gifts, the fresh fragrance of evergreen, the eager anticipation of youngsters waiting for old Saint Nicholas, the wholesome atmosphere of goodwill, the associations of good friends and loved ones, all blend to make Christmas a season of extreme happiness and contentment.

May it last forever—our Christmas wish for you.

Hunt Funeral Home
AND
Hunt Burial Association

Lyons First Born Welcomed Warmly

"... But the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head."—St. Matthew 8:20.
At Foundling hospital in Lyons, France, the first infant received on Christmas Day is luxuriously welcomed with great ceremony; the tradition contrasting the lot of the infant Saviour and that of one of His most helpless little ones.

When the Infant Jesus Selected His Playmate

According to various legends, the Holy Family travels about on Christmas Eve. Long ago—in England—sick babies were carried to the threshold at midnight. If the child recovered, it had been healed by the passing Christ; if the baby died, the Holy Child had chosen the infant to be His playmate in heaven.

Bonchevalier and Tree of Humanity

The tale of Bonchevalier and the tree of humanity, told with minor variations throughout France and Germany, is one of the most charming of all the Christmas tree legends.

Bonchevalier was traveling through a dense forest once upon a Christmas Eve. In the distance one tall evergreen stood apart from all the others; it seemed aglow with lights and, from afar, a star appeared to rest among its topmost branches.

As he drew nearer, Bonchevalier saw that the tree was covered with candles—some standing upright and others inverted. The star at the top seemed to be the vision of a child whose beautiful head was surrounded by a pale amber halo.

Word spread through the village that Bonchevalier had seen a vision.

dreamed a dream, or perhaps experienced a phenomenon. The knight himself admitted that the whole thing seemed incredible; if it was a vision, he could not interpret it; but he was absolutely certain he had seen it and his story was always the same.

Learned citizens of the community questioned him and shook their heads—so did everyone else, except his mother.

The tree of humanity had been revealed to her son, she said proudly, and all the world would be blessed by his vision.

Indeed, Bonchevalier's vision symbolized the tree of humanity; the candles represented persons, the good ones standing upright; the bad ones inverted; and the child at the top was the Infant Jesus who watches over all the world of humanity.

Edible Manger In Ukraine Rituals

In the Ukraine an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 39-day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served, one for each of the twelve Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in flax, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu.

An additional course of honey and porridge is also served: called Koutia, the dish represents the holy crib; the porridge represents the straw—as in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit; the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit.

Gives Strength to Wrestler

In Holstein it is believed that it is not only a cure for all green wounds, but that it will insure success in the chase and give strength to the wrestler, if mistletoe is worn.

Peace, Good-Will

The time draws near the birth of Christ:
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round,
From far and near, on mead and moor,
Swell out and fall, as if a door
Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind,
That now dilate, and now decrease,
Peace and good-will, good-will and peace,
Peace and good-will, to all mankind.

WHEELER TIMES WANT-ADS GET RESULTS!

THERE IS NEWS IN THE WHEELER TIMES WANT-ADS



With the Passing of each year, it becomes more evident that the peace of Christmas is enjoyed only because there were those who made every sacrifice that we might enjoy Christmas to its fullest extent. As we extend our Season's Greetings we are mindful that without those sacrifices, we could not enjoy the blessings of peace.

If we strike a solemn note at this glad season of the year, it is only because we are remembering that there were those who gave their all to make it possible for Americans everywhere to observe and enjoy Christmas.

The peace of Christmas is sacred. May we never forget.

Wheeler Gas Co.

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CORDIAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



In genuine appreciation of your cooperation during the year just closing and in the strong belief that we shall be of greater service to you in the next twelve months, we send you a cordial wish for a Christmas of good cheer and a happier, brighter New Year.

L. H. TERRY
HELPHY-SELFY LAUNDRY

GREETINGS



To our friends everywhere, we send sincerest Christmas greetings. We value your friendship and never failing faith in our organization. May the coming year be a prosperous one, a cheerful one and healthful one for you.

TITLE ABSTRACT CO.
C. J. MEEK, MGR.

Season's Greetings

It is a real pleasure to extend greetings to you at this Christmas season and to wish each of you the fullest measure of happiness and successful achievement in the New Year.

Let us press ahead with united energy and determination toward the pinnacle of success that lies ahead for our community, our nation and each other.

Heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings to one and all.



J. P. GREEN & SON
HARDWARE
Wheeler, Texas

Day Days

MARY CRANE emptied the last tub and stood it against the shed to drain, sighing her thanks that if she must wash clothes on Christmas Day the job was at least over and done with by noon. She had just returned to the kitchen when a knock came at the door. It was her neighbor, Hattie Jamieson, decked out in her finest.

"Aren't you the one," Hattie exclaimed, "washing clothes on Christmas Day?"

Mary conceded it wasn't the best way to pass the day, but added that it must be done.

"I wonder if you'd do me a favor?" Hattie asked. "John and Fanny have asked us to come to town for Christmas dinner and the tree tonight. You know, times were a little tough for Henry and me this year, so I took those two little State orphans to board. Now, I don't want to leave them at home alone, and Fanny wouldn't want them to come mingle with her youngsters." She sighed faintly. "Would you let them come stay with you for the evening?"

"Why, of course," Mary replied, smiling. "It will make Christmas for me, who was spendin' it alone. What time will they come?"

"Fanny's sending the car for us about five o'clock, and we'll drop them off here on the way."

After Hattie had left, Mary mused that she didn't suppose the Lord thought Fanny's children too good to mingle with these two orphans, but after a moment she realized there was much to be done. By five o'clock she had walked to the store and spent her few pennies on two tiny pair of red mittens, which were now hanging on the little spruce tree Mary had cut in the back yard. And in the kitchen a hot, hearty supper was waiting.

Mary sat in the living room, waiting. "Lucky I did that extra washing today, so I feel justified spending those pennies on the youngsters. Those children must have a Christmas, and maybe—" she sighed—"I shan't have a home another year!"

Waiting there in the old rocker, her head dropped slowly, and Mary Crane fell asleep. . . .

"One thing I'd like to do before dinner," rich old Andrew Craig said to his wife. "S'pose there's time? You remember Mary Crane had some tough luck a few years back. She borrowed money from the bank on her house and couldn't keep up the payments. Well, the directors decided not to give her any more time."



"All tall and bright and—and beautiful."

"I couldn't help remembering our lean years, Sue, when Mary was our neighbor and worked day and night to pull you through pneumonia. So I just gathered in that debt—it was only a few hundreds—and had some papers made out to Mary. I'd kind of like to take them out to her on Christmas night."

Sue pulled his head down and kissed him. "It will take just 10 minutes to pack a basket for you to take along," she reckoned swiftly. "If you drive there and back in half an hour, you can do it. Remember, we have guests coming!"

It was snowing when Andrew alighted from the car. A lamp showed him Mary's kitchen through the window, the cheery tree, and the sleeping old lady. He tip-toed in and placed his basket on the table, papers on top. The latching of the door aroused Mary.

Her small guests rushed in a few minutes later to find Mary holding the papers to her heart, her face alight with joy.

"Merry Christmas, Mary," cried the little girl. "There was a man on your steps when we came down the lane. We saw him plain as could be!"

"You're right," said Mary. "Andrew Craig is a man, if ever there was one."

"Not the man in the fur coat," insisted the child. "It was another just behind him. All tall and bright and—and beautiful."

"Well," said Mary. "I'm not surprised. Some folks might say it was shadows and lamplight and snowflakes, but"—tapping the papers—"wherever there's things like this goin' on Christmas night, I'm persuaded He's there!"

Family Christmas Held in Germany

Christmas is a family affair in Germany and preparations begin well in advance of the holiday.

The Advent Wreath is hung on the first Sunday in Advent. This large wreath has one red candle to begin with; an additional candle is added each Sunday until Christmas and paper stars are added daily. The stars are inscribed with Bible passages which are memorized by the children of the household.



Everyone occupies precious moments making gifts for loved ones: perhaps a soap rose, a paperweight, toys for the younger children, an embroidered handkerchief or table cover; there are dozens of cookies and special cakes to be baked and everything must be finished the day before Christmas—stores and restaurants are closed, too—so that servants and tradespeople may spend Christmas Eve with their families.

After church services on Christmas Eve, one of the family goes into the parlor—where the Christmas tree has been set up and decorated with ornaments treasured from year to year. At the first notes of "O Tannebaum," the whole family rushes in and gathers around the tree; several familiar carols are sung, and then the presents are distributed.

Sometimes Christmann—Father Christmas—joins the festivities and asks each child to say a verse; correct recitations are awarded by Christmann from pockets bulging with goodies and trinkets.

Gregorian Calendar Was Slow in Adoption

Great Britain and her colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752; the Julian calendar having become 11 days slow by that time, parliament ordered that the day following September 3, 1752, would be September 14, and that the legal year should begin on January 1.

The Gregorian calendar is, in effect, a revision edition of the old Roman calendar. The ancient Roman year began with the month of March and ended with December, the 10th month. January and February were added in the course of time and the celebration of New Year's on January 1 began in 452 B. C.

Continental Europe had universally adopted the Gregorian calendar by 1700 but Great Britain, frowning upon anything originating in Rome as Popish, continued the use of the old calendar—with its legal year beginning on March 25—until the confusion arising from using a different calendar than the one used by continental Europe prompted the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752.

Yule Means December
The word "Yule" for Christmas comes from the Anglo-Saxon "geol," meaning December.

Favored Ash Yule Log
The Yule log, which used to be part of every home on Christmas, was nearly always an ash log, because the legend avers that it was before an ash fire that the Holy Babe was first washed and dressed by his mother.

Properly applied, the herbicide 2, 4-D either kills bindweed or cuts its vigor to the point where it can't produce seed or interfere with crop production.

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It won't be long now! Old Saint Nick has his reindeers hitched up and his sleigh loaded and his sack packed!! He's peepin' over our shoulders right now!!! He's on the way!!!!

So, this is a good time to send our Christmas greetings to each of you. Best wishes to all!

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.
MOBETTIE, TEXAS

Yuletide GREETINGS

The spirit of the joyous Yuletide season prompts us to remember our faithful friends with a word of appreciation. We are grateful for the things you have done for us, for your thoughtfulness and consideration, for your goodwill and patronage. May we continue to deserve your consideration.

Merry Christmas, all!

PLANTER'S GIN COMPANY
MR. AND MRS. BILLY J. DONNELL AND FAMILY

Can't think of a better way To Express Our Season's Greetings Than to Say

MERRY CHRISTMAS

This conveys exactly the thoughts we have for you at this glad season of the year. Best of luck to you, and you!

DR. C. C. MERRITT
CHIROPRACTOR

BEST WISHES for A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

LAWRENCE HATCHERY AND FEED WHITENER PRODUCE

TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES IN WHEELER COUNTY A MERRY-MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

J. Wade Duncan



PERCY FARMERS GARAGE
Wheeler, Texas

**Miracle Play In
Modern Texas Town**

LOS PASTORES, the hybrid Spanish-Indian miracle play introduced to Mexico centuries ago by Spanish monks and presented in San Antonio during the Christmas season, is enacted primarily for its spirituality.

A group of amateur actors go from house to house by invitation and because it is traditional that no one prompted by idle curiosity should witness the performance, only the initiated can find the scene of presentation.

Usually someone's back yard becomes the stage; the doorsteps serve as background for the Nacimiento Manger scene; various objects are set on the stairs; pieces of crockery, tinsel, pin cushions, patron saints—anything the household considers especially beautiful. In the center of the lowest step, the Christ Child (a life-sized doll placed on a platter with divers gaudy candy) is surrounded by plaster shepherds, donkeys, etc.



A tent opposite the Nacimiento gives evidence of representing hell; a bonfire has been built within and live devils emerge therefrom.

The play has no definite time for beginning, but finally, a girl starts to walk back and forth reciting. Overdressed shepherds drone a seemingly endless song. Ermitano, the comic relief, carrying a rosary of spools, also represents the soul of its earthly journey and is often accompanied by the white-winged Archangel Gabriel.

It is a never-ending performance: seven devils, six in sequined black with animal masks and the fork-tailed Lucifer in brilliant red, are finally vanquished; likewise, a wild Indian is overcome and kisses the Christ Child; the shepherds and all in attendance kiss the Child, solemnly and as slowly as possible.

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STAR OF THE EAST

Star of the East, that long ago
Brought wise men on their way
Where, angels singing to and fro,
The Child of Bethlehem lay—
Above the Syrian hill afar
Thou shinest out tonight, O Star!

Star of the East, the night were drear,
But for the tender grace
That with thy glory comes to cheer
Earth's loneliest, darkest place;
For by that charity we see
Where there is hope for all—and me.

Star of the East, show us the way
In wisdom undefiled
To seek that manger out and lay
Our gifts before the Child—
To bring our hearts and offer them
Unto our King in Bethlehem!

Eugene Field

**Mexico Did Away
With Santa Claus**

In 1930 the authorities in Mexico decided to abolish Santa Claus during the Christmas festival as they considered him out of place in a country where snow is seldom seen. The well-known bearded figure was ousted by Quetzalcoatl, the Indian god, half bird, half snake, who was worshipped by the Aztecs before the Spanish invasion. In its new Christmas program, the southern country has made a feature of the distribution of presents to thousands of needy children by the plumed serpent, and every year this big-scale present-giving takes place on December 23.

Lincoln Issued Famous

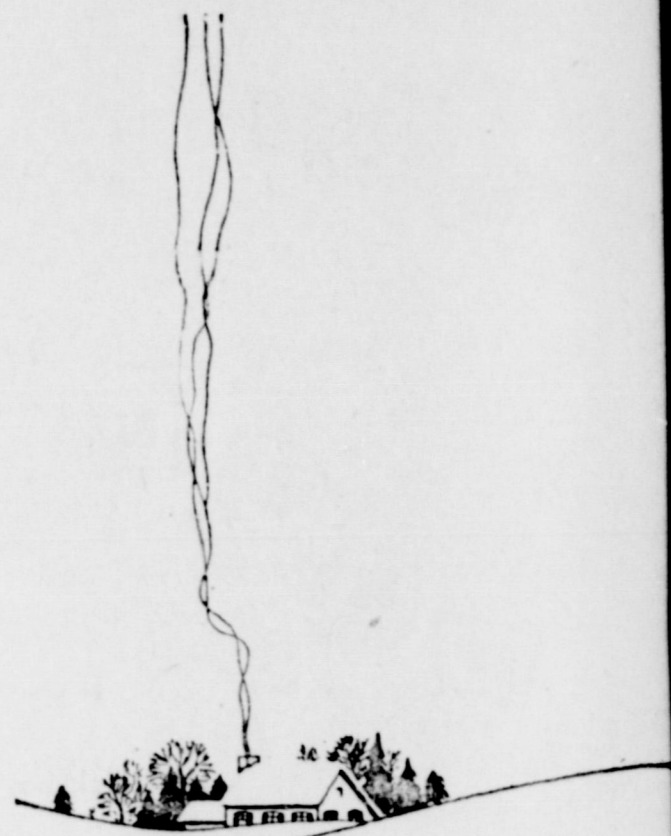
Emancipation January 1.

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln on New Year's Day, 1863.

The Proclamation abolished slavery in those states and parts of states which were in rebellion on that date and, though other days are observed in various parts of the country, January 1 is the date most generally observed as Emancipation Day.

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**THE BLESSINGS
of CHRISTMAS**

As we herald the approach of another Christmas season, we count our blessings in good friends and pleasant associations.

It is appropriate, then, that we extend our warmest greetings and add the hope that the coming year will be the best yet have ever enjoyed and that from the experiences of the past we may gain strength for the problems of the future.

CHAPMAN'S DAIRY
Wheeler, Texas

There is something intimate about

CHRISTMAS

Perhaps it's the spirit of good fellowship that prevails in the hearts of everyone. Christmas is the season when each of us feels closer to friends and when we are given an opportunity to wish the best of all good things to those about us.

Merry Christmas!

CITY BAKERY

Wheeler, Texas

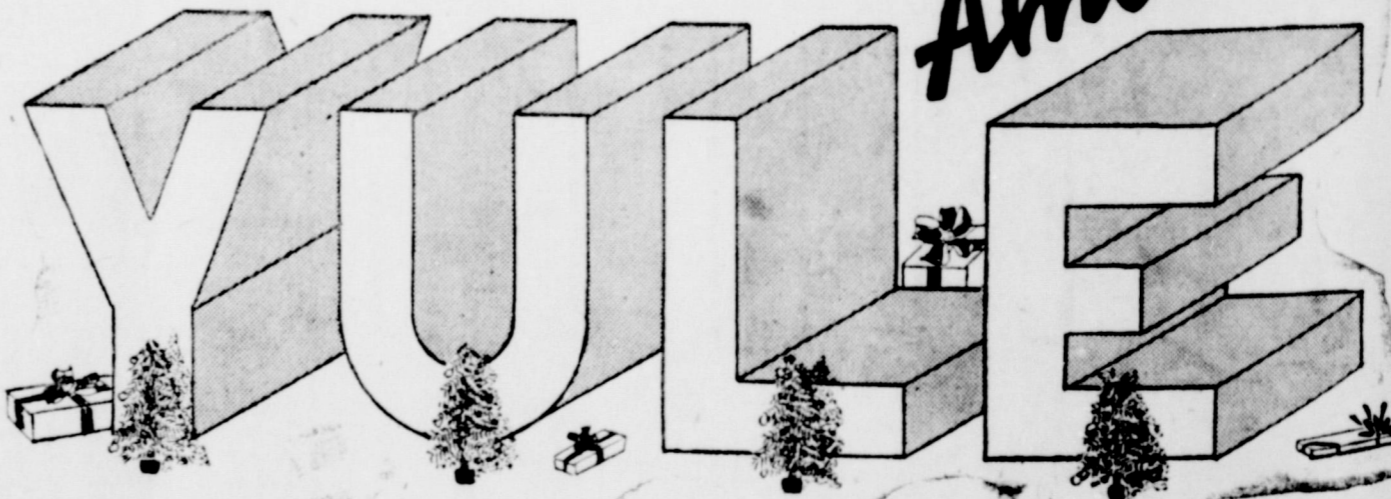


*For Christmas
and the New Year
Every Good Wish*

FRED FARMER
GARAGE & MACHINE SHOP

Wishing you

**AN OLD FASHIONED
American**



As we express our annual Christmas greeting, we are mindful of the countless blessings that have come our way during the year just closing, and we are truly grateful.

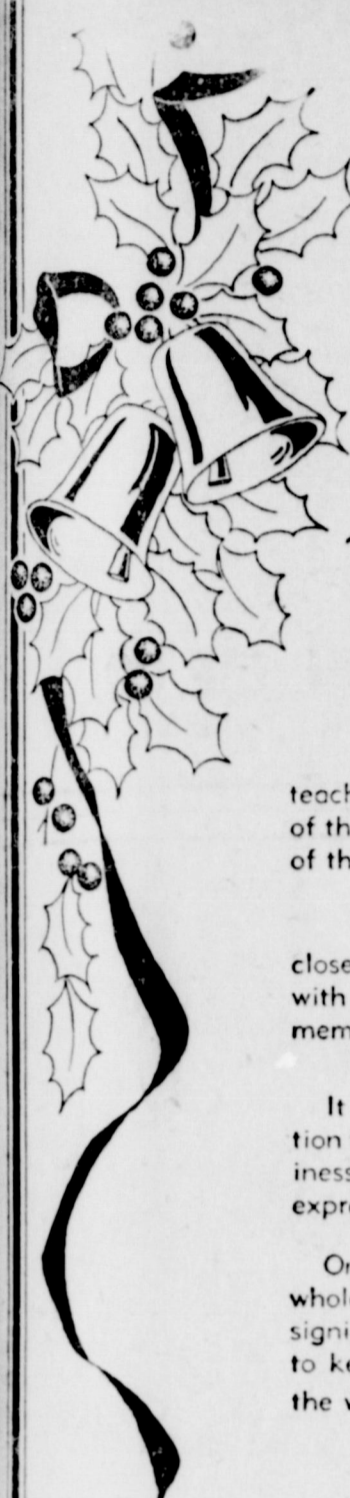
We have enjoyed the blessings of friendships and associations with those whom we love. The loyalty of our friends is a gift unsurpassed.

Freedom, liberty, the right to worship as we please, the right to think and speak, to enjoy our home, the nourishment of our bodies, the blessings of health and happiness—these and countless other blessings are ours.

We are grateful and wish for you and yours the many blessings every American deserves.

Wheeler Abstract Co.

Wheeler, Texas



What Is Christmas?

To us, Christmas means the renewal of the teachings of Him, who taught us the true significance of the brotherhood of man. It means the observance of the anniversary of His birth.

Christmas is a time of family reunions and the closer understanding of loved ones and friends, one with another. It is the time of giving, unselfishly remembering those whom we love and cherish.

It is a time of expressing appreciation for all past favors and we, as a business institution, take this means of expressing ours.

On this most joyous season of the whole year, let us meditate on the significance of Christmas, and resolve to keep its spirit in our lives through the whole year.

Wheeler County Produce Ass'n
Wheeler, Texas

HER Quiet CHRISTMAS



KATE YARROW had so often heard neighbors remark that she would be an old woman before her time, that she had begun to think of herself as quite middle-aged. Actually she was not quite 30, nor had her full days as mistress of the Yarrow household turned her hair gray or her cheeks wan.

Sometimes, since she had taken her mother's place, Kate did think she was imposed upon. But she blamed no one. Her father was generous enough with the money, and she had Martie in the kitchen and old Sam for outside work. But five inconsiderate younger brothers and sisters, a preoccupied father and a grumbling grandfather made a household that required supervision.

For the past two years, Kate thought, there had really been no Christmas. But this year would be different. The brothers, all in boarding school or college, had accepted invitations to spend the holidays with room-mates. One sister was visiting an aunt, and the other had gone south with her exacting but youthful grandfather. And Kate's father was spending the season with a thoroughly capable widow who, it had been whispered, he was considering as a possible second wife.



Bill did not neglect his privilege.

So as soon as the last member of her brood had faded down the driveway, Kate told Martie and Sam to take a two-day vacation — and then settled back to spend Christmas by herself. She ran into the capacious living room and with a completely undignified leap planted herself sprawling upon the divan. Everyone but Kate sprawled on that divan. Kate never had time. Now she would begin the Christmas holidays by staying there for hours.

Before dinner-time she donned her best red evening frock and over this her smock. Then she went down to the kitchen to make herself a meal, admitting for the first time that it was rather lonesome in the old house. She heard loud rappings on the old brass knocker, and went to open the door rather timidly.

But her timidity gave way to annoyance. There was her older brother, Tom, who had started that morning ostensibly to pass the holidays with a group of bachelor friends. And here he was, back with five young men in tow! They were heavily laden, turkey feet protruding from one of the bundles.

"Well, we began talking it over," Tom said, "and decided Christmas at the club would be a frost. So I asked the fellows to come home with me. I was afraid you wouldn't have things for the feast, so we stopped and got what we thought you'd want. Bill, here, even got mistletoe, though I told him there'd be no pretty girls!"

Then, turning to one of the young men whom Kate had never met, the tactless brother went on. "Bill, this is my sister. Now I'll run along and get the car in the garage. And, sis, you might take the fellows up and show 'em where you want 'em to sleep!"

Bill alone of the young bachelors noted the look of disappointment on Kate's face. Later, after she had prepared an impromptu Christmas Eve supper and laid aside her smock, she heard Bill say from the other end of the table: "I thought Tom said there would be no pretty girls here. Boys, let's drink a toast to Sister Kate!"

It was past midnight that night when Kate left the kitchen. The boys had helped with the dishes under Bill's orders, but there would be pies and puddings to make, for the next day and Kate knew she would have her hands full. She was up early to prepare the festive breakfast, and all day she worked in the kitchen.

It was late Christmas night when she had finished the last work in the kitchen. As she passed through the hall, Bill stood waiting for her. There, above them, hung the mistletoe — and Bill did not neglect his privilege.

"It isn't just because of the mistletoe," he told Kate, holding her still close to him. "I loved you when I first saw you. It has been outrageous for us to impose on you this way."

"It's all been worthwhile, Bill," Kate replied, "because I've made myself believe that I was doing it all for you—alone!"



A Friendly Word

This little gesture comes to you in true appreciation of the thoughtful treatment you have afforded us in the past year.

We are truly grateful and in the most friendly way we know, we extend the compliments...

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.
Wheeler, Texas

A VERY MERRY Christmas TO EACH OF OUR MANY FRIENDS IN THIS AREA. AND A MOST SINCERE THANKS FOR ALL CONSIDERATIONS AND FAVORS. MAY THE SEASON HOLD UNTOLD HAPPINESS FOR ALL

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Farmers Equity Service Inc.
Jack Miller, Mgr.
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Inseparable at This Time of the Year

FRIENDS AND CHRISTMAS...

The Christmas season, with all its pleasant traditions, reminds us again of the cordiality and good fellowship that has been ours to enjoy with our legion of friends. Good friends and Christmas combine to make this time of the year the most glorious occasion of them all.

As we extend our best wishes to you, we include our heartfelt thanks for your fine cooperation with us during the past year.

Owen Service Station
WHEELER, TEXAS

Santa Letters

(Continued from page 1)
December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a necklace and bracelet set and a doll with curly hair.

Jerry Ann Pitcock
December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,
Santa, bring me a pair of boots,

I want some candy and nuts, also a sweetheart bracelet.

Frances Tipps

December 10, 1946

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a tricycle, doll with curly hair and a baby buggy.

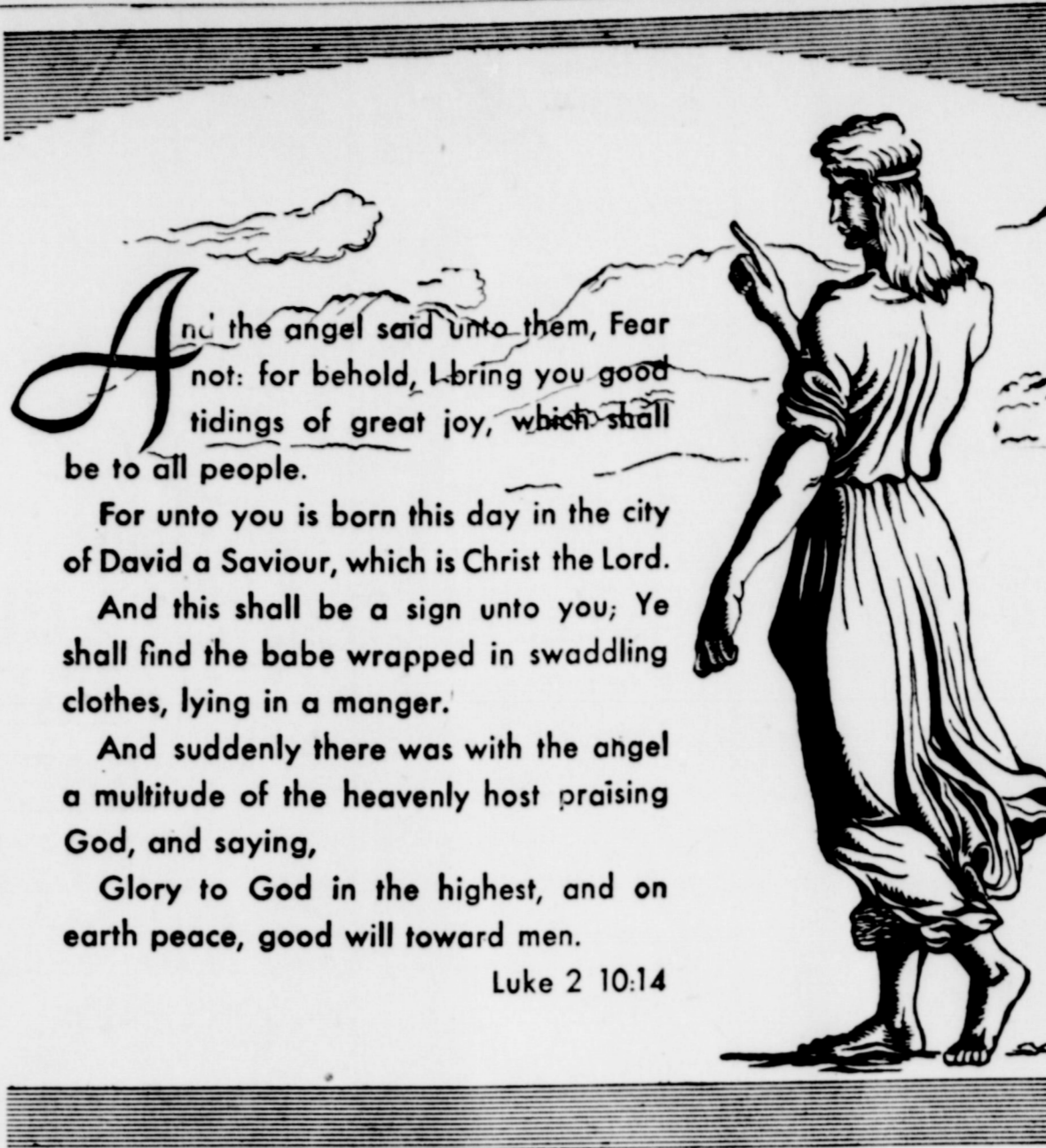
I love you,
Fredia Joyce Pond

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**365
CHRISTMAS
WISHES**

It occurs to us that the ideal and spirit of Christmas should be of three hundred and sixty-five days duration. So, right now, please accept our sincerest Best Wishes for every day of the New Year.

GUYNES SERVICE STATION
Wheeler, Texas



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all 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.

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 10:14

Open Air "Festas" Vs. Santa Claus

Santa Claus has firmly entrenched himself in the hearts of Brazilian youngsters, although his traditional chimney had to be abandoned—very few homes being equipped with such things, and it never occurs to the small fry that it might be fun to spy on Santa; the children beg to stay up, of course, hoping to participate in the grown-up festivities and perhaps accompany their parents to midnight mass.

Since it really is June in January south of the equator, Christmas in Brazil is a midsummer festival. Midnight mass on Christmas Eve is celebrated with greater or lesser pomp throughout the land, preceded by dancing "festas" and gala late suppers.

Many Are the Legends of Ancient Yule Log Customs

Old books and legends surround the Yule Log with much mystery and superstition.

Thus, it must be touched and lighted with scrupulously clean hands: certain types of persons—such as squinting or flatfooted—are unwelcome while it is burning and, should the fire go out during the night, bad luck is portended for the New Year.

Less superstitiously, Tyroleans decorate their Log with paper flowers and bright ribbons. Wine is poured over it by the youngest child of the household who offers a prayer that the fire may warm the cold, the hungry obtain food, the weary find rest, and all may enjoy heaven's blessing and peace.

Smash the Pinata South of Border

Smashing the Pinata is a red-letter feature of Mexican Christmas festivities.

An earthen jar is filled with nuts, candies and small gifts. Elaborately disguised and decorated with tissue paper, etc., it often represents a doll's face or an entire figure—perhaps a bull fighter.

Children of the household, blindfolded and armed with a club, are each given three chances to break the Pinata. Inasmuch as the basic earthen jar has been selected because of its fragility, it shatters easily, releasing a shower of goodies and trinkets and causing everyone in the party to scramble for a share.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

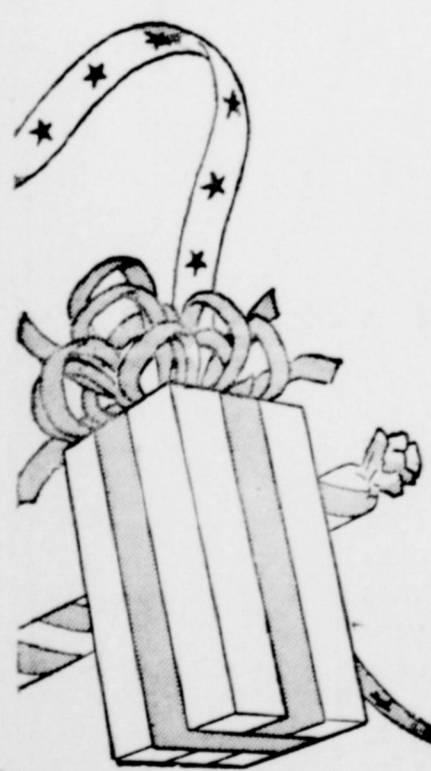
CRYSTAL ICE CO.
CLARENCE ROBISON

*a wish-fulfilling
Christmas Gift*

As a gesture of thanks, we extend these Greetings to our friends. Your loyalty and consideration means much to us and we are grateful. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Daughtry

A Treasured
A CUSTOM OF LONG STANDING



It's been our happy privilege for a long, long time, to send our Christmas greetings each year to those of you whom we have had the pleasure of serving. We look forward each year to this occasion, principally because we learned long ago the value of loyal friendships. Each year

we strive to add more friends to our list. If we have not had an opportunity to serve you in the past, we invite your consideration. We will do our best to please.

And to those of you whom we have been associated for many years, here's our usual, yet genuine, "Merry Christmas".



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