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THE COUNTY SEAT NEWSPAPER

Season's Best Greetings

As you celebrate this glorious occasion, we send

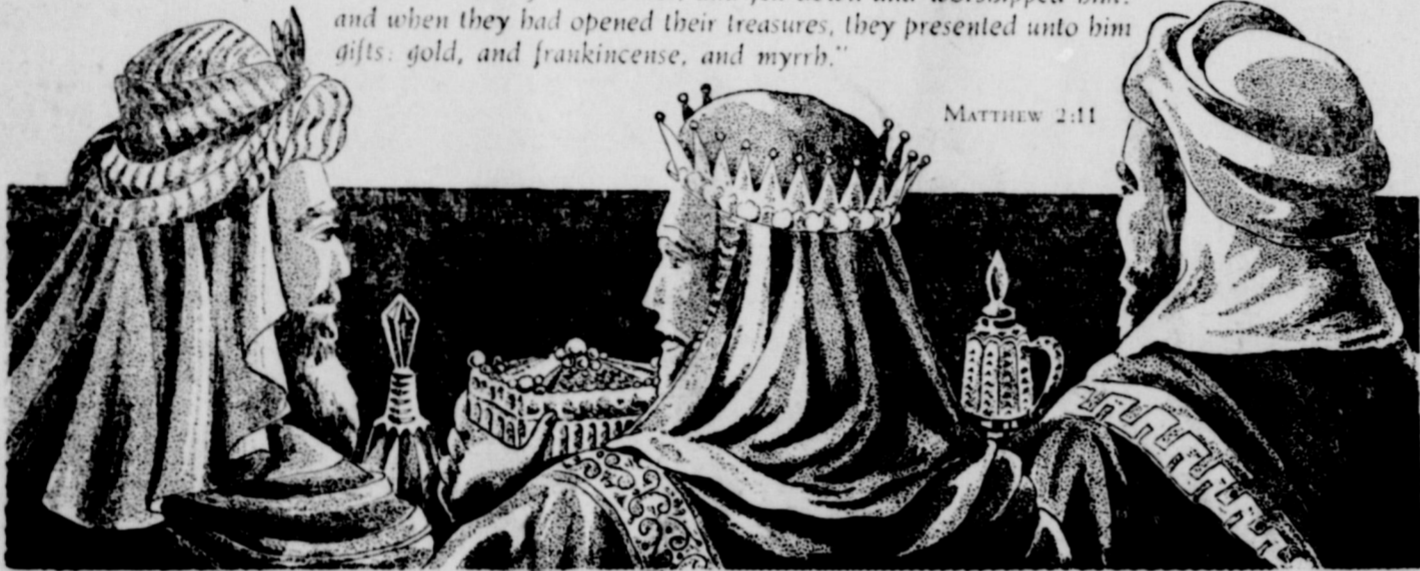
to you our sincere greetings and trust that

the season will be one of blessings

and joy for you and yours

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

MATTHEW 2:11



The Wheeler Times Staff

Fair Association To Be Organized Here

Twenty-nine persons attended the regular monthly meeting of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce held at Nora's Cafe last Tuesday night. Three new members, James Verden, C. J. VanZandt, and Thurston Young, were introduced. Gaddy Vise & Minister E. M. Borden, Jr., were introduced as guests.

HOSPITAL NOTES

PATIENTS ADMITTED
George Martin, Wheeler, December 12
Winston Rainey, Sunray, December 13
Mrs. Elmer Simpson, Gageby, December 12
Mrs. C. B. Henderson, Wheeler, December 14
S. A. Maxwell, Wheeler, December 15
Bobby Wiley, Wheeler, December 15
M. D. Hendrix Baby, Briscoe, December 14
Mrs. H. A. Eisenmenger, Mobeetie, December 18

PATIENTS DISMISSED
Ferrell Baird, Mobeetie, December 12
George Martin, Wheeler, December 13
Winston Rainey, Sunray, December 15
Mrs. Elmer Simpson, Gageby, December 18
S. A. Maxwell, Wheeler, December 18
Bobby Wiley, Wheeler, December 15
Hendrix Baby, Briscoe, December 16

Christmas Eve Party At Howard's Roller Rink

There will be a Christmas Eve Skating party at Howard's Roller Rink in Wheeler Monday night, December 24. The party will get underway at 7 p.m. with prizes being awarded winners in several contests.

"Come on down and skate with Santa Claus," Howard invites in extending the invitation to his party. An admission charge will be made.

SANTA CAME TO WHEELER SAT.

Santa Claus came to Wheeler last Saturday and distributed approximately 650 sacks of goodies to the youngsters who had thronged the streets to see him. The day was chilly but the cold was not too severe.

The Wheeler Mustang Band played appropriate music on the courthouse lawn and Mrs. Hall's Junior Choir sang several Christmas songs. Carl Laffin had installed a loud speaker system to operate for the program and provided a series of Christmas music which was enjoyed by all.

The Chamber of Commerce expressed its regrets that the pupils of the North Wheeler County were unable to participate in the program. They said maybe they could get in next time. Thanks (Continued On Last Page)

R. F. HEFLEY RITES HELD

R. F. (Bob) Hefley, former resident of Wheeler County and brother of five local residents, died at 12:30 o'clock Thursday night in Roosevelt Hospital, Fortales, N. M.

Death followed an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the First Methodist Church in Texline, with the pastor officiating. Interment was in the Texline Cemetery.

Mr. Hefley was born in Wise County, November 2, 1886, and came to Wheeler County shortly after the turn of the century. He resided in the old Locust Grove Community for some time and later made his home on Elm Creek, south of Shamrock. He moved to Texline about (Continued on last page)

SEAL SALE IS FAR SHORT OF \$800.00 GOAL

Wheeler County residents have only four more days in which to buy Christmas Seals prior to December 25.

Up to December 16, contributions totaled \$542.50. Officials of The Wheeler County Tuberculosis Association hope to receive a minimum of \$800.00 to be used in the fight against TB.

Christmas Seals have been mailed to 1,570 residents of the county. Of that number, 220 have sent in contributions totalling \$542.50. Sixty-four letters have been returned for one reason or another, leaving 1,286 persons who have not responded to the appeal in any way.

The Christmas Seal funds could not come anywhere near paying for the cost of treating the tuberculosis patients in Wheeler County, but they will help in teaching people how to keep well, to find unknown cases of TB, to help rehabilitate TB patients so they can return to useful lives, and to support medical research.

The above statement was made by Dr. H. E. Nicholson, president of the Wheeler County Tuberculosis Association, in the form of a last-minute appeal for the purchase of Christmas Seals.

For 50 years Americans have been using Christmas Seals to symbolize their contributions toward the eradication of tuberculosis. Their aim has been a future for their children free from the tragedies that have been caused by the disease.

Christmas Seals aren't just attractive stickers to decorate our Christmas cards and packages. They have a larger meaning. Mail your contribution now to: Wheeler County TB Association, Wheeler, Texas. It will make your Christmas brighter.

L. LANCASTER NAMED C OF C PRESIDENT '57

Lewis Lancaster, manager of J-Lee Department store in Wheeler, has been elected as president of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce for next year, succeeding Harry Wofford.

Watson Burgess was named as vice president to succeed Mayor C. B. Kirk, Dick Guynes was re-elected secretary-manager of the organization.

These officers will be installed at the annual Banquet and Installation meeting to be held on Tuesday night, January 29. At this same meeting the persons elected to receive awards for contributing the most to Wheeler in 1956 will be honored. If you have not mailed your selection for this honor do so at once. All persons of teen age and over in Wheeler and trade area are entitled to vote. Select the man, woman and teenager whom you think has done the most for Wheeler in 1956. Write their names on a piece of paper, sign it and mail to Wheeler Beneficial, Box 183, Wheeler, Texas.

LOCAL CAGERS WIN HONORS IN TOURNEY

Wheeler High School basketball teams, coached by J. D. Atwell won a large share of honors in the annual invitational tournament held in Shamrock last week-end.

The Wheeler Mustangs placed second in the three-day meet, losing by a one-point margin to the Samnorwood Eagles in the finals Saturday night. Wheeler lost the game as Samnorwood dropped in a goal as the final whistle sounded to go ahead, 48-47.

The Wheeler girls won consolation honors in their bracket, defeating Shamrock, 51-41.

In addition to the team trophies brought back to Wheeler by the cagers, two players were placed on the all-tournament teams. Ranked on the all-star teams were: Sharon Green, girls and Joe Jacob, boys.

Ten boys teams and 11 girls girls team participated in the tourney.

The Mustangs defeated Texola and Quail to go into the finals with Samnorwood.

The Wheeler girls lost their opening game to Quail to go into the consolation bracket. They then defeated Kelton to go into the finals with Shamrock.

Wheeler teams played the Allison teams at Allison Tuesday night and won both games. The girls won by two points in an over-time play, and the boys by a score of 75 to 42. The girls score was 52 to 50.

Phyllis Richerson was high point with 24 points and Tiley Green made 22. Wilsford was high point for the boys, with 24 points.

The Wheeler Teams will play Shamrock Friday night, December 21 on the home court.

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa;
I have been a good girl all year. My sister has been a good girl too. I want a Tiny Tears doll. My sister wants a doll house.

Yours truly,
Donna Davidson

Dear Santa;
Please bring me a steam shovel, Football suit, football and a machine gun. I've been a good boy.

Love,
Dwight

Dear Santa;
I've been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and doll buggy and some guns. Thank you.

Love,
Susan

Dear Santa;
We thank you for the candy today. Danny wants a little tractor and loader or plow. If you don't have that just bring what you think I'd like the best. We sure were glad to see you on the fire truck. Mary wants a baby doll with a bottle and a suitcase. Take care of yourself, Santa and come to see us.

Love,
Danny and Mary
Fillingim.

VOTING DATE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 15

The final date for voting on the three persons who, in your opinion have done the most for Wheeler in the past year, has been extended until January 15, 1957. Harry Wofford, president of the Wheeler Chamber of Commerce said this week.

Due to the rush of the Christmas season and the necessity of careful thought in arriving at the decision as to whom to vote for the Chamber decided that the extension should be made. Get your votes in on or before Tuesday, January 15.

Write the name of the man, woman, and teen-ager whom you think has done the most for the (Continued on last page)

PUBLIC INVITED TO CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TODAY

The public is cordially invited to a Christmas Program, "Seeing the Star," and Christmas music to be presented at the Wheeler School Gymnasium tonight (Thursday) at 8:00 p.m. This is an annual presentation of the Wheeler School, being sponsored this season by the Student Council.

"Seeing the Star" is a short three act play that centers around putting Christ back into Christmas. The cast is composed of:

Dorothy Hall, Gail Holdeman, Sandra Pearce, Milton Courtright, Garth Nash, Paul Harding, Alvin Arganbright and Joe Hyatt.

The Choir, composed of approximately fifty junior and senior high school students will sing Christmas songs and favorite carols.

Mrs. Harrison Hall is director of the choir and Miss Jeanne King has coached the play. A full evening of delightful entertainment is assured all who attend the Christmas program Thursday night, December 20. School will dismiss for the holidays Friday afternoon, December 21. It will reopen on December 31.

AM. LEGION CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The American Legion Post of Wheeler has scheduled four dances at the hut during the holiday season. They will hold their regular Saturday night dances at the hut on December 22 and 29. Then on Monday night, December 24 they will hold a special Christmas dance. On Monday night, December 31 you are invited to dance the old year out and the new year in at a special New Year's Eve Dance at the hut.

Bill Ridgway and his Texas Playboys will provide the music for the four dances and the admission price will be \$1.00 per person.

On Friday night of this week the legion and the Auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas party. All legionnaires and their (Continued on last page)

MONEY STILL AVAILABLE FOR ACP PRACTICES

Money is still available for chiseling and other ACP practices for 1956, according to Albert C. Marshall, office manager of the Wheeler County ASC.

Marshall stressed the fact that the practices must be completed before December 31.

Chiseling must be at a depth of eight inches or deeper, he declared.

Farmers will be furnished a list of available ACP practices for 1957, at an early date.

Marshall announced that county-wide educational meeting on cultural production is planned for Wednesday, February 12, at Shamrock.

This will be an all-day (Continued On Last Page)

Waters and Railsback Vows Were Read

Miss Patsy Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Waters of Briscoe, was married to George Railsback, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Railsback of McLean. They were married in Clovis, and Miss Wilma Pruitt was their only attendant.

Patsy graduated from Briscoe HS in 1955 after graduating from high school, she has been a student nurse at North West Texas Hospital and attended Amarillo Junior College in Amarillo.

George was graduated from the McLean High School and was recently discharged from the Marines.

They are making their home in Pampa, where he is an employee of Pampa Office Supply.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Waters and baby of Borger and Wanda Waters of Amarillo spent Sunday in the Fred Waters home.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Sanders spent the week end in Amarillo with his father who is ill.

Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Amos May, Melvin May and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hamey Herd, and Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Herd all had dinner in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Robertson, in White Deer.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Mayfield visited Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES SOSEBEE

Greenhouse-Sosebee Vows Exchanged In Borger

Miss Donna Yvonne Greenhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Greenhouse, of 1036 Thrans, Borger was united in marriage to Charles Leland Sosebee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Sosebee, of 300 Union, Borger at the Gateway Church of Christ, November 18th, at 2 p.m.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Evangelist Dean Bullock, Minister for the Second Deahl Church of Christ.

Patricia Darnell, of Lubbock was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were: Patricia Woosley and Edith Guynes, both of Borger. Patricia Woosley is a cousin of the bride. Rodney Ray DeMoss of Borger, was best man. Ushers were Douglas Hargis and Barney Waid of Borger. Henry Greenhouse, father of the bride gave her in matrimony.

The bride wore a traditional wedding dress of lace and net over satin with long sleeves and a boat type neck line. She wore a pillbox hat covered with sequins and pearls, with a finger tip length veil. For something old she carried a handkerchief of the grooms aunt. She carried a white orchid bridal bouquet. The bridesmaids wore pink princess style dresses and carried white pom-pom mum bouquets.

The maid of honor wore a blue taffeta princess style dress matching the bridesmaids. She, too carried white pom-pom mums.

The church was decorated with white gladioli and candles. Mrs. Weldon Lewis played the traditional wedding marches and accompanied B. O. Lewis as he sang "I Love You Truly", "Whither Thou Goest", and "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Federated Club Room. The tiered cake with the bride and groom on top was set on a lace covered table. The cake was served by Karen Darnell, and Sarah Good, of Wheeler, served the punch.

For travel the bride chose a suit of pink wool, made by her mother. The young couple will live at 318 Deahl, Apt. 3, in Borger. The groom is employed by Page Electric, in Borger.

Fooshee and Knight Exchanged Vows

Violet Gaines Fooshee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lem Gaines and Frank R. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harise Knight of Greenville, Texas were united in marriage November 29th at 8:00 o'clock P. M. at Herald St. Methodist Church. Rev. O. M. Butler officiated at the single ring ceremony.

The bride was attired in a beige linen suit with dark brown accessories. Her corsage was white gardenias.

Glen Hogan, brother-in-law of the bride was best man. Martha Hogan, sister of the bride was maid of honor.

After a wedding trip to Greenville, Texas, and points in East Texas, the couple will make their home in Clovis, N. M.



BUS DORMAN & FAMILY

May God who gave His love
In the Christ Child make this Christmas
Joyous, and may His Spirit
Keep you through the coming year.
May the tender memories
Of happy times
With your loved ones
Give joy to your heart.

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Matthew 5:12

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Season's Greetings

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**Mustang Ramblers
Present Program**

The Mustang Ramblers, of Wheeler gave the program for the Wheeler Hour over radio station KEVA Friday December 14. All of the Mustang Ramblers were not present, but they had a group of girls to help them out on the program. The Ramblers played several numbers, and the girls sang "White Christmas" and "Singing the Blues" accompanied by Mrs. W. L. Jolly on the piano. Jimmy Erwin sang several numbers, one of which was "Blue Suede Shoes". He and Jimmy Jolly sang "Rock Around the Clock" and Jim Jolly sang "Ding Dong Daddy", with a little persuasion.

Those having a part on the program besides the ones already mentioned were: Kearby Weatherly, Elaine McCasland, Betty Cooksey, Carol Jean Caswell, Ella Mae Richardson, Katherine Underwood, and Karen Laycock.

Kelton 4-H News

The Kelton 4-H club held its third meeting of the year at the Kelton High School on December 12. The President Jerry Lackey, called the meeting to order. The meeting was turned over to the county agent, Bryan Swain, after the formalities had been taken care of. He showed a film of the 4-H "Fun Festival presented each year by the U. S. Rubber Company. The picture was taken at the "Share the Fun Breakfast" at Chicago in 1951.

The county eliminations for the fun festival are the first part of February. The county has high hopes for at least thirty (30) acts and more if possible. Every one who attends will get a ribbon whether he wins or no. Perhaps the most important thing he will receive is the experience of appearing before an audience and competing with other people.

If you have an act or know anyone in 4-H who does have something he can do, you are urged to



PERFECT ANGELS . . . Being good is always easier when it gets near to Christmas time and these little ladies, dressed for the role of angels in a Christmas pageant, are certainly taking their roles to heart.

attend and invite every one else in 4-H to do so.

Locals

Mrs. G. T. Riley spent Saturday night in the Ed Riley home.

Mrs. P. A. Martin went to Pampa after her mother who has had surgery and has been in the hospital there. She has spent the last

few days in the Happy Martin home, in Pampa.

Mrs. Emma Nell DeWitt and son and Mrs. W. C. Hogan of Moebette were shopping in Wheeler Monday.

Mrs. Shirley Draper, Mrs. Rea Lammus, Mrs. Mary Pace, Mrs. Bledsae of Shamrock were in Wheeler, for the Catata at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon.

Newspaper Advertising Pays.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Santa, Here Are Kiddies' Letters!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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1 Cor. 1:3

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Thank You,
Vivian Newsom

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a roadgrader, basketball, and a goal and a pop truck. I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas. Thank you.

Love,
Rodney Walker

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll with high heels, a table and chairs and a set of dishes. Thank you.

Love,
Lucinda Dukes

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon, a cowboy shirt, a ball, bat and glove. Thank you.

Love,
Lowell Childress

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll that wears highheels, a table and chairs, and a horse. Thank you.

Lynda Miller

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy two years old. Please bring me some house shoes, some candy and oranges, and a new toy.

Love,
James Vise
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa:
We are two little boys, four and five years old. We have tried to

be good this year. We would like to have a Roy Rogers two gun. Pete sets, one for each of us.

Santa we have a baby sister 8 months old. She would like a little doll.

Don't forget the other little kids all over the world.

Thank you,
Mark, Eric, and
Stephanie Zybach
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa:
Bring me a gun and holster. I also want a dump truck and a cowboy hat. I would like an airliner, too.

Thank you,
Mark Taylor

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a leather football, a dairy farm set and a stocking full of candy. My little sister Meredith Ann, would like twin baby dolls.

Cleata Ann Lebow, my big ole cousin would like a pair of lounging pajamas. Her brother, Jerry would like a football and her sister Senja, wants a formal. They live at Brownfield, Texas. Thank you for the things you gave me last year.

I love you Santa Claus.
David Douthit, Age 7

Dear Santa:
I am a boy eight years old and I thought I had better let you know what I want you to bring me. I would like to have an air rifle and a dart and baseball game.

My brother, Eddie wants a Jack-in-the-box and a gun-and-holster set. We would both like some boxing gloves. My sister, Lucy and Carol both want a doll. Lucy wants a slinky dog, a water gun and a nurse set.

Thanks a lot.
Love,
Larry Meadows
Briscoe, Texas

P.S. My Dad wants a 3 inch rain.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy five years old. I have tried to be good. Please bring me some candy and fruit, a transport truck and some house shoes. Thank you.

Love,
Johnny Vise
Briscoe, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a boy four years old. Please bring me some candy and fruit, a scooter and a pair of house shoes. Thank you.

Love,
Gary Vise
Briscoe, Texas

P.S. Don't forget to bring our new little cousin, Kathy something.

Dear Santa:
I have tried hard to be a good boy but you know how it is to be a boy and have to be good. Santa I would like to have a

double barrel shot gun and a tractor with a front end loader on it. Be good to all the other boys and girls and remember Granddaddy.

Love,
Roger Cole
Pampa, Texas

Dear Santa:
I have been pretty good this year. I would like a doll, a doll set. Be good to all the kids Santa and remember my Grandmother.

Love,
Becky Cole
Pampa, Texas

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl six years old. I want a doll, a little desk, some house shoes, a box of crayolas and a little sweeper.

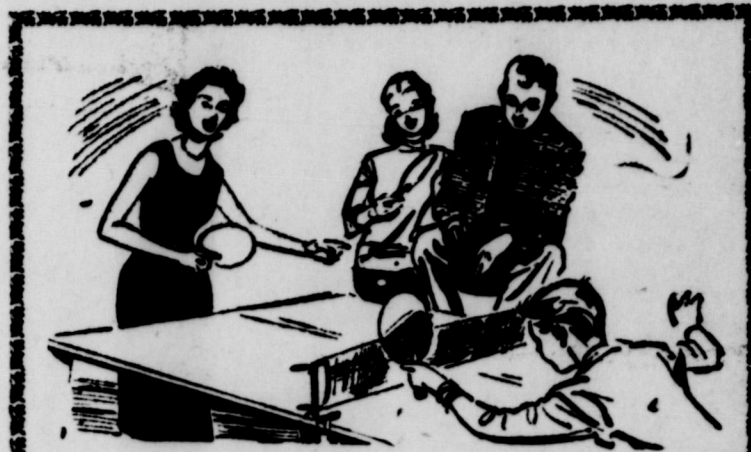
Please remember all other girls and boys.
Love,
Vicki Lyna Davidson

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 2 1/2 years old. I would like for you to bring me a Tiny Tears doll so that I can feed her and change her diaper, like Mommy does for my little sister, Janice, who is a month old. I would also like to have a set of little dishes with knives, forks and spoons.

Janice would like to have a toy to play with. I think.
Thank you,
Lulinda Verden

Dear Santa:
I am nine months old and have been an extra sweet boy these nine months. So, I would like you to bring me a rocking choo-choo, a pretty pair of blue house shoes, and some little toys. I would also, enjoy some Christmas goodies. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
John Dan Bowman, Jr.
Box 146, Wheeler, Tex.

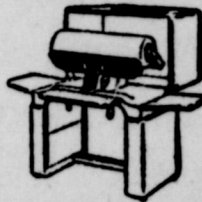


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Instant Pumpkin Pie—A batch of instant butter-scootch pudding, 1 1/4 cups canned pumpkin, traditional seasonings. Turn into a baked pie shell, frost with whipped cream—and it's ready to "cook" in your refrigerator. Better check your stock of Coca-Cola—its great taste is always in great demand!

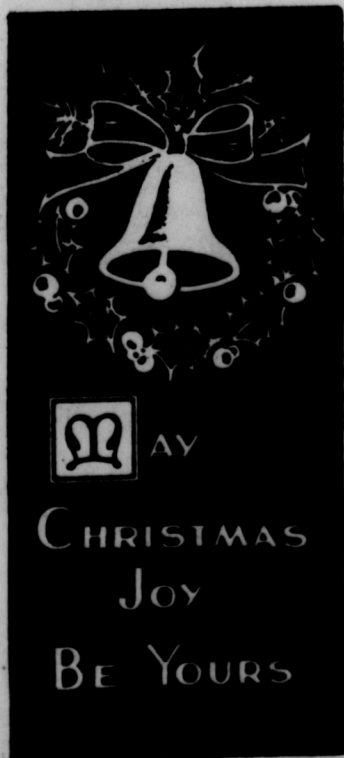


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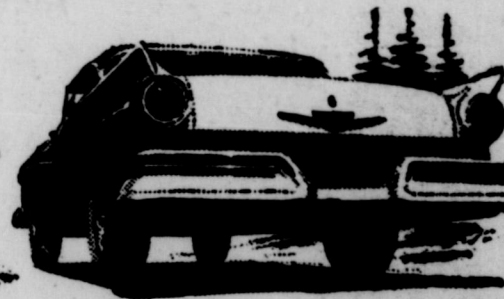


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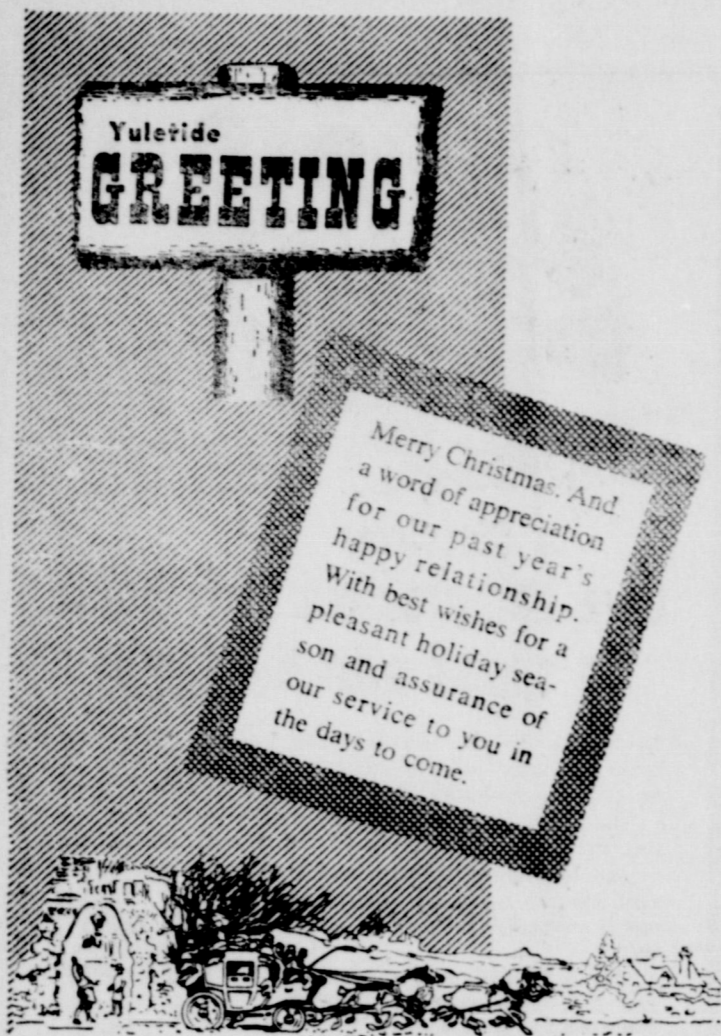
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RIDICULOUS PRESENT

BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

YOU never can tell what's going to happen around our house at Christmas. Like the time Father brought a donkey home. We didn't get to keep it very long on account of town regulations; still, I'll bet we're the only family in all Bitteroot that ever got a real, live, smelly donkey for a present. Another time when we were down to eating canned goods and the stuff our garden grows, Father came home with soap for everybody. Boxes of it. Enough to last for anyway a thousand baths, I guess, and all moulded in animal shapes. All in lurid colors and smelling strongly.

Mother always protested. "That's so impractical, Clem! Just a waste of good money."

And Father always answered by sweeping her off her feet. "It was a sale, honey; a real rooting, tooting bargain."

And we always wondered what he'd bring next—even when we were disappointed by his gift. See, there's six of us kids and one time Father bought a lot of unmarked canned goods that turned out to be alphabet soup. Pretty sickening after about ten meals.



"Sure, I've got a present for us all. In just a few minutes, it's coming right to the door."

Anyway, here it was Christmas Eve again and Father hadn't come in from his current job yet. Around the tree we had conventional gifts—nice ones mostly—but like Father said, it's impossible to find six special presents so if he could find just one—

I guess you know by now that we

all thought Father was the greatest. I mean he could have brought (in fact he did once) nothing but balloons and we still would have loved it. Even Mother, for all her protests, enjoyed the suspense. I guess that was the best part, because some of us were bound to be let down when we saw what we'd been waiting for.

At last we heard his footsteps and stampeded to open the front door for him. He came in all red from the cold and happy-faced at seeing us, but he didn't have anything in his arms. I saw that right away and, as the others did, the room got real quiet.

Surprisingly, it was Mother who voiced our disappointment. "No bargains, Clem? No ridiculous present this year?"

No Laughing Matter

Father laughed and sat down in front of the fireplace he'd painted on the plaster wall. Four of the little ones piled on him, searching his pockets. Nothing exceptional there either, just the usual assortment of marbles, gum, jacks, and penny whistles. "Ridiculous? Impractical?" But then he must have seen by our faces how upset we were for he sobered.

"Sure, I've got a present for us all. In just a few minutes, it's coming right to the door."

So the suspense wasn't over and our wild guesses went unanswered until we heard a strange noise outside. Horses hooves!

"Not another donkey?" Mother groaned as we rushed to the front door.

It wasn't though. Golly, no. Outside there were two solid-looking horses hitched to a wagon load of hay. The younger children raced out, but the rest of us just questioned. "Are they ours to keep?"

"Just for one night," Father explained. "Just for Christmas Eve and it's up to you characters to decide what you want to do and where you want to go." That's all he said. That's all he needed to say.

"Let's ride all over town and ring bells," one of my brothers suggested. "You know—a sleigh ride like you read about in books."

Well, we had an old wind-up phonograph that Father had given us one Christmas, and we had eight lousy voices. "Not good, but loud," Mother said. And she was so right. You know, we went all over Bitteroot singing like mad.

And doors opened and windows lighted and other voices joined in as we trotted along until half the town seemed to be following the wagon and all the town singing of that glorious night of old. We sounded great. Loud and good and heartfelt.

Health to You



In the days of the Saxons, "wassail" was a popular greeting meaning "health to you." It later became a Yuletide drinking toast, and cups of hot wassail were given to visiting Christmas carolers.

Here is the recipe for a cherry bowl which will help extend a hearty welcome to your Christmas guests.

CHRISTMAS WASSAIL

- 2 quarts sweet cider
- 6 whole cloves
- 1 three-inch stick of cinnamon
- 6 whole allspice
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- juice of 6 oranges
- (16 to 20 punch cups)

Simmer the cider, spices and sugar for 15 minutes. Let stand for 12 hours. Then add orange juice. Strain, reheat and serve.

Serve wassail hot from a large bowl and green cherries, orange slices or small baked apples floating in it. Place the bowl on a holly-trimmed tray.

Merry Christmas

Sincere greetings to all our good friends. May the Christmas blessings of Peace and Happiness be yours today and in the days to follow.



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Hundreds of flowery words and phrases cannot compensate for the sincere wishes contained in the old greeting: "A Merry Christmas!" As the chimes intone the Christmas music, may you have a sense of happiness in their enjoyment.



Joyous Yuletide

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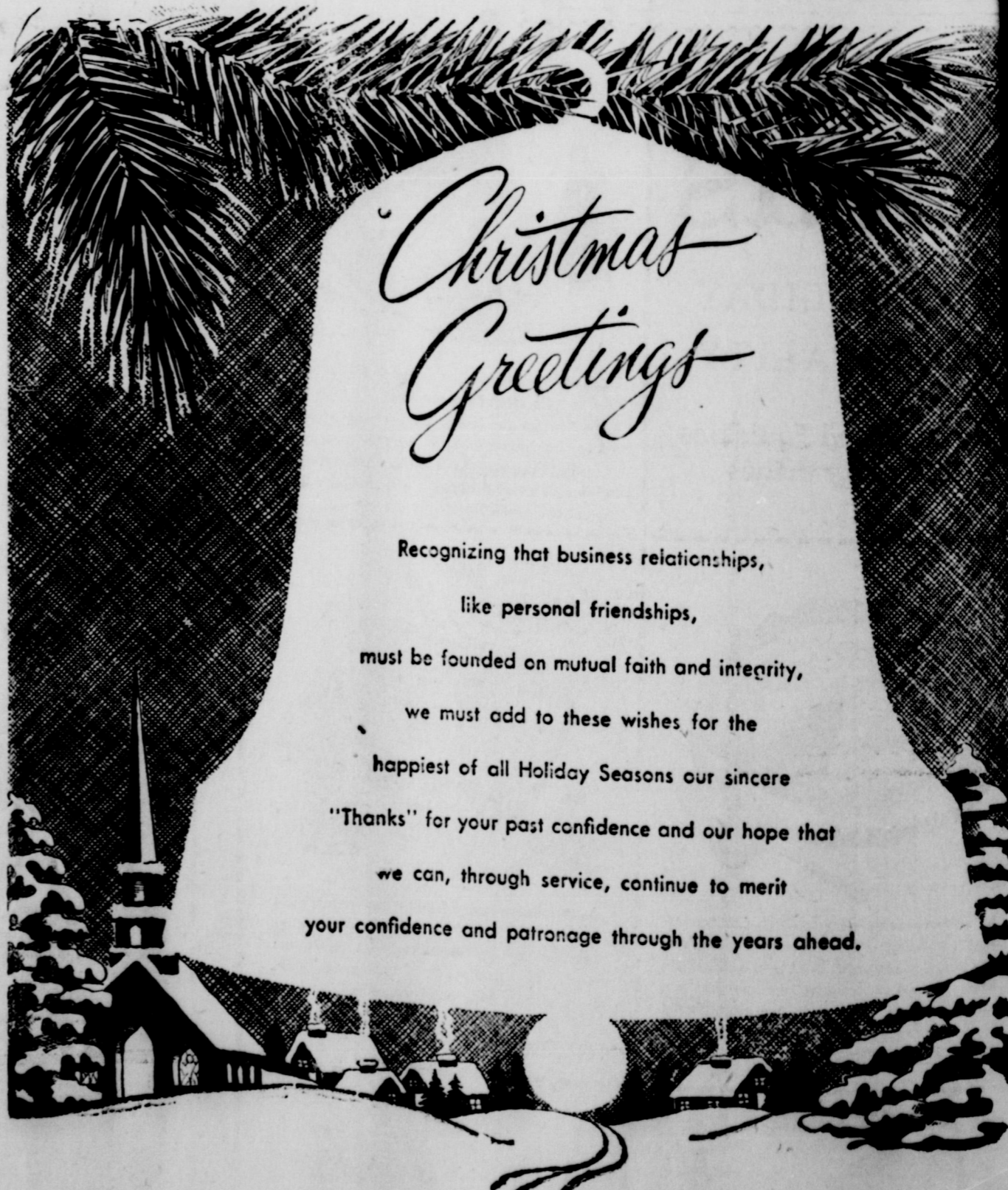
T. M. BOW



Maybe it's a bit old-fashioned—this idea of wishing folks a Merry Christmas but we've been doing it every year for a long time and we like it! We hope we can continue for many more years, this wonderful practice of wishing our friends all the good things they so richly deserve.

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Christmas Greetings

Recognizing that business relationships, like personal friendships, must be founded on mutual faith and integrity, we must add to these wishes for the happiest of all Holiday Seasons our sincere "Thanks" for your past confidence and our hope that we can, through service, continue to merit your confidence and patronage through the years ahead.

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**Christmas Caroling
Is Custom Which
Began Centuries Ago**

Christmas caroling, so much a part of our present-day observance of Christmas, is said to have begun about the 15th century.

The first real Christmas carol is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who made a model of the Bethlehem manger to help him tell his people the Christmas story.

Christmas carols were then supposedly taken from Italy to England by the traveling clergy. The idea of caroling fitted into the English conception of Christmas as a combination of religious celebration and a day of good will, so it flourished in that country.

Little bands and groups of singers which sprang up in the towns and villages were called "waits." A natural explanation of the name seems to be that it refers to watching and waiting, for Christmas Eve is called the Vigil of Christmas.

As early as December 21, which is the day dedicated to St. Thomas, mummers and carolers would begin going from door to door, announcing the great feast at hand. It was natural for householders to offer hospitality to these troubadours, and gradually in many places the custom of giving and receiving presents of various kinds was established.

**Cagey's
Christmas
Break**

BY D. I. ALEXANDER

HE WAS known as 61,653 by the prison officials; but his fellow prisoners gave him the name of Cagey Wilson because of his concentration on all the angles of any problem or proposition that came up for consideration.

Cagey was known as a model prisoner. He had only broken the rules once, and with deliberation. He had heard others talk of "The Hole," until he was curious to see what it was like. He smoked while lying on his bunk, which was against the rules, but instead of being sent to The Hole he only received a severe reprimand from the guard who caught him.

The admonition to "keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut" won the respect of the others and kept him out of trouble and he enjoyed the confidence they reposed in him.

Where men have little but future devility to occupy their minds every insignificant occurrence becomes momentous. Some of them caused Cagey much speculation; like the time the dormitory night guard had him stand before him for the purpose of memorizing his face and figure, an unusual proceeding.

"You have your own time to serve, and no one else can serve it for you," he had also been told. It had strengthened his resolution to shorten that time if he possibly could.



Instead of being sent to "the Hole" he only received a severe reprimand.

Christmas was approaching, but it had little meaning for any of them. They sneered at the promised turkey dinner with an apple for dessert. It did not appeal to them when their thoughts and talk revolved about merrier Christmas's they had enjoyed outside the walls. It filled them with restlessness and resentment.

Cagey easily fell into the prevailing mood. He thought of the old folks and friends at home, and the cheer that the season brought with it. He found it hard to fight off the fits of depression that came, and was in a receptive humor the day Big John Mallory slyly remarked there might be a break for freedom. And when Big John proposed later on that he join them he agreed to give it careful consideration.

Great Temptation

He pondered over the possibilities. The temptation was great, but to find himself without shelter in winter, without food or a safe refuge was not attractive. He could not return home, for that would be the first place they would look for him. To go into hiding would necessitate his dependence on doubtful loyalty of friends. His prison uniform would betray him wherever he went. He reluctantly gave up all thought of leaving.

The attempted break came the day before Christmas. The conspirators seemed to be favored with good luck. It was foggy, and their movements went undetected at first. They reached the roof of the

"...ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."
John 15:7

May your
Joys
Be Many

at this
Christmas occasion

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prison and made their way to an outside corner, where they fastened an improvised rope.

A guard, coming on duty early, discovered the dangling rope. He called the guard on the roof by telephone and apprised him of the situation. When the would-be escapees returned to the roof they were fired upon by the guard and easily captured.

Time for Gladness

Cagey heard of the escape immediately and was thankful he had been cagey about the affair. He was more thankful after dinner when a runner came to summon him to the warden's office.

"Cagey," the official began, "you have been a good prisoner, obeyed the rules and made it easier for those who have had to look after you and the others. You have been conscientious about your duties, and have a clean record.

"The Governor asked me to make up a list of worthy men recently, and I included your name. The runner will take you to the commissary where you will be fitted out with citizen's clothes. You will then return here, and it will give me great pleasure to hand you a full and unconditional pardon, signed by the Governor.

"The Governor and I both wish you a happy future as well as a Merry Christmas."

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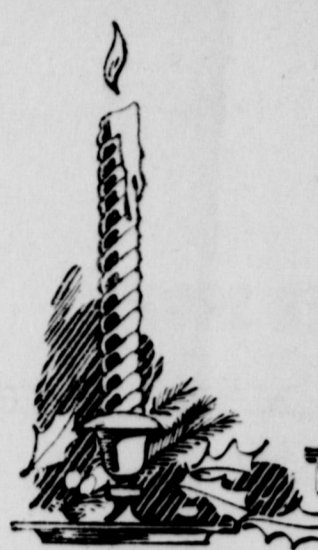


The beautiful Christmas rose has played its part in the many legends associated with our Christmas observance.

An early story tells of the young shepherd girl who wept as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child with rich gifts when she had nothing to offer as a present. An angel appeared and asked the reason for her distress. And suddenly the ground was carpeted with shining white flowers. The shepherdess gathered some of the blossoms and took them as her gift to the Christ Child. When she presented her gift, the infant smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

It is also believed that the Christmas rose helped popularize the custom of gift giving at Christmas time. In the days of knight-hood it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. The rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them the young knights and ladies would meet, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

REMEMBRANCE...



like a candle
shines brightest
at Christmastime

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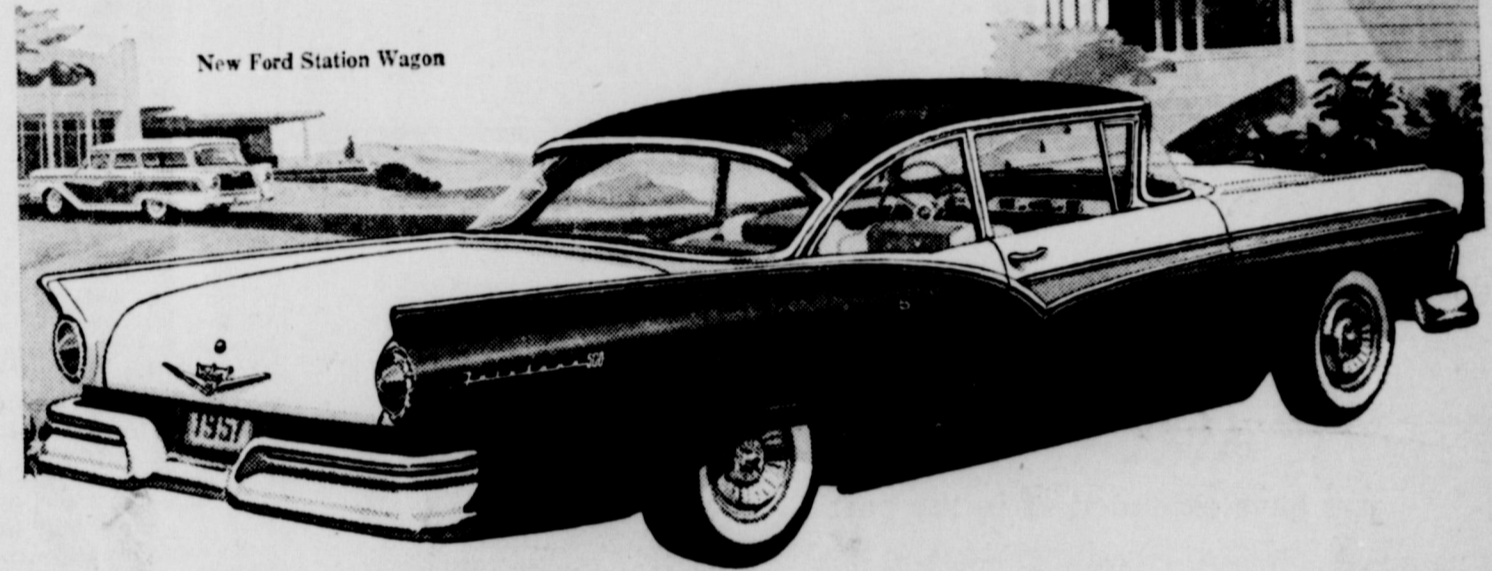
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CHRISTMAS

Let us give thanks for
Christmas which stirs
new hope in our
hearts, and creative
faith in our minds.



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It is our sincere wish that the
friendship and good will
you have extended us in the past
will return to you many
fold to bring you happiness during this
Holiday Season.

Season's Greetings



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GEO. RICHARDSON, Service Agent

Children Tell Santa What They Want

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a bicycle, dump truck and a David Crockett set. Please bring Betty a doll and buggy.
Love,
Duncan Seitz

Dear Santa Claus:
We are twin girls, six years old. We are good girls and study hard. We are just in the first grade, so Mother is writing for us.

We would like for you to bring us two of each of the following: bicycle, teddy bear, breakable doll, grocery buggy, dishes with real Campbells' soup.
We will leave a cake and candy on the table for you.
Thank you,
Pam & Pat Garrison

Dear Santa;
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I have made pretty good grades in school and I like my teacher real well. I would like a big Teddy bear for my bed, a doll and some jewelry.
Santa be real good to all the other little girls and boys and remember my teacher of last year, Mrs. Farmer.
Love,
Phyllis Cole
Pampa, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
This Christmas I would like to have a Wedding doll with clothes for it. A billfold, a bike with two back wheels, and a record player. Don't forget the other children and bring them lots of nice things too. See you Christmas.
Connie Rue Richardson

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy five years old. I'd like for you to bring me a fire truck with ladders and hose con-

necter. I'd like a ranch set and cattle truck too.
Please bring my brother, Marty Lee, some baby toys.
Please remember the other girls and boys,
Merry Christmas
Monnie Edwards

Dear Santa:
I would like to have a Ballet dress and shoes, and a doll house. Suzan needs a ballet dress too if you have one to fit her. She will need shoes too.
Santa please bring me a surprise too. I'll try to be real good. I love you lots,
Sidney Ann

P.S. Give my love to Mrs. Santa. If you have time please sneak into my bed room — I'd like to hug your neck.

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like for you to bring me a bubble gum bank, a nurse kit, a sewin kit, and a teddy bear. Leave some candy and nuts and fruit.
Yours truly,
Gladys Meadows

I try to be a good little girl. I would like a Tiny Tears doll, play stove, ironing board and iron, play house, telephone. Please don't forget the other girls and boys.

Love,
Betty Meadows
Rt. 1 Wheeler, Tex.
P.S. Leave some nuts and candy and oranges.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl nine years old. I would like to have a record player, a doll bed, doll mattress, pillow with a face on it. Lots of candy and nuts. Don't forget all the other little girls and boys. See you Christmas.
Love,
Riette Smith

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 8 years old. I want a electric stove, St. Bernard dog, ballarina doll, doll bed, mattress and pillow with a face on it, candy and lots of nuts too. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. See you Christmas.
Love,
Clarlette Smith

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a basket ball, B-B gun and jewelry box. I hope everybody in America has a Merry Christmas. Thank you.
Love,
Margaret Powledge

Dear Santa:
We are two little girls age 3 and 5. For Christmas we want a doll and clothes, a table, and a red wagon. I have been a good little girl and sometimes Debbie is good. We love you lots and lots.
Gale and Debra Caswell
P.S. Don't forget Carol and Donna.

Hello Santa;
I'm a new one on your list this time as I'm only 9 months old. But I'm quiet a rounder. My brother's think I'm about it.
Would you please bring me a ball, some cars, and anything you might have for a little guy like me. Also plenty of candy and fruit. Remember Mamma and Daddy.
Your little friend,
Lee Royce Atherton
Box 51 Wheeler, Tex.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 9 years old. I



JOY TO THE
WORLD! THE
LORD IS COME;
LET EARTH
RECEIVE HER
KING;



BURCH VARIETY

Mobeetie, Texas

am in the 3rd. grade at Briscoe. My teacher is Mrs. Crowder. I help my Daddy in the hay during the summer. I am a member of Cub Scouts at Wheeler, Troop 72. Mrs. DeArment is my den mother. I make a straight A report card and help my Mother with the chores and house. Would you please bring me some train accessories, boxing gloves and a punching bag. Also plenty of candy, nuts and fruit.
Remember my den mother and fellow Cub Scouters.
Your little friend,
Arville Dean Atherton
Box 51 Wheeler, Tex.

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy five years old. My name is Rusty. I help my Mama wash dishes and clean the house and yard.
I would like a side-walk bicycle and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Remember all the other little boys and girls. Thanking you in advance.
Your little friend,
Russel S. Atherton
Box 51 Wheeler, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy four years old. My name is Mickey. I would like an army jeep, truck, and soldiers. I help my Mama and Daddy when I can. Please remember my Grandparents and brothers. A also would like lots of candy, nuts and fruit. I'd like a tricycle if you haven't the other things.
Your friend,
Michael A. Atherton
Box 51 Wheeler, Tex.

U. S. Among Last to Welcome New Year

The United States, accustomed to being a world leader in many things, will always be an also-ran to Father Time until—and unless—something is done to change our present method of counting the days, hours and years.

Father time serves up the New Year to Australia, Asia, Africa, Europe and most of South America before he gets around to the first of our citizens in Maine. He then takes three more hours to give Californians a bright New Year, and it's two hours after that that residents of Alaska get their first look at 1957.

When the year 1957 is born, near Wellington, New Zealand, it will be 7 a.m. December 31, in New York City (EST). Three hours later the New Year will arrive in Yokohama, Japan, and in two more hours it will have reached Bankok.

When the roar of the crowds welcomes 1957 along Times Square in New York City, the New Year will be eight hours old in Moscow, six hours old in Paris; three hours old in London and two hours old in Buenos Aires.

COLUMBUS WAS FIRST

Christopher Columbus was probably the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the western hemisphere.

While his ships were being repaired on January 1, 1493, Columbus enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.

After his meal, historians say, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco.

May the meaning of Christmas be deeper, its friendships stronger and its hopes brighter as it comes to you this year.

Christmas
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OUR GOODWILL



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The Christmas Season has, and always will be, a time when men individually can express their own of goodwill and exchange friendly greetings.

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Christmas

Never an old year ends . . . never a new year begins, but that all of us here feel a deep sense of gratitude to our depositors. Without folks like you, there would be no bank like ours. Without your confidence in us, we could not prosper and grow.

And so, at the turn of the year especially, we like to put into words the appreciation that we feel at all times—to say, simply but sincerely, "thank you."

We hope that the year ahead will bring you and yours a generous measure of life's best things.

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you be blessed with
and contentment on this
Christmas Day.

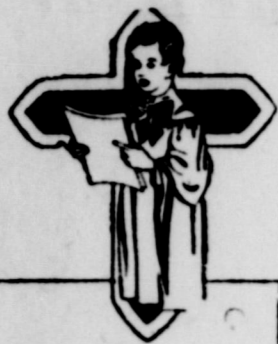
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"Gloria to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will
toward men."
Luke 2:14



May the joys and peace of Christmas be
with you today and always.

WELL'S SERVICE STATION

ON THE TOWN

BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

ANNA LEE OSEBERG faced three facts as she studied her reflection with critical blue eyes. She was 26, unmarried and it would presently be New Year's Eve. If only Ralph were here. The mirror in her rented room supplied further vital statistics—blond hair worn long, a firm, curving mouth and good bones. "And what," she questioned aloud, "do good bones have to do with fun and games on New Year's Eve?"

The hall telephone shrilled and Anna Lee ran to answer. "Hello? Oh, yes, Joyce."

"Look, Lee, I'm awfully sorry but I can't go to the show with you tonight." Joyce sounded uncomfortable. "I...uh...something else came up. I'm sorry."

"Don't be," Anna Lee said. "My plans have changed too, so have fun and I'll see you at work." She hung up quickly not wanting her voice to give her away. It didn't take much imagination to figure what had come up for Joyce. A date and that was fine, only she wished that she had one too. She went back to her room and sank down on the bed. She knew she was pretty; knew too, now, that



Joyce sounded uncomfortable. "I...uh...something else came up. I'm sorry."

she had been choosy about her dates. Through her early twenties, there had been plenty of men and the phone at home had rung constantly.

She remembered how telephone calls had dwindled as the bachelors thinned out. Maybe she'd been too particular, but she wanted certain qualities in her man; thought maybe she'd found them in Ralph Cooke. But Ralph was a salesman—farm implements—and was gone for two weeks.

The telephone rang again. Could she baby sit? "I'm terribly sorry," Anna Lee didn't hesitate, "but it's New Year's Eve and you know what that means."

What did it mean? she wondered again in her room. Well, it certainly didn't mean she had to stay here. She dressed in an attractive jumper outfit and her good, long red coat. She would find a way to celebrate. And she stilled the voice that questioned what she was celebrating.

Happy People

After dinner in a small Italian place, she decided to take a walk down the main streets. At first she was glad, as the sidewalks seemed thronged with happy people.

Then a little girl, looking at the same window display that Anna Lee was, asked, "Where's your daddy?"

A well-dressed, middle-aged couple were admiring some jewelry. "We must go, Frank," the woman said, "if we're to be at home by midnight."

"Excuse me," the man brushed Anna Lee's arm. "Wait haven't we met before?"

Anna Lee felt herself growing tight. Really, in front of his wife? "Of course," the woman beamed suddenly, "we know you from your picture."

"My picture?"

"Our son, Ralph, has your photograph and we've been wanting to meet you. How nice you are in person."

"Do come home with us. We're just ready to see the New Year in—or are you waiting for someone?" the man said.

"No, I'm alone, but I wouldn't want to intrude."

Pleasant Feeling

They fairly swept her off with them. It was their pleasure. They were Cookes. Come in, Anna Lee liked it and them and their home. They talked of Ralph, but not entirely.

Then it was twelve and a new day, a new year, a new chance. Mr. Cooke insisted on driving her home and invited her to Sunday dinner. Anna Lee went upstairs. She had set out because she couldn't bear a quiet evening and that was what she had found, but with good company. She sighed, then yawned hugely. What would Ralph think of this chance encounter? She found herself really caring what Ralph thought.

She was 26, unmarried and it was a brand new year. What would she be by next New Year's Eve? Anna Lee went to bed thoughtfully.

Evergreens Mourning Symbols for Finns

Evergreens are never used as decorations in the homes and churches of Finland because the Finns regard them as symbols of mourning.

At Christmas most homes where there are children suspend a "heaven" from the living room ceiling. Such "heavens" consist of a cord framework covered with straw and different colors of paper ribbon, etc., and decorated with paper stars and silhouettes cut in various designs. The effect, when reflecting the firelight and the candles' glow, is mysterious and fascinating.

Candles are used profusely in the churches; the altars are banked and the windows are filled with them, so that before dawn on Christmas morning the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.



CITY AT NIGHT... Christmas trees and shining lights are traditional along New York's Park Avenue. Dominating the fashionable thoroughfare is the giant cross on the New York Central Building at 46th Street.

James (Smiley) Gaines, Airman 3rd class of Norfolk, Va., has a thirty day leave and is home spending it with his wife and baby, and his parents, other relatives and friends. He will report back to Norfolk on January 10.

R. F. Hefley, of Texline, brother of Joe, George and Farmer and Dan Hefley passed away at Texline Friday morning, December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marshall were in Amarillo Wednesday.

TO WISH YOU

Merry
Christmas!

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Kenady
Arden & Ann

Greetings

TO OUR FRIENDS

May the peace and happiness
of the Yuletide be yours today
and every day throughout the
coming New Year, and our
sincere thanks for your won-
derful courtesies to our firm.

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Wishing You a

Joyous

May Christmas Joy be
in your heart at this
glorious occasion of the
year. May each of us
hear the angel's message
of Peace, Good Will to-
ward men.

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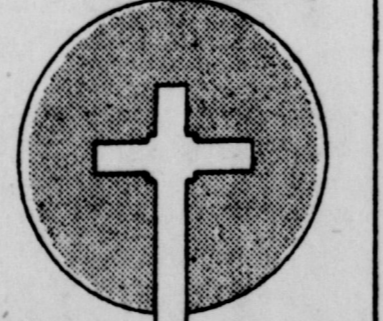
President Theodore Roosevelt, an ardent conservationist, once disapproved of Christmas trees and for several years forbade any being brought into the White House.

But one year his sons, Archie and Quentin, smuggled one in and set it up in Archie's room. After the discovery, Gifford Pinchot, a great forester and conservationist, soothed T. R. by explaining that supervised and careful harvesting of Christmas trees—as thinnings—was good for the forests.

Ever since, the White House has had an indoor tree.

Miss Doris Leggitt, District Agent, of Amarillo was in Wheeler Thursday. She has resigned as District Agent and it will become effective January 1.

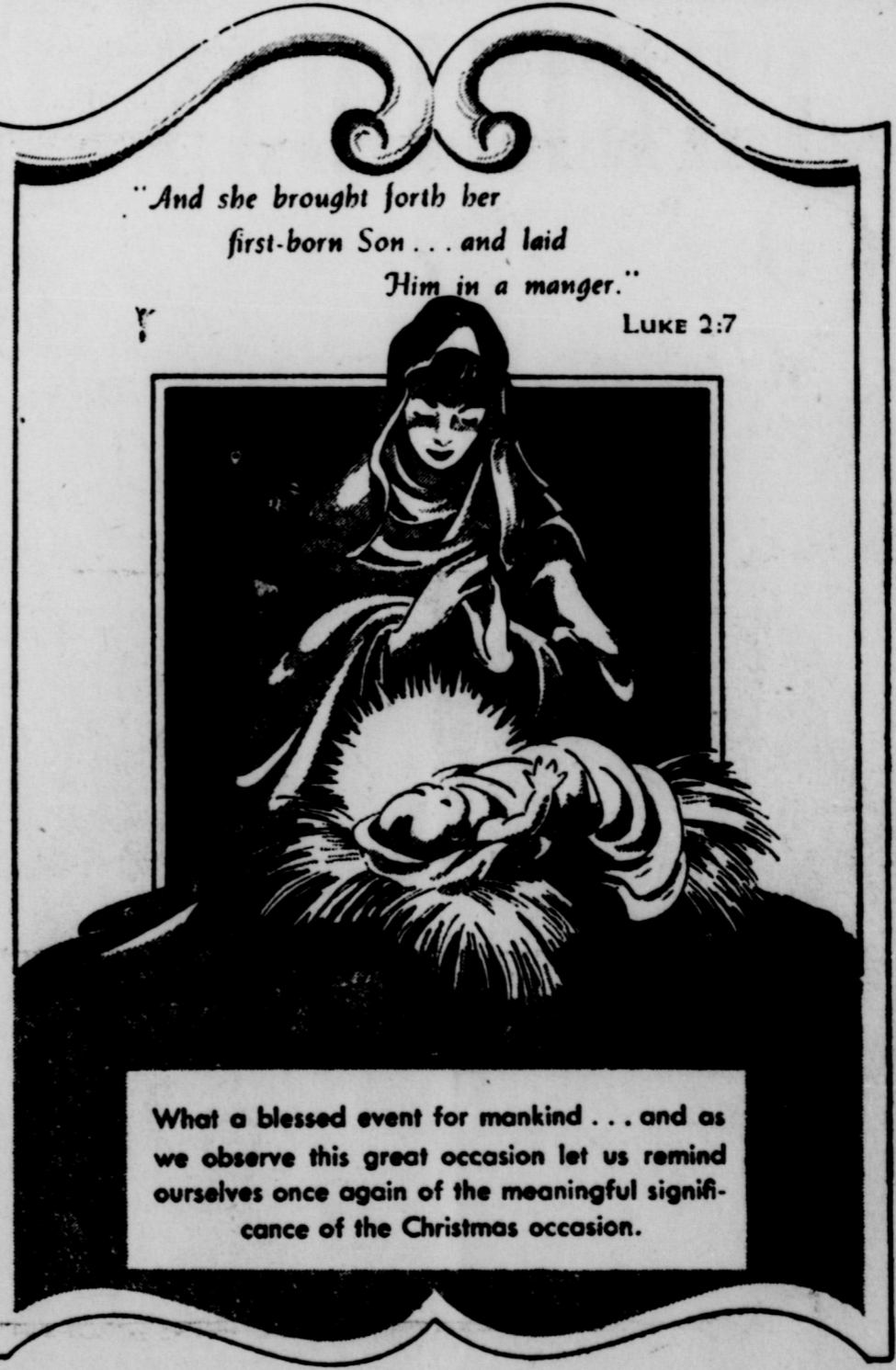
"The Lord bless thee and
keep thee."
Num. 6:24



GREETINGS

May you have a peaceful
and happy Christmas,
rich in spiritual blessings.

GRIFFIN BROS. STA.
Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Griffin



"And she brought forth her
first-born Son... and laid
Him in a manger."
LUKE 2:7

What a blessed event for mankind... and as
we observe this great occasion let us remind
ourselves once again of the meaningful signifi-
cance of the Christmas occasion.

First Baptist Church

WHEELER, TEXAS



At Christmastime our thoughts again go out to our friends. May we express the wish that your Christmas radiate warmth and happiness in your hearts? May you have the sort of Christmas you hope it will be.



THE DAUGHTRY'S

WHERE TIME STARTS

The starting point of time is the admiral's date line, which curves east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it lies always in the ocean.

First to welcome each New Year are the residents of the Chatham Islands, New Zealand, just east of the line.

From its starting point, the New Year moves westerly at the speed of 1,000 miles per hour.

NEWSDEALER ADVERTISING PASS

May we wish you

truly a

**Good
Christmas**



ANN'S BEAUTY SHOP

Santa, As We Know Him Today, Created By Two Famous Men

Santa Claus, as we know him today—jolly smile, round, red cheeks and chunky figure—is the creation of two famous men.

The first was Clement Clark Moore, author of "A Visit to St. Nicholas," better known to us as, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Moore actually described Santa and gave him the famous reindeer and sleigh.

The second man, who put the actual likeness of Santa on paper to illustrate Moore's poem, was Thomas Nast, a great cartoonist.

Nast drew the familiar, fat, merry old fellow with red cheeks and white beard, dressed in red, wearing a cap and boots, carrying a pack of toys and smoking a short pipe.

The artist then gave Santa a spy-glass so that during the year he might pick out the good children from the bad, and also a big book in which to write their names and keep records.

This conception of Santa Claus first appeared in 1863. Since that time the pictured Santa has been the same, although the spy-glass and pipe seem to have been dropped by the way.

AMERICAN CAROLS

Three of our loveliest Christmas carols were written by Americans.

In 1849, Edmund H. Sears composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and in 1859 Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr., composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written in 1863 by Phillips Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Powledge and son of Allison were callers in Wheeler Thursday.

That Sloan Girl

BY FRAN PACTER

IT WAS New Year's Eve and Beatrice Sloan returned to her place of birth intent on revenge. She was returning a success, a success achieved and spurred on by years of ridicule and scorn meted out to her in this very town. Orphaned at birth, her life during her formative years had been spent in a series of foster homes in which she grew up unloved and unwanted. Scorned by her classmates she had lost herself in the world of books gaining for herself scholastic honors worthy of accolades, but denied her because she was "that Sloan Girl."

Tainted by illegitimacy she grew up filled with bitterness and hate and had left her birthplace vowing someday to return and retaliate in kind. Her day of triumph was at hand. She was now a wealthy, successful professional woman bearing slight resemblance to the girl who had slunk away in the dead of night. As she signed the hotel register she wrote her name with a proud flourish.

Though the town had grown there were enough old timers around to whom the name would be familiar and chance had it that one was at the register desk as she signed in.

He peered closely at her, saying, "Are you the Sloan girl that grew up here?" His voice inflection held the long remembered slur.



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"Yes, I'm Beatrice Sloan, and I did grow up here." Her own cultural tone added to the haughty shrug of her mink clad shoulder drew his attention to her smart attire.

"It appears that you've done alright for yourself." The old timer grudgingly allowed admiration to creep into his voice.

"May I have my key?" Beatrice terminated the conversation with an air. She walked toward the elevator fully aware of the close scrutiny she was receiving. If her assumptions were correct it would not take long for news of her arrival to travel.

Progress had changed many of the familiar sites making her feel a bit alien to the town of her birth. On a side street she saw one of her foster homes no longer a home but was now a rooming house. As she approached she noticed an old man coming down the steps. It was Jed Smith! He had been a blacksmith back in her childhood and one of her few friends. His strong physique was now bent with age and he bore little resemblance to his former self. Many a happy hour had been spent in his company listening to fanciful tales he had spun as he worked. In recall she could almost feel the warmth of the red hot forge as he shod horses and smell once again the odor that filled the air as he applied the shoe. She called out, "Jed! Jed Smith! Do you remember me?"

The man paused peering closely at her. "Well I'll be darned, if it isn't little Beatrice. You grew into a fine lady, didn't you?"

Beatrice felt warmth envelop her for the first time since her re-entry into town. Jed was tied in with the few happy times she remembered.

Jed continued, "Tell me about you. I can see that you made out real well. You had me worried a bit but I felt sure that fine mind of yours would see you through. It's nice gesture of yours to come back and see us folks. Folks hereabouts gave you a hard time but toughening never hurt anyone."

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The year ahead w one.

SEASON'S Greetings

TAX RETURNS & BOOKKEEPING

Mrs. and Mrs. Gene Hall

TRADITIONAL with CHRISTMAS



For hundreds of years, and from many lands, the traditions of Christmas have been handed from generation to generation. The tradition of mistletoe comes from England . . . the Yule log from Scandinavia . . . the Christmas tree from Germany . . . Saint Nicholas from Holland. Add to these the good old tradition of sending Christmas greetings. We send ours with a genuine appreciation of your friendship and good will.

Paymaster Gin

MR. AND MRS. ARNOLD JONES

Happy Holiday



May the lights of Christmas glow home with their message of and may you know of the high have for you at this happy holiday

CITY DRUG
Phone 4551

A wish for your happiness at Christmas

HARRY WOFFORD

Local

end in Stratford in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Close and family. Mrs. Close is a daughter of the Goad's.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Powledge took W. A. Powledge to Amarillo and Dumas Tuesday on business.

Cabot Brannon of Shamrock was a Wheeler caller this week.

Christmas is over . . . may the blessings of the

linger long . . . yes, linger with you until

the Holiday rolls 'round once more.

the wish of all of us for all of you.

Christmas



Greetings

to our friends

BEST LEE HARDWARE

Phone 3331

THE CHRISTMAS EVE GUNMAN

BY WILLIAM L. ROPER



DARKNESS had come early. Outside the snow-laden winds of a December blizzard howled mournfully against the plate glass windows of the Milltown State Bank. The streets were almost deserted, except for a few belated, last-minute Christmas Eve shoppers, struggling home with arms filled with packages.

Joshua Watterson, the thin, gray-haired bank president, sat hunched over his desk near the entrance in front of a huge, old-fashioned wall safe. A desk lamp illuminated the ledger pages which he studied

carefully. The bank's doors were closed, but Joshua's task of checking the day's business would keep him busy for another hour.

Suddenly a shadow fell across his page and he looked up.

"Joshua," said the tall, pink-cheeked man standing beside his chair. "We've got to get rid of that Christmas tree wiring. This is the third year we've used it and the insulation's getting worn. Today the tree toppled over against the wall safe there and I got a nasty shock."

Old Joshua grinned wryly. "I al-



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ways said banking was a dangerous business." Suddenly he frowned and his pale, blue eyes became stern. "What were you looking for in my safe, Bob?"

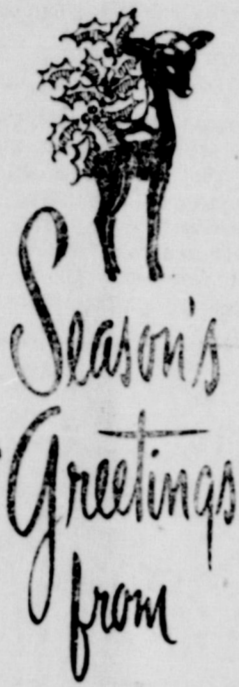
"The Bollentree mortgage," Bob said. "Old man Bollentree wanted to pay off his note while you were out at lunch."

"Oh, yes, I remember now," Joshua nodded and stroked the blue veins in his left temple.

"You ought to remember," the cashier said. "We don't get five thousand in cash every day."

Joshua smiled and returned to his ledger. Bob went back to his job of counting currency. Completing his task, Bob filled out his report and placed the money in the vault.

He got into his heavy overcoat quickly and buttoned it. As he was leaving, he paused just inside the door and called back: "Better get started home soon, Joshua. The storm's getting worse."



Season's Greetings from

DELUXE CLEANERS

Verna & Dudley

Merry Christmas

May the joyous tidings of "Peace, good will to men" fill your hearts with renewed hope and bless you throughout the coming year.



Wheeler Gas Co.

It was almost five-thirty when Joshua completed his work. Carefully placing his ledgers in the wall safe, he set the combination and again checked the vault. Everything was in order.

Leaving the Christmas tree lights on, he sauntered toward a side door, pulling on his overcoat. Then drawing his gray felt hat down over his eyes, he let himself out by the side door.

The fury of the storm seemed to have increased and the pelting snow almost blinded him. As he paused to try the door to see that it was locked securely, a man stepped from the shadows.

"Don't try any tricks, old man," the gunman said. Joshua glanced at the dark, desperate eyes that gleamed from under the man's snow-covered hat brim, then at the blue steel of the automatic in the man's right hand. The gunman's voice was hoarse, low-pitched. "Just do as I say. Unlock the door. If you touch off a burglar alarm, I'll kill you even if it is Christmas Eve."

"It seems to have stuck," Joshua said, breathing hard. "You may have to give me a hand."

Big Surprise

Still keeping Joshua covered with the gun, the man leaned forward, seized the door with his left hand. He was pulling the door open, when Joshua stepped back and in doing so, knocked over the Christmas tree. It toppled against the safe. There was a hissing, crackling sound and electric sparks. The gunman screamed, tried vainly to release his hold on the steel door as his body twitched convulsively with the current. His automatic clattered to the floor.

Joshua picked it up and quickly disconnected the Christmas tree lighting circuit by jerking the plug loose from the wall socket.

"Just lie there on the floor and take it easy until I can call the police," Joshua said. "You must have got soaking wet out there in the blizzard, or that shock wouldn't have hit you so hard."

Save Time in Making Holiday Plum Pudding

Plum pudding—rich in tradition and dried fruits but lacking plums—is perhaps one of the oldest and most famous of Christmas dishes.

Most plum puddings require four to six hours of steaming, but this time can be cut to about one-third by steaming the dough in a pressure sauce pan. When this method is used, pressure is omitted during the first 30 minutes (because the dough is rising) then 15 pounds of pressure and steam are applied for one-third of the time given in the recipe.



CHRISTMAS is a time for counting our blessings, for acknowledging with gratitude the loyalty of our friends, and for expressing appreciation and good wishes that the yuletide will be a joyous and happy season.

BEST Christmas WISHES

PERCY'S GARAGE
WHEELER, TEXAS

We appreciate the traditional associations we connect with Christmas and all that it means. The thoughts we entertain at Christmas have the old familiar ring, spelling our wishes for "Peace and Goodwill Among Men." In the Christmas Spirit we extend to you, our friends, our best wishes for a

Joyful CHRISTMAS



ALLISON PRODUCERS COOPERATION

PHONE 13

ALLISON, TEXAS

May Peace be your Gift

at Christmas



and your treasure during
the coming year.

MR. AND MRS. CARL LAFLIN

Phone 2231



A host of good wishes
to our many friends

WHEELER DRUG

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wofford

Christmas Tree, Though Beautiful, Potential Killer

Your Christmas tree is a beautiful and necessary Christmas decoration. It's also a potential killer. Decorative as it may be, your holiday tree is filled with pitch and resin—among the most combustible substances known.

Here are some suggestions that will eliminate the dangers of a tree fire in your home this holiday season:

Choose a small tree. It's less dangerous than a big one. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Until then, keep it outdoors. Place it in the coolest part of the house, well away from fireplaces and radiators. And don't let it block an exit.

Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub. Never use cotton or paper for the decorations on or around the tree. Do not put electric trains under the tree. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that wires are not frayed. Be sure that wiring sets for lights show they have been tested for safety. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up near the tree.

Don't leave the lights burning when no one is home. If needles near the lights turn brown, move the lights. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it.

For happy holidays, see that children get at least their usual amount of sleep.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Tom Crossland and Mrs. Red Crossland visited last Wednesday in Borger with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crossland and family.

Marsa Lynn Crossland of Borger, visited her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crossland the latter part of last week.



FAMOUS CHOIR . . . Choral and carols are an important part of each Christmas observance and the famous Boy's Town Choir of fifty voices each year presents a stirring program of Christmas music.

FAITH'S REWARD

BY FRAN PACTHER

THE Daley living room wore that after Christmas look, the tree sparkled but dimly due to a few burned out lights. It's look of dejection was heightened by the untidy array of opened gifts piled in a disorderly fashion underneath it. A large package, resplendent in its fancy wrappings shouted that it's recipient hadn't been there to claim it. Kathleen Daley's absence was made more conspicuous by the package. Her brothers Jack and Jim bitterly denounced her for hurting Mom and Dad, they had openly announced their feelings by leaving her gifts from them unwrapped upstairs.

Kathy had been out of touch with her family since leaving to follow a modeling profession. She wrote occasionally and sent a check each month to her folks but hadn't been home in two years. In her last letter, she had hinted that she might get home but hadn't shown up. It had cast a blanket of gloom on their holiday, despite Mom and Dad's attempt to make it a gala occasion. The boys knew their Mother had held onto the hope that

she would arrive until Christmas night, when long past their bedtime, she had turned off the tree remarking quietly, "Well, another Christmas is over." The package seemed to shout, "Yes, and Kathy didn't show up." The tired hopeless look on her face had told them



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more than any words could, of the hurt she felt.

Busy with Success

Kathy had achieved success in her chosen field, her pictures had appeared frequently on magazines, but with her success had come less contact with her home. Mom had accused her with the plea, "She's busy."

Dressing to go out New Years Eve, Jim said to Jack, "If Kathy were here I'd break her neck."

"Boiling in oil would be more to my taste," was Jack's reply.

The peal of the door chimes resounded and Jim said, "I hope it's company for the folks. Maybe they'll go out."

Jack laughed, "You know they'll not stir from this house for fear they might miss a call from their darling daughter."

"Listen," Jim shushed his brother. Soft voices were heard and the sound of tears mixed with laughter floated upstairs.

"It's Kathy, I'll bet." Both ran down the steps. It was Kathy. She was enveloped in Mom's arms. Beside her stood a tall man holding a pink bundle.

Anger Is Gone

"Sis," The boy's shouted in unison, a happy shout with no trace of anger.

"Hi Fellows, Meet my husband, Bill." Kathy's radiant smile lit up her pale face.

"Husband?" The boy's stood staring, dumbfounded.

Mom answered, "Yes husband. Kathy's been married for almost two years. I knew it, but Kathy had to keep it a secret on account of her work. I guess you're through working now, but why didn't you tell me." Mom turned accusing eyes at Kathy.

Bill spoke up, "I wanted her too, but she didn't want you to worry." He handed Mom the pink bundle and a wail came from it.

Kathy spoke quickly, "Mom, I've been hospitalized for a month, for fear I'd lose the baby. I'm sorry about Christmas, no card, no word but Bill has no mind for small details."

Bill smiled apologetically, "I was so darn worried about Kathy, that Christmas was over before I realized it. The baby came two days before Christmas and it was touch and go for them both."

Dad led Kathy to a chair and all suddenly realized Kathy was not her old perky self. Mom, holding on tight to her grandchild, said, "Nothing else matters, you're here now." Giving the baby to Gramp, she picked up Kathy's package, handing it to her. The mystery of the gift was revealed as Kathy slipped on a fawn colored stole and heard the masculine approval of "Wow."

Bill said, "Hey, we got presents in the car and tons of baby stuff."

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Forrester returned Wednesday from a business trip to San Antonio and San Angelo. They went on to Corpus Christi and spent the week end and returned by way of Dallas.

*peace
good will
toward men*

May the joys and
peace of Christmas
be with you today
and always

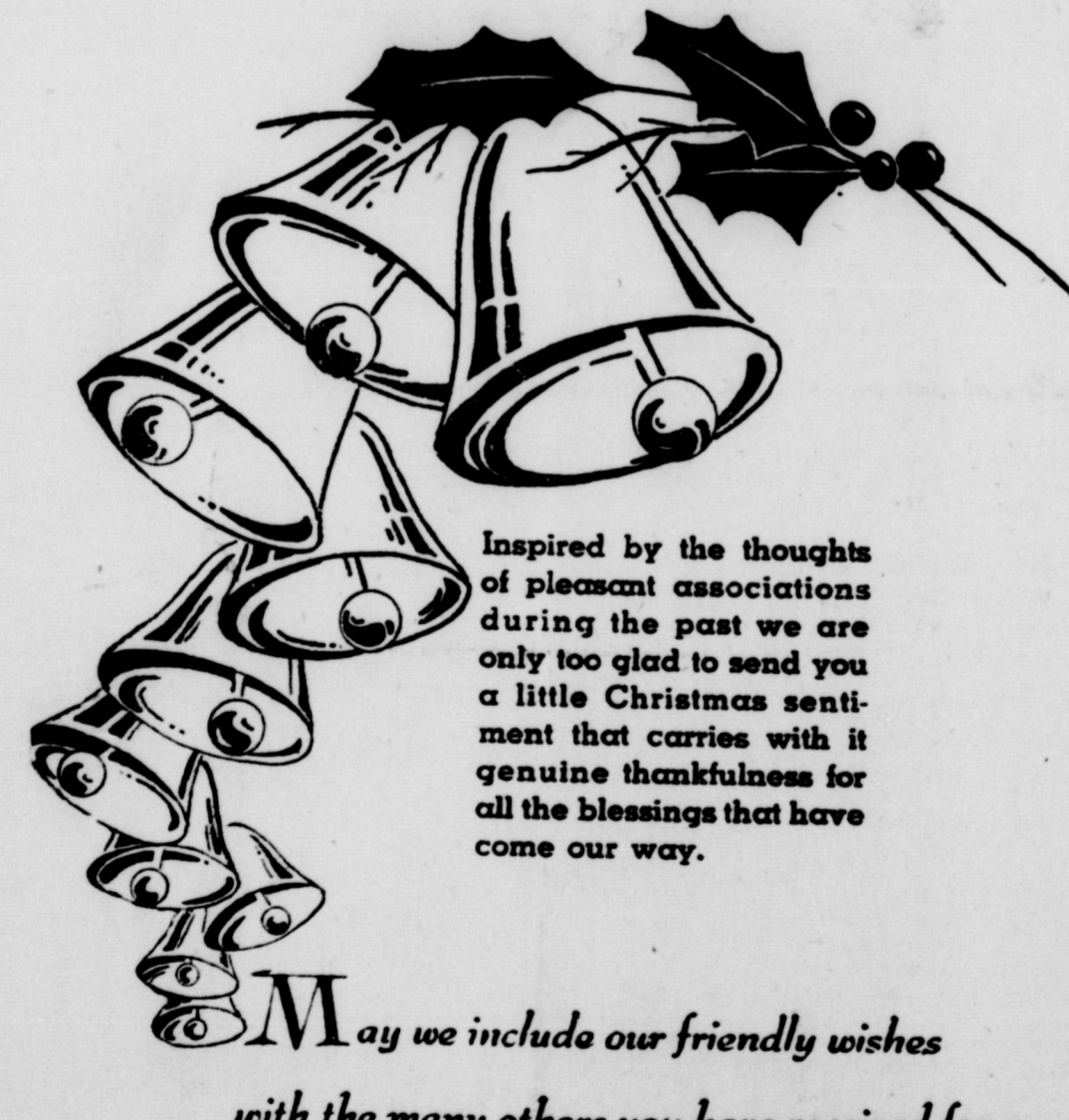
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*It's the
Old-time
GREETING*

*that still
rings true*

CITY LAUNDRY
Mr. & Mrs. C. Satterfield



Inspired by the thoughts of pleasant associations during the past we are only too glad to send you a little Christmas sentiment that carries with it genuine thankfulness for all the blessings that have come our way.

May we include our friendly wishes
with the many others you have received for a

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**Cicero Smith
LUMBER COMPANY**

COTTON WILLIAMS

MR. & MRS. TRUITT-JENNINGS

Happy Holiday Season

May we express our appreciation for
pleasant associations and extend our
wishes for a Merry Christmas

CANADIAN VALLEY PO
Wheeler, Texas

DID SOMEBODY SAY
Christmas



Yes... Merry Christmas to

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C. J. MEEK



TO YOU... OUR FRIENDS
"I am the light
of the world."
JOHN 8:12

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

MR. AND MRS. CLIFF WEATHERS

*Wishing you
a Merry
Christmas*

FRED FARMER
Wheeler, Texas