



# The Pampa Daily News

WEATHER  
WEST TEXAS — Generally fair and not quite so cold Thursday night and Friday. Lowest Thursday night 15 to 20.

When a man hath no freedom to fight for at home, let him combat for that of his neighbors; let him think of the glories of Greece and of Rome and be knock'd on the head for his labors. — Lord Byron

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## Indians Certain GIs Prefer Communism

### ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE Yanks Walk Last Mile To Red Life

PANMUNJOM, Dec. 24 —UP— One by one, the 22 unrepatriated American war prisoners Thursday turned down their final "safe" chance to return to freedom as they walked single file past Indian guards to a new stockade.

### Mom Hears Red Boast

SEATTLE, Dec. 24 —UP— Mrs. Portia Howe, homeward bound for Christmas, Thursday disclosed arrogant Communist boasts her turncoat son would return to his homeland in about three years as a conquering Red hero.

### Minister Writes Guest Editorial

The Christmas editorial in today's issue of The Pampa Daily News was written by Rev. Lyle C. Albright, pastor of the Church of the Brethren and president of the Pampa Ministerial Alliance.

### Communist Writer In Texas To Bare McCarthy Backers

DALLAS, Dec. 24 —UP— A reporter for the Daily Worker, Communist newspaper published in New York, is in Texas to do a series of stories on what it calls the men behind Sen. Joseph McCarthy, the Dallas Morning News said Thursday.



MRS. DOUGLAS REEVES, native of Italy

### NATIVE OF ITALY

### War Bride Plans Happy Christmas

There is at least one Pampa woman who is thousands of miles away from her native home at Christmas time.

### Valley Residents Miss Hard Freeze

Winter bit into Texas on the day before Christmas as bitter cold sent the mercury plunging to zero at Marfa and to sub-freezing at all other points in the state except Brownsville on the coast.

### Americans Ignore Offers Of Escape

PANMUNJOM, Dec. 24 —UP— Indian officers guarding 22 American war prisoners who chose to stay with the Communists said Thursday none of the GIs wants to return home.

### Massachusetts Considers Letting Texas Into Union

BOSTON, Dec. 24 —UP— The Massachusetts legislature is thinking about admitting Texas to the Union.

### News Employees Take A Holiday

The Pampa Daily News will not be published tomorrow — Christmas day — to permit employees of the paper to spend the day with their families and friends.



AND THAT WINDS IT UP — Hundreds of last-minute shoppers were in Pampa stores today, the last day of shopping before Christmas. Typical of these were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dittmore, 812 Magnolia, above. Mrs. Dittmore is pictured piling on the last package as her husband discovers it's really 'papa who pays.'

## Beria, Six Others, Executed By Soviet

MOSCOW, Dec. 24 —UP— Ousted Soviet republic of Georgia, home state of Stalin and Beria. Beria and six of his top internal affairs ministry administrators died by shooting as traitors, the government newspaper Izvestia announced Thursday.

### Obscure Normandy Lawyer Named President Of France

VERSAILLES, France, Dec. 24 —UP— Rene Coty, an obscure and general conservative lawyer from Normandy, headed a triumphant procession into Paris Thursday as the new president-designate of France.

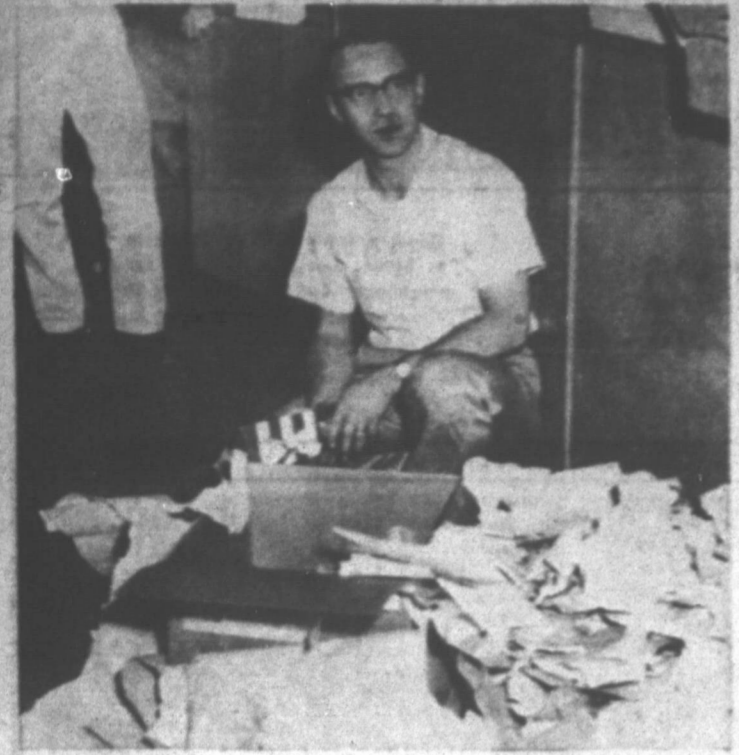
### Still Seek Desperado

WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 24 —UP— A widespread manhunt for desperado Norman Davenport was concentrated in the Wichita Falls area again Thursday as officers hoped that he would attempt to spend Christmas with his family.

## Classic Answer To A Little Girl's Question About Santa Claus

New York N.Y. September 8 1897  
Dear Editor,  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus papa says "if you see it in the dim, do so". Please tell me the truth — is there a Santa Claus?  
yours truly,  
Virginia O'Hanlon

"Yes, indeed!  
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.  
"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.  
"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.  
"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.  
"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.  
"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!  
"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.  
"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.  
"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.  
"Is it all real? — ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.  
"No Santa Claus; Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever — a thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."  
It was only September, and 1897's Christmas was three months in the future. But Virginia O'Hanlon's concern was with an important problem that, to her, knew no season. That was why she wrote her letter to The New York Sun.  
The answer to Virginia's question, written in a moment of deep insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament expressing two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.



**EFFORTS PAID OFF** — Bob Fugate, head of the Pampa News Job Printing department, is shown here with a carton of cigarettes he found at the bottom of a huge 'gag package' presented to him at the annual Christmas party for News employees Wednesday. Other 'gifts' Fugate discovered in the box were nails, odd parts of a linotype, scratch pads, scrawled notes of good humor and, of course, more paper. (News Photo)

**Rotarians Present Christmas Program**

The annual Christmas program was presented at the luncheon meeting of the Pampa Rotary club Wednesday noon in the Palm Room of the City Hall. The Rotary Arms had charge of the program, presenting two readings by Mrs. Otis Nace, "Twas the Night Before Christmas, in Texas, That Is" and "Christmas Time" in Italian dialect, and a Christmas story by Mrs. Ed Williams, entitled "Why Christmas." The program was introduced by Don Cain, program chairman. Guests included R. E. Sharp, Borger; Robert A. House, Bryan; John B. Fowers, Texarkana; Bud Cockrell, a student of Oklahoma A&M; Richard Qualls, University of Oklahoma student; Mrs. Alice Vineyard, Mrs. Melva Edmondson, Mrs. Elizabeth Scott, Paul Camp, W. E. Jarvis and Jerry Bray, all of Pampa. President E. S. Williams presided.

**Postal Employees Get Half-Day Off**

After a job well done, most Pampa postal employees were rewarded with a half day off today, although several windows will be open until 6 p.m.

"We haven't had a record-breaking day," stated Postmaster W. B. Weathered, "but I think we've established a record for this period of time."

Through Dec. 24, 1952, the round figure for total cancellations was 534,000, while cancellations through Tuesday this year were 528,800 "and some," he explained. "Yesterday, our bins were clean as a whistle. We've had some mail today, but we'll get it all delivered."

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**LUNCH BOX TREAT TRY Fritos**

**MARTIN-TURNER INSURANCE**  
Fire, Auto, Comprehensive Liability and Bonds  
107 N. Frost — Ph. 4-8428

**CHRISTMAS CHEER RIDES WITH OUR GOOD WISHES!**

**PEG'S CAB**  
Dial 4-3344  
412 S. CUYLER PAMPA, TEXAS

**Prescription — for a Merry Christmas**

**ONE PART HUMILITY** — Christmas is first of all a religious celebration. Include God in your plans!

**ONE PART GENEROSITY** — It is more blessed, and more satisfying, to give than to receive. Count the gifts you give, not those you get!

**ONE PART SANITY** — Use moderation in all you do, in eating and drinking. Look out for dangers of fire and accidents in the home. Drive carefully. Be around next year to enjoy another happy holiday season!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
from your Physicians, Hospitals and Dentists

Sponsored in Their Behalf By  
**DOCTORS' BUSINESS BUREAU**  
Of Gray and Hutchinson Counties

*Mainly About People*

**Mr. and Mrs. William Clanton**, 945 S. Dwight, became the parents of an 8 lb. 3/4 oz. boy at 3 a.m. Tuesday in the Highland General Hospital.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd Caruth**, Pampa, became the parents of a boy, weighing 7 lb. 5 1/4 oz. at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday in the Highland General Hospital.

**Mr. and Mrs. John D. Young**, 530 Crawford, became the parents of an 8 lb. 1/2 oz. boy at 2:37 a.m. today in the Highland General Hospital.

**Dr. and Mrs. George A. Snell** and their son, 1214 Mary Ellen, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Snell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. King, at Vernon, Texas. Also attending the reunion will be Mrs. Snell's brothers and their families: Mr. and Mrs. Warren King, Grand Prairie; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy King, Wichita Falls; Dr. and Mrs. Newell King, Commerce; and a sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright.

**Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Jones**, Miss Jo Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Thomas, and Miss Elizabeth Thomas returned to Pampa Tuesday evening from Aledo where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. E. P. Maples.

**M-Sgt. Bill Bevard** will spend his first Christmas in ten years in Pampa with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Evarj A. Revard, 517 Ash. His wife and two children are already in Pampa and Monday the whole family will return to Lake Charles, La., where Revard is stationed.

**Oxygas equipped ambulances**, Ph. 4-3311, Duenkel-Carmichael.

**Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Veale**, 1123 Mary Ellen, have as their guests for the holidays, Mrs. Veale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Bean of Los Angeles, and her brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bran and Connie, 4, of Houston.

**Mr. and Mrs. Turemy Mullinax** and children of Houston are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. Mullinax, 403 N. Somerville.

**Miss Ann Jordan**, who is a student at West Texas State College, Canyon, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufe Jordan, court house. Miss Jordan's cousin, Miss Frankie Baker, Eglin, Air Force Base, Florida, is a houseguest in the Jordan home.

**Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Patterson** and son Bob of Colorado City, Texas, are houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Timen, 618 N. Frost. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kerkvliet and sons, Paul, Stevie and Jimmy, have arrived from Fairchild, Wis., to spend Christmas with Mrs. Kerkvliet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McMillen, 1225 Duncan, and her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Burt Graham, 617 Doucette.

**Visitors in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Johnston**, 211 E. Foster, for the Christmas holidays include Mr. and M. A. Johnston and sons, Bob and Jim, from Pullman; and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Johnston and daughter, Judy, from Dallas.

**Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Gates**, 111 N. Starkweather, have gone to Post for the Christmas holidays to visit their son, Rev. Charles Gates.

**Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Rochelle**, 532 N. Doyle, Karen and Mike, are spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wehnt in Lindsey, Okla.

**Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West**, and children, 725 N. Nelson, are visiting Mrs. West's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams and Catherine, who are former Pampans now living in Vernon.

**Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Geiger** and family, former Pampans of Rankin, Texas, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Browning, 940 S. Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Taylor, 519 N. Cuyler.

**J. W. Frather**, Oklahoma City, spent a few days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Prather, en route to a visit with his sister, Mrs. J. P. Crawford, and her family in Astoria, Oregon. (\*) Indicates Paid Advertising

**Martha Wayne**

IF YOU MEN WILL EXCUSE ME FOR A FEW MINUTES AND GET ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER...

DO YOU LIKE TO SING, STEVE, HOW MUCH I ENJOYED HEARING YOUR RECORDS... YOU HAD BARE ABILITY!

WHAT'S THE USE? IT'S ALL GONE NOW... THE SOONER I FORGET ABOUT IT THE BETTER.

I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY HOW YOU FEEL... BUT WITH YOUR FEELING FOR MUSIC, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO FORGET IT!

MEANWHILE, ON THE POND NEAR MARTHA'S HOUSE...

WATCH THAT ICE UP THERE! IT'S PRETTY THIN, BILLY!

**THE LITTLE TREE THAT TALKED** A Christmas Story By WALT SCOTT

PRESENTS WERE FORGOTTEN AS THEY LOOKED ON THE GLOWING CHRISTMAS TREES MADE OF STARS... AND THE VOICE OF SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS DRIFTED ABOUT TO THE LITTLE PEOPLE...

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**



**'BIG' WINNER** — Clyde Brewer, carrier for The Pampa Daily News, is shown here with a 15-pound ham and a 12-pound turkey he won in a carrier contest. Weighing only 75 pounds himself, Clyde is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brewer, 329 N. Somerville. He's just one of the 17 News carriers winning turkeys or hams for the family Christmas dinner, announced Charles Scott, circulation manager. (News Photo)

**Rents Due On Postal Boxes**

Postal box rents are due from now until Jan. 1, according to Postmaster W. B. Weathered. People may pay for them by the quarter or for a six months' period, he stated.

However, at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, people may pay for them by the year, according to a new Post Office ruling. Notices placed in the boxes recently stated that yearly rentals could begin Jan. 1, but this is an error. Weathered explained. Yearly rentals will not begin until July 1.

Birds instinctively obey their parents.

**Merry Christmas**

● TODAY'S SHOWS ●

**TOP O' TEXAS** — 100 reasons why you should see Arleen White in "The Sun Shines Bright"

**LA-NORA** — Two hours of Fun in "Cartoon Carnival" with your favorite cartoon characters. (Box-Offices close 9:00 p.m. tonight)

**LA-VISTA** — Kirk Douglas in his greatest role as "The Juggler"

**CROWN** — Two Features! Ronald Reagan in "The Last Outpost" and Alan Ladd in "Appointment With Danger"

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

to all our patrons and friends. May we add a cheerful wish that this will be your merriest Christmas ever!

If we've made the year a little brighter... a little happier for you... we're glad. So once again, "Merry Christmas."

The Management & Staff

**OUR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**LA-NORA** Open 1:45  
Fred Astaire  
Cyd Charisse  
"BAND WAGON"

**TOP O' TEXAS** Open 6:15  
TWO FEATURES!  
Tony Curtis  
"ALL AMERICAN"  
Bowery Boys "JALOPY"

**CROWN** Open 6:00 p.m.  
Now @ Sat. —  
John Wayne  
"FALS OF THE SADDLE"

**LA-VISTA** Open 1:45  
"SON OF BELLE STARR"  
Also Cartoons & Featurette

**Red Cross Keeps Busy At Yuletide**

Pampa's Red Cross chapter has been busy seeing that everyone has a Merry Christmas. This week, the chapter sent \$10.25 gift and eight dozen cookies to the Amarillo Air Force Base hospital for gifts and ward parties for the men, Mrs. F. W. Shotwell, Pampa chapter secretary advised.

For Christmas, the Pampa chapter has also been cooperating with the Salvation Army and the Elks in helping to find needy families for food baskets. Mrs. Shotwell stated. Many servicemen have been given loans to help through the Christmas holidays and others have been aided by the chapter in obtaining emergency leaves. Tuesday, the Red Cross sent a special Christmas message to a Pampa serviceman in Korea — a wire notifying him of the birth of his son.

Servicemen on the high seas going to foreign posts will receive Red Cross boxes, many of which the Pampa chapter contributed. And many Junior Red Cross boxes will be given to children in hospitals in isolated spots — mainly tuberculosis hospitals.

**Funeral Pending For Pampa Woman**

Funeral services are pending for Mrs. Artha Trussell of Pampa who died at 5:20 p.m. Wednesday in the Highland General Hospital.

Born Dec. 5, 1896, in Tennessee, Mrs. Trussell had been a resident of Pampa for 27 years and was employed at the Schneider Hotel for 16 years.

She is survived by her husband, R. A. Trussell of Pampa; three sons, Odie Myatt of Lancaster, Okla., and Oba Myatt of Newark, N. J.; one daughter, Mrs. Audie Lassale of Pampa; three brothers, Arney Dilldine of Claremore, Okla., Harrison Dilldine of Copan, Okla., and Oba Dilldine of Weston, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Churches Holding Midnight Service**

Among Pampa churches holding midnight services today are the First Presbyterian Church, the Holy Souls Catholic Church, and the St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

The service at the First Presbyterian Church will begin at 12 midnight and is the annual candlelight ceremony. There will be congregational singing of Christmas hymns during the service, which is open to the public.

The Holy Souls midnight mass will begin at 11:30 p.m. and Rev. Miles Moynihan will deliver the Christmas message. Preceding the mass, the choir will sing Christmas carols. Christmas Day masses will be held at 8, 7, 8 and 9 a.m. with the celebration of high mass at 10 a.m.

The Episcopal services will begin at 11:15 p.m. There will be a short carol service followed by the festival choral celebration of Holy Communion. Christmas Day the church will be open for private meditation and the St. Stephen's Day Holy Communion will be held Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

**Dear Santa**

(Editor's Note: Here are the last two letters to Santa Claus received by The Pampa Daily News. They arrived too late to appear with the other letters elsewhere in today's issue.)

I am 9 years old. I have been a good girl. I would like a Sew, Rise sewing kit with its real sewing machine, fountain pen, blue house coat. Yours Truly,  
Kitty Jo and Ed Gates  
1717 Coffee  
Skellytown

**WAR BRIDE**

(Continued from page one)

age next January, and Lee Roy, who is nine months old.

Before going to work for the Allied Command, Mrs. Reeves studied for the teaching profession and holds a teacher's certificate of that country. She has been told by college professors in the United States that she could obtain a certificate here by taking a one-year college course. However, she has no immediate plans for a teaching career.

She stated that at the present time her career is making a home for her husband and two sons.

Although she won't be in her native home his Christmas, it still will be a happy Christmas in the Reeves household.

"I know it will be a very happy Christmas this year as it has in the past few years, because I have my little family with me and my husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Reeves, Dallas, are with us," she stated.

**Joy at Christmas**

May the wonderful holiday spirit of and peace be with you and yours at Christmas time.

Dial 4-5788

**BB Pharmacy**  
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**'Thank Goodness... the gift came from ZALES!'**

A gift from Zales is meant to bring pleasure and happiness... and we feel our job isn't complete unless it does just that! So if it doesn't fit, if you have another like it, or if it isn't your type... bring it back and we'll gladly exchange it for the thing you wanted in the first place. We won't be satisfied until you are!

EXCHANGE DAYS  
December 26th through December 31st

**ZALES Jewelers**  
107 N. CUYLER

**First Church**  
The Guild Church at the Jordan day... Marie was a son... Mrs. vocatic turkey... ver be... After around and... den to... closed... Kerp... My... By... present... Parker... Cooki... were b... sent to... Dallas... Guest... Crew... berg at... Harvey... den, H... Parker... Gilchri... Spau... Hill, B... lock, F... Corneli... Smart

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### First Christian Church Guild Has Buffet Dinner

The Business and Professional Guild of the First Christian Church, Pampa, was entertained at the new home, Mrs. E. G. Jordan, 1601 Hamilton Street, Monday evening, December 21. Mrs. Marie Herring was co-hostess and was assisted by Miss Joyce Gordon and Miss Betty Hogsett.

Mrs. Dick Crews gave the invocation. The group enjoyed a turkey dinner served buffet style. Tables were covered with red and green linen cloths applied with Christmas motifs, and each table was centered with a crystal candleholder containing a small silver bell and red candles. Small corsages of mistletoe adorned each dessert plate.

After dinner guests gathered around a beautifully lighted tree and sang carols. Mrs. W. R. Harden told a Christmas story entitled "Star in the East," and closed the program with "Let's Keep Christmas," from Peter Marshall's sermons. Mrs. D. V. Burton, program chairman then presented the book to Mrs. W. L. Parker, outgoing president.

Cookies and homemade candy were brought to the meeting to be sent to the Juliette Fowler Home, Dallas, Texas.

Guests attending were Mrs. Dick Crews and Mrs. Elsie Gep. Members attending were Meses. Gladys Harvey, Lillian Snow, W. E. Harden, Homer Kessinger, W. L. Parker, Theresa Humphries, Lydia Gluchert, Doyce Breese, Pearl Spough, T. J. Wright, Mitchell Hill, Bob Roberts, Josephine Bialock, Frank Lard, Laura Bell Cornelius, D. V. Burton, G. L. Smart and O. W. Allston.



MRS. BOB CURRY (News photo)

### Curry Home Becomes A Pink And White Fantasy For The Holiday Season

Mrs. Bob Curry, 1136 Charles, is one woman whose visions materialize. And such visions she has! Bits of ribbon, paper, wire, flowers and such miscellany are whipped up into packages, centerpieces or decorative pieces that contribute so much to gracious living. Take for example the Christmas decor at the Curry home this season.

A preview of what is to come is seen at the front door of the white colonial style home. The entire doorway is outlined with deep green spruce roping. A huge spruce wreath at the center of the door is luxuriant with mauve and gold grapes and glittery balls. A cypress pink metallic ruffling encircles it.

The same colors are repeated throughout the house and in the arrangement in the foyer. Against the grey and white background of the hand carved Louis XV barometer which hangs above a mahogany console is arranged a 10 inch fluffy white tree lighted from within and decked with tiny crystal lights and snowflake sequins. The tree sets within a white metal cage that is wrapped with tiny silver beads. Silver and turquoise blue Christmas balls are used at the base and two ethereal looking angels stand by. The angels have bodies of painted cardboard cones, wings of glittering white net with halos of gold-covered wire above their flowing "angel hair".

The big all-pink tree in the grey-green painted 18th century living room is hung with silver and pink Christmas balls and lighted with pink lights. Dozens of carnations tip its branches. Pink candles of various heights and heavily encrusted with silver glitter, sequins and pearls are arranged on the mantel of the Georgian fireplace. The French Provincial clock above the fireplace is encircled with another spruce wreath which is framed with gilded emerald leaves.

More metallic lace and grey green spruce transforms a Duncan Phyfe table in the corner of the room. A huge pink candle on an antique silver footed fruit bowl forms a focal point at the top of the table. Silver balls encircle the bowl.

The same pink and silver treatment used on ordinary cotton stalks (half opened balls and all) makes a handsome arrangement for the coffee table.

In the dining room is still another pink and white confection: the tulle draped dining table center.

### Right Attitude Aids The Wardrobe

By ALICIA HART  
 NEA Beauty Editor

There is a way to add to your wardrobe without spending a penny and without doing a bit of work. It is to be found in attitudes. You have heard it said that in order to gain respect, you must first have respect for yourself. Approach your belongings with the same attitude. Treat them with respect and so will others.

For example, your winter coat may be an inexpensive cloth coat that you bought a couple of years ago. But treat it as you would a luxurious fur. Have it pressed occasionally so that the lining is never mussed. When you remove it, fold it carefully, turning the lining out. Lay the coat gently on a chair if you are in public.

You hate to be in expensive, too. But no one need know it if you wear them with an air. Handbags that are polished now and then, and that are never bulging, can be carried proudly. And cotton gloves will assume the doorknob manner when one takes them off slowly and carefully.

Try this just once and you'll be complimented on your smart hat, bag or gloves.

And when you do, respond with a simple "thank you." Don't spoil the effect by revealing the age or price of the garment.

### Handy, Dandy And Candy, Hostesses At Parties For Dance Students

Pre-school students of the Beaux Arts Dance Studio had their annual Christmas party at the studio yesterday morning. Hostesses for the occasion were "Handy, Dandy and Candy" (three little bears). The most important guest was "Santa Claus," who made a huge list of all the Christmas wishes. Group singing was directed by Mrs. Kenneth McGuire, pianist and singing teacher at the studio. The three little bears (Bobbie Andie, Jud, Bond and Marilyn Mead), performed for the children and then assisted with the gift exchange.

Kenneth Sue McGuire, Karen Mathews and Jane Wells entertained with "Tom Williams, Janis Gardselle, Cynthia Plaster, Leslie Watkins and Lynette Williams with "Animal Crackers," Susie Fillman, "The Star Dances," Judy Robison, "The Candy Doll," Jane Wells, "Little Brown Gal" and Susan Fillman. Amie Guidry, Carolyn K. McGuire, Carol Kay, Kotara, Linda Moore and Juanna Jo Moore, "The Fun Dance."

Refreshments were served to the following pre-school students:

Patt Bridges, Mona Chamberlain, Marden Deer, Celeste Duncan, Mary Heaton, Dieta Hills, Myra Jabel, Patricia McMaster, Mary Mann Pruitt, Terri Robison, Donna Gay Seitz, Charlotte Hodges, Sandra Kenner, Domie Lewter, Pamela McLeod, Vickie Miller, Gerry Saum, Linda Spoonmoore, J'Neil Taylor, Linda Mae Taylor, Jeanne Wyatt, Peggy Griffin, Cheryl Jean Arnold, Beau Pete Bond, Joyce Fischer, Debra Fletcher, Kathy Ann Giddens, Jimmy Goodwin, Randy Harris, Ronald Howel, Sandra Looper, Carlette Moore, Becky McBrayer, Pamela Wilson, Michael Wise, Payne, Beverly Joyce Skidmore, Connie Sue Tidwell, Susan Tabor, Rich Arnold, Linda Day, Trudy Hegwer, Caryn Cameron, Mary Jay Campbell, Georganna Jackson, Paulette Lefebvre, Winifred Keill, Jeanne Krenn, Myra Ormsen, Janis Seals, Marcia Thompson, Jo Clair Wilkerson, Pamela Wilson, Michael Wise, Pat Gotcher, Peggy La'Neil Terry and Kenneth Sue McGuire.

Another party was held in the afternoon in the Palm Room for the school age students. "Handy, Dandy and Candy" were also the hostesses for this party. In addition to group singing a short program was enjoyed including an impersonation of Red Buttons by Don Sprinkle, president of the school age students. "Handy, Dandy and Candy" were also the hostesses for this party. In addition to group singing a short program was enjoyed including an impersonation of Red Buttons by Don Sprinkle, president of the school age students.

German Foods Fare For Holiday Meals In Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE — UP—The big dinner is just as much a part of Christmas celebration as the mound of gifts beneath the tree.

In Milwaukee, with its large German-American population, dinner often is more important. The families gather around the food-laden tables as families do in other parts of the country, but the table setting is dominantly by the Weihnachts Gans, the Christmas goose, instead of turkey.

Here's the recipe for Weihnachts Gans and two other German dishes you may want to feature at Christmas.

Have the butcher dress and clean a six to eight pound goose. Wash and dry and salt and pepper the inside. Then fill with apple and prune dressing.

PRUNES IN STUFFING

The stuffing: 2 cups bread crumbs; ½ teaspoon salt; pinch of pepper; 1 cup chopped prunes; and ¼ cup chopped apples unpeeled.

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Dear Grace Friend

On my way friend one morning two weeks ago, I opened a pack of cigarettes, and my cousin who rides with me asked me for the little red tab that I tore from the pack.

He said he was saving them and most of the men where he worked were saving them for a friend. The friend is a little blind girl who would like to have a seeing eye dog, and it takes 1 million of these little tabs for her to get a dog.

So I have started saving and about 50 employees in my department are bringing them to me by handfuls. We are picking them up off the parking lot and every place.

BUT some of them think it is a joke and no such thing was sponsored by any cigarette company. If this is so I will soon be the laughing stock of my department.

But if it is true I believe that lots of other people would be glad to save the little tabs from their packages of cigarettes.

W. A.

Dear W. A.

I have been unable to find anyone who has heard of the project you describe and I doubt very much if there is such a campaign.

If anyone knows whether the cigarette companies have made such an offer I would appreciate his writing me.

STOLE WITH SUIT

Dear Miss Friend

I have a knit suit and I would like to know whether it would be proper to wear a stole with it.

M. K.

Dear M. K.

If it is a suitable kind of stole it will look very well with your knit suit. Stoles are even worn with tailored suits, many suits are sold with matching stoles.

### Manners Make Friends

You don't have to tell someone what you paid for something, even though the person is rude enough to ask. Just put your questioner off with an "Oh, it's so nice" or "I'd love to look up the bill." Don't worry if you give the impression that it's none of the other person's business.

That is precisely what it is — none of his business.

It is estimated that an acre of meadowland contains 15,000,000 insects.

### Miss Inez Clubb Gives Reading At Methodist Party

The beautiful story of "The Shepherd and The Slave" was told by Miss Inez Clubb at the Christmas party for The Wesleyan Service Guild of First Methodist Church Monday night.

Mrs. J. B. Austin and Miss Ila Pool were hostesses in the church parlor. Miss Pool presided over the business session. A letter of thanks for a cash contribution to the Wesleyan Community Center was read by Miss Minnie Allen. This is a community center for Latin Americans in Amarillo and is directed by Miss Helen Osborne, a missionary.

Miss Lillian Mullinax said a letter of thanks had been received from Miss Garnet Everly, a Missionary in India, for the gifts for the girls in her mission school in India sponsored by the Guild.

Mrs. Diamia Wood brought the devotional based on the Christmas story as written in the Bible by Luke.

Music consisted of a solo by Mrs. Harold Wright and two carols sung by the group accompanied by Mrs. Irl Sisk presided over the program which was assisted by Miss Alma Wilson. Mrs. Lee Harrah was presented a stole from the Guild in appreciation of her able presentation of the various studies through the year.

The hostesses served cranberry punch topped with lime sherbert, cake and cheese wafers to those mentioned above and Mrs. Aubrey Jones, and Mrs. J. M. Turner.

### Griffin-Preston Vows Exchanged

SKELLYTOWN — (Special) — In a single ring ceremony in the First Baptist Church in Skellytown recently Miss Lenora Joy Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Griffin of Fritch, became the bride of Robert Leon Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Preston of the Skelly Crawford Plant. Reverend Eugene Brand officiated.

The bride was attired in a baby blue faille street length dress complemented with black accessories and wore a white carnation corsage.

Miss Ruth Bagley, White Deer, was maid of honor and was attired in a navy blue faille dress with matching accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations. Horace Jay Preston attended his brother as best man.

Mrs. Preston, who is a student in the Phillips school, will continue her studies. Mr. Preston is associated with the Northern Natural Gas Company in Skellytown where the couple will make their home. Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Preston and Johnnie of Dumas and James Kirkwood and Miss Marilyn Bagley of White Deer.

### Mrs. Ted Hoff Hostess To Skelly HD Club

SKELLYTOWN — (Special) — The Skellytown Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Hoff at the Skelly Production Camp recently for a Christmas party and covered dish luncheon. A business meeting was held in the afternoon with club president, Mrs. E. E. Crawford in charge. Club members revealed the names of their secret pals, and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Al Shubring on January 15.

Those attending were Meses. Harold Connell, George Porter, Jack Waters, O. E. Carlson, J. M. Chapin, Cecil Shipley, Gene Harlan, Clifford Coleman, Al Shubring, W. N. Adams, J. T. Crawford, Joe Wedge, T. J. Horton, Buck Durning, John McKenny and Everett Crawford.

Jefferson Davis was first and only president of the Confederate States, being in office when the Confederacy collapsed in 1865.

Laying hen needs one pound of feed for every seven eggs she produces.

### Skelly Rebekahs Plan Semi-Annual Banquet

SKELLYTOWN — (Special) — Rebekah Lodge held a regular meeting recently in the IOOF Hall with noble grand, Mrs. Clifton Hanna, in charge.

Plans were made for the semi-annual past grand's banquet. Working on the committees will be Meses. Lawrence Young, Miles Pearson, C. M. Yell, Everett Crawford, G. C. Huchins, J. W. Weaver, Mammie Sims, Gladys Weaver, Wayne Davidson and R. C. Heaton.

Members were asked to send cards to those that were unable to attend the Christmas party.

Gifts were exchanged and a program was presented by Mrs. C. M. Yell and J. W. Weaver. Members sang Christmas carols with the accompaniment of Miss Addie Fern Lick.

Refreshments were served to Meses. Fred Genett, C. M. Estes, J. R. McKernon, Al Shubring, Miles Pearson, Wayne Davidson, J. W. Weaver, Ira Noble, Clifford Coleman, Clifton Hanna, L. Stafford, C. M. Yell, Lawrence Young, John Nichols, D. E. Mar Sims, C. G. Huchins, R. C. Heaton, Huber Cannon, Everett Crawford, Clyde Weaver, Virgil Weaver, Miss Addie Fern Lick and Mr. Everett Crawford.

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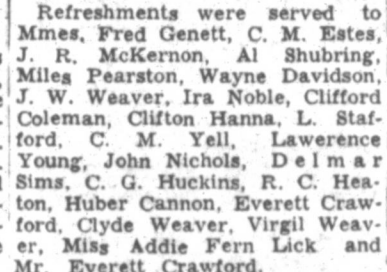
The American Association of University Women held its annual Christmas Tea in the women's club rooms in the City Hall recently. The rooms were decorated with pink and silver. The mantel featured a manager scene flanked by tall silver and pink tapers. The tea table was all pink with a pink cloth and a centerpiece of a tall pink candle nestled in pink feathers.

Mrs. Evelyn Milam, president of the club, welcomed guests at the door. Mrs. Muriel Salmon and Miss Frances Huff presided at the punch bowl. Miss Nova Mayo regaled the guests. Miss Edith Kral headed the entertainment committee which consisted of Mrs. Dudley Steele, Mrs. Clyde Rodscape, Miss Bernice Larsh and Mrs. E. V. Ward. Miss Thera Warner provided Christmas music throughout the tea. Mrs. Roy Sullivan, program chairman, introduced the program which featured Mrs. Mack Hiatt, who sang two songs accompanied by Miss Eloise Lane at the piano. Miss Oleia Marlin dramatized a Christmas Story, "The Believer," by Margaret Cousins.

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### Mrs. Mabel Winter Has Class Party

Mrs. Mabel Winter entertained members of the Bethany Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church with "The Christmas Story," according to St. Matthew when the group met in the home of Mrs. R. L. Meadows, 608 N. Gray recently. Roll call was answered with appropriate verses pertaining to the Yuletide.

Mesess Ramona Meadows and Christine Pierce sang "Silent Night." Mrs. O. J. Moore read Fulton Oursler's, "Child's Version of the Nativity." The class song was sung and gifts exchanged. Packages were brought for the Orphan's home.

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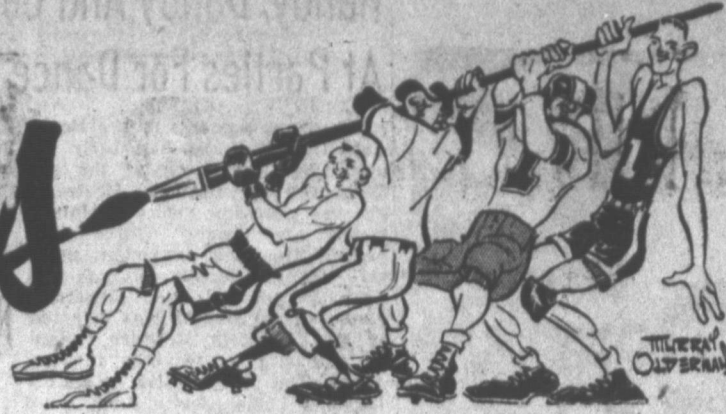
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## SPORTS

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### PRESS BOX VIEWS

By BUCK FRANCIS

Pampa Daily News Sports Editor

#### A Letter To Santa Claus

Dear Santa:  
We're going to give our readers (?) a break today. We are not going to write a column.  
But we did want to let you know that all our good sports fans here in Pampa have been good this past year and please remember them when you drop in at their respective homes tonight.  
And, oh yes, Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santal.  
Regards,  
Buck Francis

### Gardner Resigns TL Hunting For New President

DALLAS, Dec. 24 —UP—The Texas League hunted Thursday for a new president and secretary. J. Alvin Gardner, Dallas oilman, quit Wednesday as president of the Class AA baseball loop after a 24

### North-South Meet Friday

MIAMI, Dec. 24 —UP—The man who masterminded Michigan State's stunning defeat this season promised Thursday his North team would use a "trick or two" when it squares off against the South's deadly Zeke Bratowski-John Carson passing combination in the College All-Star game at the Orange Bowl Christmas night.

### Mountaineers Hungry For Bowl Action

EDITOR'S NOTE — Another in a series on the teams in the New Year's Day football bowl games.  
By BOB MCKOWEN  
MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Dec. 24 —UP—Coach Art Lewis is giving his West Virginia football players the same treatment the old Romans gave to lions which fought gladiators, believing if you starve them long enough they will be hungry for "action."  
Lewis has not held a scrimmage in two weeks of workouts for the Sugar Bowl game with Georgia Tech and his mammoth Mountaineers are roaring for action. It also has helped to charge them up that they have been in stalled underdogs in the big game. They don't like that idea a bit and they want to prove to all concerned their record of eight victories and a lone defeat was well earned.  
But the West Virginians haven't just been playing patty-cake in these secret scrimmage-less drills Lewis has been conducting. And the word is out he is cooking up a surprise play or two for Tech's Engineers.  
Early in the season West Virginia came up with an option play that was almost impossible to stop. It worked effectively against seven opponents in South Carolina, solved it and handed West Virginia its only defeat.  
Now it is almost a safe bet Lewis will come up with another baffler. Although West Virginia has a first rate pass attack it is likely Lewis will utilize the ground game because his big, bruiser "hill-billies" outweigh Georgia Tech's boys about 14 pounds per man.  
Featuring the running attack will be break-away halfback Jack Stone and fullback Tommy Allman, a 210-pound line plunger who was thrown for a loss only six times in his college career. Both will be playing their last games for West Virginia. The other starters, quarterback Fred Wyant and halfback Joe Marconi, are just growing boys. They are sophomores with two more years of eligibility.  
The game also is expected to feature two of the best centers in the land, Larry Morris of Tech was an All-America choice but Bob Orders, who didn't get as many headlines, was rated almost as fine a player in many quarters. He made the United Press third team.

### 11 Schools On Dallas All-State

DALLAS, Dec. 22 —UP—Eleven different schools, seven of them that failed to get outside their own districts, were represented on the Dallas Times - Herald's Class AA all-state schoolboy football team.  
State Champion Houston Lamar placed only one man, Halfback Walt Fondren, while Odessa's finalist team didn't place a single player on the team picked by Times - Herald Sports Writer Jim Lawson.  
The team:  
Ends — Ronnie Mason of Dallas Wilson and Carl Laperout of Fort Arthur.  
Tackles — John Groom of Corpus Christi Miller and Billy Oliver of Abilene.  
Guards — Robert Frazer of Amarillo and Ernest Lenart of Waco. Center — Louis Del Homme of Baytown.  
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### Miami Student To Gator Bowl

Bill Philpott of Miami, Tex., Texas Tech head boy cheerleader, will attend the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida, where the Tech Red Raiders will meet the Auburn Plainemen in one of the Nation's top grid bowls.  
Philpott, who plans to leave by chartered bus from Lubbock Dec. 25, will meet his assistants in Dallas, Texas. They will then spend one night in Shreveport, La., one day and night in New Orleans where eight-seeing tours have been planned, and their final night before reaching Jacksonville in Pensacola, Fla.  
Once in Jacksonville, the Texans will experience some of that genuine Southern Hospitality, as the people of Jacksonville and the Host Auburn team have many plans outlined. These include: Gator Bowl, Football game, Gator Bowl, Basketball Tournament, crowning of the Gator Bowl Queen, deep-sea fishing trips, and eight-seeing tours.

### Riddle High Bowler In Top O' Texas

Elaine Riddle won individual honors and Neal Sparks Cleaners and Service Liquor shared team honors in last night's Top o' Texas Bowling League at the Pampa Bowl.  
Riddle, bowling for Smith's Shoes, had both the high individual game and series. Her high game was 18 and she put together three games for 487 to capture the series honors.  
Neal Sparks' Cleaners rolled the high team game and series while Service Liquor made the only clean sweep in match play. Sparks had 89 for high game and 1,972 for high series.  
Service Liquor won all four points over Falstaff in team play while Sparks won over Celanese and Smith's Shoes downed C. M. Jeffries, both by 3-1 counts.

Racing Gains —UP—Attendance and wagering at Illinois thoroughbred tracks this year reached their highest peaks since 1946, the State Racing Board announced Monday. A total of 2,853,328 persons bet \$197,007,170 at the state's six tracks during the recently-concluded season.

### Consuegra Inks White Sox Pact

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 —UP—The Chicago White Sox Tuesday announced the signing of their second player for the 1954 season, right handed pitcher Sandalio Consuegra, who won seven and lost five last season after he was obtained from Washington on May 12.  
Virgil Trucks, another right handed pitcher, was the first Sox player to sign his 1954 contract.



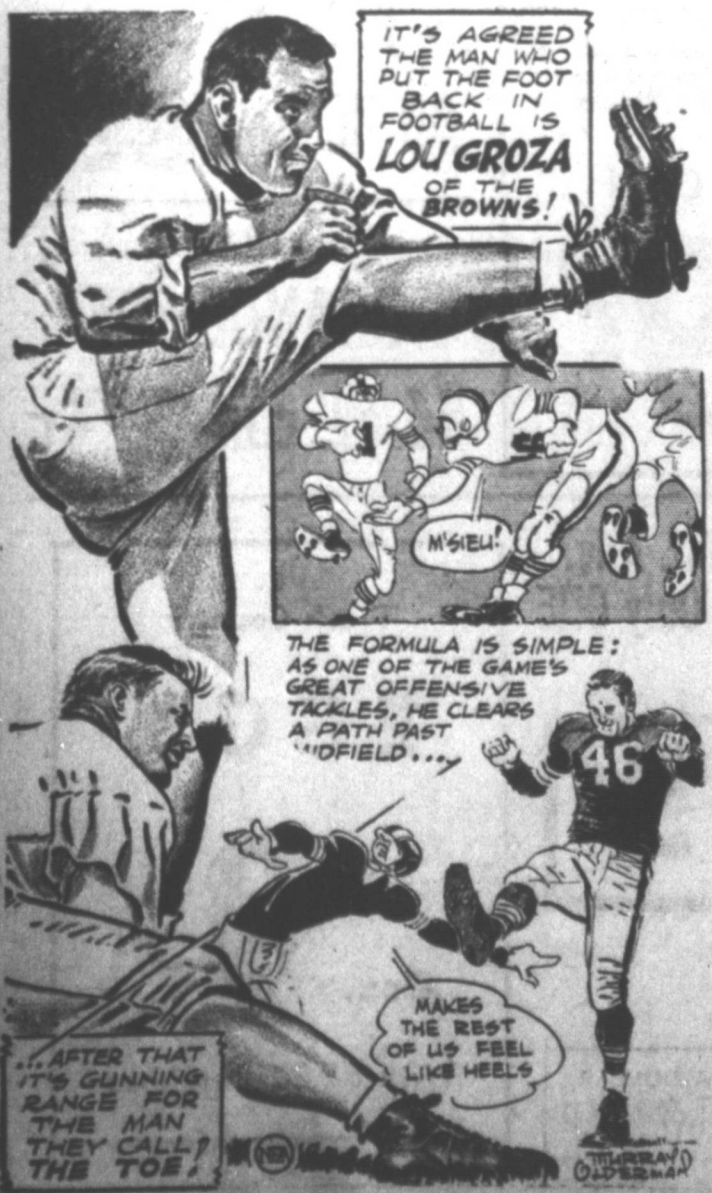
IN TOURNEY HERE — Shows above are the two leading players and their coach of the Birdville High School basketball team who will be participants in the 1st Annual Top o' Texas basketball tournament to be held in Harvester Fieldhouse, Jan. 1-2. From left to right they are Nick Ewell, Coach Johnny Nobles and Don Perkins. The tournament here will be the third this season for Birdville, in other two, the Fort Worth team reached the finals in the Denton Invitational and captured third place in the Hardin-Simmons tournament.

### Boys Club Eyeing District GG PHS Preps For Top O' Texas Cage Tourney Here Jan. 1-2

Activity will be at a standstill over the Christmas weekend for local sports.  
The Harvester basketballers concluded their pre-Christmas schedule Tuesday night at Plainview where they chalked up their 35th straight win at the expense of the Plainview Bulldogs, 51-48. It marked the seventh straight win by the Green and Golders this season.  
Coach Clifford McNeely's crew will return to action next Monday night against Altus, Okla., at Harvester Fieldhouse.  
Then, the Harvesters will begin prepping for the first annual Top O' Texas cage tournament which will be unreeled at Harvester Fieldhouse Jan. 1-2.

### Dallas Paper Chooses All-2A

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Center — Don Barber of Floydada.  
Backs — Bobby Peters of Van LaNoel Castleberry of Childress, R. V. Alcorn of Olton and Jerry Bell of Ballinger.



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### Hits 32 Against Wake Forest Bevo Proves He Can Be Tough Against First Rate Competition

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The severest critics of the gangling, six-foot, nine-inch sophomore of little Rio Grande College of Ohio kept saying final judgment on his brilliance should wait until "he's played against some first-class players." This was the week of Bevo's big test and he passed with flying colors.  
Wednesday night the lanky center fired a spectacular jump shot in the last second of play to give Rio Grande a 67 to 65 victory over Wake Forest at Raleigh and cap a brilliant 32-point performance against one of Dixie's best centers, six-foot, seven-inch Dick Hemric.  
Shows Some Flaws  
There were flaws in Francis' showing, to be sure. He appeared weak defensively and was out-rebounded by Hemric, 19-12. But he once again proved what now cannot be denied — he can shoot with the best of them and perhaps better than any of them.  
In eight games against bona-fide college teams this season, Bevo has amassed 351 points for a 43.8 point per game average and leads all "small-college scorers" in the nation. That compares well with the 50.1 average he recorded last year against a schedule ruled non-collegiate by the NCAA. Here's how Bevo has scored his points this year: Adelphi 32, Villanova 39, Providence 41, Bluffton 52 (the college record), Hillsdale 43, Miami (Fla.) 48, North Carolina State 34, Wake Forest 32.  
North Carolina State scored an important 63 to 60 win over the Peoria Caterpillars, National AAU champions, at Raleigh although Peoria's Ron Bontemps won scoring honors with 18 points.  
Notre Dame Loses  
The big collegiate surprise was Notre Dame's 74 to 72 loss to Bradley at Peoria, Ill. A crowd of 8,300 saw the Irish, ranked 20th nationally, suffer their second defeat in six games.  
The Oklahoma Aggies, ranked sixth and still fired-up by their recent upset of Illinois, edged touring Southern California, 52 to 46, at Stillwater, as six-foot, 11-inch Bobby Mattick led the way with 19 points. The Aggies jumped off to a 20-13 first quarter lead and stayed ahead for their 25th straight home court win despite a closing drive by the Trojans, led by Tony Fasalis, who scored 16 points.  
Minnesota, ranked fifth nationally, scored its sixth straight victory, 91 to 79, over Marquette as Chuck Mancel and Charles Bennett each tallied 18 points.  
In other leading games: Texas Christian trounced Howard Payne, 99 to 48, for the highest scoring in its history as Hank Ohlen led 26 points; Iona College beat Queens, N.Y., College, 82-54; and Creighton defeated Denver, 65 to 60.  
There were no games scheduled Thursday night and only one Friday night, Creighton-Seattle.

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**Pogo**

DINNO WHY I BOTHER WITH THIS YEAR AFTER YEAR... HALLOO! WAKE UP! CHRISTMAS EVE!

OH... IT'S YOU, PORKEY... DON'T YOU KNOW YOU AN ME IS FILLED THE STOCKING AN' ME JB'S FINISH TRIMMIN' THE TREES? IT'S FOUR A.M.

THAT'S GOOD, 'CAUSE HERE'S SOMETHIN' I BEEN SAVIN' FOR YOU SINCE AUGUST... NOW, PLEASE, DON'T FAWN ON ME... A SPRIG OF LOVE-IN-IDLENESS... TAIN'T MUCH, BUT, THE WAY FOLKS TREATS EACH OTHER NOW-A-DAYS...

IF I LEAVED THIS UP TO ANY BODY ELSE, YOU'D BE LUCKY IF YOU RECEIVED A SIMPLE GOOD MORNIN'!

AW-YOU-OH PORKEY... I DO BELIEVE I'LL WAKE UP AN' MAKE COCCA AN' PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES.

**The Jackson Twins**

TELL US WHO THE MYSTERY MAN IS, POSIE? MAYBE JAN AND I CAN HELP!

UH-UH! I'LL GET UP AGAIN AND I'LL EAT AGAIN... MIM GIVES ME STRENGTH TO GO ON FOR A CENTURY!

I'M NOT TELLING YOU WHO HE IS... I COULDN'T STAND THE COMPETITION!

IF YOU TWO GO BUZZING AROUND HIM, HE'D LOSE HIS HEAD OVER ONE OR BOTH OF YOU BEFORE HE'S HAD A REAL CHANCE TO LOSE IT OVER ME?

SO THANKS, TWEENS? GO HOME AND HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS... WHILE POSIE AND HER POUNDING HEART FACE THE UNKNOWN... ALONE!

**Blondie**

DAGWOOD, WOULD YOU MARRY ME IF WE HAD IT TO DO ALL OVER AGAIN?

SURE

LET ME HEAR YOU ASK ME

DARLING, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

I CAN'T... I'M ALREADY MARRIED.

COME TO THINK, I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED YOU... I'M MARRIED, TOO

**Alley Oop**

SO YOU'VE GOT WILLIAM THY CONQUEROR THINKIN' THAT WITH YOU AN' YOUR LIL' OL' BIK-GUN, HE CAN'T MISS DEFEATING TH' SAVINGS, EH?

IT'S RIGHT... SO WHY SHOULD I LET YOU GO OVER AN' MAKE IT TOUGH ON US?

TOUGH ON YOUR HAW! WE'D BEAT YOUR EARS OFF!

AW, COME OFF IT, OOP... YOU'RE NOT THAT GOOD!

YOU THINK NOT, EH?

**Bo**

GOOSH! WHAT A SWELL HOUSE! MILLIONAIRES HAVE EVERY THING HE WOULDNT MISS A DOG COME ON WE'LL GO AN' ASK HIS DAD BAD TO DO-

WHOS AT THE DOOR? ONE SIDE SO I CAN SEE!

TAKE THAT DOG AWAY IF YOU--

GIVE ME THAT DOG! IT'S MINE AND PUT THOSE URCHINS OFF MY PORCH AND CLOSE THE DOOR INSTANTLY!

WAIT TELL I TELL MY DAD!

IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD... I'VE LOST MY DDD-

**Buzz Sawyer**

TELL YOU WHAT, SAWYER--TOMORROW NIGHT WE'LL BOTH GO UP IN A SKYSHIP! MEANWHILE, KEEP THIS 'SAUCER' STUFF UNDER YOUR HAT.

YES, SIR.

SO! AT LAST YOU'RE BACK, MR. SAWYER! AND WHAT EXPLANATION HAVE YOU FOR RUNNING OUT OF FUEL AND MAKING A FORCED LANDING?

I MISCALCULATED MY TIME, COMMANDER JONES.

OBVIOUSLY, MR. SAWYER! FURTHERMORE, YOU SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT YOUR STATUS HERE IS GROWING PRECARIOUS. IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDNT RISK PUSHING MY LUCK TOO FAR.

THANK YOU, SIR.

**Chris Welkin**

AW! THE JIVE IS FRANTIC!

DO I REALLY SEND WITH THIS WOOFER AND TWEETER, LADY BUCCANEER?

IT'S AS NEAR TO ANGEL TUNES AS BRIGANDS EVER HEAR, GIRL CHILD!

HA!

FLATTERY GETS YOU NO PLACE, BUT INFORMATION WILL! FOR EXAMPLE, A HINT AS TO HOW THAT FREIGHTER LEARNED WHO WE WERE SO QUICKLY... DID WELKIN SIGNAL SOMEHOW?

SO SORRY, NO SPEAK ENGLISH!

WOULD THE TERM HEAVENLY MUSIC DESCRIBE IT?

**Mutt & Jeff**

I ALWAYS PLAY SANTA ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

BUT, MUTT-- WHERE'S THE REINDEER?

OH, I'VE GOT A REINDEER!

FIRST, WE'LL CALL ON THE SWEET WOMAN! GID-DAP, BLITZ!

HEY! EASY WITH THE WHIP!

GID-DAP!

OUCH!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SANTA CLAUS, NOT SIMON LEGREE!

**Bugs Bunny**

THAT MUTT'S BIG ENOUGH T' TEAR UP TH' JOINT! GET HIM OUTA HERE!

BUT IT'S VVVV COLD OUTSIDE AND HOOVER IS HELL-TWAINED!

I'LL JUST TELL HIM HERE WHILE I MAKE MY PURCHASES!

WELL, I GUESS I GOTTA PUT UP WITH HIM AS LONG AS YER GONNA BUY SOME-- THIN!

I'D LIKE TO LOOK AT SOME THES...

EE-YIPE!

**Priscilla's Pop**

BUT, MOM! I WANT TO SEE SANTA CLAUS COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY!

SANTA WON'T EVEN SHOW UP IF YOU DON'T GET TO SLEEP!

THANK GOODNESS! AT LAST SHE'S SAFELY IN BED!

**THE HUNTER AT HOME**

NO! A PIECE THIS SIZE AN' SMOTHERED IN ONIONS ER SOMETHIN'-- SMOTHERED, ANYWAY!

MAKE MINE THE SAME!

YE GODS! HAVE ME AND I GOT TO EAT UP A HUNDRED POUNDS OF MOOSE-- OR IS THAT ELK HE SHOTT?

YOU MEAN A SLICE THAT THICK?

MINE ABOUT THUMB SIZE!

EGAD, BOYS! IT BRINGS TEARS OF JOY TO THESE OLD EYES-- THOSE TWO URCHINS, ALVIN AND LEANDER, WORKING EVENINGS TO EARN A GIFT OF \$100 FOR ME!-- AND I SUSPECTED THEIR ABSENCES MEANT MISCHIEF!

YOU WERE AS WRONG AS WRONG AS A CLOCKWORK CHIRP--ING 15 TIMES!

THOSE GREENBACK PORTRAITS OF BEN FRANKLIN ARE MUCH HANDIER THAN A PAIR OF WRONG SIZE SOCKS!

THERE'S TEAR OF JOY ON YOUR VEST, TOO!

**Steve Canyon**

OH, MOTHER DEAR, STEVE IS COMING!

WOULDN'T IT BE SIMPLY THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS IF HE WOULD JUST UPS AN' CARRY ME OFF TO BE MARRIED?

I HAVE THE BIGGEST CHRISTMAS SURPRISE!

OH, GREAT DAY! -- I KNEW IT! -- I KNEW IT!

LISTEN TO THIS CABLE FROM STATESIDE: "BEEN WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU... BABY AND I SEND LOVE -- HURRY HOME Signed -- SUMMER"

**Vic Flint**

VIC FLINT LEAVES MOTHER MULLANES AND...

YER DROCK DATES MY GIRL, DROCKS CLIENT PLAYS PAPPY TO THE BOY I FOUND A HOME FOR, WELL, SO WHAT? I'M TOO OLD TO THROW A TANTRUM!

YIPE!

**Little Doc**

C'MON OUTN' PLAY, LIL' DOC!

I'M BUSY, CINDY.

WHAT ARE YA DOIN'?

WRAPPING CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

?

GIFTS?

MAY I HELP YA?

OKAY, UNDER ONE CONDITION

YOU GOT TO BRING ME A BUNNY!

**Wash Tubbs**

I'LL GET A LATE PLANE FROM MIAMI, YEE-EASY!

I MAY BE LOSING A BIT OF MY DIGKIE POK MEN!

OOPS--SORRY! BE SURE AND WRITE!

IT'D BE SAFER IF I DIDN'T!

**Boots**

JUST BOOTS, IT'S LATE! AND DORY IS STILL ENTERTAINING THAT INVENTOR DOWNSTAIRS!

OH, I KNOW, IT HAS TO DO WITH XY, THE WONDER GADGET THAT'S GOING TO PUT TOGETHER AGAIN THE BROKEN PIECES OF ONCE HAPPY MARRIAGES!

WELL, WON'T YOU BUY THAT, ROD?

SURE! SURE, I WOULD MONEY! "PEACE ON EARTH--" THAT'S THE TICKET -- FOR EVERYONE -- EVERYWHERE!

**Mickey Finn**

IT'S VOKUS! CALLING FROM MIAMI!

HUMPH! IT'S ABOUT TIME HE REPORTED! I HOPE HE'S GOT THE PICTURES OF FINN THAT WE WANT!

YOU GOT SHOTS OF HIM GETTING OFF THE PLANE -- AND AT THE RACE TRACK -- BUT NONE OF HIM PLAYING GOLF? WHY NOT?

BECAUSE HE HAIN'T PLAYED YET! I'VE TAILED HIM TO HALFA DOZEN GOLF CLUBS -- BUT HE JUST GOES IN AND COMES RIGHT OUT! I CAN'T FIGURE IT!

WELL, HE'LL BE PLAYING SOONER OR LATER! SO KEEP WATCHING HIM!

DON'T WORRY, THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING! I KNOW WHERE HE IS EVERY SECOND -- DAY AND NIGHT!

I'M GLAD NOW THAT I DID HURT MY BACK, PHIL! IT WILL BE NICE BEING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

YOU BET IT WILL, MR. TUTTLE! ESPECIALLY WHEN WE KNOW WE'LL BE FLYIN' BACK TO THAT SUNSHINE ON SUNDAY!

**Freckles**

HENRY, I WONDER IF YOU COULD COPY A WOODEN VASE FROM A PICTURE IN THIS MAGAZINE?

SURE THING!

ZZZZZZ

IT WAS A TOUGH ONE TO COPY, BUT I'M GONNA MAKE IT!

THERE'S YOUR VASE!

YOU KEEP IT-- WE NEED THOSE SHAVINGS TO START THE LOG IN THE FIREPLACE!

**Susie Q. Smith**

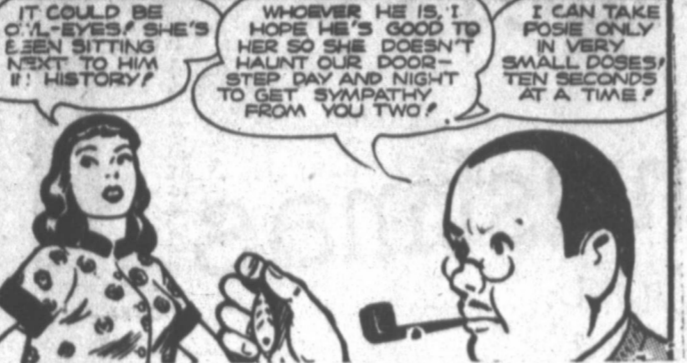
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OOPS!



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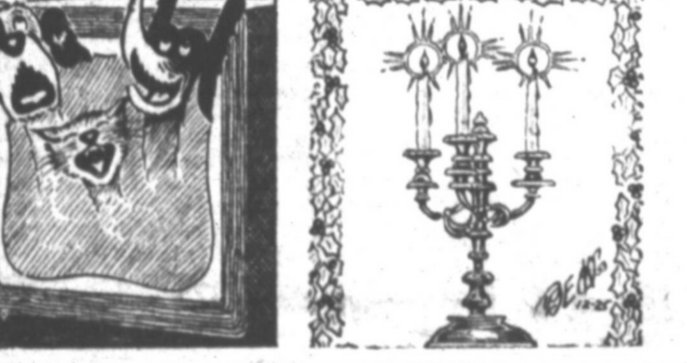
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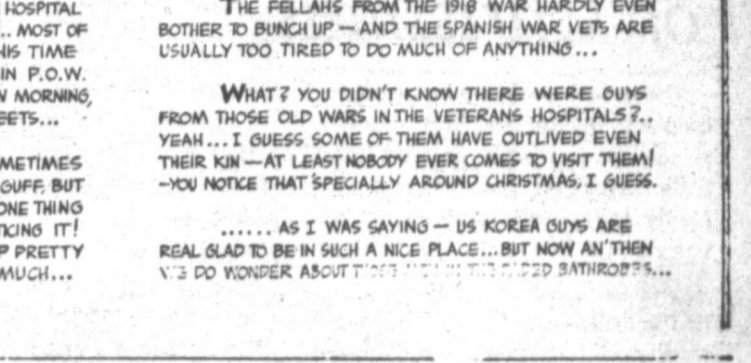
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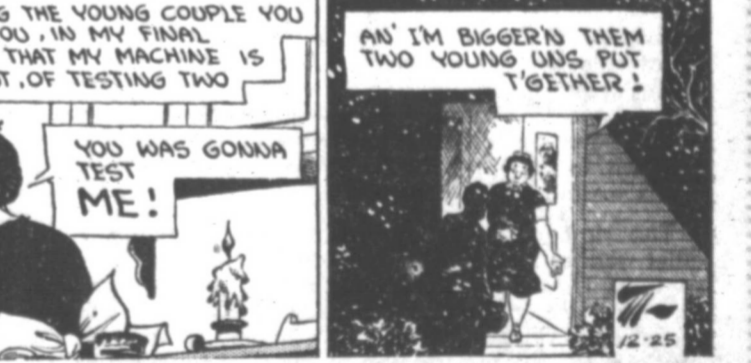
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## Rime And Reason For Christmas

On a recent shopping venture in our city I felt quite helpless in the swirling maelstrom of glittering trees, tinsel, shining balls, colored lights, stuffed stockings and little men in red suits and white whiskers. I met a very lovely lady, well known to many, in a 5 and 10. She voiced in a few words the thought I'm suggesting here.

She said, "Brother Lyle, I enjoyed all this excitement to the full when I was a little girl — mother did all the work and I reaped all the benefits. But it seems worse now; I'm kinda sick of all this Christmas rush. Come to think about it, we do refer to this most precious of all Christmas seasons as 'the Christmas rush.'"

And now may I take my hat off to one of these little men in red suits, who in my judgment understands something of the rime and reason of the season? Frequently we see in the confusion of our stores, children persuaded by their eavesdropping parents to sit on Santa's knee and lisp innocently, "Oh, ME; why I want a dollie, a ball, a train, 'n, 'n, 'n, etc., etc." 'Tis true, I overheard one little red Santa ask a pretty little girl, "and, what are you going to GIVE for Christmas?" You see, there must be someone, somewhere equipped with an instrument keen enough to cut through this thick frosting of sugar plums and candied orange peelings — to lay bare the true and undecorated heart of Christmas. At times it seemed that I could hear faintly the echo of one who told us that, though we live in the world, we must not be of the world. There must be some way in this frantic last week to — even yet — recapture the simple serenity, the peaceful dignity of that first starry Christmas night.

Let us covet the quiet wonder of the shepherds as they beheld the miracle of a new born babe on his bed of straw! Let us search in honest quest for the patient devotion which led three men of great wisdom over a long journey from a far country to worship the child. Let us recognize our great need of the kind of joy which the angels proclaimed — not the agitated, superficial excitement which comes from overstimulated activity, but a deep joy arising from the assurance that one was born who can save us from ourselves and from our sins. From thence will come the rime and reason of Christmas.

Then, what a wealth of goodwill overwhelms the human heart at Christmas time. Ill-will may not now boldly and shamelessly manifest itself. It must hide in the dark alleys and dusty closets; it must seek shelter from the sparkle and the tinsel and the glitter of all the lovely decorations. Yes, the trimmings, melodies and lights — all are lovely, once we catch the rime and reason. You see, all these things frighten evil, for evil loves darkness rather than light.

But, even more encompassing and penetrating than the trimmings are the joy and the triumph of the Christmas carols. Thank God for the Christmas carols! What colossal evil would dare lift its monstrous head in the presence of these? If there were a man on earth who did not like the spirit of these joyous songs, he would hardly have the fortitude to say so. For he would know deep within his own soul that the wrong is not with the carols — but with him!

The rime and reason of Christmas? Serenity . . . quiet wonder . . . patient devotion . . . deep joy . . . assurance! These things Christmas should bring us. So long as we rejoice in the overwhelming goodness of God as revealed in Christ the Lord, our Savior; so long as we continue to sing the triumph of the Christmas carols — we shall never quite forget the real rime and reason of Christmas — 1953! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

—Lyle C. Albright.

## Komplete Kitchen

A survey made by a houseware manufacturers' representative reveals that no less than 97 separate kitchen tools are basically essential in cooking for a family of four.

If you don't have all of the following you're working too hard (especially during these days of cooking up Christmas goodies): Bread pans, vegetable brush, coarse wire brush, coarse wire strainer and fine wire strainer, double boiler, lipped saucepans, covered saucepans, small skillet and large skillet with cover, pitchers with covers, covered refrigerator dishes, oiled silk bags, dishpan, dish draining rack, garbage can, set of measuring spoons, standard measuring cup, pint and quart measures. (Take a breath).

Can opener, set of canisters, bottle opener, corkscrew, grater, flour sifter, bread board, chopping board, rolling pin, rotary egg beater, flat egg whisk, potato masher, potato ricer, bread box, chopping bowl and knife, spatula, coffee maker, fruit juice extractor, electric mixer, colander, small funnel, teapot, teakettle, toaster, waste basket, towel rack, paper towel rack, waxed paper with holder. (Give up yet?)

Pancake turner, kitchen shears, skewers, utility tray, stirring and mixing spoons, paring knives, carving knife, forks, teaspoons, knife sharpener, biscuit and cookie cutters, vegetable ball cutter, apple corer, food grinder, pastry bag, six custard cups or ramekins, five nest mixing bowls, set muffin pans, square cake pan and oblong cake pan, two-layer cake pans, earthenware casseroles, glass heat-proof casseroles, cookie sheet, roasting pan, cake cooler and two 9-inch pie plates. (There!) P. S. — It also helps if you have a sink and stove.

## BETTER JOBS

By R. C. HOILES

### New York Newspaper Strike

The recent strike of the engravers in New York that prevented all the metropolitan newspapers from being published for 11 days in New York should cause the American citizens to think seriously as to how such a thing is possible.

In the first place, a union contract is not a real contract. It is only an option on the part of labor unions. They do not bind their union to do anything. All their contract is that they, if they want to, can furnish help at a specified rate and under certain specified conditions. They are not, however, obligated to do so. Business concerns that have such a contract with union can be tied up any time the union sees fit. The Remedy

The remedy for this kind of a fake contract is the same as it would be in any other human relations. If one party to a transaction fails to have respect for the other party's rights then the remedy for the offended party is for him to refuse to do business with that group. That is what would happen to any business that acted like labor unions do. People would not patronize them.

Why do people continue to make fake contracts with labor unions? The reason that people continue to make contracts with labor unions is that the government has made laws that make it a crime for an employer to refuse to negotiate with a labor union and make it a crime for an employer to tie a union man that he will not hire him because he will not make an individual, or collectively binding, contract. An employer dare not tell a union man that he doesn't care to do business with men who are not responsible, individually or collectively.

And the reason we have that law is that people have been mis-educated to believe that labor unions are good for the working man and that labor unions can raise wage levels. There never was a greater fallacy, because labor unions cannot raise levels because they create no additional wealth and have prevented billions of dollars of wealth from being created. There, there is less to be divided among workers, whether they be employers or employees.

In the case of the strike in New York, the engravers could not have tied up the newspapers, but the other unions refused to pass the picket lines. They acted in conjunction with the engravers to cause great damage to the employers and to the public. They did this for the sole purpose of getting an arbitrary, unethical, unjust, non-competitive wage. The only way to determine what a wage should be, or to determine the value of anything, is to let all the people help establish values. There is no true value, no true wage, where any individual is denied the right to compete. And the sole purpose of labor unions is to deny their fellow man the right to compete. It is simply the caste system that keeps certain groups of individuals as slaves of labor unions.

The thing to do is to repeal the laws that make it a crime for an employer to refuse to hire a union man because he wants to select the help that he believes is responsible and that will make an individual, or a collectively binding, contract. Then let those employers who want to employ only union men do so. Let those who want to employ no union men do so. Then let the public be the judge as to which one they want to patronize. And they will invariably patronize the one who will give them the most for their labor. That is just self-preservation. That is the American way of doing business. That is the Jewish-Christian way of doing business. That is the way that will greatly increase the wage levels of all the people, because that is freedom and all our progress comes from freedom and competition.

It is time that people wake up and repeal the laws that give organized labor the legal right to do things that are wicked and immoral and evil when measured by the Golden Rule as a standard of human relations.

So if the strike in the New York newspapers caused the people to think and help them get out of the labor union mess they are in, it might be a good thing in the long run.

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Hope Y'Don't Mind

I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF OPENING THIS BIG GREETING— IT WAS ADDRESSED TO BOTH YOU AND ME—

Merry Christmas from the Editor

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## National Whirligig... U. S. Jurist Refutes Contention That Hiss Was Tried Unfairly

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON — An American Daniel has come to judgment to demolish a famous British jurist's labored and published contention that Alger Hiss did not receive a fair trial. The American advocate in this almost unprecedented trans-Atlantic controversy over the century's most explosive courtroom drama is Judge Claude McCulloch of the United States District Court at Portland, Ore.

In a stinging 10-page analysis, he reviews the book written by Earl Jowitt, former Lord Chancellor and attorney-general of Great Britain. The volume is entitled "The Strange Case of Alger Hiss." The Jowitt effort created a sensation in politico-legal circles here. It amounted to a gratuitous criticism of our judicial procedure and of our leading lawyers and of our eminent judges by an Englishman who once held a post corresponding to the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

HIGHLY PRAISED — Judge McCulloch's retort has won a high trial in the eyes of many members of the judiciary who have read it, and it will be inserted in the Congressional Record at the forthcoming session. Point by point, he refutes the Jowitt brief, as well as similar pro-Hiss arguments by Alistair Cooke, the cynical Washington correspondent of the Manchester Guardian.

With superb omniscience, Cooke also assailed the conduct of the Hiss case in a book entitled, believe it or not, "An American Generation on Trial." His principal complaint is that the trial lasted too long, far longer than British jurisprudence would have tolerated. If his peculiar reason had governed, Hiss might now be free, for the FBI was still uncovering evidence of guilt while the trial was in progress.

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IMPUGNS JUDGMENT OF ABLE AMERICANS — Although of principal interest to lawyers and judges, the American laity may appreciate a few typical samples of the McCulloch rejoinder. "I think the former Lord Chancellor," he writes, "falls somewhat in self-analysis in putting out this extensive book, calculated to cast doubt on the correctness and justice of Hiss' conviction. He says that it is the custom of . . . ness, wasting of the muscles, pain, tenderness, and often changes in sensation or feeling. Sometimes, the pain is severe, and once in a while the interference with sensation is so great that a pin can be stuck into the skin of the affected areas without being felt at all. Besides alcohol there are many other possible causes. Most of the well-known metals such as mercury, bismuth, arsenic, and lead are responsible in some cases. Vitamin deficiency diseases, particularly beriberi, which is a vitamin 'B' deficiency, and pellagra may be at fault."

## Success Secrets

By ELMER WHEELER

R. M. "Bob" Pilkington, manager of the Factory Sales Company, has made a great success in life. When I asked him his success secret, he said, "I am totally fascinated with what I am doing."

I believe it is almost impossible for a person to fail if he has such an attitude. Bob started out in the retail business. He literally grew up in a store where he stood and waited on customers. He liked this but thought it would be much more fun to go out and find customers. So he took his samples out.

Several customers wanted uniforms for their employees. He didn't have uniforms, but he told them he would make them. He did, in his back room and in record time. "Things reached the stage where I had to expand to meet consumer demands or stop things all together. I had to get in or get out." Bob Pilkington "got in" and he's been doing well ever since.

He says he realizes the importance of "giving a little extra." "If I don't give extra services," he says, "Then I'm vulnerable to the next man who comes along with perhaps just as good a product with better services."

Many businessmen today are subscribing to Bob's philosophy.

## BID FOR A SMILE

Doctor to "survaceous blonde": "Frankly, Miss Peety, I doubt if vitamins would be any great benefit for your particular type of low resistance."

The speaker was getting tired of being interrupted. Speaker — We admit to have a great many foibles here tonight. Wouldn't it be advisable to tear one at a time? Voice — Yes, let us with your speech.

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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## Merry Christmas!

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## Fair Enough... Public Is Beginning To Realize Inherent Evil Of Labor Unions

(Editor's note: Westbrook Pegler is taking his annual vacation early this year. Today's column is the last he will write until his return in about one month.) By WESTBROOK PEGLER (Copyright, 1953, King Features, Syndicate, Inc.) NEW YORK — I began to fight the union racket about 1936. This was a very unusual campaign at the beginning for unions were sacred then and it was put to hazard even to modify it for some years. I was depicted as an enemy of labor when, as a matter of fact, I was one of the first to realize that the unions, themselves, were brutal enemies of labor.

They were enemies of the entire community, including lawful government itself. As the years have gone by and the cruelty and arrogance of the union bosses have been demonstrated to millions of individual workers, a great change has occurred in the public and legislative attitude toward unions. Congress has refused repeatedly to abolish the Taft-Hartley Law or even to modify it so as to enlarge the power of the union boss and restrict the liberty of the worker. Even under "orders" from Harry Truman, Congress stood fast. At last it was apparent that Truman was an unconscionable demagogue in league with the scoundrel executives of a ruthless tyranny.

Nine states, according to my data, which may be short one or two states, have passed "right to work" laws or constitutional amendments. These laws and amendments stand hard against that provision of Taft-Hartley which permits an employer to sign a contract with a union providing for the union shop. The union shop is an intra-state matter. There is a question whether Congress, in passing the Taft-Hartley Law, had a right to set at naught these laws and constitutional amendments. That question has never been argued before the Supreme Court. If a state forbids all forms of the closed shop can the federal Congress assert a superior authority and revoke the will of that state in an intra-state matter?

There is a definite trend back to the authority of the state and the jurisdiction of state courts. And the state courts, on the whole, have been showing an interesting spirit of rebellion against the long prevalent submission of the press, the bar, the public and politicians to a powerful federal authority. In a recent case in Texas, the Santa Fe Railroad was trying a closed shop issue in the state court at Amarillo when the union, as usual, moved it into the federal court. Railroad cases come under the Railway Labor Act rather than Taft-Hartley, but the issues are practically the same. In all the railroad cases, the plaintiffs are actual railway workers, some being union members, others non-members. In all of them the work-union injunction having the general compulsion denies them rights guaranteed them by the federal Constitution. They also allege that the union is violating state laws and constitutions.

In the Amarillo case, the Santa Fe asked the federal court to abandon jurisdiction and remand the case to the state court. This was done and the advantage to the plaintiff workers is great and obvious. Now the unions are unable to evade the Texas right-to-work law. Another advantage, not apparent to the layman's eye, is that in the state courts, the so-called Norris-La Guardia Law cannot be invoked. That means that if a union threatens to knock the brains out of anyone crossing a picket line, the state courts can issue injunctions having the general character of the old, familiar "peace bond."

The Norris-La Guardia Law was covertly written by Felix Frankfurter but was named for two of the most ruthless scoundrels of the New Deal. Norris was the worse because a syco-phantic press portrayed him as a milky idealist who loved mankind. La Guardia was an out-and-out rogue, as ruthless and unscrupulous as Ickes and likewise obedient to no law but his own ambition and convenience. The original Railway Labor Act forbade the railroads to require any person seeking employment to join or refrain from joining a union. But, under Truman in 1951, still obedient to the financial power of unions and afraid of the mythical political power of the union bosses, Congress passed an amendment permitting union shop contracts, "notwithstanding provisions on any law of any state."

There have also been suits for damages against union treasuries in state courts. I recently noted a South Carolina judgment of \$25,000 by a jury in favor of a worker who was beaten by pickets and kept from his job by intimidation. The \$25,000 was punitive. The victim got \$1,000 for his hurts. In an Arizona case a union threw a picket line against a building job because the contractor refused to compel the construction workers to join the several unions. In violation of the right to work amendment, Ralph W. Bilby, for the contractor, served notice of an action for money damages. The picket line dissolved instantly.

I was a pioneer in pointing out that unionism imposed on workers conditions, including penalties which no court in the land would dare inflict on any person. I observed early in Roosevelt's reign that he was using the union as an extortion tribute from the workers for his political funds. I warned the country that the closed shop and the mass picket line, expressly authorized by Norris-La Guardia to intimidate workers by mob violence, were intended to deny workers rights guaranteed by the constitution. Now, the victims are discovering state courts which were there all the time. State legislatures and courts and state bars, unaided except in a few New York, never were infested with Communism to the extent that the federal machine was corrupted. This may be the way back to freedom.

## Looking Sideways

By WHITNEY BOLTON

Whenever there was nothing else to do, like painting a shelf or putting a new washer in a hot water faucet, we used to sit by the big window looking out over the Hempstead Harbor estuary and watch the tiny, distant men moving about on the visible area of the grounds over there on the hill. Usually, it was dull stuff. A man would clip a hedge or park a car or wash a window, but nothing noteworthy happened until one dismal, rainy night when the lights burned all night and the cars came and went with unusual speed. We wondered, as darkness fell that night, what could cause all that activity in a normally uneventful household, and it was six or more hours later, after midnight, before we learned that Stalin had died and the Russians over there across the little estuary were scurrying about like ants in a rolled sand hill.

I expect we can settle down now to not watching the place at all, because an American took it over again in other days. We had a tax sale, got himself legal right in the former George DuPont Pratt estate by paying up \$2,396 in which arrears on a house for which Vishinsky et al paid \$120,000 in 1946. Of course, the Russians have a full two years in which to pay an exact amount for tax arrears and recover possession of Killenworth. This is the second time they lost the place at a tax sale and, the first time, they came in with a certified check for \$2,968 and got it back for awhile. What happened is that they don't feel they should pay taxes. They look upon real estate taxes as a deliberate American trick to harass Moscow. The fact that Joseph Sebastian Doakes, down the road, an American citizen, also has to come up with realty taxes or lose his little ranch style house doesn't impress them. They think the Doakes and all other taxpayers are an elaborate cover-up designed to hoodwink the Russians into thinking everybody pays taxes.

Old Vishinsky, whenever he was in this country, was the major occupant of Killenworth and you could always tell when he was in residence because the work outside was always done more smartly. I don't know what went on inside at any time, but outside the place clipped more energetically when the old man was there and the chauffeurs wheeled their car with greater zeal. Now Vishinsky is leaving Killenworth, taxes or no taxes, and he is going to take up residence in Manhattan in a house Moscow bought for him at 49 East 68th Street and all I can say is that they'd better keep up the taxes on that or Vishinsky will be out on the sidewalk with his valises. Manhattan is notoriously exact about collecting its due. The place stood Moscow \$150,000, which means that they fast Moscow has put \$270,000 on the line for places in which to house Vishinsky. This is fairly high-priced housing for a nation dedicated to the credo that all men live alike. I doubt that Moscow is putting better than a quarter of a million dollars on the barrelhead for housing of the workers.

It always seemed to me a little odd that this snaggle-toothed old diplomat, the most acid haranguer in the United Nations, could make his government stand still for that kind of housing. Vishinsky, for all his outcries in favor of the man with the pick and the tractor, has at all times managed to live high on the hog in this country. He saw to it that the boys at home bought one of the North Shore's most elaborate estates for a sleeping place for himself and when he decided to move to Manhattan he carefully passed up many well-built, more economical houses on the vulgar West Side and insisted that he be mansioned on the chic, East Side, neighbor to those hated objects, American millionaires. The East 60's are reasonably tony dwelling areas and how the old man can square up his supposed theories with the actual facts is a feat possible only to a Russian. I don't think we are going to miss him out our way. His staff will miss only the Nassau County police, who took a severe view of some of the speeding that went on and put a stop to it. One Glen Cove officer made it clear to the Russians right at the start that he didn't care if they were driving Stalin himself, they would do 23 miles in a 35-mile zone — or else. Maybe that's why Vishinsky moved and took \$117,604 for the U.S.S.R.





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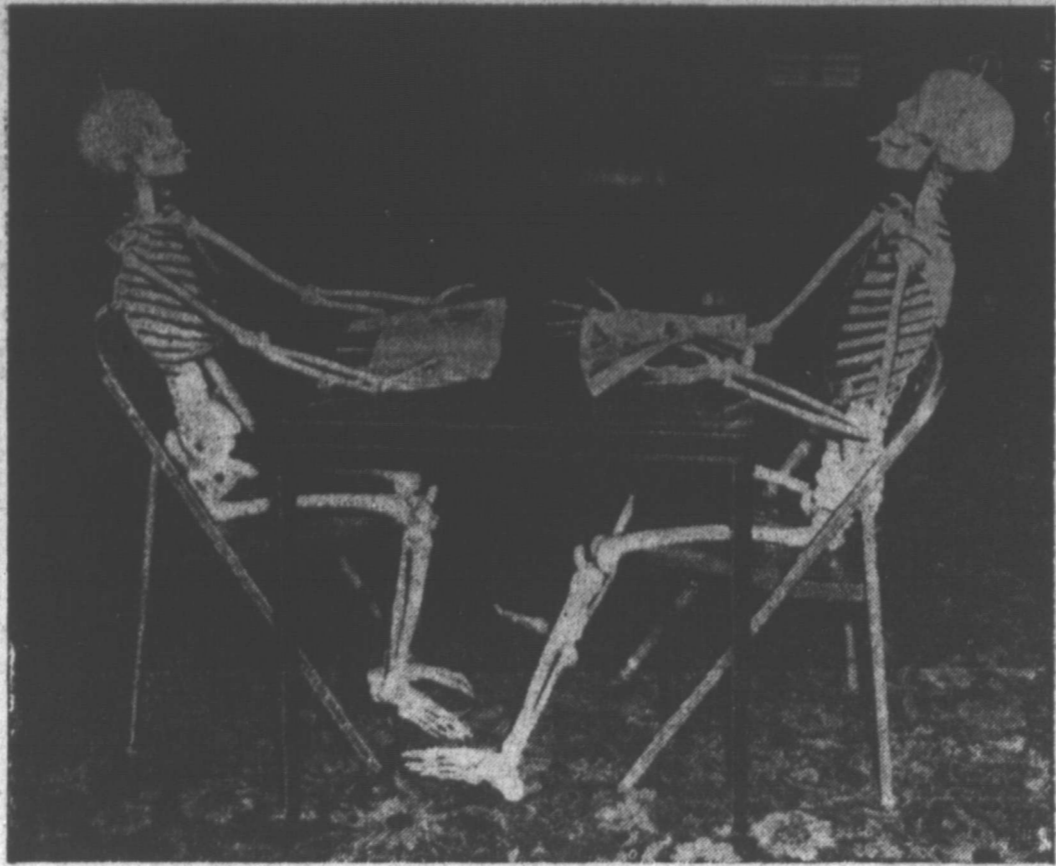
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**RATTLING GOOD TIME**—These two chaps were found, apparently boning up on their studies in a dormitory of the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio. Identification plates in their skulls showed that they are, left to right, Skeleton No. 6 and Skeleton No. 5. Further investigation indicated that they were transfer "students" from nearby Western Reserve Medical School. A Case Tech student, who for some reason wished to remain nameless, said it just happened that there was an unlocked door at Reserve's Medical School during the night and the skeletons were just hanging up there, kind of lonely, so . . .

### Pope Fixed Christmas Date Traditions And Customs Bequeathed By Old World

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

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

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

In Britain the character known as "Father Christmas" is supposed to be a Christian version of this ancient spirit of the fields. The Dutch Sinter Klass, or St. Nicholas, is still recognizable as the good bishop of Myra in Dutch plays, but he too is being absorbed in the more popular version of Santa Claus, the fat, red-coated little man with the big bag of presents.

This idea of Santa Claus is a south German interpretation. In other parts of Germany the dispenser of gifts is "Dame Bertha." The custom of hanging up stockings comes from Italy. Switzerland has developed the custom of parading from house to house and singing carols in a picturesque way. Costumes are remarkable. Young men and women wear headresses representing houses, ships, mountains, and so forth. Huge sleigh bells tinkle from their waists and shoulders. These Swiss carolers also have a peculiar dance used only on Christmas Eve. In Switzerland as in other southern European countries, the gifts are brought to good children, not by Santa Claus, but by the Christ Child, who comes from the North Pole in a fairy sleigh.

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

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

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

So every country and every district often has its own special ways of keeping Christmas. The United States, being composed of people from everywhere, has received customs from every people, and has adapted those it liked, and altered them to fit the American style. So it has been with

### Christmas Seal Idea Began In Denmark

A Danish postal clerk thought of the idea of attaching stamps to Christmas packages and letters in 1903, and a few years later the scheme was tried in America. This year millions of Americans have received a letter from their local chapter of the National Tuberculosis association containing Christmas seals, the seasonal reminder of the never-ending fight to stamp out the disease.

Einar Holboell, at work in a Danish postoffice conceived the idea of attaching decorative stamps to Christmas packages, the sale of which could be conducted by some worthwhile organization.

He mentioned it to his fellow workers and they decided it would be a great help in defraying the cost of fighting tuberculosis. The idea reached King Christian, who approved, and the image of Queen Louise was placed on the first seals in 1904.

Jacob Riis, Danish-born American, heard about the idea and sold it to the American public in 1907 through a magazine article written for Outlook magazine. A Red Cross worker, Miss Emily Bissell, started the first American sales that year.

### Birthday Of Jesus Is Uncertain Date

It is not surprising that the day and year of the birth of Jesus are uncertain, nor methods of keeping track of dates during the era when Christ was born were not very reliable. For years, eminent scholars have been searching the scriptures, and all possible records, to try to establish an exact date. So far, they have not succeeded.

Matthew states that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod which helps to establish the period of His birth and this is the starting point from which the scholars attempt to reckon the year.

The statement by Matthew that the wise men from the east, in inquiring "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" aroused Herod so that he ordered the massacre of all children two years old or less, is very significant. It is taken as proof that Jesus must have been born about two years before this infamous decree was issued.

No less an authority than the Catholic encyclopedia places the birth of Christ in the year which, by our modern methods keeping track of dates, would be 7 B.C. Thus, Christ's birth does not exactly determine the difference between B.C. and A.D. date.

Most people, however, do not care if the exact day and year of Christ's birth are unknown. What matters most is the deathless vigor of the Christmas Spirit throughout the world.

### Cannon Fire Hails Fete In Ancient Rome

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets, are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala occasion and restaurants remain open; families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds — Pifferani — revisit the home s where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferani play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holiday season. Use leftover turkey if you wish. Make the sauce with a can of condensed cream of chicken soup, thinned with a small amount of milk and seasoned with a tablespoon of curry powder. Serve the condiments — salted almonds, shredded coconut, chopped hard-cooked egg, chutney, chopped green onion and crumbled cooked bacon—in a lazy Susan.

**NEW YORK — UP** — Try curried turkey, made in a chafing dish, for a fireside supper during the holiday season. Use leftover turkey if you wish. Make the sauce with a can of condensed cream of chicken soup, thinned with a small amount of milk and seasoned with a tablespoon of curry powder. Serve the condiments — salted almonds, shredded coconut, chopped hard-cooked egg, chutney, chopped green onion and crumbled cooked bacon—in a lazy Susan.

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**Gift Returned**  
 BONORA, Calif., Dec. 24—UP—A National Guard artillery battery has returned a gift it received at Christmas time three years ago. The gift was \$1,000 donated by 80 Tuolumne county merchants who marked it "not to be opened until called for Korean duty." The guard unit has never been called.

**Steakless Christmas**  
 NEW YORK, Dec. 24—UP—Salvatore Piazza, 40, will dine on city jail food Christmas instead of feasting on steak as he had planned. Police said Piazza was caught with 30 pounds of steak he had stolen in the burglary of a meat market. He was ordered held without bail until a hearing Monday.

**SHAMROCK PERSONALS**

SHAMROCK — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Burks attended funeral services in Memphis Sunday for Bryce Webster.  
 Gerry Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mayfield, is home from Oklahoma A&M for the holidays.  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tate of Hayden, N. Mex. and Leon Blonstein of Dallas will be guests in the Sol Blonstein home this weekend.  
 Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Whitehurst will stop in Shamrock to pick up B. F. Risinger Jr. on their way to Colorado to spend Christmas.  
 Visitors in Erick Sunday were Mrs. R. L. Wright, Maurita Sue, and Daniel Wayne, Royena Lynn and R. L. They visited with Mrs.

H. L. Wright and Grandmother Foshee.  
 Rev. and Mrs. Frank Beauchamp and children, Kathy and Joan, left for California Monday morning. Their trip will include visits with members of Mrs. Beauchamp's family.  
 Miss Nina Harvey left Monday evening for Wilmouth, Ky. She is the secretary and Youth Fellowship leader in the Methodist Church. The MYF presented her with a radio as a combined Christmas and going-away present.  
 Guests of the Jack Stones are Mrs. Lipps of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Deaton of Liberal, Kans., Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lipps of Stinnett, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore of Lubbock, Mrs. Wilborn Roach and family of Lubbock.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Montgomery visited with relatives in Miami Sunday.  
 Attending the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Walden in Merkle Sunday were the E. G. Bumpers and the John Amblers.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jess Clay, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Clay of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cambell and baby of Amarillo were in Shamrock this week.  
 Mrs. Joe Montgomery was guest of honor at birthday supper Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Bill Mayberry.  
 Visiting in the J. H. Jackson home Monday were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jackson and family of White Deer, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCasland, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Tucker of Groom, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and children of Groom. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pate and Mike of Pampa, Hubert Burkholder and Tommy of Lubbock, Fred Jackson and family of Wheeler, Mrs. Duwayne Jackson of Wheeler, Mrs. Curley McCasland and baby of San Antonio, Mrs. G. L. Lewis and Joe of Shamrock.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Davis celebrated their 43rd anniversary this weekend.  
 Tony Dial, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dial, attending Kemper Military School, Boonville, Mo., for his first year, has been designated a Phase II cadet, and freed from some of the restrictions of the new cadets. Phase II cadets are selected on the basis of efficiency, cooperation, military standing. Dial has also been awarded a company rifle letter for outstanding performance on the 1953 company rifle team. He was given high recognition for his marksmanship ability by Coach Frank Camp.  
 Joel Sanders, son of the Frank Sanders, has reported for duty in the Armed services. He has been a student at the University of Texas in Austin.  
 George B. Lewis is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lewis Sr. in Shamrock. Dr. and Mrs. Royce Lewis Jr. and Royce III are expected sometime this week. Dr. Lewis and his family moved to Rochester, Minn., earlier this year.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Max Cox of Pampa were recent visitors in Shamrock.

**Joke Writers Are Sad-Faced**

By ROBERT MUSEL  
 NEW YORK, Dec. 24—UP—Hiring jokes for television is no laughing matter so the saddest faces in show business this Christmas season belong to the men whose typewriters have launched a thousand quips.

Two of them were wandering disconsolately along Fifth Avenue Wednesday wondering where their next comedian was coming from when they spotted this correspondent lately returning from Europe. "Any jobs in England?" inquired one of them, a man whose comic characters are famous. ("The word 'spotted' is used deliberately. This man, in his careless joke, once coined this joke; I spotted a seagull—then it spotted me).  
 TV Writing 'Murder'  
 He went on to say television comedy writing was "murder," that only a handful of joke creators were working and men who used to command \$2,000 and \$1,000 a week would be glad to take \$250.  
 "It's like a revolution," he said. In an office a few blocks away, Sidney Reznick, a gag master and deep thinker on why and how people laugh, said the situation had not been exaggerated. He spoke with the double authority of a writer with a steady job and a background which includes jokes for Phil Silvers, Sam Levenson, Milton Berle, Al Jolson and others.  
 Leap Comedy on TV  
 "Anyone can see there's much less comedy on TV than on sound radio," Sid said. "In sound if you scratched a Hooper rating you found a comedian. Now panel shows and crime busting are strong challenges. And I may add that with the panel shows the double entendre has made its firm appearance on the American airways."  
 "For example, having bought your table and four chairs you now have a panel scene. You get a few guests and suppose one of them is a slipper manufacturer. That's all. Anything you ask this man, like 'is your product used for sport?' will get such a laugh as no comedian could hope to achieve."  
 Hal Fimberg, Reznick's writing partner and author of much material for the Marx Brothers, said in TV a perfectly written joke may get very little reaction because so much depends on how the comedian gets over visually.

**McLean Personals**

McLEAN — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilson of Amarillo were visitors in the E. J. Windom, Jr. home over the weekend.

L. J. Claude Mounce, USN is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Mounce, during the holidays. Claude is stationed at Pensacola Naval Air Station taking flight training. He will complete his present course late in February and will be transferred to Corpus Christi Naval Air Station for jet training.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Close of Shamrock were visiting friends in McLean Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Houze and Bobby and Jane are spending the holidays with the parents of Mrs. Houze, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Payne.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Kid McCoy spent the weekend with their son, Brady and family, in Amarillo.  
 Mrs. Jack Brooks of Skellytown attended the wedding of Jan and Lawrence Edwards last Saturday and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shadid.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Kerr were Amarillo visitors recently.  
 Mrs. O. R. Gray and son, Ray, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shadid.

Among the college set seen at home for the holidays are Dona Gail Stubbfield, Dortha Chase, Bethie Mantooth, Floella Cubine, Bonita Bailey, Eddie Reeves, Dale Glass, Gale Plummer, Pat Reeves, Donald Smith, B. W. Duncan, Kenneth Gibson, Miss Mary Holloway.  
 Mrs. Clyde Dwight Jr. has returned to her home from a stay in Highland General Hospital.  
 Mrs. Della Holloway is in Highland General hospital for treatment for a broken hip.

**Quake Shakes Tokyo**  
 TOKYO, Dec. 22—UP—A light earthquake shook buildings in downtown Tokyo at 8:20 p.m. (5:20 a.m. est) Tuesday. The tremor lasted but a few seconds and no reports of damage were received.  
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**Skellytown Personals**

SKELLYTOWN — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. Leon Atkins and children left Friday for a week's vacation to visit friends and relatives in Nacoma.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lester and children of the Cabot Camp are in Lubbock for the wedding of Mrs. Lester's niece, Miss Barbara Johnson. They will be in Wellington to spend Christmas with Mrs. Lester's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holton.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Putman and children left for Bakersville, Calif. Monday. They will visit friends and relatives while on vacation.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKernos and children, Judy, Pat and Bob, left Sunday for Los Angeles, Calif. for a two weeks' vacation. They will attend the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.  
 Miss Wilma Watkins, teacher in the elementary schools here, will visit in the home of her parents at Wichita Falls during the holidays.


**Army Wants Money**  
 NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24—UP—Bertram A. Jackson was struck on the head last August by a life boat which broke loose from its moorings on an Army tugboat. Wednesday he received a bill from the Army for \$146.36 to cover damage to the life boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Chapin were guests in the Chapin home over the weekend. They were enroute from Los Angeles to Kaw, Okla. where they will spend Christmas. Miss Marie Chapin accompanied them to Oklahoma.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Braddock are the parents of a son, born at the Highland General Hospital, Pampa, this week.  
 Mrs. W. L. Aulbert and children, Gip, Cary and Jan, were guests in the home of Mrs. Lloyd Lee in Amarillo Sunday.  
 Mrs. Everett Crawford, Mrs. Fred Genett and Mrs. Ralph Wrinkle were transacting business in Amarillo Wednesday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wedge and Corkey were dinner guests in the R. E. McAllister home Sunday.  
 Visitors in the Russell Veal home Tuesday afternoon were Mrs. R. C. Heaton, Miles Pearson, Buford McGee, Charles McCoud, Wesley Russell, Oscar Downs and Clifton Hanna.

**Water Is Christmas Bonus**  
 HONG KONG, Dec. 24—UP—Hong Kong got a Christmas bonus from the water department. The government announced water will be supplied 24 hours a day from Christmas Eve until 10 a.m. Sunday. Hong Kong usually has running water only a few hours daily.

The 254 Texas counties range in size from Rockwall's 147 square miles to Brewster county's 6,208.  
 More than 1,400 chaplains are on duty in the Army. They represent the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths.

**Greetings for CHRISTMAS**



We'll go along with Santa in wishing a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

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 For all our friends to hear,  
 The joyful song of the Yuletide cheer —  
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**GREETINGS**



**TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS — OLD AND NEW**

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**Gilbert's**

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## Colorado Editor Explains What Christ's Birth Means To Him

By THADDEUS ASHBY  
Editorial Page Editor  
Colorado Springs  
Gaurie-Telegraph

Christmas celebrates not only the birth of Christ, it's a time for re-affirming His great teachings. New ideas can be born. A new approach can be found for living the following year. Christmas is not merely a time of celebrating a birth.

It is a time for rebirth. Christ's ideas mean something very personal and a little bit different to each of us.

If your interpretation of what Jesus taught differs from mine or from your neighbors, it would not be surprising. The Bible, like the works of Shakespeare, has been all things to all men.

The Devil can cite Scripture for his purpose, and has.

We have all seen pictures of the Christ militant, in which the "eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth" passage was quoted from the Bible — but the lines spoken by Christ, teaching us to turn the other cheek were left out.

The militant Christ concept shows Him in the temple, a whip bristling in each hand.

The Prohibitionists, asking for laws against liquor, use Christ for their purpose, also quoting passages showing Christ with a whip — but forgetting the wedding feast at which He turned water into wine.

All men of all philosophies have painted pictures of Christ, picking and choosing for their purposes passages isolated from the Scriptures.

All schools of thought paint a different picture.

What appeals especially to me is Christ's teaching that love is the solution to all individual and social problems.

H. L. Mencken said he objected to Christ being painted as a Eunuch, a Y.M.C.A. instructor, and other pictures personifying our contemporary interpretation of meekness.

But don't you think it takes a special brand of courage to turn the other cheek and to do the other things Christ did, a bravery and intestinal fortitude not found in most men we consider meek?

I find in Christ's teachings a means for each man, if he has great courage to save his own soul.

I do not find anything in Christ's teachings to support Communism or Socialism. But it isn't surprising that the Communists should have used Christ for their purposes.

Most other political groups have done the same, making Christ a radical, conservative, reactionary, deep-eyed seer, liberal, New Dealer, "the first communist" and so on.

For as many different political isms that flourish among the myriad sects you can find as many different labels attached to Christ. Mussolini wanted to make religious Italians pay their taxes and serve the state, so he blazoned a huge banner across the street:

"RENDER UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S!" signed: J. CHRIST.

Christ has even been used as a weapon of anti-semitism. We remember a slogan used by Gentile children hollering at the Jewish children:

"The Jews killed Christ!"

This makes about as much sense as hollering:

"The Americans assassinated McKinley!"

All causes and all sides of all questions have used Christ.

But whose side was Christ really on?

Here's one answer:

In a brilliant lead article written by William Johnson, editor of Faith and Freedom, in the December issue, this story is told of President Lincoln:

"... A friend of the President's had said to him: 'I hope that the Lord is on our side.'"

"... Lincoln started his friend by abruptly replying:

"... 'I am not at all concerned about that, for we know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.'"

Lincoln meant that the Lord is not a prize to be used by any group with an axe to grind or a battle to win. The Lord is the

God of Truth. To the degree that man is on the Lord's side.

Jesus said of Truth:

"If ye continue my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."

Are you and I more free today because Christ lived?

There were many philosophies before Christ was born 1,953 years ago. And they taught that man had no soul to call his own, that he was at the mercy of the capricious Gods, or the Tribe, or the Collective.

But Christ was the first to teach that a man's soul was his own and that his first duty was not to the Tribe, or the Collective or the State, but to save his own soul.

For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

If Christ had never been born we would not be so free today. We owe to Him the Individualism which runs through Western civilization. It was expressed in Shakespeare this way:

This above all: to thine own self be true.

And it must follow, as the night the day,

Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Do you find this idea in Christ's side — but whether or not we are on the right road.

Christ was more than a teacher, a philosopher, a distributor of ideas. He was a man. This is how I think of Him:

He was strong. Strong enough to refuse the Kingdoms of this world. Brave, clean, a man with unfrightened eyes; his eyes demanded the truth of all who looked into them. That is one way to be reborn, to change your life in the year to come: tell the truth to yourself, about yourself.

I see Him as a lover of beauty, of flowers, of grace, of wit and poetry.

He admired the lilies of the field — yet at the same time He was a practical man, a skilful carpenter, an expert with sharp tools, a man who believed in industry, efficiency and love of your own work — not for the material wealth your work would bring you, but for the joy of a well-done job.

Christ was a wealthy man, wealthy in Truth. He laid up treasures for Himself in His private, secret jewel box.

In the great storehouse of His own soul, He gave Himself the rarest pleasures a man can achieve: treasures and jewels which money cannot buy: Truth, Beauty, Integrity, a warmth of spirit that shined with such a glow others could see it, were warmed by it, and felt reborn.

Most men were not afraid of Him: they didn't guard their faults, put up smoke-screens, or wear false masks in His presence. They didn't because they couldn't. If they tried to lie to Him they found it impossible. He wouldn't accept it. And then they found they didn't have to lie to Him.

And their lies fell at their own feet, as waves recede from marble rocks, and left their souls naked, ready to accept the Truth. Christ was a master "psychologist."

He invented the motto now used by all good psychologists: Be yourself.

Don't lie. Don't pretend that we are what we are not. Drop our defenses, and we'll find that we can speak the truth about ourselves.

The truth will set us free of all our "complexes," our "traumas," our baby fears which we carry with us most of our lives.

Christ said:

Be yourself, find the truth about yourself, face it, and live it.

The Truth will set you free.

This is what being re-born means to me. The entire science of psychiatry has never found a better tool, a more useful theory than this: Try to become what you really are.

But to be re-born, to give birth to new ideas, to re-create ourselves we must not be afraid of new, radical, unconventional ideas. Christ's ideas were radical and unconventional. The most radical thing He said was: Love one another.

Christ Himself was never bound

by orthodox religion. He broke many conventional laws of the church.

For example, the law which commanded you to keep the Sabbath was enforced so rigidly you were held to be breaking the Sabbath if you walked more than a couple of blocks from your house.

Any kind of labor on the Sabbath was a sin. Most of the orthodox religionists had more love for the law than they had for one another.

In Nazareth, where Jesus was never very popular, He broke the law by giving aid and comfort to a Sabbath-violator.

I interpret this story correctly. Jesus even broke the law Himself by doing carpentry work on the Sabbath.

An old and ugly dwarf named Tamar was generally thought to be a witch and was accused of putting the evil eye on people. One Sabbath her gossiping neighbors heard her working at her loom. They hollered that she was breaking the law and gave her fair warning.

She went right on weaving on the Sabbath until her busy-body neighbors called the authorities. They came and chopped up her loom, the only tool she owned for supporting herself.

Jesus was a good carpenter. He came along and fixed her loom up for her good as new. The authorities were outraged and said that Jesus was stirring up a revolt against organized religion by promoting people to break the law.

The authorities were probably right. If Jesus' teachings had been followed, religion as it was then organized and practiced would certainly have experienced a radical revolution.

Jesus was a creative man. Perhaps the best way to follow in His steps is to be creative ourselves. If we can be re-born, even in the sense of washing ourselves of all our lies, facing the Truth, really are. Shouldn't we recreate ourselves, before we can create anything for others?

The mirror of Truth can answer questions about re-birth: What are we? What kind of people could we be? When do we know what we were meant to be, and what is possible, then we can create our own symphonies, poems, temples, cathedrals, whatever our individual goals are for the salvation of our own souls.

Like C. Douglas wrote "The Robe," which was recently made into a beautiful motion picture. He said that Christ could affect men in this way and make them want to re-create themselves:

(Zacchaeus, the tax-collector, decided to refund to the poor the taxes he had taken from them, and to give half of all he had stolen to the poor. He had been a crafty, vain, unscrupulous man. And then he sat down to a private dinner with Jesus.)

"What had happened?" demanded Marcellus. "What had Jesus said to him?"

Miriam shook her head.

"Nobody knows," she murmured; then, with averted, reminding eyes, she added, half to herself:

"Maybe He didn't say anything at all. Perhaps He looked Zacchaeus squarely in the eyes until the man saw — reflected there — the image of the person he was meant to be."

## Three Islands Have Name Of Christmas

Although Santa Claus doesn't live on any of them, there are three islands in the world named Christmas.

One is the largest atoll in the Pacific ocean. It was discovered in 1777 by Cook, and annexed by Great Britain in 1888. The island is about 100 miles round and less than 100 people live on it. They earn their livelihood by cultivating the island's coconut groves.

Another Christmas island is located in the Indian ocean, 200 miles south of Java. It is 12 miles long by nine miles wide. Surrounded by ocean depths of 14,000 feet, its own highest ground reaches more than 1,000 feet above sea level. It also belongs to Great Britain and a few hundred Chinese, Malays, Javanese, and a few Europeans are engaged in the shipping of phosphate of lime.

Christmas island in the Little Bras d'Or, Nova Scotia, 30 miles southwest of Sydney, is a tiny fishing island of 1,400 population.

## Don't Let Your Home Burn This Christmas Eve

The National Fire Protection Association warns that, from a few days before Christmas to a few weeks after New Year's, a plague of fires rages up and down the country. Many of these fires are the result of hazards which exist only during the holiday season.

In a little country school house in Babbs Switch, Okla., where 150 people were crowded for a Christmas party, candles ignited the Christmas tree. There was only one exit. Windows were heavily barred. Thirty-six celebrators were killed in the panic or left behind to burn to death when the crowd stampeded.

In a fashionable Selma, Ala., country club six women were burned to death and several others injured when someone struck a match in their midst and ignited their cotton-trimmed Christmas costumes.

Four people were killed in a Jersey City, N. J., hotel when a Christmas tree in the lobby was ignited by a toy electric train.

The NFPA offers this five-point plan for Christmas fire safety!

Wire your tree so it won't fall over and place it away from fireplaces and other sources of heat.

Bring your tree in as short a time before Christmas as possible and remove it as soon afterwards as you can. Don't use open flame lighting; electric lighting is just as attractive and much safer. Use only incandescent or flame-proofed decorations. Have plenty of ashtrays and do not allow smoking near the tree.

Let's heed this appeal of the NFPA and make this not only a merry but a firesafe Christmas.

"The Thing" Is Identified  
GALVESTON, Dec. 23 —UP— Sheriff's officers said Wednesday a round metal object which they feared might be a bomb had been identified as a seismographic detector, used by oil companies to measure underwater explosions in their search for tieldlands oil.

**DUE TO ILLNESS . . .**

We take this means to wish our many friends

A Very Happy Yuletide.

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A CHRISTMAS light  
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for a star-studded, happiness-filled  
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## Xmas Is Correct

The Christmas card was first used in 1846. The English sent plain calling cards with "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" written on them. Incidentally, there is nothing wrong in writing Christmas "Xmas." It appears that way quite frequently in early manuscripts. The X does not stand for the cross upon which Christ died, as popularly believed, or for an unknown quantity. It simply means "ch" in Greek.

All in all, Christmas in this country is pretty much of an inherited thing. America can claim credit only for originating the name "Santa Claus" and or the commercialism that each year on December 26, and on successive days thereafter, proclaims, "Only 364 more shopping days 'til Christmas." What about mince pie, you say? That, too, came from the East. It's supposed to be symbolic of the spices the Wise Men took to Christ.

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**British Once Forbade Christmas Holiday**  
 Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England — the home of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the "wassailers?"  
 This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.  
 Sunday schools were founded in 1780 by Robert Raikes, an English printer, and introduced into the United States in 1791.

Merry Christmas  
 From all in our organization, we send Holiday Greetings to all our friends.

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**MEMO To Mrs. Housewife**

NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING WASHINGTON, D. C.  
 By Anna Goode

Give a young homemaker a set of Yuletide tumbler and pitcher for her holiday entertaining. On plain glassware, paint holly leaves and berries in red and green enamel. Place in oven (250° F.) for about 1 hour; let oven cool completely before opening door.

Treat a bachelor to a zesty cape spread handsomely packed in a "Toby mug" or colorful cheese crock. Here's one: To 1½ cups grated Cheddar cheese add 3 lbs. minced onion, 2 lbs. celery, chopped fine, and 3 lbs. real mayonnaise.

Give a Christmas party apron to a teenager and she'll wear it proudly when serving coffee and cookies. Dye a piece of sheeting bright red with all-purpose dye and make a simple, full apron. Add shoe bag pockets across the front with tiny green, fringed napkins peeking out of each.

A shut-in will enjoy making this unusual card: Fold a piece of Christmas paper in half and with a large needle, prick a greeting on the front flap. Next, work the greeting with yarn; paste a sheet of heavy paper on back of front flap to cover stitches.

For that little Christmas house guest, make a Santa with the body of a red apple, head, arms and legs of marshmallows. Cotton makes his fur and beard, and cranberries his hat pom-pom, hands and feet. Use cloves for eyes and mouth.

A package of homemade goodies would please anybody on your Christmas list. Coffee tins covered with gift paper and seals, berry baskets painted red and green, or straw bread baskets make wonderful containers for candies and cookies.

For that package, here's a fool-proof fudge recipe: Heat ½ c. vitaminized margarine, ¼ c. milk and 3 squares unsweetened chocolate in saucepan over low heat just until chocolate melts. Cool until lukewarm, beat in 1 box confectioners sugar and ½ tsp. salt gradually. Stir in 2 tps. vanilla and 1 c. chopped nuts. Put in greased pan and pat down with waxed paper. Yield: 30 pieces.

Crochet or knit a warm wool cap for that young career daughter. Glorify it with sequins, pearls and bright beads sewn around the edge.

"Snowy" evergreen boughs make a festive indoor decoration when arranged with pine cones and red candlesticks. For snow, spray liquid white shoe polish on evergreens. The silver ribbon bows on the stems.

Brighten your coat with a shining Christmas corsage. Here's all you need: A spring evergreen, satin ribbon for a bow, a cluster of wee tree balls and some fine wire for tying. For a youngster use a candy cane instead of balls.

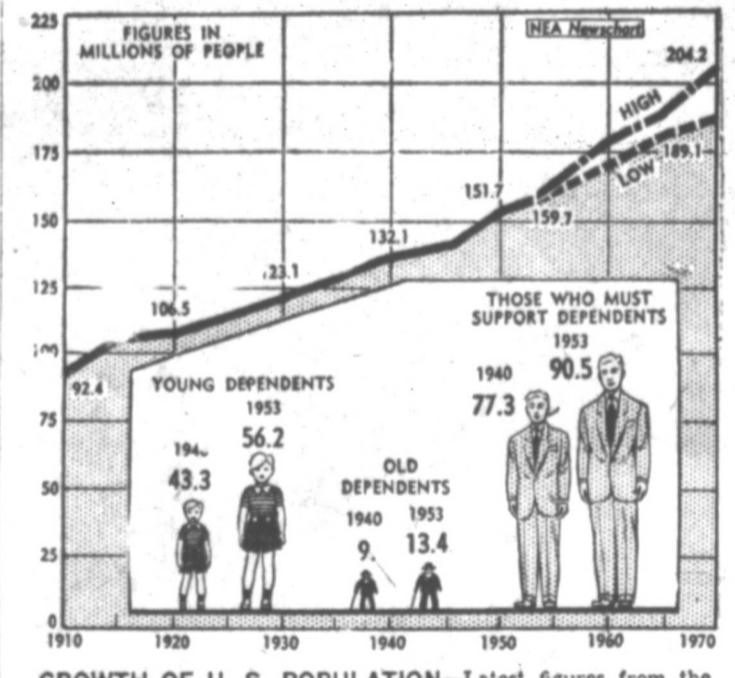
**Santa Has Interesting Job**  
 Who has one of the most interesting jobs this time of year? That's easy, it's Santa. The rotund gentleman hiding behind the red ensemble and the flowing white beard learns a great deal about the nature of humans, especially children, at this time of year. However, after receiving thousands of letters from all over the country, and talking to thousands of youngsters on street corners and in department stores, Santa usually comes to the same conclusion each year. Times and customs change, but children seldom do.

Requests that Santa receives follow a general pattern each year — everything from bicycles to

**Santa Claus, Ind., Got Its Name in 1882**  
 Although many towns have names directly or indirectly associated with Christmas, there is but one town named Santa Claus, in Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town would have had another name and hence would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it gathers around the Yuletide season.

The original intention to name the town Santa Fe fell through when the officials at Washington suggested that the town be named something else, since there was already a Santa Fe in New Mexico.



**GROWTH OF U. S. POPULATION**—Latest figures from the Department of Agriculture show the U. S. population has increased from 92.4 million people in 1910, to 159.7 million in 1953. Also projected are high and low estimates for years up to 1970. Inset chart shows breakdown for 1940 and 1953 of young dependents (under 20 years), and old dependents (over 65 years), and those who must support them.

**Holiday Greetings**

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS!**  
 —May joy light your path, and lead you on the way to true happiness.

**Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD FORAN**

**Wheeler Personals**

WHEELER — (Special) — Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McNeil made a business trip to Amarillo Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dennis and daughter, Deannette of Denton arrived in Wheeler Friday and will be visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Dyer and in Shamrock with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Dennis during the next two weeks. Jamie Clark of Frank Phillips College, Borger is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nig Clark and sister, Beverly through the Christmas holidays. Marvin Cornette made a business trip to Canyon Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. R. Wm. Brown have both of their children home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Billie V. Brown came from TCU, Fort Worth and Richard came from Norman, Oklahoma where he is attending A&M.

**Reindeer Shortage Said To Be Acute**  
 If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 800,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.

**Christmas Aids World Economy**  
 Many people, with the total exception of children, have come to believe that Christmas has become too commercial. In a spiritual sense, this is true to some extent. Economically, however, no other holiday or festive season contributes so much to the welfare of the world. Christmas has hardly passed into the new year before thousands are at work on toys and myriads of other Christmas specialties for the next holiday. Each year, as the lights of Christmas trees twinkle on a wintry night, how many of us think of the millions who have gained employment through the Christmas shopping industry?

And yet, "too commercial" may be an overstatement. Is it too wrong, once a year, to make the dominant theme one of giving, rather than of receiving? Christmas, and the spirit of Christmas, has endured wars and great chaos through centuries as a time of joyousness and happiness, and giving has always been an important part of the festivities.

The picture of the family united, with presents opened, and children wrapped in the joyousness of childhood's greatest emotion is still, and will remain, the Christmas story.

**Junior Livestock Show At Wheeler**  
 WHEELER — (Special) — The Wheeler County Junior Livestock Show will be held in Wheeler on Community Show grounds in Wheeler.

The following persons were elected to office: George Gandy, superintendent of the show; Ray D. Slegmund, assistant superintendent of the show; Harry Wolford, announcer; Marvin Cornette in charge of beef cattle; Bryan Brady in charge of fat swine; Howard Weatherly in charge of registered beef breeding stock; and James Borkis will be in charge of fat lambs.

Classes of livestock shown will be heavy and light fat steers with premium money for each class. Boys and girls must be owners of all animals shown and in case of breeding beef cattle, the animal must be registered in the boy's or girl's name.

Premium money will be very close to \$250.00 and a survey indicated that there will be about 25 fat calves; 30 fat hogs; 10 fat lambs, and about 20 head of registered beef breeding stock shown at the show. All of the fat stock and most of the breeding stock will be shown at other shows in Texas.

**They Barged Right In GALVESTON, Dec. 23** — UP—The Sun, Moon and Star snarled up traffic for hours in the intra-coastal canal. Three barges by those names broke loose from a tow and had to be shoved out of the way by tugboats.

**Greetings**

With joy and thankfulness in our hearts we send to all our friends the Season's best wishes.

**MODERN BEAUTY SHOP**  
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The Great Smoky Mountains contain 82 species of fur-bearing animals. Forests cover about 630,000,000 acres, or one third of the land area of the United States.

Entrance to the kiva, or religious ceremonial house, of Mexico's Pueblo Indians, is through the roof. There are 450,000 acres of game refuges in North Carolina.

**IT'S THE SEASON FOR GREETINGS...**

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**Norma Fulps**  
**Pat Young**  
**Ray Beezley**

### Christmas Has Not Always Been So Merry In The U. S.

Merry Christmas has not always been merry in American history. Unmerry times started early. The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth four days before Christmas 1620. Christmas day found them between the Mayflower and the cold, hostile shore. Most of them were still living on the ship. And they didn't believe in celebrating Christmas anyway.

Washington's ragged troops were crossing the icy Delaware in the dark early morning hours of Christmas 1776. They defeated the Hessians at Trenton next day.

Christmas 1786 found unrest in New England. Shay's rebellion flared that day. The rebels had a rough time.

In 1837, Col. Zachary Taylor and his troops were down in Florida fighting the Seminole War. Christmas day found them fighting and defeating the Indians at Lake Okechobee.

The Mexican War also saw Christmas day action when Col. Doniphan and 450 volunteers defeated 1,100 Mexicans at Brazito in 1846.

The National Capital had trouble the Christmas of 1851 when the Library of Congress and part of the Capitol burned.

Nine years later on Christmas, 1860, South Carolina issued its declaration of independence, the spark that made the Civil War inevitable.

One of the early railroad strikes, that of 1887, started Christmas day. Some 20,000 employees of the Reading Railroad walked out.

The surrender of Hong Kong on Christmas 1941 was not part of American history, but Americans watched the event anxiously. It

### Christmas Is A Time To Forgive

Charles Dickens once referred to Christmas as "a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time." This is an adequate description of the Christmas spirit. Why not make this an old-fashioned Christmas?

Elaborately planned parties, those great time-takers, should not be a part of the Christmas scene. A homey, hospitable get-together will create an atmosphere in which everyone can relax.

Since Christmas is really "the children's hour," why not give them a greater part in preparing for the day? Children will get more delight from helping prepare and decorate the tree than in seeing only the finished product.

Rites Held for Sheriff DENTON, Tex., Dec. 23 —UP— Funeral services were held Wednesday for W. Ones Hodges, Denton's famous blind sheriff who was killed Monday with his seeing eye dog by a jeep.

### Customs Vary Widely On Christmas Day

In nearly all of the civilized world December 25 is a red letter day. Peoples of all nationalities and religions celebrate the birth of Christ. The customs of the many nations are as varied as the peoples and their faiths are different.

In the Scandinavian countries, a Christmas tree made of a sheaf of wheat bound to a pole, is raised for the winter birds. In Norway, rice pudding is always an important item on the menu for the Christmas dinner. One almond is baked in the pudding and the person who finds the almond in his portion is always the first to get married.

Chinese children make odd stockings by sewing three pieces of muslin together, and hang them up on Christmas Eve to hold the gifts brought by Lan Khoong-Khoong, which means "Nice Old Father" to them, Santa Claus to us.

The "old-fashioned" American Christmas, while reflecting the traditions of many countries, most closely resembles the traditional English Christmas; complete with plum pudding, mistletoe, carolers.

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yuletide season which are connected with the birth of Christ by the legends of history.

Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candles she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christmas rose was divinely created. A shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the maid gathered and laid in the manger.

The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bidden them.

Husbands and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

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### Much Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies, or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making — airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellcraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent.

"Christmas is a time of 'togetherness,'" says Regnier. "Let's capitalize on the situation by starting a game or hobby that will encourage the same type of companionship the year around."

### White Christmas

By UNITED PRESS MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23 —UP— Orville Grutzmacher, 23, did not dream of a Christmas quite so white.

He said he bought two cans of spray-type artificial snow to decorate his Christmas tree. One can wouldn't spray, so he complained to the store where he bought it and was told to place the can in hot water for exactly one minute.

Grutzmacher placed the can in hot water and studied his watch. After 45 seconds, he reported, the can exploded.

The "blizzard" did an estimated \$1,000 damage to the interior of his house and cut and bruised his hand.

Has Inside Track ALAMEDA, Calif., Dec. 23 —UP— Weather infield is a baseball coach at Alameda Naval Air Station.

### Outlets In Right Places Make Home Lighting More Effective

You can go "all out" on lighted Christmas decorations, wiring specialists advise, if your home has enough electrical outlets in handy spots. Properly located outlets not only make it easy to place Yuletide decorations in appropriate places, the experts claim, but also provide greater convenience and flexibility in lighting and appliance use throughout the year.

Three unusual arrangements are pictured and the following wiring installations are recommended for lighted holiday ornaments as well as general year-round use:

Floor Outlet — A sunken floor outlet under the dining table that can be connected by a cord to a multiple plug-in receptacle attached to the table itself. It provides convenient use of small cooking appliances and special centerpieces. It also eliminates the unsightly practice of trailing extension cords over or under the rug.

Outlets Every 12 Ft. — when convenience outlets are spaced every twelve feet along the wall, distinctive decorations can be set up without limiting the use of lamps and appliances in other parts of the room. Outlets spaced according to the twelve-foot rule eliminate the need for unsightly extension cords and make it possible to arrange furniture where desired.

Outdoor Outlet — Installed near the front entrance and other appropriate spots for outdoor decorations.

### Christmas Once Moved In Calendar

Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian church usually celebrated it in April or May, Western Europe sometime in January.

In 337 A.D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 354 this date has been celebrated.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7.

relative lighting, garden or cooking appliances. Weatherproof cord sets should be used for exterior decorations.

**Basilica Of Nativity Is Ancient Church**  
The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem is one of the oldest churches in Christendom, having been built 1,820 years ago. As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by the Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian. It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity, and, surprisingly enough, all three celebrate Christmas on separate occasions.

Our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas!  
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## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

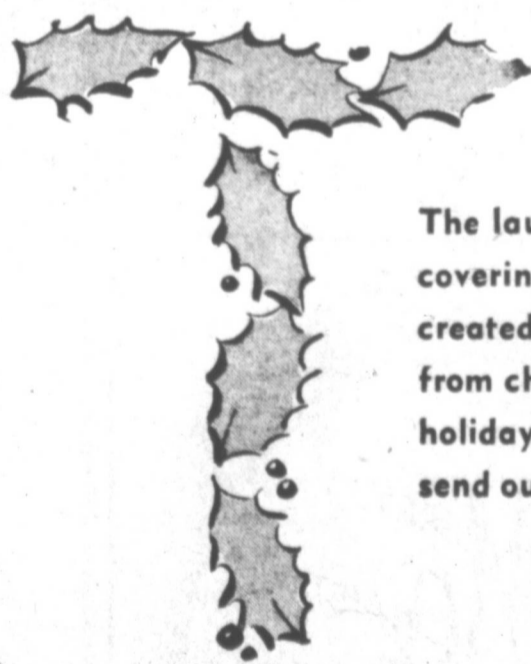
Reborn on this Holy Day is the blessed spirit of brotherhood, good will, and the eternal wish for the universal peace of man... Thus, on His Day, we say unto you—when this Spirit of Christmas enters into your home, may it bring to you our eternal wishes for your health and happiness!



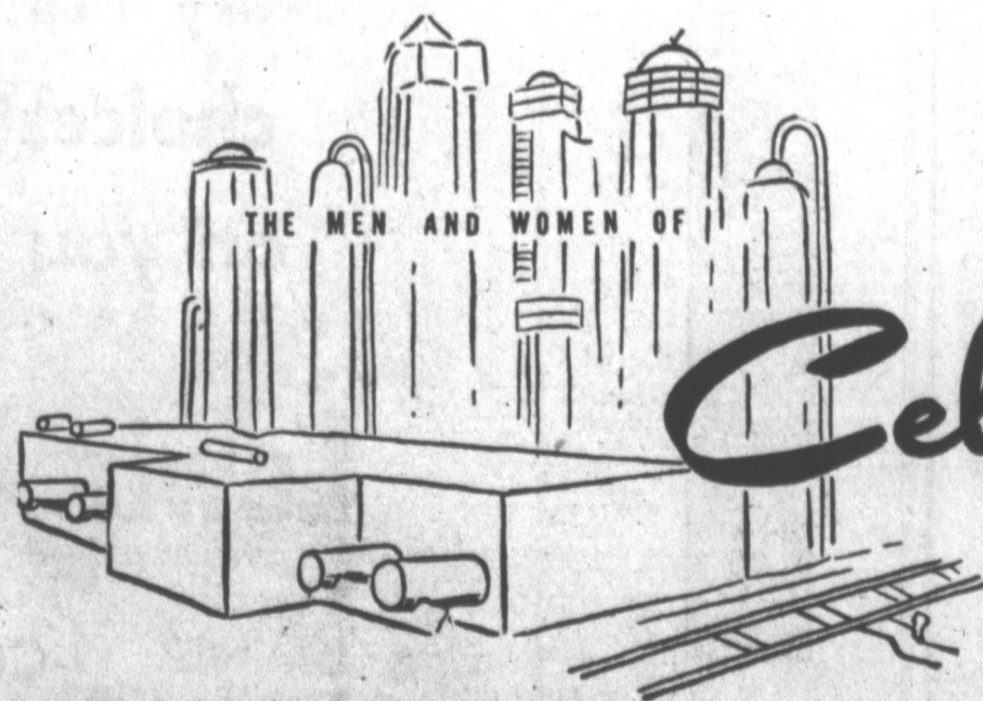
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PAMPA, TEXAS

### Aid In Choosing Correct Perfume

The timid male, if any such are left, who wants to give his perfume for Christmas, need have no fear about making the right choice from among the many scents available.

The clerk at the perfume counter can help if the man will give a brief description of the young lady he has in mind plus a little information on her interests. There are perfumes to suit the sports gal, and to lend allure to the sophisticate. It's what is inside the bottle, not the container itself, that counts.

### Santa Claus Is One Of The Most Precious Memories

Santa Claus is one of the most precious wonders of childhood. American mothers overwhelmingly agree that he should be portrayed as the spirit of generosity, kindness, and gift-giving.

Although the modern conception of Santa Claus is American, the spirit of Santa Claus is neither modern nor American. The real Saint Nicholas lived in Asia Minor and ever since his death in 343 A.D. there are stories concerning him repeated around the firesides of Europe.

The children of Lapland and northern climates naturally picture

Santa dressed in fur and dashing through the snow in a reindeer-drawn sleigh. But in central Europe, St. Nicholas first appeared on his liturgical feast day, December 6, and he was a thin, austere churchman who rode a mule and carried gifts for good children and a bundle of birch rods with which to switch the naughty.

Under Dutch influence St. Nicholas lost his solemnity. The Dutch colonists who brought him to America were very practical people and they decided against two gift-giving days in the same month. Thus, Sinter Klaas started coming round only at Christmas time.

Eventually, the ancient legends were woven into American Christmas traditions. Washington Irving sent St. Nicholas flying through Christmas skies in a reindeer-drawn sleigh in 1809; Dr. Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822, gave Santa "a little round belly that shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly"; and a series of drawings in 1868 by Thomas Nast added much to the traditional picture and appearance of the Santa we see today.

In every youngster's life there comes the time when he begins to suspect that the whiskered gentlemen, so numerous during the season, are not exactly the real Santa Claus. Wise parents advance the "helper" theory as soon as they are asked questions and teach their children to make the Christmas less fortunate tots and their families come true.

Thus, the real Santa Claus isn't just myth or legend. He is the Spirit of Christmas who lives in the sparkling eyes of children and in the hearts of all grownups who strive for peace and good will among men.

### KEEP CHRISTMAS MERRY



### Christmas Cravats Date From French Court Of Louis XIV

Tomorrow, many will open packages to find the necktie they had expected — or maybe a pretty one.

Perhaps our cravat-receiver will wonder why on earth the tie was ever invented, and by whom. It is likely most men have wondered about the tie hundreds of times in past years.

First neckpiece that could definitely be called a tie or cravat is discovered by research to be that worn by French soldiers of the Croatian regiments in the 17th century, starting about 1687. The officers' way of tying the cravat was regarded as attractive, and widely copied in the court of Louis XIV. The ties were called "Steinkirks."

The result did not look like the present necktie, for the cloth was large and loosely tied, but the same knot was used.

Before the cravat, in the late 16th century, the starched and pleated ruff had become popular in England and Holland, and eventually elsewhere. Its vogue was brief. This large shawl-like cloth was worn either completely encircling the neck or open in front. And it was part of the tunic. (This was before the evolution of the coat).

Up to this time the nearest approach to a necktie had been different types of shawls, and thin ribbons with pendant medals. Such decorations had flourished throughout Europe.

As far back as 2600 B.C. artifacts reveal, metallic necklaces, beads and leather "dog collars" had been worn by Greeks and Egyptians. The Assyrians of the 9th century B.C. had shown a preference for pearl strands, so popular for evening wear with modern women.

The 17th and 18th centuries in Europe and the American Colonies saw the elaborate development of lace jabots (origin of name unknown); it was not until the 19th century that the tie as now known began to appear. It was usually quite broad, and worn in a variety of collars. Sometimes the "shoestring" tie would enjoy a brief popularity.

Now, almost everyone wears them, although their original function of decoration is usually lost; they seem to be worn only from being considered proper, especially with white shirts.

Some effort has been made of recent years in national magazines and small local movements to do away with the practice of wearing ties at all.

But this year they were still acceptable Christmas presents.

### Bach, Handel Music Favored At Christmas

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening — until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" to, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

### Here's Recipe For Traditional Yule Egg-Nog

The following recipe will serve about 25 persons.

6 eggs, 2-3 cup sugar, 1½ quarts milk, ½ teaspoon salt, 1½ quarts light cream, 2 tablespoons vanilla, 1 cup heavy cream, and grated nutmeg.

Beat eggs and sugar together until the sugar is all dissolved. Add milk, salt and then chill in the refrigerator overnight, or for a minimum of four hours.

When ready to serve, add chilled light cream and then the vanilla. Pour into punch bowl. Beat cold heavy cream until real frothy, pour over eggnog; sprinkle with grated nutmeg.

**Peace on Earth**

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

GREETINGS! Our best wishes for a holiday that is check-full of many, many good things — such as — happiness, good cheer and the wondrous joy and peace of a HOLY CHRISTMAS.

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**Joy at Christmas**

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**CHRISTMAS GREETING**

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**Fire Danger Now At Peak, Engineers Say**

The danger of home fires will be greater during the next three months than during any other part of the year, the National Board of Fire Underwriters points out. Year after year, as the temperature falls, the National Board engineers reveal. For that reason, they urge householders to inspect their homes to reduce winter fire hazards.

Defective chimneys and flues cause many of the fires which break out in homes during the cold months. Chimneys should be inspected carefully, and all cracks and holes should be repaired. Flues should be cleaned.

Overheated stoves and furnaces also endanger the home, the fire experts point out. When heaters fall to give sufficient warmth, they should not be forced. In many cases, the equipment may need cleaning or repair, and occasionally a new heater may be required, but "forcing" any heating device is always dangerous.

Portable heaters should be cleaned regularly while in use, and kept away from combustibles. In one state, neglected portable heaters are listed as the number one cause of serious fires in residences during the past 25 years.

The National Board engineers also suggest that observation of these seven rules would reduce the probability of your home catching fire:

1. Don't use kerosene to start fires in stoves or furnaces. Use rolled or folded newspapers.
2. Refill portable oil heaters outdoors. Keep portable heaters where they won't get knocked over.
3. Don't overload electric circuits by plugging in too many heaters or appliances.
4. Remove all rubbish, old clothes, or papers from the basement and attic, and check to be sure that no combustibles are placed close to any heating device.
5. Always put ashes in a metal container.
6. Place a tight-fitting metal screen in front of the fireplace.
7. Learn the quickest way to summon the fire department, in case of fire.

And if a fire does break out, turn in an alarm immediately and get everybody out of the house at once.

**Greetings**

May Christmas and the New Year hold for you the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity...

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Just as the Wise Men of old were guided on their holy journey by the wondrous brightness of a shining star, so may our good wishes guide our many friends to a happy time to come — blessed with the spiritual gladness of the holiday and its happy memories.

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**Poinsettias Native Of U. S.**

Few people realize that America has given the world its most beloved Christmas plant, the poinsettia. This plant is a native of tropical America. Since florists were able to propagate it and grow it in a small pot, it makes a perfect Christmas plant with its flaming red bracts or leaves.

Because of the sentiment attached to Christmas plants, people hate to throw them away and it isn't necessary to do so, with the poinsettia.

Simply give the plant a resting period about the middle of February in a cool place. Water it occasionally, just enough to keep the wood firm. Starting the week around the first of June, bring it out and cut it back severely.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

May this Christmas bring to you in rich abundance all the good things in life—and may they remain with you throughout the New Year.

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### Bell Is Universal Yuletide Symbol

The bell, the world's oldest and simplest musical instrument, is the world's most universal Yuletide symbol. Each nation has its individual symbols of Christmas, but the bell will be found somewhere in the traditions of every one.

church bells in 804. The custom has grown until there is no use of church bells so widely known as the ringing of the chimes to herald the advent of the birth.

In recent years the ancient bell has "grown up" into the carillon, a highly sensitive instrument on which Christmas carols seem to find their most perfect expression.

Children's books were in use in Europe before the invention of printing, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.



*Merry Christmas*

At Christmas time,  
And all the year through,  
Good health, good friends,  
And good luck to you.

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## Greetings

No Christmas would be complete for us without an expression of the warm feeling that we have for our many loyal and appreciative friends. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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# Greetings

May the joys of the Season and all its friendly cheer brighten your home at Christmas and abide with you all through the year... This is our warm Holiday wish for you and yours.



**MURFEE'S**  
37th Year



**WILD 'N' WOOLLY REST**—No bedding down under the stars for today's cowboy of the nursery. After chasing all the Indians from behind the davenport, he can catch 40 winks in this junior-size contour chair. Four-year-old Peter Wubenhorst, above, tries out the rocking qualities of the plastic-upholstered chair, which made its first appearance at a pre-holiday showings of toys in New York.

### Fireworks On Christmas Eve Was Custom Of Early Settlers

To those who have sometimes asked why fireworks should be associated with the birth of Christ, the answer is that this was an imported custom which settlers brought from France to New Orleans.

Before it was introduced in this country, the Italians were using colored fire on December 15 and there was abundant evidence that the Spaniards also indulged in early pyrotechnics.

In the southern states, fireworks remain a Christmas "must" notwithstanding the fact that many cities and towns have enacted prohibitive ordinances because in so many instances Christmas joy was turned to Christmas grief in killings and maimings.

The paganistic motif hobs up again in the burning of the Yule Log which is certainly tied in inextricably with Christmas but which can be traced back to the Gothic festival commemorating the winter solstice.

Mistletoe is another Christmas custom which goes back to the white robed Druids who revered it. They always cut it with a golden blade because they considered it a symbol of peace. In the early ages of two foemen met underneath mistletoe, they dropped their arms and embraced hence the modern practice of kissing under mistletoe.

The Christmas tree is entirely Germanic in origin and first made its appearance at Strasburg in 1606. It was not until 1840 that the Princess of Mecklenberg introduced it in England to become immediately a Christmas fixture.

But one little known fact is that the Christmas tree was a current Christian fixture in America before it was in England because immigrants to this country from the Black Forest brought the idea with them.

### Dining Table Yule Train Adds Gaiety To Christmas

If a crowded house limits your sphere for Christmas decorating, put a miniature tree on your dining table. There it will spread Yuletide cheer over every meal.

Bring members of a family to a favorite gathering spot when gift packages are opened.

From famed floral designer Benny Hubbard comes help in making a miniature and dazzling tree. He ornaments miniatures — some are no taller than 30 inches — with imported bejeweled novelties, says you can also make your tree twinkle like a sequin-studded evening gown by using costume jewelry or shiny five-and-dime store baubles.

Space these twinklers closely, says Hubbard, when you hang ornaments to the branches of your tree of fir, balsam or pine. Our expert explains that the way to turn a skimpy bough of evergreen into a tapering and full-spreading little tree is to add more branches. He builds up a tree by mounting many small evergreen branches into a base of foam rubber. This new two-inch-thick latex product, which you can also use and cut to whatever size needed, may be used in pin cushion fashion for sticking in sharply whittled evergreen branches.

What's left of that sheet of foam rubber may be used to make a pair of tree-flanking Christmas handrails. Hubbard cuts a big Christmas star out of foam rubber and edges the white outlines of these with red ribbon. You can stick several large red candles into these "candelabra bases" of foam rubber, says the expert, if each candle is shaved down to a fine point. Short "spikes" of evergreen may also be stuck in.

Looking for a new idea in wreaths? Copy Hubbard's trick of decorating one with fresh fruit which is as good to look at as it is to eat. String cranberries on wire to make a big bowknot. Spear lemons with hairpins and fasten these to the wreath for color effects. In between, stick in clusters of grapes, wired on with hairpins. English walnuts individually wrapped with squares of orange-colored cellophane may also be wired on.

Want something special to shout cheer from your front door? Make an angel's head and nail Hubbard does, and silver the branches of balsam or fir that you use for her skirt and the spreading branches of balsam or fir that you use for her wings with metallic paint. Use a Christmas ball for making the angel's head and nail polish for painting features on her face. Hair of steel wool may be glued on to her head and a ribbon-wrapped wire hung over it may be used as a halo.

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### Scientific Facts Of Christ's Birth

The authenticity of the story of Christ has been further established over a period of years through archaeologist's findings in the Jerusalem area.

A group of scientists recently discovered the names of Jesus carved before 70 A.D. among inscriptions on 11 early-Christian burial urns found in a cave on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road.

These findings may prove to be one of the oldest archaeological records of Christianity, giving fact and substance to the Biblical stories of the trial and crucifixion of Christ.

It is believed that these writings were left by a sect of Hebrews who were followers of Christ and who had denounced Pontius Pilate.

There were Hebrew and Arabic inscriptions and symbols with references to Christianity.

Other archaeological expeditions have disclosed the presence of the Greek letter "X" symbol used to represent Christ, found on the walls of early-Christian period catacombs.

### Christmas Trees Of Egyptian Origin

The Christmas tree, now almost a universal symbol, probably came to America from Germany, although tradition has it that Christmas trees originated in Egypt. The palm tree is supposed to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree, with 12 shoots on it, was used in Egypt.

German writers mention the tree as early as 1606. The German prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the Christmas tree in England when he had a tree for his daughter.

The U.S. Army map service turns out between three and four million maps a month.

### Christmas Tree Is Recognized As A Symbol Of Eternal Life

For centuries mankind had regarded the evergreen tree as a symbol of life eternal. When the serene leaves of hardwoods fall in the joy winds of autumn, the conifers stand, still fully dressed in living green, a mute promise that life has not fled, but only lies dormant for a season.

So also has the evergreen tree been gradually accepted as a symbol of Christmas, of God's gifts to man, including Cedar promise of eternal life. The custom was adopted in Europe as early as the 15th Century and allegedly reached America during the Revolutionary War, when the Hessian soldiers erected Christmas trees to soften their homesickness.

The evolution of a tradition so widely accepted as the Christmas Tree could not help but have many versions. It seems reasonable to accept the idea that the first trimmings used to decorate the trees were replicas of good-stuffs and small gifts. Later, candles were adopted to represent the stars of the wintry heavens which are so interwoven into the story of the Christ Child.

However, regardless of the origins of the custom it is so firmly imbedded in our holiday celebrations that few persons consider Christmas complete unless an evergreen tree stands guard in dressed-up splendor over the children's gifts and sends its pungent odor through the house.

The commercial production of Christmas trees is big business, in excess of 21,000,000 trees each year. Nationally, Balsam-fir and Douglas-fir share almost equal honors in making up the first 60 per cent of the total, while Black Spruce and Fraser Fir account for the next 20 per cent. A long list, including almost every species of evergreen trees, fills out the total.

The states bordering Canada furnish most of our commercial Christmas trees, although about 15 million are imported annually from Canada. Large operators usually begin work in October, cutting and budding the trees, keeping them moist and cool or on cold storage preparatory to shipment.

National and state forests furnish about 10 per cent of the annual cut. The rest comes from privately owned timberlands, generally from natural stands of conifers which nature has planted. However, some 100,000 acres of land are devoted to growing Christmas tree crops and farmers are finding that plantations bring good returns in a short period and can be harvested during a season when farm work is slack.

Correctly done, this latter practice can be quite beneficial to the forest.

This Christmas Eve, when the youngsters have gone in excited protest to their bed, when the fire burns low on the hearth and you think of other years, remember that the Christmas Tree is the symbol of many things to many people. It is also a visitor in your home, a delegate of the forests, bringing to you a breath of the out-of-doors, of living things which serve both the physical and spiritual needs of man.

### Legends Identify Three Wise Men

The Three Wise Men of the East who brought gifts to the infant Saviour have been identified over the centuries as Melchior, Gaspar and Balthazar.

Melchior means "king of light" Gaspar or Caspar... "the white one," and Balthazar: "the lord of treasures."

The first of the magi offered gold — the emblem of royalty; the second offered frankincense in token of divinity, and the third, myrrh — the prophetic allusion to the persecution into death which awaited the "Man of Sorrows."

Medieval legend calls them the Three Kings of Cologne, and the Cathedral there, claims their relics. They are commemorated on January 2, 3 and 4th, and particularly on the Feast of Epiphany.

Among the ancient Medes and Persians, the Magi were members of a priestly caste considered to have great occult powers.

According to popular legend, these Magi were reported to have come from the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia.


The Delaware River forms a natural boundary for four eastern states: Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

# GREETINGS

With all the warmth in our hearts, we extend to you our best wishes for a joyous Holiday Season.

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May the old fashioned Christmas spirit of peace and joy embrace your home this glorious holiday season. And may the richest gifts—health, happiness and good will come to you and your dear ones.

# Greetings of the SEASON

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# JOYFUL Holiday Greetings



In the warm and cheerful atmosphere of this wonderful Christmas season when families are gathered together — when spirits are refreshed, hearts uplifted and all the world is suddenly full of smiling people — we want to offer to one and all our very best wishes for the happiest holiday you've ever enjoyed.

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## Look For Durability In Toys

If you wish your child to get the most available from this year's toys, be sure to look for the five major qualities recommended by specialists.

Toys to be thoroughly satisfying for the small fry should have five major qualities, say specialists at the college of home economics, Cornell.

First, toys should be durable to withstand the rough and tumble of any one child and his playmates. Sturdy toys can be repaired and repainted and passed on for the enjoyment of other youngsters, in or out of the family.

Toys should be simple and easy to handle and operate. Simple playthings are more likely to hold interest through long child-hours needs.

and less likely to be shelved permanently.

Toys should be safe to use — without sharp corners or rough places or poor paint that might be harmful to a youngster. And toys should be washable.

Finally, toys should have what the specialists call a "do-with" quality. Good old stand-bys such as wagons, blocks, clay, sand, finger paints, and the like may fit into the child's interest of the moment.

Nail producers make more than 100 different types of iron and steel nails to satisfy all kinds of interest through long child-hours needs.



**LUXURY DOLLS IN SANTA'S PACK**—With hair that "grows," and wearing mink coats, these dolls are among the more expensive items to be found in Santa's pack this year. First displayed at a pre-holiday show of toys in New York, the dolls' hair is made to "grow" by means of a winding device concealed in each doll's head. Linds Lupini, 5, seems delighted with the expensive playthings, which cost about \$300 at Santa's North Pole workshop.

## Poinsettia Is Named After US Statesman

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Roberts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mexican plant known as the "Painted Leaf," or "Mexican Fire Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U.S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself as a hobby at his South Carolina home, after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor — especially popular at Christmas time — and was renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this country.

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is for these bracts that the plants are grown.

It is possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme of rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of the leaves.

The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled carefully — perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 65 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.

## Secret Giving Wide Practice On Christmas

The story of St. Nicholas became and even today comes covertly as associated with secret gift-giving at night to leave his present, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had seen the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought—it!"

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## The Santa Claus Story

Assailing the Santa Claus myth as "foolish fiction" and rival of the Holy Child, the Rev. John J. Martin, editor of the Catholic Review, declared in an editorial that Santa the sugar daddy — and that the whole idea is bad psychology and bad pedagogy.

"Our children learn about the reindeer, but have never heard of the ox and the ass," Father Martin continued and recommended that we:

"Leave the man in the red suit to those who have nothing better for whom life must end in disillusion and despair."

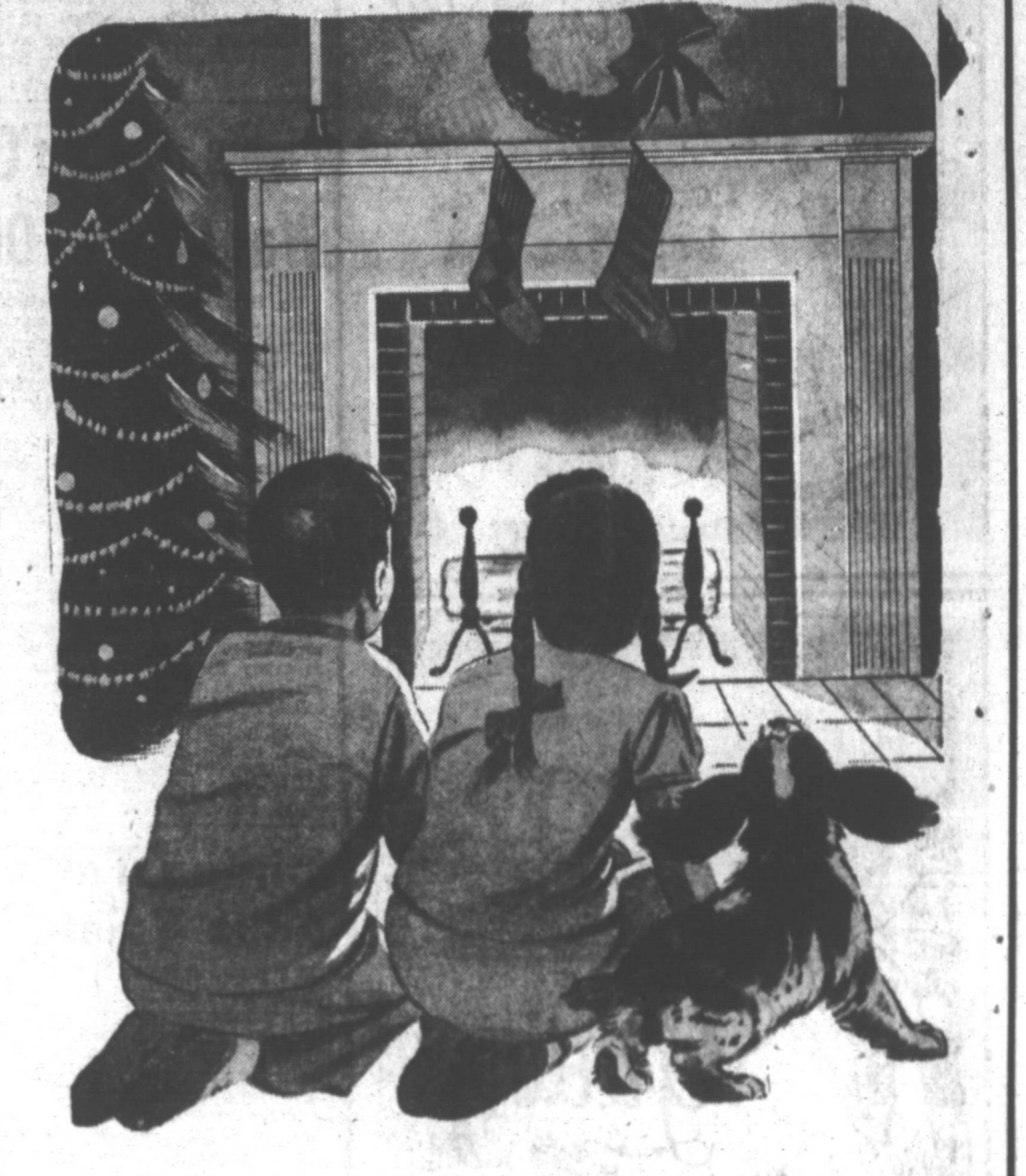
Father Martin's sentiments are reminiscent of Martin Luther's vigorous campaign against neglect of the central idea of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus, so German children have been taught that the Christkind brings the presents — Christkind being depicted as the messenger of the infant Jesus sent earthward at

Christmastime to bring happiness to good children.

The modern conception of Santa Claus is, of course, 99 per cent fictional and strictly American. But the spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness as typified by Santa Claus is neither sugar daddy-ish nor essentially American. Unfortunately not all children who await Santa have learned from their mother's lips the story of the Holy Child.

A variety of Chilean berry grows from hot lava on the side of Mount Tlaima, Chile.

## "Yes Virginia" "There Is A Santa Claus!"



New York, N. Y.  
Sept. 8, 1897

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth — is there a Santa Claus?

Yours truly,  
Virginia O'Hanlon

It was only September, and 1897's Christmas was three months in the future. But Virginia O'Hanlon's concern was with an important problem that, to her, knew no season. That was why she wrote her letter to the New York Sun.

The answer to Virginia's question, written in a moment of deep spiritual insight by Francis B. Church, stands even today as a testament expressing two thousand years of faith. It has been reprinted here because it always will deserve to be read again.

"Yes, indeed!"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age — they do not believe except what they see — they think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little.

"In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus — the most real things in the world are those neither Children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there — nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men, that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real?—ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! — he lives, and he lives forever—a thousand years, from now, Virginia, nay, ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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## Everybody Sleeping Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipago, that fabulous realm of the Orient Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and they turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and dispatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuable ashore. A mid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."

## Santa Claus School Trains Jolly Gents

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To all our friends we wish all the good things that this glorious time of year can bring.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**MASTER CLEANERS AND EMPLOYEES**  
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**CHRISTMAS CHEER**

Age-old, yet ever new, the true spirit of Christmas brings good cheer to every heart, new sparkle to every eye.

May you and your loved ones experience, in fullest measure, all the joys of the season, and may its happiness spread its glow throughout the New Year.

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CARL SIVILS — OTTO PIEMER — E. L. FULLER

**HAWKINS RADIO AND TV LAB**  
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**Holy night**

In the hush of a mid-night clear,  
the herald angels sang out to praise the new-born King.  
May His message of peace and good will lighten your heart and brighten your home this Christmas and all through the New Year.

**F. A. Hukill & Son**  
522 West Foster Phone 4-6111

### Tree Decorations Is Arabian Legend

When you fasten the ornaments to your Christmas tree this year you will be commemorating a century-old Arabian legend that relates how plants blossomed and flowered and trees miraculously bore ripened fruit on the eve of the first Christmas.

In fact, the Christmas tree itself stems from the story of a Scandinavian "sacred" tree and Martin Luther, a German, is said to have brought the first one indoors and decorated it for the Yule season in the early 16th century.

These are only two of more than a score of legends from which today's Christmas symbols and customs stem. According to Jeannette Lee, who has probed their origin for nearly a dozen years, the

American Christmas symbols — from candles and bells to kissing under the mistletoe — have no common nationality. They have come from all parts of the world.

Mrs. Lee, who is supervisor of creative art for a greeting card company, constantly utilizes the traditions and emblems of the festival as ornaments for Christmas cards and is just as constantly searching for new ones. This year, for example, the bright-colored tree ornaments are in high vogue as decorative devices on Christmas cards.

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**GREETINGS to All**

May all the joy which comes from the true spirit of Christmas be yours through all the New Year.

**STAPLETON**  
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To everyone at Christmas time comes the joy of giving and receiving. It is our pleasure now to offer our sincerest wishes for a very cheerful Holiday to all our friends.

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 ELECTRIC COMPANY

519 South Cuyler Phone 4-3395



Our Merry Christmas wishes ring out truer, and clearer than any other greeting we could extend to you.

**Reeves Oldsmobile Inc.**  
 Oldsmobile & Cadillac  
 833 W. FOSTER DIAL 4-3233



AN ANGEL APPEARED UNTO MARY — One of the Nativity scenes in Central Park depicts an angel advising Christ's mother that she has been chosen to give birth to the Son of God. The Nativity scenes and their unveiling is sponsored each year by Pampa's Chamber of Commerce.

### Xmas Quiz

How much do you and your family really know about Christmas? Try this one on them when there's a lull in the fun. Both children and adults will enjoy matching wits and everybody will learn something more about Christmas.

1. The Christmas custom of kissing under the mistletoe started in (a) Norway, (b) Russia, (c) Holland.
2. The story of the birth of Jesus is described in which two books of the New Testament (a) St. John, (b) St. Matthew, (c) St. Luke, (d) St. Mark?
3. The national Christmas tree of America is located in (a) Indiana (b) New York, (c) Washington, D. C., (d) California.
4. Who wrote "The Night Before Christmas"? (a) Longfellow, (b) Guest, (c) Moore?
5. There is only one town in the world named Santa Claus. It is located in (a) Holland, (b) England, (c) Indiana.
6. Tuberculosis Christmas seals originated in (a) America, (b) Germany, (c) Denmark.
7. The custom of hanging holly in the window on Christmas was originally started (a) to keep witches away, (b) to decorate the window (c) as an invitation to passers-by to come in.
8. Christmas boxes for the poor originated in (a) France in 1887, (b) ancient Rome, (c) America in 1783.
9. The children of what country get Christmas gifts from a kindly old witch by the name of Befano instead of from Santa Claus? (a) Russia, (b) China, (c) France, (d) Italy.
10. The word "Noel" means (a) new, (b) holiday, (c) born.

Christmas Quiz Answers:  
 1. a; 2. b-c; 3. d; 4. c; 5. c; 6. c; 7. a; 8. b; 9. d; 10. c.

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### Evergreens Are A Symbol Of Mourning To The Finlanders

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 or dining 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 frelight 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 in the pre-dawn darkness (Christmas morning services begin at 6 p.m.) the churches beckon approaching worshippers like brilliant lanterns.

After the early church services, the gaily decorated sleds race for home, bright robes flying and sleigh bells a-jingling. Breakfast is festive, and then everyone takes a long nap. Christmas Day is not devoted to play or gift-giving; it is religiously observed, with intervals of carol singing and Bible readings.

The day after Christmas is St. Stephen's day, and from then until New Year's parties and general festivity are in order. Although gift-giving is not an integral part of the observance, in some part of Finland trinkets and

### Homesick Tailor Cut First Tree

To August Ingard, a homesick immigrant tailor, goes the credit for introducing the Christmas tree to America.

Ingard came to this country in 1847 to visit his brother in Wooster, Ohio. With the prospects of a dismal Christmas for the first time away from his native land, August decided to bring to his newly adopted home all the Christmas spirit and festivities he had loved so much in Wetzlar, Hestia. To his young nephew and niece he would show how Christmas was celebrated in the old country.

First, he needed a Christmas tree. This is the way he described how he got it: "I walked up Apple creek. . . . When I got to where the trees were I found the water so high I could not get across. So I walked along until I found a tree fallen from bank to bank and crossed on that. I cut a tree and carried it to the fallen log. But to get across this time I had to tie the tree to my neck and crawl on hands and feet. People looked at me with considerable curiosity when I walked through town with my tree."

### Christmas Charity

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat, Please put a penny in the old man's hat; If you haven't got a penny, A ha'penny will do — If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God Bless You!

The above is a beggar's rhyme from Old England. It started with the ancient custom of giving alms at Christmas time.

The origin of this goes back to the belief that the Christ came to earth in various disguises in search of those who were kind and deserving, during the holiday season. It was feared that He might be unrecognized and ignored.

An old legend tells of the Christ Child going from door to door on Christmas Eve in His search of good Christians. His test was to plead for aid, and He was often turned away.

This story led to giving alms on Christmas Eve, and beggars were thus seldom refused.

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### St. Nicholas One Of Most Famed Saints

One of the most popular saints in Christendom, especially throughout the Eastern World is Saint Nicholas, patron saint of old Russia, of Aberdeen, of parish clerks and of scholars (who used to be called clerks). He is the original of our Santa Claus.

Little is known of his life but he is said to have been the Bishop of Myra in the early part of the fourth century.

Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of pawnbrokers because of the three bags of gold, (later transformed to three balls of gold) that he gave to the daughters of a poor man to save them from the necessity of earning their dowries in a disreputable way.

He is also the patron saint of little boys. Legend has it that Saint Nicholas restored the lives of three little boys who had been cut up and pickled in a salting-tub to be served as bacon.

Saint Nicholas is invoked by sailors, because he allayed a storm during a voyage to the Holy Land.

He is said to have originated the Christmas stocking custom. According to this legend, he once climbed to a roof top to avoid being seen and dropped a purse of gold down the chimney for a needy family. The money instead of falling into the fire, is supposed to have lodged in a child's stocking hanging on the mantelpiece to dry.

Saint Nicholas' act became known, and thereafter when unexpected gifts appeared, they were attributed to Saint Nicholas.

His day is December 6th, and he is represented in episcopal robes with three bags of gold, three gold balls, or three small boys — in allusion to one of the above legends.



**Greetings**

The Christmas wishes we send you are meant to last as long as the green of the evergreen. And may it extend to all those you love, too.

**IDEAL**  
 STEAM LAUNDRY  
 221 E. Atchison Dial 4-4331



Again, bells herald the Yuletide Season; Again, we wish our many friends a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**BARBER'S DECORATING SHOPPE**  
 124 OSAGE DIAL 4-7541



O, come all ye faithful...

May the peace and happiness symbolized by the Star of Christmas remain with you throughout the Holiday Season.

**COSTON'S BAKERY**  
 AND EMPLOYEES  
 109 W. Francis Dial 4-7361



**Season's Greetings**

TINKLING BELLS, holly wreaths, winter scenes with evergreens; logs on hearth, candles bright, little faces beam delight... these, to us, are all warm reminders that a very special time is here... so a very special wish is due... May this Holiday Season bring you abounding stores of good cheer, peace and happiness.

**LONG'S HOTEL & APARTMENTS**  
 VISIT OUR NEW BAR  
 609 West Foster Dial 4-9155

### Legends Shroud Christmas Tree

The origin of the Christmas tree symbol is shrouded in legends that reach back to the period of Druid tree worship long before the advent of Christianity. Credit for tree decoration and gift-giving, however, is generally given to Germany, where the customs were started in the 16th or 17th centuries. Over a period of years the practice spread into northern Europe and from there to America.

Outdoor tree decorating is essentially an American trademark and a special feature of community spirit. The best known outside displays in America are on the White House lawn and at the Rockefeller Plaza in New York City.

### Christmas Went Underground When Banned By Puritans

There was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law which wrote and distributed pamphlets and a Christmas underground in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down, and a market should be kept on Christmas day, which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is one entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this little volume, "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." The Judge was called Judge Hatebate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "Jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.



NATURE'S ART — Snow-covered trees and bushes create intricate patterns which attest to the fact that nature's art is still unrivaled. Above, is the residence of Dr. F. J. Vendrell at 1124 E. Francis following a recent snowfall. (News Photo)

### The Story Of Rudolph

Fairy tales and Christmas stories are a Yuletide tradition. It is thus fitting that the story which promises to be America's most popular and long-lived fairy tale is related to the Christmas season.

Once upon a time there was a reindeer with a built-in flashlight bulb for a nose. You know, Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. From a small beginning in 1938, the little animal with the built-in beacon has become as familiar as Humpty-Dumpty and Cinderella to youngsters everywhere.

First invented as a sales giveaway promotion for Montgomery Ward by Robert L. May, Rudolph was featured in many free booklets before he became associated with Christmas. Songwriter Johnny Marks liked the title "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer," so he

### Snapdragon Popular

A game called "snapdragon" was very popular at Christmas time in England more than 200 years ago. To a limited extent it is still played in some parts of England, as well as in America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was then poured over the fruit and ignited. At a given signal, the participants attempted to snatch a raisin from the blazing bowl.



Greetings!

May your gifts be many.  
Your troubles few...  
And a Merry, Merry Christmas  
from us — to you!

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It's Christmas!

FOR NOW...FOR ALWAYS...  
may the joys of this Holiday Season  
surround you and yours, and may you  
dwell amid the blessings of peace,  
health goodwill and happiness...

### Utility Oil & Supply Co.

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### Mail Greetings Originated In England In 1846

Look at the paintings on the Christmas cards you send and receive — you'll find famous names and some of the best contemporary art. Here is how it all began.

On a December day in 1846, a middleclass Englishman, Henry Cole, sat at the library desk of his London home addressing to his friends what were probably the first Christmas cards ever printed. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and the traditional Christmas customs of giving to the poor. They also bore the now-classic greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."

Cole, in a historic move, two months before had commissioned John Calcott Horsley, a Royal Academy artist, to paint the illustration for the card and had struck off a thousand lithographed copies. He dispatched them that December. This was such a markedly successful stroke of good will that plain Henry Cole subsequently became Sir Henry Cole.

Horsley's art was a far cry from today's Christmas card paintings, but he started a cycle which a hundred years later was to bring fine art into high favor on Christmas cards.

An American shopping for cards may select, for instance, a painting called "Snow Under the Arch" by another Royal Academy member — Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister and famed amateur artist. Or he might choose Peter Hurd's "One Night in Winter" or "Grandma Moses," "The White Church" or "The Nativity" by Alexander Ross.

### Courtesy Is Important In Sending Cards

The exchange of cheerful Christmas cards between friends is one of our most delightful Yuletide customs — and like all other social relationships, it is governed by simple, common-sense rules of etiquette.

You may properly send your holiday greetings to almost everyone — business and professional associates, if you wish, as well as social acquaintances and relatives.

Be sure to choose appropriate cards, however. If Aunt Jennie is a garden enthusiast, she'll probably appreciate a beautiful flower print more than a dozen Santa Claus designs.

Cards with special titles, such as "Merry Christmas, Mother," are available for mothers, wives, sweethearts and practically all relatives, including the in-laws, and are a mark of individual thoughtfulness.

If you can spare a moment or two, pen a brief holiday note on each card. It adds a warm sincerity and a touch of your individual personality to your Yuletide greetings. Christmas time is a sentimental and nostalgic season for everyone, and many a friendship has been kept alive through the years by the annual exchange of holiday greetings.

Colored ink is entirely proper both for signing the card and addressing the envelope, provided it harmonizes with the color scheme of the card itself.

Signatures need not be formal, except on engraved Christmas cards. You may have your name neatly printed if you wish, or take your pen in hand and sign the greetings yourself with a holiday flourish.

Married couples may omit the "Mr. and Mrs." if they prefer and sign their cards simply "Paul and Jenny Wilson." Either the husband's name or the wife's may appear first. Children in the family rate a place in the signature, too.

In addressing the envelopes, it is best to send one card to a husband and wife and separate cards to other adult members of the family too. As an alternative, one card may be mailed to the whole family if you are careful to write the names of each individual on the envelope, including the children.

Use three-cent stamps for your Christmas cards, following the rule of good taste which says that first-class friends deserve first-class mail. It is entirely proper to write your return address on the envelope, to help friends keep tabs on changes of address.

Selecting attractive Christmas cards for each of your friends is a delightful activity. Don't treat it as a sober social responsibility. Plunge in with a smile and the gay holiday scenes on the cards will soon fill your heart with Yuletide cheer and sentiment.

### Legends Of Christmas

There are almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradi-

### Yule Symbols

It is said that the symbol of Santa Claus originated in Holland, the Christmas tree in Germany, Christmas shoes (stockings) in Belgium and Christmas cards and the "Merry Christmas" greeting in England. Americans have contributed the turkey dinner and the ponsettia as a decoration because it blends into the Christmas color scheme.

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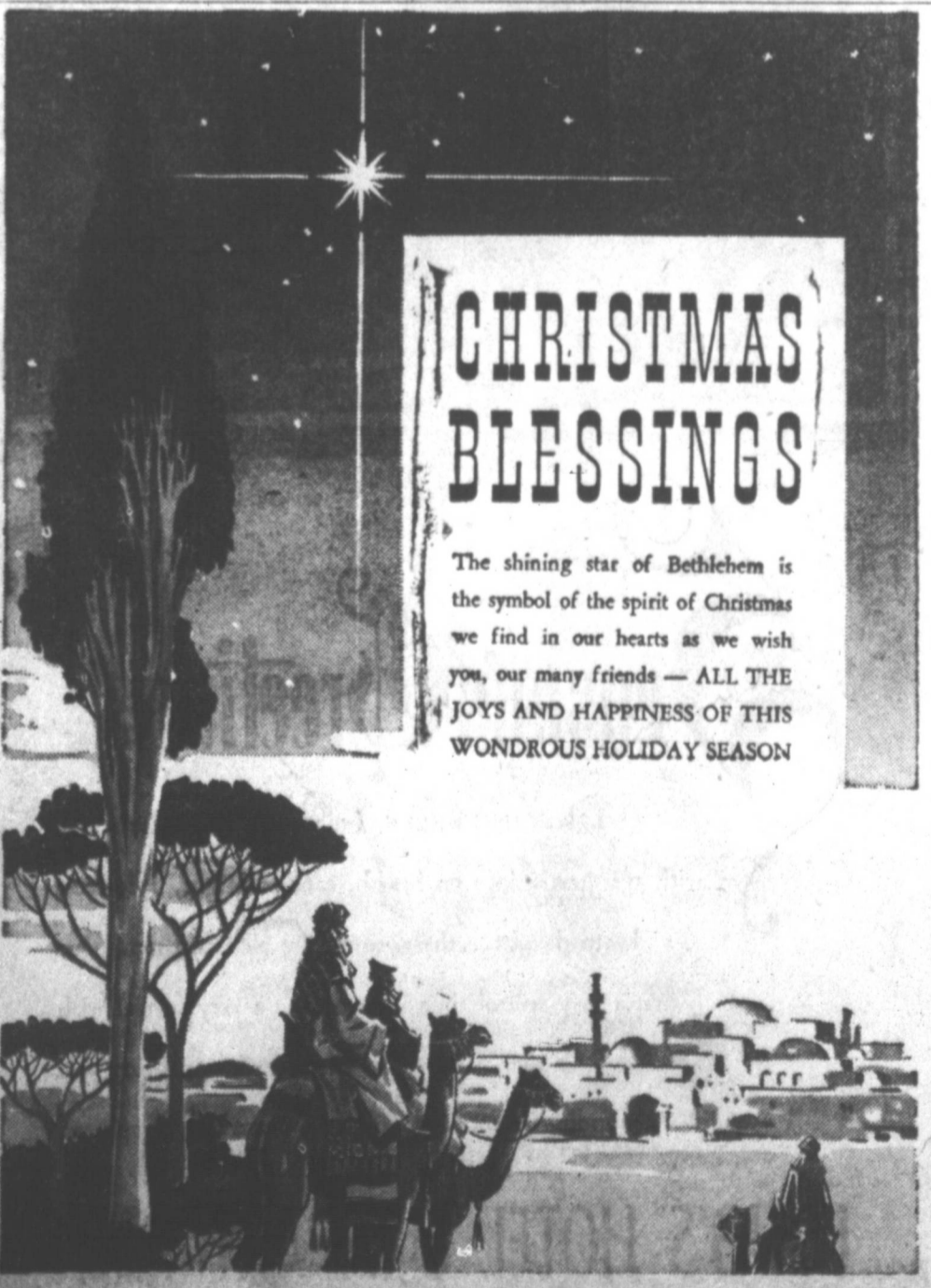


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## Legendary Background Many Picturesque Stories Told Of Christmas Flowers

Many unusual and picturesque as an instrument of cruelty. The tales have been told about the crown of thorns which Christ wore modern usage of Christmas flowers. Although they are legendary, the carefully spun bits of folklore provide a colorful background for present day flower decorations which are used during the Christmas season.

Holly, with its red berries, dark green leaves and needle-like spikes is a light-hearted symbol of friendship and good will when December arrives. According to legend, though, holly originally was used

shepherdess named Madelon. Enraptured at the wondrous tale about the birth of Christ which they related, she was heartbroken because she had no gift to offer.

While she was crying she detected a sweet-smelling aroma and looked up. Standing next to her was an angel who inquired the reason for her sadness. Madelon explained that while she wanted to pay homage to the newly-born Babe, she didn't even have a single, beautiful flower such as grey in the field in the summer to give Him. The angel waved her arm and a stunning bunch of gorgeous, snowy white Christmas roses appeared.

Madelon gathered her precious gift in her arms and hurried off to Bethlehem where the Wise Men had gone. After the Wise Men's offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, she humbly proffered her flowers to the tiny infant, who stretched out a hand to touch the roses. His fingers lightly brushed the immaculate petals and immediately they changed to a delicate pink.

Poinsettias which head the popularity list of Christmas flowers, ironically enough do not have any legends attached to them because of their recent introduction. In the beginning of the last century the poinsettia was introduced by J. R. Poinsett, an American politician and diplomat.

For years evergreens have flourished in homes at Christmas to create a woody, outdoor atmosphere. In the aged line "hang up the holly, the box and bay" it is significant to note that two of the plants mentioned, box and bay, are mentioned in Holy Scriptures as thriving on the mountains of Lebanon in the Holy Land.

Because of its symmetrical leaves, bay has been used for design throughout the ages. The Greeks used it on their coins and the Romans, too, favored it as a beautiful show piece. Today bay shrubbery graces the entrances to many American homes at Yuletide.

Cedar, which furnishes greens for Christmas, likewise existed in Lebanon. The people of Lebanon regarded cedar as a symbol of endurance, strength, life and eternity. Recognized by its characteristic, pleasant aroma, cedar also was an emblem of purity because its treetops were frequently covered with snow during a large part of the year.

An old-time favorite of sailors who visited Mediterranean ports was Rosemary because of the aromatic perfume the plant yielded. Familiar to most Americans as a straggling hedge plant, Rosemary droops in massive festoons 12 feet long in its native Italy.

Legend has it that the flowers were colorless until the Blessed Virgin during the flight into Egypt, hung the clothes of Jesus on Rosemary bushes to dry. Thereafter, Rosemary bushes blossomed forth with their sparkling blue flowers.

The Hawthorn bush with its white or red flowers originally was the May tree of the Old World. Peculiarly, the bush never blooms in May. According to historians, Joseph of Arimathea went to England and on the completion of his pilgrimage at the Abbey of Glastonbury he pushed his staff into the ground where it burst forth leaves and flowers. Since then the Hawthorn bush always flowers at Christmas, which is out of its regular season.

A bullet, fired from a gun and keeping its peak muzzle velocity, would require seven years to reach the sun.



**SANTA WEARS A STETSON** — Cowboy star Roy Rogers displays a pair of the 200 pairs of boots he is giving to the young cowhands at America's First Boys' Ranch near Amarillo, Tex. for Christmas. Rogers started giving the boys at the ranch a new pair of boots last Christmas and this year's gift to the young wranglers is estimated to cost about \$8,500 which is a big load for any Santa's pack.

## Roy Rogers Gives Each Kid At Boys Ranch A Pair Of Boots

If you think that Santa Claus is an elderly gentleman with a long white beard, look again! The fellow in the picture is named Roy Rogers, and he never had a beard in his life, but to the 200 boys at America's First Boys Ranch near Amarillo, he is truly Santa Claus in person. The boots he is holding are just one of the 200 pairs of custom-made boots he's giving them for Christmas.

Roy had his own thunderbird design added to the Boys' Ranch BR insignia for tooling in gold on deep blue leather, and arranged for the Ranger Boot Company in Terrell, Tex., to make the boots, sending a representative out to the ranch to measure each boy's feet so that a perfect fit is assured. The cost adds up to almost \$8,500, which is a load for any Santa's pack.

The "King of the Cowboys" has been a friend of Boys Ranch for many years, visiting there to entertain them, as well as making fund-raising appearances to benefit their organization.

Founded in 1939 by Cal Farley, ex-wrestler and baseball player, the Ranch is both a refuge and training ground for boys from broken or destitute homes. Working on the theory that, given a chance, a boy will choose the right way instead of the wrong, Farley is credited with turning to useful citizenship many boys who might otherwise have become juvenile delinquents or even professional hoodlums.

Rogers started his Santa footwork last year when he learned that the boys had stipulated all-out Western dress-up outfits as their Christmas wish, as opposed to the "civilian" dress suits they had previously received. Roy Rogers supplied the boots and the remainder of the Western outfits were made up from individual contributions.

According to Farley, the Western star's Christmas present added up to the largest single gift ever received at the Ranch and dressed up the snappiest and happiest group of cowhands ever assembled. The repeat performance is expected to be even more successful.

Along with the boots, each boy will receive a package that will contain a new suit of dress Western clothing containing a selection of trousers, shirts, Western necktie and a belt with the big western type buckle that is so popular with the boys.

The Saxons also prized it and it was they who gave it the name of mistletoe.

Eventually the green came to be regarded as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over the entrance doors so that they who entered might be assured of friendship.

Horned toads squirt blood from their eyes, an ejection accompanied by a clicking noise intended to terrify their enemies.

## It Took A Long Time To Fatten Ol' Santa Claus

KANSAS CITY, Kans. — (NEA) — Want to make it a real old-fashioned Christmas when you play Santa for junior this year? All you have to do is go on diet — or leave the pillows out when you put on the red suit. You'll look like S. Claus, 100 years ago.

That was when Santa was an anemic bean-pole on the Christmas cards of the era. Instead of the healthy, round fellow you see today on greeting cards, in newspapers, and in department stores.

A combination of artistic progress and public demand put the weight on Santa, according to Jeannette Lee, supervisor of creative art for Hall Brothers of Kansas City, greeting card publishers.

Miss Lee, whose artists are turning out many different paintings of Santa for this year's Christmas cards, is an authority on the artistic and corpulent growth of that jolly citizen.

When Santa made his bow as a magazine cover-boy in the 1840's he was a tiny, pixie-like figure. He had spindly legs, no shoulders and most important, no "little round belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly."

Artist of the mid-Nineteenth Century must have been rugged individuals, Miss Lee points out, because they refused to follow that wondrous description of Santa Claus in Clement Moore's Yuletide classic, "The Night Before Christmas."

Moore's poem, originally titled "A Visit From St. Nicholas," and published in 1823, described the real Santa Claus as "chubby and plump," with merry dimples, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, a nose like a cherry, and a beard white as snow.

America's artists didn't get the idea for years. As late as 1881 they were still painting a version of old St. Nick that looked more

At any rate, her research shows, Santa Claus didn't begin to gain weight and develop a rounded silhouette until the 1900's. Nowadays, to picture Santa Claus as anything but huge, pink and happy would start a major uprising, Miss Lee says. And when you tell junior how St. Nick grew from an emaciated three-foot elf to the large economy size man who brings all the presents, it may even help persuade junior to eat his cereal.



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The English walnut, for instance is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the old world. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American.

The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.



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# Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ. The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas trees, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice. December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun-worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly bade its celebration by law.

## Mince-meat Pie History

The mince-meat pie first became a part of our Yuletide tradition because the pie was used to represent the cradle of the Christ child surrounded by the gifts of the Magi. The varied ingredients of the pie represented the gifts and the pie was baked in an oval, cradle-like shape.

During the time of Oliver Cromwell in England, the Puritans refused to eat mince-meat pies because they felt that the custom represented the gifts and the pie was baked in an oval, cradle-like shape.

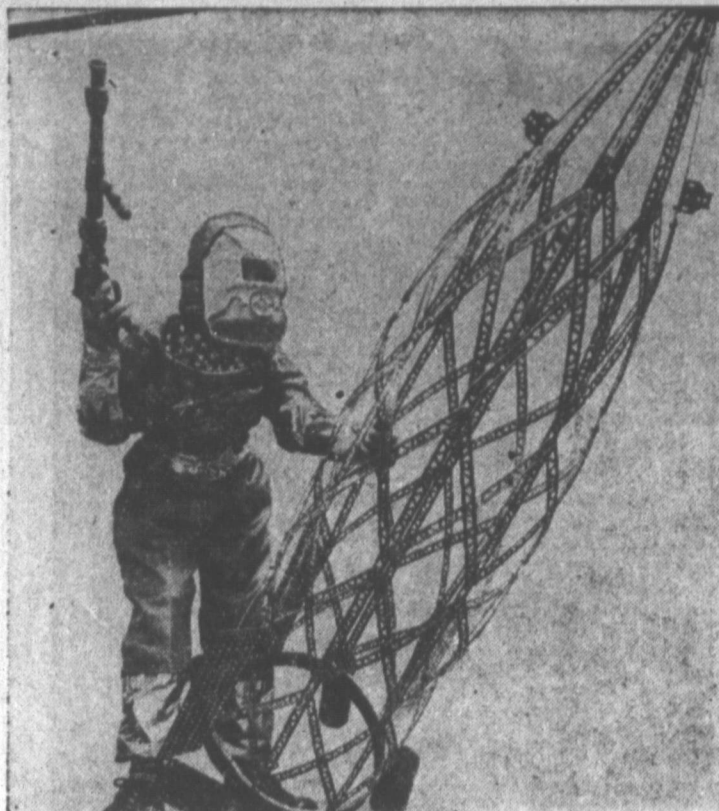
# Good Sense Should Guide Christmas Diet

The woman who allows a little common sense to shine through during the tinsel season will be happier for it when the glitter is gone.

It's particularly important that you continue eating sensibly during all the rush and hurly-burly. It's a mistake to allow yourself to become so busy that you skip meals except for snacks munched as you stand beside the refrigerator. Not only will your health suffer, but your disposition as well.

Mealtime should be an oasis of quiet in the midst of your hurried days of special housecleaning, party planning and shopping. Refrain from making holiday sweets and nuts the backbone of your diet during this season. Before Yuletide is over, your complexion or figure is likely to show how often you've yielded to temptation.

It's wise to approach holiday meals with temperance, a little even if you escape excretion as a result of your overstuffing. It's almost impossible to avoid the dull look and glaze that usually follows a season of gorging. And the holiday season is no time to be losing your personal sparkle!



**NEWEST IN TOYS** — The crew of toy-minded elves that Santa Claus employs up at the North Pole have been mighty busy all year, and they've come up with some new and unusual toys. Santa recently unveiled his creations at a pre-Christmas toy show in New York. Above: Michael Ryan is all set to blast off into deep space in his rocket ship, fashioned from a construction set. He's properly clad in space suit and helmet, and carries a "ray gun."

# Americans Gave St. Nicholas A New Moniker, Face, Figure

It's little wonder that Saint Nick, gray mare. Both the horse is especially generous to the American people. History proves that Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

According to Mabel Johnson, research expert with the World Book Encyclopedia, the Americans have given Saint Nick a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall, angular man who rode on a

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling gait with a trim wagon that floated over New York house-tops.

A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transformation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From St. Nicholas," written in 1822. Moore, a professor of Divinity in a New York Theological Seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

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## Christmas, 1804, Best in Chicago

Surely there will never be another Christmas celebration like the one in Chicago in 1804.

Captain John Whistler (grandfather of the painter who painted the famous "Whistler's Mother") was in command of the garrison at Fort Dearborn and he decided that there should be a great feast complete with music, dancing and a splendid Christmas tree.

Soldiers from the garrison went a-hunting in the woods just north of the river and came back with a fat buck deer, some rabbits, a raccoon or two, a few wild turkeys. Added to the roasted pig (contributed by some festive-minded citizen) and the magnificent Christmas pudding, these morsels provided abundance for all. Everybody — the civilians and the military — drank a toast to Thomas Jefferson, the President of the United States.

The punch was "dizzy" and there were fifes and drums and a couple of fiddles to play for the dancing.

It was getting late when a watcher in one of the blockhouses gave a warning about that Indians were approaching; but they turned out to be friendly Indians who came bearing gifts to the feast. They watched the white folks dance, and when the whites were exhausted, the redskins took the floor and began a wild, whooping dance of their own which climaxed Chicago's unique Christmas celebration in 1804.

Chicago and its suburbs occupy an area about the size of the state of Rhode Island.

## Magi Were Persian Priests

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus, the Magi were powerful in public and the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him, priest, who sits the whole night thru and yearns for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

## Reading Yuletide Stories Adds To Family Christmas

The reading of literature's most loved Christmas stories, including the Gospels, is one of the best ways for a family to prepare for the day itself.

A family reading session will make it easier for the children to stand the tension of waiting and will add meaning and happy family memories to the occasion.

Christmas is, first of all, religious, and the New Testament accounts of the birth of Jesus ought always to be read first. Both the Christmas tales of Matthew and Luke are beautiful poetry and literature.

Perhaps the most famous Christmas book in the world, after the Gospels, is Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843. It is a tale which will be told and retold as long as there is Christmas. It is profound enough for the most adult taste and it is still a children's classic.

Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," is another story which has become a Christmas classic. It tells of a fourth wise man who saw the star rising and set out to follow it. The great desire of this pilgrim was denied, yet fulfilled in the denial.

For a good, unoffensive funny story about Christmas try "How Corve Christmas" by Roark Bradford. It concerns the efforts of a group of Negroes to decide which came first, Santa Claus or the little Lord Jesus.

Probably the most famous American Christmas tale is Kate Douglas Wiggin's "The Bird's Christmas Carol." There are other American Christmas stories well worth reading, though, such as Louisa May Alcott's "Christmas at Orchard House" and Vincent Starrett's "Snow for Christmas." Christopher Morley's "The Worst Christmas Story" happens to be almost one of the best.

These are just a few of the

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## Pine Cone Legend

Once upon a time — according to Harz mountain legend — a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in the house for food. So she gathered the cones and sold them to the villagers for kindling — obtaining enough for the day's necessities.

One morning while she was looking for such cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree. "Here, here are the biggest, driest cones of all! Take these," he shrieked, jumping up and down excitedly.

Suddenly there was such a shower of cones, that the poor woman was frightened. She tried to run away, but could not move until the little imp had filled her basket. And, having started home, the basket grew heavier and heavier — she wished the elf hadn't disappeared, he might have helped her.

When she finally reached her hut, she called the children to help carry the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

Commemorating these legendary silver cones, gilded pine cones are sold in modern stores, to decorate our homes — to burn and crackle gaily in our Christmas fires.

The kingfisher makes its nest by burrowing a four-inch hole that may extend 20 feet into a river bank.

French Guiana, only French possession on the mainland of North or South America, is France's oldest colonial outpost.

The cardinal is one of the few bird species whose female can sing.

**Best Wishes for Christmas**

When the wise men followed the guiding star from out of the East... they found a beautiful and awesome sight at the end of their journey...

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# Late - December Celebrations Pre-Date The Observance Of Christmas Holiday

The Christmas season in Brazil begins on Christmas Eve and ends with the Feast of Epiphany on January 6. Christmas day falls in Brazil's mid-summer season and is observed with picnics, open-air feasts and fireworks. New Year's day is the biggest day for celebration, feasting and exchange of gifts.

In China the Christmas season is known as the Holy Birth Festival. Homes and churches are decorated with evergreens and chains made of colored paper. Gifts of tangerines, peanuts, picture cards, candy and lead pencils are distributed in the family and food, clothing and money are given to needy neighbors and to nearby provinces where there is famine or plague.

Svaty Mikulas is the children's patron saint of Czechoslovakia and is honored to the earth by an evil spirit, Cert, who punishes the children if they don't know their prayers. If they do know them, the angel gives them a gift.

The Christmas season in Denmark is one of feasting and visiting friends. Even the livestock is given the best of food during this season. On Christmas Eve the main holiday dinner is served. The first course is always rice pudding, which has a whole almond somewhere concealed in it. The person receiving the almond in his portion is given a prize. After dinner, guests go to a room which has been locked for days and which contains gifts left by the elf, Julemanden. Later in the evening cookies and wine are served — and it's an unparadiseable breach of etiquette for a guest to refuse them.

At the time of the Celts, Christmas in England was entirely a religious celebration. It has retained this characteristic to this day, probably by a greater extent than in any other nation. The reason for this adherence to the original purpose of Christmas is that during the Reformation, the celebration of Christ's birthday was banned in all but the Lutheran and Anglican churches. Then when Parliament abolished the celebration entirely in 1652, the time of festivity was switched to New Year's day.

Paris does not celebrate Christmas except in the churches; but this season is one of great festivity. Children gather laurel, holly and berries with which to decorate their homes, then on Christmas Eve they place their shoes on the hearth for the Christ child to fill with gifts.

**GOLD FOR FINNS**

In Finland, the floors of homes are covered with straw where the children must sleep, reminiscent of the Christ child. They then await the arrival of Wainemoinen and his companion, Ukko. On Christmas Eve, the entire family takes a bath, then rolls in the snow. This chilling but cleansing activity is followed by the visits to the homes of friends where gifts are exchanged.

The children of Hungary leave their boots in the window anticipating the arrival of St. Nicholas and his attendant dressed as the Devil. As in Belgium, good children receive presents, the bad get birch rods.

Christmas day in Holland is one of church-going. The Dutch celebrate December 6, much the same as we celebrate December 25. Like the Germans, they put many wrappings on their gifts. The long-

er it takes one to get the present, the greater the surprise. In order to prolong the suspense, Hollanders often find their gifts baked in a loaf of bread or buried in the ground. Sometimes they struggle through a series of packages, each one containing directions as to where the actual gift might be.

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, pagan sun-worshippers established the custom of a late-December celebration that today is observed in 37 different parts of the world as Christmas.

In this five-century period before Christ, Romans celebrated the Saturnalia, or the Feast of Saturn. Egyptians, Greeks, Persians, Chinese, Celts, Gauls, Scandinavians, Goths, Saxons and Teutons also made with the December festivities — all in honor of the sun that had ceased its movement away from the earth and was believed to be on its return. These celebrations were held on December 25.

The Christian religion was not strong enough in the beginning to combat these long-established customs, so the church accepted them. There are no records to show that Christ was born on December 25. Historians and astronomers agree His birth was near the shortest day in the year. But because most peoples of the world celebrated the winter solstice on December 25, the date was accepted by the Christian religion in the Fourth Century A.D. as Christ's birthday.

It was not until 98 years after the birth of Christ that His birthday was celebrated and another 40 years before it was adopted as a Christian festival. By the Fourth Century, the festivals were universally accepted.

Although originally observed exclusively as a religious holiday, Christmas is now universally recognized as the year's greatest holiday for children. The Christmas season might be very dull for children if it were not for gifts and Santa Claus. Santa Claus is of American origin; however, every nation has its own version of gifts who is known by different names in various parts of the world.

The best known of all European "Santa Clauses" is St. Nicholas. He actually existed and was the Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was the patron saint of poor maidens, sailors and children. Tradition has it that he once heard of a father with no dowry for his three marriageable daughters. St. Nicholas secretly dropped three bags of gold into their home and soon the daughters were happily married.

The modern custom of hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve can be traced to the days of St. Nicholas when maidens tucked their stockings to the wall hoping to receive their dowry. Three bags of gold, or three gold nuggets, were used to represent the generosity of St. Nicholas. Today, the pawnbroker's ring of three gold balls represents a more recent adaptation of this symbol.

Santa Claus to the children of

Italy is La Befana, a woman. Many years ago, La Befana supposedly lost her child and husband and moved near the road to Bethlehem. When the Wise Men and shepherds asked her to accompany them to see Christ she refused, but started alone the following morning and lost her way. Since that time she has visited the sleeping children of Italy and leaves gifts under their pillows, always hoping one of them might be the Christ child.

Kris Kringle gives the presents in Germany and is believed by the children of that country to be a child messenger from the Christ child. Much emphasis is placed on giving to the poor. Christmas trees are everywhere and in some parts of Germany, the Yule Log is burned. The entire family attends church on Christmas Eve and when they return, find that Kris Kringle has visited and has placed gifts under the Christmas tree. Gifts are concealed in many wrappings, each of which bears the name of a different person. The name of the person on the last wrapper is the one who finally receives the present.

Nicholas visits the children of Belgium on Christmas Eve. He comes dressed in a Bishop's robe and gives praise to the good children, punishment to the bad. He then promises to return the following morning. The children place baskets, shoes and plates around the room and also set out water, hay, carrots and a potato for St. Nicholas' gray horse. The

next morning they find the house in general disorder, proving that St. Nick has been there.

The Japanese are putting more and more emphasis on Christmas and have adopted the tradition of other nations. Christmas trees adorn department stores and although they have no carols of their own, most Japanese know "Joy to the World" and "Silent Night."

In Mexico, Christmas celebrating begins on December 16. Instead of a tree they have earthen jars elaborately decorated and filled with nuts and candy. A jar is broken and the contents distributed on each of the nine nights of celebration.

Norwegians start preparations for Christmas many days before its arrival by painting their houses, washing woodwork, floors and otherwise tidying up their places of residence. Gifts are distributed to children by Jule-nissen and consist for the most part of clothing and other practical items, with an occasional apple or piece of candy tossed in.

**Poles Write Letters**

Before Christmas each Polish child writes a letter telling what he wants for a present. He places the letter in the window or near the fireplace where the Wise Men, who distribute the gifts, can get it. The Christmas dinner, which is served when the first star appears on Christmas Eve, always finds one vacant chair at the table for the Christ child.

In Palestine, three Christmas masses are celebrated. Roman Catholics observe December 25; Greek Orthodox, Syrians and Abyssinians, January 6; and Armenians, January 18. Less than one-sixth of the people of Jerusalem are Christians.

Since the revolution, the Russian Christmas has been radically changed and now falls on January 6, because the Julian calendar is used. The Christmas dinner con-

sists of 12 courses, one for each of the Apostles. Presents are distributed to children by a woman, Babouska, who supposedly misdirected the Wise Men on the road to Bethlehem. In repentance, she searches for the Christ child and leaves a present under the pillow of each child, hoping one of them will be Him.

Sweden has four holidays during the Christmas season: Christmas day and the first, 12th and 20th days following. These days are occasions for giving to the poor and, as in the majority of nations, St. Nicholas is the giver of gifts. In most countries he rides a gray horse, but in Sweden he finds it faster to travel by sleigh and pulled by reindeer.

In Bulgaria, Grandfather Koleka is the gift giver. On New Year's day, however, the children give gifts to their parents. In Greece, St. Basil is the patron saint of children. Gifts in Poland and Spain come from the Wise Men, called the Camel of Jesus, given the presents. In Switzerland it is St. Lucy and Father Christmas.

There are many references to trees in ancient festivals, but they doubtless bear little connection with our modern Christmas tree custom. In the days of the pagan celebration of the winter solstice, evergreens were brought into homes to lend a touch of nature during the drab and dreary winter days.

Our Christmas tree probably originated in Alsace around 1605. For 200 years German children along the Rhine were the only ones to enjoy it. In 1800, the custom spread throughout Europe and then to the rest of the world. It was unknown in England until Queen Victoria married a German Prince. German and Dutch immigrants brought the custom to America.

## Plenty of Time for This Last-Minute Fruit-Cake



ARE you beginning to wonder whether you'll ever find the time to make that home-made fruit cake you promised the family for the holidays? Or are you hoping to give this traditional Christmas delicacy as a personalized gift to some one, but with so much to do just can't seem to get around to it? Well, don't give up. Here's good news in these crowded days, a recipe for a light, moist fruit cake that takes just less than three hours to prepare and bake. More important still, this "Last-Minute Fruit Cake" can be eaten the minute it's popped out of the oven, or it can be put aside to mellow in the stainless steel handy-pans you bake it in.

The recipe we suggest produces two 2-lb. loaves of fruit cake, and is baked in one of the three sizes of these new handy-pans, the 1-quart size. It can be baked in the 2-quart and 1-pint sizes, too, with the proper dividing. If you really want to make a hit, give the cake away in a bright, shiny-pan tied with a bit of red ribbon. It makes an ideal gift, you know, because it can be used for so many things. For serving, for molding and for refrigerator use, for instance, as well as baking. And they clean and store so easily, too. Time was, remember, when there was ample time for Christmas baking. It was a family affair with one day for preparing the ingredients

and another for the baking. The kitchen was replete with exciting smells from far-off lands, for the molasses came from the West Indies, the fruit from Spain and Italy, the raisins and currants from the Mediterranean and the spices from Java. Today we can have home made fruit cake without two days work in the kitchen.

**Last-Minute Fruit Cake**

1 package white cake mix	2 tablespoons cold water
1/2 cup molasses	1 1/2 lbs. prepared candied fruit
1/2 cup boiling water	1/2 lb. white raisins
2 eggs	1/2 lb. cut-up nuts (about two cups)

Empty white cake mix into a 4-quart mixing bowl. Add shortening and cinnamon and stir. Add boiling water and stir until ingredients are moistened. Let stand about 30 minutes. Line two 1-quart handy-pans with wax paper. Prepare nuts. Beat cake batter vigorously with spoon for 2 minutes by clock. Add 2 eggs and 2 tablespoons cold water, then beat 3 more minutes. Stir in prepared mixed candied fruit, white raisins and cut-up nuts. Spoon batter into prepared pans. Bake two hours in slow oven (300 degrees F) until wooden pick thrust in center comes out clean. Turn out on cake rack. Remove paper. Cake may be eaten at once or stored 2 to 4 weeks to mellow. Makes two 2-lb. loaves.

**Season's Greetings**

*A greeting, small, that says to all — May you have the very best Christmas ever yet enjoyed!*

**COURT HOUSE CAFE**  
119 1/2 W. Kingsmill Dial 4-7601

**WE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS DAY!**  
So Our Employees Can Enjoy Christmas

**Season's Greetings**

*May happiness and good health be yours throughout this Christmas season.*

**E. M. KELLER & CO.**

**Trucking Contractor**

The Entire Personnel Join in this Greeting

- E. M. Keller
- H. W. Clodfelter
- Junior Goodwin

**Greetings**

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season... Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
in Pampa  
MEMBER FDIC

**Greetings**

There is no substitute for the age-old greeting we extend to our many friends —

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**HOM & GEE**  
GROCERY

421 FREDERIC DIAL 4-9801

### Silent Night' Favorite Of All The Carols

All the songs that return to the warm glow of the Yuletide season, no carol is so universally loved as "Silent Night." Certain no other is as loved and sung this simple German song. For years its origin was unknown, except that it supposedly dated back for many centuries. Recent investigations, however, closed that it was produced in 1818. The poem was originally written by Joseph Mohr, an assistant priest in Oberndorf in

South Germany. The melody was composed by a schoolmaster, Franz Gruber. Both the poet and the composer were part of the choir that sang the now famous carol that Christmas Eve in the Oberndorf church. The beloved song was sung first to the accompaniment of a guitar, for the church organ was out of order that Eve in 1818. It has since been sung to the tune of almost every musical instrument in the world, in the languages of many men.

The hummingbird can fly backward out of the deep flowers it enters in search of nectar and insects.



## Noel

For now... for always... Joy to our friends and neighbors, Peace to our nation, Good Will to all.

**FLINT RIG CO.**  
1001 S. Hobart  
Dial 4-2421  
W. M. Voyles, Mgr.



"SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT" — This is the season when various children's groups tour the city, singing Christmas carols. Pictured above is a typical group of Pampa youngsters. They are children of the Junior department of the First Methodist church, under the direction of Mrs. Harburn Thompson and her corps of assistants. At the time the picture was taken they were singing "Silent Night." (News-Photo)

## Cal Farley Plays Santa Claus Two Under-Privileged Boys Find New Life At Christmas

Two boys entered the store and cast furtive glances at the clerks with the pre-Christmas rush. The older of the youths carried a broken crutch under one arm. He was blonde, blue-eyed and behind him dragged a twisted, maimed leg.

His young companion hung back momentarily at the door then ran quickly to the other boy's side and together they walked between the rows of canned goods and vegetables. Both appeared to be about 10-years of age.

Minutes later, they emerged from the store, each with a bulging pocket, and without looking back hurried to an alley. They moved as quickly as the older boy's good leg would carry him and disappeared.

The activities of the two boys had not gone unnoticed. A clerk saw them enter and he became curious about the older boy's crippled leg and he noticed that both were ragged, dirty and appeared half-starved.

Thinking of his own two children at home, the clerk called the county sheriff. "Those boys need help," he said.

It was a small town and the big lawman had little trouble picking up the trail of the fugitives. Their route was plainly marked in the soft earth of the alley by a dragging foot. He traced them to the edge of town and out along the city dump road.

There in a small abandoned shack he found the two boys. He lifted aside a large piece of tin that served as a door and peered inside. They sat on the floor goggling themselves on a can of beans and crackers. Each had an apple by his side for desert.

Outside the wild December wind whistled and swept through the rapping sideboards of the shack.

The sheriff pulled his coat tighter about his throat, sat on a box and listened while the boys told their story as if they talked the sheriff thought about it being only a few days before Christmas.

The story was an old story, one that has been told hundreds of times before. The boys had been abandoned by the parents and, at the age of 11 and 9 they had been left to shift for themselves. They felt fortunate when they found the abandoned shack despite the thousands of holes in the roof. They had eaten whatever they could steal.

But it had been rough, the older boy confessed. "But my little brother had to eat. He's been pretty sick and my leg hurt awful bad too sometimes."

He reached down to rub his leg and the sheriff saw that it bore the twisted trademark of polio. The big lawman rubbed his eyes. What could he do? These two kids had never had a chance and here it was almost Christmas.

A short while later the phone rang in the office of Cal Farley, an amateur businessman. Farley had founded America's First Boys' Ranch at the West Texas "ghost town" of Old Tascosa on the banks of the Canadian River. His Boys' Ranch was a home for boys who had no home or who had been in trouble with the law. It was a "shirt tail for boys to hang onto" until they could take care of themselves. Over 1,000 boys from practically every state and several foreign countries had, at one time or another, clung to that "shirt tail."

"Sheriff... two boys... abandoned... in a shack... stole food to eat... I'll be right there," Farley hung up the phone, grabbed his hat and hurried from his office.

Two new boys sat around the trees at Boys' Ranch that Christmas. They wore blue jeans, western shirts and cowboy boots. They were also wearing happy smiles.

Three years later, these two brothers and 198 other Boys' Ranchers are preparing for another Christmas.

The older boy, he's 14 now, underwent surgery on his left leg during his first year at the ranch. A noted Texas surgeon performed the operation and he now has partial use of his leg. He's an avid basketball player despite his handicap and he was one of the outstanding performers in the Ninth Annual Boys' Ranch Rodeo held this year.

His brother, age 11, is the champion cow milker of his age group but his ambition is to be a teacher. Around Christmas they like to sit around and tell the newer boys at the ranch about a Santa Claus, one that didn't wear a red cap and whiskers, who gave two homeless boys a home on Christmas. A "Santa Claus" named Farley who use to be a professional baseball player and who might have made the big leagues if he hadn't tried "to steal second with the bases loaded."

## Here's A Good Way To Trim Christmas Trees

Nothing lends quite the air of excitement to the celebration of Christmas as the gaily-wrapped gifts under the tree. They symbolize the holiday cheer and are filled with joyous surprises.

It's more fun to put a little extra thought and effort into the wrapping of your packages to make them gay and distinctive. You can let your imagination soar when it comes to novel ideas.

You may want to capture your "different" effect through the use of unusual wrapping papers. Store counters are just brimming over with new designs and unusual colors. Gold or silver papers make rich-looking packages when tied with lacy metallic ribbons to match.

Many of the newer papers are designed in fuchsia, purple, deep greens, brown, and other shades not usually associated with Christmas. Many of these papers are available with stickers and ribbons to match exactly.

For those who prefer the traditional Christmas look to their wrappings, the gay stickers and ribbons will give you dozens of ideas for your packages. If you use Christmas ribbon of bright red on your packages, try slipping a gay, little candy cane through the bow. Or tie a cluster of miniature pine cones, Christmas ornaments, or bells to your bow. Another lovely Yuletide touch is a sprig of holly tucked into the bow.

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In one corner. Place the tape on a glass and cut with a razor. Cut a tiny flame and two or three pieces of tape to look like dripping wax to complete the effect. If your gift is yarn for a knitting-enthusiast, criss-cross knitting needles through the center of your bow. Giving a man a tie? For wrapping it, use wide ribbon, bring it around the box on one end, and fasten it in knot. Also the two long ribbon ends to look like a tie and fasten them down flat on the box with transparent tape!



**MERRY Christmas**

The Yuletide season is a wonderful time. With it comes fun and laughter for the children, good cheer and pleasure for the grown-ups. May all the happiness that comes to you and your dear ones this Christmas continue throughout the New Year.

**B&G HOSIERY SHOPS**  
101 N. Cuyler Pampa, Texas



**A Merry Christmas Greeting**

To Our Friends — Serving you has been a Real Pleasure!

**A Merry Christmas, Everyone!**

**ADDINGTON'S WESTERN STORE.**  
A Fine Store

109 S. CUYLER DIAL 4-3161



**Season's Greetings to our friends and neighbors everywhere!**

**LONE STAR BEVERAGE CO.**  
213 E. TYNG DIAL 4-8841

**Schlitz**  
The Beer that made Milwaukee Famous

### Cowboy's Party Is American Fete

One of the most typical of our American holiday celebrations is the Cowboy's Christmas Hall, which has been held almost every year since 1884 in the small town of Anson, Texas.

The celebration started as a wedding party in the old Star Hotel when ranchers poured in from the widely scattered ranges to honor one Cross P. Charley and his bride. It was such a success that it was repeated year after year.

Christmas Eve brought the spirit of the old West to Anson. Cowboys donned their colorful dress, their gay shirts and decorated boots. Cowgirls "outfitted" themselves in gingham dresses "like mother wore." A cowboy band swung out and the dancers performed the heel and toe polka, the Varsouvienne, and other old folk dances.



**Friendly Men's Wear Sends Greetings**

Once more, with the approach of Christmas, we take time out to express to all our friends and patrons our deep appreciation for the confidence placed in us and for the loyalty shown us throughout the past year.

It is our sincerest wish that your Holiday be filled with a glad spirit and good health.

**Cecil Myatt**  
**Shelby Gantz**  
**Ken McGuire**  
**Phyllis Marler**  
**Eunice Harper**  
**Ann Edwards**

**Ed Myatt**  
**Eddie McCollum**  
**Lovell Stark**  
**Mary Hatfield**  
**Edna Smith**  
**Charlie Nelson**

**Friendly Men's Wear**  
111 N. Cuyler





HEROD'S COURT — The Nativity scenes in City Park take Pam-pans back to the days of the birth of Christ. Above, fearful Herod is shown in his court as he plots the death of the newborn King.

### Popular Christmas Carols Sung In Many Languages

Yuletide tradition since the 13th century has been the melodic themes that appear in Christmas carols. Since the first angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest" carols have taken over during the long season of praise. Probably the most outstanding of all carols is "O, Come All Ye Faithful," written in Latin and now sung in 76 languages. Origin of both the tune and words is obscure, but most believers think the carol was written in the 13th century.

### Smaller Towns Put Lights On Outdoor Trees

Although the White House and Rockefeller Center outdoor tree decorations have become famous in recent years, the practice of lighting outdoor trees began in smaller towns and cities long before these two displays became an annual affair. Four widely separated communities light up as early as 1913. Two of them, McDonald and Germantown, were in Pennsylvania. Salem, Ore., decorated a large Sitka-spruce. Riverside, Calif., illuminated a large evergreen, an Aracuria.

### Yule Greetings In Other Languages

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### Custom Of 'Pinata' Spreading In U. S.

The pinata, Christmas custom so long observed by the happy children of Mexico, is gradually spreading into the United States. Although it performs year-round duty in the land south of the border, the pinata is busiest during the Mexican Christian festival, that lasts from December 16 to January 6. In America, it is used in various parts of the country only at Christmas time. The pinata is made of thin, fragile clay, and is filled with sweets and trinkets before being suspended from the ceiling. Each of the guests, not always only just children — is blindfolded and given a stick. The object is to swing the sticks overhead until someone shatters the pinata, sending the delicious contents pouring out.

The pinata is a great aid in making the long Christmas season enjoyable for Mexican children.

### Many Versions Of Christmas Giving

There are many interesting versions as to how the custom of gift giving at Christmas time started. Some believe that it all came from ancient England, where it was once custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and were the key for a pleasant holiday pastime. It is said that the young knights and ladies would come to the kissing rings with Christmas roses for their secret sweetheart. This started it all. Now gift-giving is traditional.

### Young Austrian Priest Wrote Famed 'Silent Night' Carol

The night before Christmas in 1818, "Silent Night" — most beloved Christmas carol — had not yet been composed. But on Christmas Day it was sung for the first time by children in an Austrian village to the accompaniment of a guitar. That Christmas Eve the village priest, young Josef Mohr, sat reading the story of the Nativity when a peasant woman knocked at the door. A child had been born in the parish in the Alps. He went to bless it and returned so filled with the meaning of the Christmas story that he sat down to write what he felt. The lines kept turning into verse: "Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright..."

### Christmas Trees Change In Looks

This year Christmas trees are whiter and safer, thanks to chemicals and experiments. The chemicals treat trees to have fire-retarding properties. Some trees put on the market this year looked like Jack Frost had made his wintry visit with fluffy white plastic and rayon fibers. Tree costing has long been a backyard procedure with hours wasted and then greenery perished through. Next year Christmas trees will stop needle shedding, wilting and will all have a snowy look, companies promise.

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### TO WISH YOU WELL

Our Christmas gift to our customers — A bright Holiday and a future filled with Happiness!

### PAMPA NEWS STAND

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schroedel ACROSS FROM THE CITY HALL

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

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

And Martin Luther wrote that children's favorite "Away in a Manger" for his own children, who formed a domestic choir. The origin of the music is in doubt. "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" has no clear history, but its Latin origin is attested to by the fact that all present day Latin countries have their own versions. It is believed it was once sung to a fast tempo and danced around the "creeche" or crib that was always set up to commemorate the Nativity. The carol's certain history began in 1751 when it was sung at Stonyhurst college. It was sometimes referred to as the Portuguese hymn because it was a favorite at the Portuguese chapel in London as well as at other Roman chapels.

Tiniest creature in the United States with a backbone is the chorus frog, seven-sixteenths of an inch long.

*Greetings*

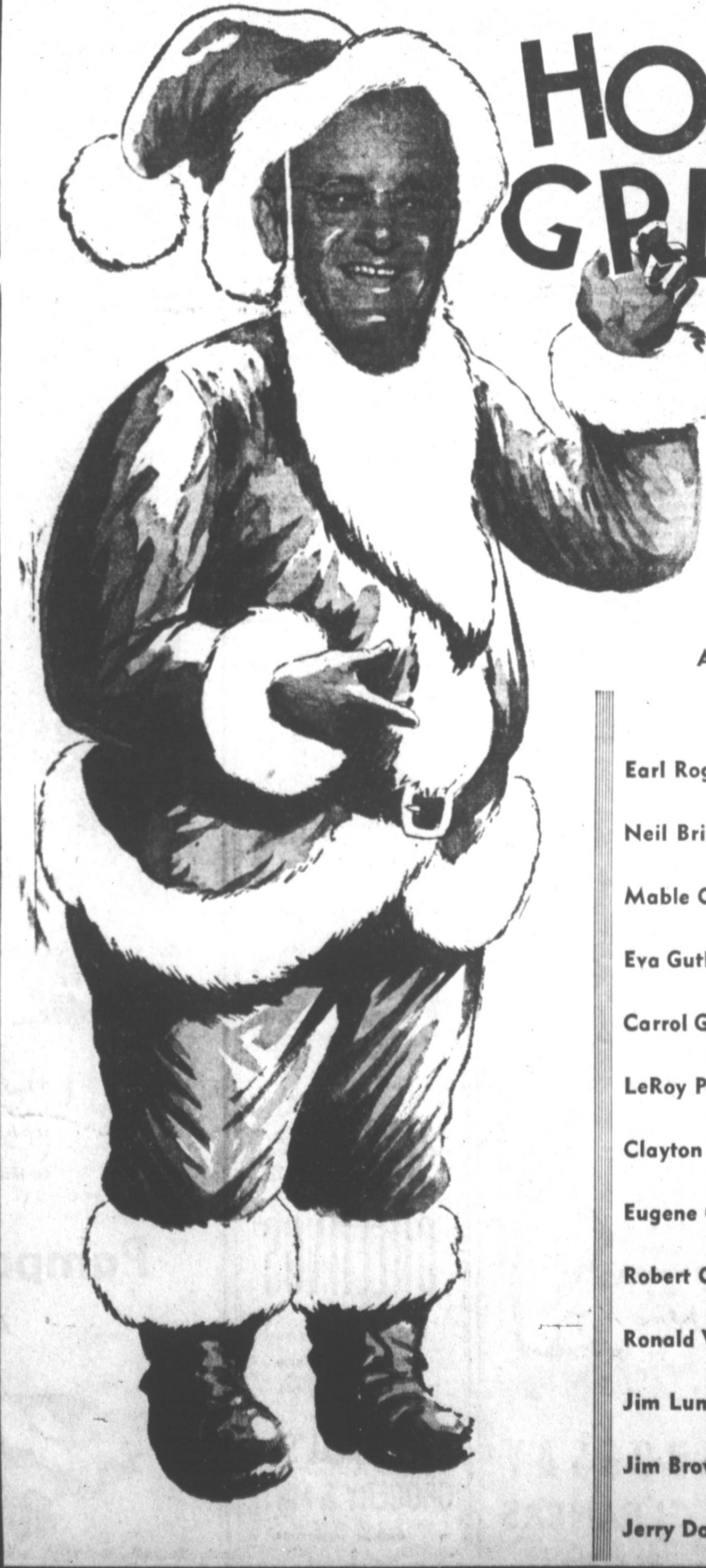
May the Season's friendly cheer, Fill your heart with abounding joy To last throughout the coming New Year.

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**WEST FOSTER SERVICE STATION**  
808 W. Foster Phone 4-8681

*Season's GREETINGS*

All the joys that go with a Holiday full of heart-felt happiness — these we wish you this Christmas Season.

**SERVICE CLEANERS**  
312 S. Cuyler Phone 4-9751



# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

FROM ALL OF US, TO ALL OF YOU.

How do we know it's going to be a wonderful Christmas? Because Furr's have been doing business with the good people of the Panhandle for the past 50 years, and it's long enough to know that they're the finest and certainly deserve the best Christmas ever. It's truly been a pleasure to serve you, and Furr's invite your wonderful continued friendship as always.

*Key Furr*

And Employees of Your Big Friendly PAMPA FURR FOOD STORE

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| Neil Britnell      | Junior Allen     |
| Mable Cooper       | Max Gilpatrick   |
| Eva Guthery        | Bobby Brown      |
| Carrol Good        | Don Maple        |
| LeRoy Parker       | Jim Kieth        |
| Clayton Cain       | Louise Sisco     |
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| Jerry Don Pumphrey | Estelle Britnell |
|                    | Mary Grundy      |

# Your '53 Income Tax Primer



Richard A. Mullens (above) author of NEA's Income Tax Primer, is a top-notch Washington tax authority who knows how to give expert advice to the average taxpayer in plain, everyday language. He has been the income tax expert for NEA Service since 1949.

Here's the first of 13 pain-saving articles of expert advice in NEA's 13th annual Income Tax Primer, prepared by a top-notch expert. This first chapter tells you how to use the Primer in conjunction with the official instructions to wind up with the lowest correct tax — with minimum effort and maximum accuracy. BE SURE TO CLIP AND SAVE all 13 chapters so you'll have them for ready reference as you work on your return. Because of the hundreds of thousands of taxpayers who use the Primer each year, individual inquiries can NOT be answered by this newspaper or the author.

**By RICHARD A. MULLENS**  
NEA Income Tax Expert  
There's good news brewing for taxpayers. The first tax cut since 1948 becomes effective Jan. 1. And Congress will soon take up the changes in the tax laws. Proposals such as a tax break for working mothers, and increased medical deductions have a good chance of being adopted in 1954.

But you can't forget the high taxes in 1953 until after you settle up with Uncle Sam. That means filing a 1953 tax return. The deadline is midnight, March 15, but there's no better time to start than right now, with this first article of NEA's 13th annual Income Tax Primer.

This and the following articles of the Primer will explain all the tax problems the average taxpayer in simple, easy-to-read language.

The Primer will help both the taxpayer who wants more information than is shown in the official instructions and the taxpayer who has difficulty understanding the official instructions. It will also help you file a correct return, yet take advantage of all dollar saving deductions that you are entitled to.

So, if you have to file a return, begin now by saving each article as it appears in this paper.

Then sit down with the articles, your Form W-2, and other records of income and deductions, a copy of the 12-page pamphlet of official instructions, and copies of blank tax returns. If you haven't already received blank tax returns in the mail, you can get a copy from most banks and post offices or from your District Director of Internal Revenue.

The first question everyone must answer is — do I have to file a return? The answer is "yes" for everyone, regardless of age or citizenship, who is residing in the United States and who has gross income of \$600 or more.

"Gross income" means all income which must be reported on your return. If you look at the middle of page 5 of the official instructions, you will see examples

of income which must be reported. If you have income of \$600 or more from any of these items, then you must file. Notice that page 5 also has a list of income items which should not be reported. These items are not included in "gross income."

Even though your gross income is less than \$600, it will pay you to file a return if any tax was withheld from the earnings you did get. Many students who work during the summer, and others who work part time earn less than \$600 yet have some tax withheld from their pay.

They will have the withheld tax refunded if they file a return. And you can still claim your dependents even though they file a return to get back the tax withheld on earnings of less than \$600.

The next article tells how to decide which form to use.

**TAX PRIMER Q. & A.**  
Q. I earned \$550 in 1953 and also received \$240 from the Veterans Administration as a disability payment. Must I file a return?  
A. No, your taxable income was less than \$600 so you are not required to file. However, if any tax was withheld from the \$550, file a return, and the tax will be refunded to you.

Q. Does the District Director of Internal Revenue's office charge for giving tax advice?  
A. There is no charge. As is pointed out in the Primer, there are some special tax problems that can best be handled by a tax expert. If you have one of these problems and want free advice, go to your District Director's office as soon as possible to avoid last minute crowds.

**WHAT JAN. 15 MEANS TO YOU**  
Jan. 15 has a special meaning for you if:



Q. What is the name of this cut of meat?  
A. Beef sirloin steak.

Q. Where does it come from and how is it identified?  
A. It comes from the sirloin section of beef and may be identified by the portions of back bone and hip bone it contains.

Q. How is it prepared?  
A. By broiling, panbroiling or panfrying. To broil, arrange the steak on the broiler rack and adjust pan so that top surface of a 1-inch steak is 2 inches from the heat, farther if steak is thicker. Let meat cook until well browned, season, turn and cook on the second side. Season and serve immediately. Consult a time-table for exact cooking time.

To panbroil place steak in a heavy frying-pan with a small amount of lard or drippings. Let meat cook slowly until well browned on both sides, turning meat frequently. Pour off fat that accumulates in the pan. Do not cover or add liquid. To panfry, cook the meat in fat without a cover, turning frequently.



**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

To all our friends... May this Holiday Season be the happiest one you've ever enjoyed.

**MITCHELL'S GROCERY & MKT.**  
638 S. Cuyler  
Dial 4-5451

## WHAT YOU NEED FOR THE SIMPLE INEXPENSIVE WAY TO FILE...



1. Your 1953 income subject to withholding exceeded \$400 plus \$600 for each of your exemptions or:

2. Your 1953 income not subject to withholding was \$100 or more.

In either case, you should have filed in 1953 a Declaration of Estimated Tax on Form 1040-ES.

If you failed to file the required estimate or if the tax you estimated is less than 80 per cent (87 per cent in the case of farmers) of your final 1953 tax, a penalty may apply unless you:

1. File a final tax return by Jan. 15, 1954, and pay any tax due, or:

2. File by Jan. 15, 1951, an amended estimate and pay any tax due. If you do this, then you have until March 15 to file your final return.

## Small Plant Food Will Hold Needles On Tree

If you have the type of a tree-holder that permits the tree trunk to rest in water, you will find that a small amount of plant food dissolved in the water will aid in retaining the needles on the tree, and keep the needles green. If you use a pebble or rock-filled pail to support the tree, cover the pebbles or rock with a plant food solution.

Use one teaspoonful of plant food, powdered form, to each gallon of water in the container, or use one plant food tablet to each gallon.

**Wheat Crop Increases**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 22—(UP)—The 1954 wheat crop in Oklahoma has been estimated at 73 million bushels, an increase over 1953's 71 million bushels, despite cuts in acreage because of federal controls.

**Trapped Like a Rat**  
NAGASAKI, Japan, Dec. 23—(UP)—Several dozen hungry rats chewed their way into a storage shed and died after their first meal. The shed was used for storing rat poison.

**Logical Place to Look**  
KELLOGG, Ida., Dec. 23—(UP)—Ronald Patton met his bride while serving in the Ground Observers Corps. She was Irene Radar.

**Highway Worker Killed**  
TERRELL, Tex., Dec. 23—(UP)—A Negro junk truck driver was held for investigation Wednesday into the death of Dodd Haskell Ewing, 27, a state Highway Department worker. Ewing was struck by a truck Tuesday as he painted the center line on U.S. 80, four miles west of Terrell.

Giraffes have a "rolling gallop." In this, they touch legs to the ground on one side, then touch the other two legs.

Prehistoric dinosaurs reached a length of 70 feet.

Sincere Wishes for a Joyous Season!

**W. D. Waters, Public Accountant**  
Income Tax a Specialty  
ROSE BLDG. PHONE 4-2563

In the glowing spirit of Christmas we take pleasure of extending holiday greetings to our old and new friends.

**Lightfoot's Grocery**  
720 S. GRAY DIAL 4-9122

**yuletide GREETINGS**  
For a Merry Christmas

**Killarney Drive Inn**  
1503 Ripley Dial 4-9121

That JOY be with you this happy season — is the sincere wish we extend to all of our many friends! "Merry Christmas" is still the warmest greeting of the season.

**Pampa Chamber of COMMERCE**  
AND BOARD OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

**Christmas WISHES**

A wealth of health, happiness and contentment are our wishes for all our friends and neighbors on this most joyous holiday.

**Quentin Williams**  
**Willena Lovell**  
— AT —  
**WILLIAMS REAL ESTATE**  
209 Hughes Bldg. Dial 4-2523

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All of our staff joins with us in wishing you the Very Best Christmas ever, and lots of joy for all the days ahead!

**KENNEDY JEWELRY STORE**  
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## Dickens Masterpiece 'A Christmas Carol' Will Live Forever

"Once upon a time — of all the good days in the year, on Christmas eve — old Scrooge sat busy in his counting-house. It was cold biting weather; foggy withal; and he could hear the people in the court outside, go wheezing up and down, beating their hands upon their breasts, and stamping their feet upon the pavement stones to warm them. The city clocks had only just gone three, but it was quite dark already — it had not been light all day — and candles were flaring in the windows of the neighboring offices, their light smearing upon palpable brown air."

Thus is the scene set for one of the great Christmas classics of the English language, "A Christmas Carol." And Dickens proceeds in his inimitable prose to create for readers of all time an unforgettable story of Christmas. From his matchless pen steps the immortal Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim. In an instant the character is drawn and colored.

few writers have been able to capture. Dickens himself knew very little of the comfort and happiness in his early life. He was born in a sordid slum area in Portsmouth, England. His father was in a debtors prison most of Dickens' childhood. Dickens was a man acquainted with poverty and distress, but in his works is no mark of bitterness or self-pity.

Much criticism, however, has been directed at his note of reform through melodramatic pathos and excess sentimentality. Actually this does not affect his art, for his crusading motives are overshadowed by the enduring qualities of his genius.

Every character that Dickens touched became alive: from the gentleman who ask Scrooge for a donation for the poor, to his little sister, Fran. His sense of words is exquisite, and his ability to coin names unsurpassed. Picture a "Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig," or for that matter, a "Tiny Tim." In an instant the character is drawn and colored.

But perhaps the most miraculous quality Dickens possessed was that of enveloping his characters, action, and plots with a cloak of fantasy, so that while you are reading about the kind of people who live next door, or who deliver your groceries, you can also



PAMPANS AT THE NATIVITY SCENES UNVEILING — The annual Christmas program presented at the unveiling of the Nativity scenes in City Park attracts a large Pampa audience. Above, the crowd is shown gathered around the platform during this year's program. (News Photo)

## They're Sung Around The World Carol Perhaps First Form Of Song Known To Mankind

Carols, known to everyone at Christmas time because of the simple emotions they evoke, are among the oldest forms of music. The first of them was the carol of the Heavenly Host over the plains of Bethlehem (Luke 11:13-14) but the earliest manuscript of a carol is found in the British Museum in London executed in the thirteenth century.

The carol is perhaps the earliest form of the song and dance known to man, the derivation of the word itself being somewhat uncertain.

The more accepted derivatives are cantare, the Latin word for "to sing," and rola which is a joyous interjection. Some musicologists, however, find a different interpretation and contend that the word stems from the early word for chorus. Even more intriguing is the belief by some students that there is a relationship between druidical rites at Stonehenge in England that mystic ring of monoliths. Carol is seen to be a vulgarization of Koroll, a circle, which came to mean a ring dance. Early records contain references to Stonehenge as "the carol."

The first book of carols was "auctored" by my lord of London" in 1562 and bore the title page "Christenmasse Carolles." Some of these were legendary and were drawn from the Coventry Mystery Play "Joseph Was an Old Man," also from some of the English folk tunes, used as the vehicle for words relating to the Christ Child.

There seems little doubt that there is a pagan throwback to the carols carried into the Christian church. Religious dances were of record in Spain in the fifth century when the choir boys equipped with castanets capered, singing, around the lectern.

find yourself in an aura of spiritual poetry.

So, as you read and hear again this ageless Christmas carol, and sit in once again at the Cratchit's Christmas dinner, you may pause to wonder about the magnificent Englishman who wrote it. Who was Charles Dickens? And a biographer has answered, "He was a banner in the sun, the wind and his genius, his novels, the dance shadows." So, for long years to come, as long indeed as anyone reads eEelkeo lhnaw lglis,w one reads English, we will seek shelter in his books in time of our tribulation, in time of our prosperity. And there, in this deep shelter, waits for us the power that possessed Charles Dickens — his fiery indignation against wrong, his glowing faith in human freedom, his impassioned conviction that in the end good must conquer evil."

Carolling reached its musical height during the days of the Tudors, although there is an historic reference in 1528 to the fact that when Henry VII lay very ill he forbade "carols, bells and merry-making."

The Puritans endeavored to do away with carols, holding that they had no religious significance and the Scottish people at an even earlier date had tried to suppress the lighter carols considering them "popish" and "pernicious."

As time went along, there was a tendency to widen the horizon of the carol and some of the good old drinking tunes were employed for the sacred words denoting the birth of Christ — no irreverence being intended, since carols were usually regarded as festive music.

The custom of singing carols from door to door is almost as old as the carols themselves. The first form was that of the watch maintained in nearly all English medieval cities. The men of the watch would sing carols accompanied by a flageolet and they would collect pence from the gentry. In the West Riding of Yorkshire today children parade from house to house with "milly" boxes (milk boxes) in which there is a crib and a recumbent babe and into which the money offered them is placed.

Rated among the most famous Christmas carols is "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," written by Nahum Tate in 1703.

Charles Wesley in the eighteenth century wrote "Hark, How All the Welkin Rings," later paraphrased as "Hard, the Herald Angels Sing." "Good King Wenceslas" which denotes the Christmas charity of the Bohemian monarch, also ranks high. The repertoire increased as the carol custom spread through Europe to become known as Noels in France, and Weigenlied in Germany.

### Balsam Best Yuletide Tree

In choosing a Christmas tree, many look for trees that will not shed needles quickly indoors. Highly recommended are balsam Douglas firs, which usually will hold their needles as long as two or three weeks in a warm house.

Balsam is fragrant beyond all other Christmas trees, has long lower branches and thick spiricle-like top. Its needles do not stab the hand. Like the needles of all firs, they are usually flattened, not squarish.

For longer life, place the tree outdoors in a bucket of water for 24 hours before putting it up, or place in a waterproof container of wet sand and keep the sand moist.

## Games Make Christmas A Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.

A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candies ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a prize.

The Christmas Puzzle is another good one to get things going. Look through some magazines, which are filled with pictures of Santa Claus at this time of year. Cut out enough of these to go around, paste them on stiff cardboard, and cut them into pieces. Then put each group of pieces in a separate paper bag. At the signal, everyone opens a bag and starts putting the puzzle together.

The Christmas Scramble Contest is good for group with older children in it. This is simply a contest to see who can unscramble a group of words the fastest. Just for fun, see if you can work out the following—astna, erlreden, ehsgil, dynea, gosknet, erte, trepsen, hupnc, alsore and niborb.

Armlies, by agreement, never waged war actively in winter in medieval times.



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for a joyous and bountiful Christmas...  
a happy and prosperous New Year.

In the spirit of Him  
Whose Day this is — we say  
to you — May the blessings  
of Christmas guide you and  
bide with you, always!

Mr. and Mrs.  
George  
Cartwright

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# Season's Greetings

With the approach of Christmas, our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose good will and confidence we have learned to treasure throughout the years. It is to these old friends and our many new ones that we wish to extend our warmest wishes for a cheerful and joyous Christmas — a happy and prosperous New Year.



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Greetings

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TO ALL— A Happy Yuletide

As Christmas again lights the world with its message of peace and good will, so our thoughts are brightened by the warm memories of pleasant associations contributed by our friends.

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**Scribe Writes 'Dear Santa'**

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 —UP—

Dear Santa: Now that you have shopped for teddy bears and head-gear for the trip to the moon for the kiddies, how about looking around for something for the wheels in our town?

President Eisenhower, I get on high-heeled authority, would like a set of golf clubs forged to guarantee something under the 80's-70's if possible.

Vice President Dick Nixon, Santa, needs another traveling kit. It seems he plain wore out the one he got for Christmas last year. World-hopping is hard on carpet bags.

John Foster Dulles, our secretary of state, has joined the Homberg set and makes a career out of losing him. Maybe he could use a couple— and I'm sure he would.

George Magoffin Humphrey, the secretary of the treasury, as always is hard up for money. There isn't a dime in his office, unless the secretary has it in his own jeans. The government isn't busting, you understand, but there is no place to put money in his office. Any three-dollar bills you have around your workshop, Santa, would be appreciated by the secretary.

Arthur E. Summerfield, the postmaster general, would thank you, sir, if you could figure out how he can get a letter addressed to him delivered within a month or so—in his own department. It seems there are about a couple dozen or so folks reading his mail and he never gets to have a personal look at it until it's old hat.

Era Taft Benson, the secretary of Agriculture, if you please, Mr. Ce., would like to have a few more farmers on his side. That is if you find room in your workshop for some of these overvalued characters.

Charles E. Wilson, the secretary of defense, has a problem, too. All he wants for Christmas is some plan which could save us taxpayers something like \$20 million the next time he has to figure out how many billions we have to spend to make this a free world.

It took \$30 million not long ago just for the figuring. That's a pretty heavy tap. When you look it up, Santa, you'll find that back in the 1840's we kept the whole government going for a year for that sum—including spittoons and snuff boxes for the wonderful gentlemen of the U.S.

(Signed) Yours—Uncle Nick (No. Kin.)

**Networks Go All Out For Christmas**

By ALINE MOSBY  
HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 24 —UP— Murder mysteries, crime, sex and slapstick comedy were tossed away by the radio-television networks this holiday season while everyone from Sgt. Joe Friday to Eddie Cantor concentrates on Christmas.

This is one time of the year when bosoms and violence take a holiday, and this year radio and TV offered the biggest dish of Christmas in entertainment history.

One supercolossal Christmas program will be "Gillette's Christmas with the Stars," billed as the most expensive hour-long show ever budgeted for TV and radio.

Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney, Tony Martin, Tyrone Power, Helen Hayes, Eddie Fisher and Victor Borgie are among stars who will appear on the \$300,000 production. Power will close the show reading Chapter Two from the Bible. Rosalind Russell will do her conga line sequence from her hit musical, "Wonderful Town," and MGM will preview "Knights of the Round Table."

The program, originating from Hollywood, New York and Boston, will be telecast by NBC and broadcast by ABC.

Even the gumshoes of TV put away their gats for the week. Sgt. Friday, played by Jack Webb, appeared in a non-violent human interest story on "Dragnet" about a status stolen from a church. In place of the usual rounds of boxing Wednesday night, television fans were treated to opera star Mimi Bessell singing Christmas carols.

To All— A Merry Christmas and a memorable one!

Thanks to our friends for their good will during the past year.

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**Dear Santa**

I have been a pretty good girl here in what I want. I want a doll and some doll clothes and some dishes, here is what My brother wants he wants a football a train a cowboy hat 4 little 10 cent cars, and My niece wants a doll some dishes, a high chair.

Carol Sue Hall  
Lefors

Please bring us each a cow girl hat, Boots, hand tool purse, a Radio for us together, and a stocking full of candy. We have tried to be kind good. Remember all the other boys and girls.

The St. Clair girls  
Dona Kay and Janis Rae

I am a little girl 6 years old I go to B.M. Baker school. Mrs. Daugherty is my teacher. I have tried to be a good little girl. Please bring me a doll buggy. I would like a doll to if you have one left when you get to my house. Please remember all the other little boys and girls. I live at 513 Henry St. Love Vera Bennett

I am a boy 8 years old. I go to B. M. Baker school. I am in the 3rd grade. Please bring me a croquet set or a train. Also, a two gun holster. Remember my two little nephews Larry and Richard. I live at 513 Henry St. Love H. T. Bennett

I want a train with a station, cross gate. And a moving van too. Also two guns and two holsters I am 8 years old my name is Dale Lee Mercer I love you Santa Lee Mercer Skellytown

This Christmas Eve I will be 2 years old. I am a very nice little boy. I would like a Sewing Machine, my 19 month old baby sister, wants a pretty baby doll. Love, David Allan Dougherty 710 N. West

I have been a real good girl and helped my mother with my two little sisters. I would like a sidewalk bicycle. I am 4 years old. Debra Ann is 18 mo. Bring her a doll and Kathy Lynn is 2 mo. Bring her a rattle. Love, Connie Sue Riley 712 N. Dwight

P.S. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Especially Rodnie and Danny.

Are you coming to Pampa I have been a good girl and Bill is good too. Please bring Pam a Sewing Machine, Doll, Trunk, a Dresser and Some other toys that all Pam Wants. bring bill Golf Club Covers. Bring Dady Books, and Mama Some Dresses That all we want. Pamela

I am 6 and my Brother is 4. Please bring us A record Player. Love, Pat and Jerry Lambright

I am four years old and almost five. My birthday is February. Please bring me a walking doll, stove and everything electric like mama's, a new nurse set 'cause I lost some of the one you gave me last year. I have a little brother but he's too little to want much. He can't talk. Bring him and all the other boys and girls lots of toys.

Mary Jay Campbell  
East of Pampa

I am a little boy 6 years old. I have been a pretty good boy. Please bring me an electric train and one surprise and a bag of candy for my dog Betty Be Nice to all the other boys and girls in the world. Bye Sammy Waters

I am a little boy two and half years old. Please, bring me a truck with boards in it, also a big red wagon for my grandmother to pull me in. Also, a cowboy suit. Ma loves you, Gary Barker 431 Roberta

P.S. You will find a sandwich under my apron tree.

I am a little boy nine years old. Please bring me a trumpet and two guns and holsters, and anything else that you want to. I have a brother. Please bring him two guns a holsters. And a saxophone. And anything else you want to bring him. I have a little sister, five years old and she wants a doll and a buggy anything else you want to bring her. Anthony Donn and Neta

**Dear Santa**

Please bring me a foot ball. I live on 1105 E. Foster Street. Don't forget my little sister please bring candy and nuts too. Love Larry Johnson 1105 E. Foster

Please bring me a two gun holster and a foot ball. Love Billy Tom Townsend White Deer

Please bring me a cow boy suit a gun FOOTBALL Teddy Bear BAnJo cow Boy ScArT. B B gun Love Rickey Townsend White Deer

Please bring me a sewing machine, some dishes with a real coffee pot and a Tiny Tears baby doll. I'll leave a glass of milk and cookies on the television for you. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa Claus. I love you. Judy Ann Mercer Skellytown

I am a little girl, 3 years old. Please bring me an iron and ironing board, a coffee pot and a...

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

... And may the spirit of Christmas bring most wonderful blessings to you!

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GREETINGS

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Merry Christmas

To the many greetings that come your way at Christmas time, we take this opportunity to add ours, with a note of thanks for your continuing friendship and patronage — we say, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR MANY FRIENDS!

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Greetings

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