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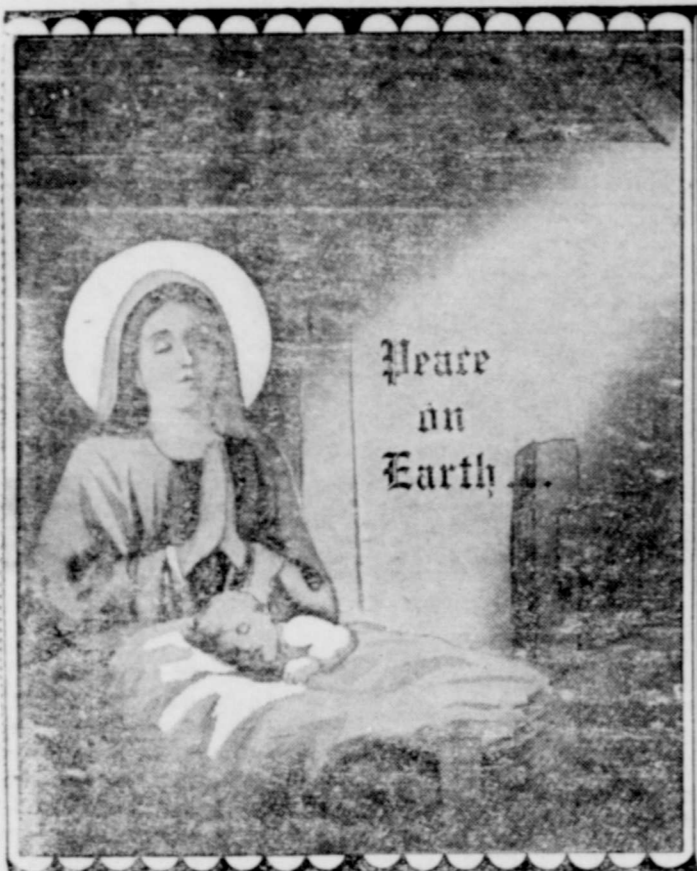
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Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

Ordnance Officials Admit Atomic Weapon 'Oversold' Say Weapon Vulnerable; Production Now Halted

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—Army ordnance officials are conceding that they oversold their highly-vaunted atomic cannon but they believe their optimism served a good purpose.

The trouble with the 85-ton giant is that while it can throw a disaster-dealing shell it takes 20 minutes to get it ready to fire and 20 minutes to get it on the road again.

However, the gun served a good purpose in their opinion. It interested scientists in the Army's end of the war and took some of the attention away from the Air Force which had been claiming exclusive use of atomic weapons.

Now the Army is close to receiving a family of atomic artillery which will be armored, self-propelled and more efficient in use.

Atomic Cannon
A \$91.14 DAILY SAVING—The Senate has agreed to save taxpayers \$91.14 a day by disregarding an 1880 ruling.

However, in the special session, there is no legislation. As GOP leader William F. Knowland explained, the only change made as the calendar is printed from day to day is the date.

He asked the Senate to agree unanimously to disregard the old rule and pointed out that it has been costing \$91.14 to print the calendar every day during the special session.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS—The United States Army now is in the tourist business. America's millions of tourists have been extended an official invitation by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, chief of staff, to visit the nation's non-secret military bases and camps.

Ridgway offered the welcome to civilians in a recent letter to the American Automobile association. In it, he commented: "The history of our service is linked with the democratic history of our land and anyone touring our older forts will gain not only an appreciation of the specific historical events that took place there but a deeper understanding of our American heritage."

Ridgway has instructed local camp commanders to meet with representatives of AAA clubs in their areas to make arrangements for visitors to visit the installations where thousands of servicemen live, work and play.

AUTO VITAL IN A-BOMB DEFENSE—The Federal Civil Defense administration is distributing to automobile clubs a communication pointing out that while the old prescription of "duck and cover" still has its uses, present planning calls for mass evacuation when there is sufficient warning.

Civil Defense Chief Val Peterson says: "It is clear that the major burden of movement for survival will fall upon the private car. . . Such a mass exodus would pose serious traffic problems even under normal conditions."

However, under the lash of such an emergency as here contemplated, the problem will be enormously aggravated. Without advance planning, and the communication of the basic plan to all citizens—which means it must be simple—there will be little chance to avoiding a stampede. And a stampede can slaughter thousands even though enemy planes never show up."

Study of the traffic engineering aspects of mass exodus are going forward in a major city and results will be carefully watched to work out similar programs throughout the country.



WHEN THE OLD BIRD WAS YOUNGER

10 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December 22, 1944)

Jack Burns, son of Mrs. Annie Armstrong, received serious injuries Tuesday afternoon when he slipped from the roof of the Mauney Filling Station and landed on the concrete sidewalk on his hip and head.

C. M. Burch, hatchery man, and dabbler in pecans and turkeys recently sold six gobblers and three hens to Mills County Cold Storage and Produce Company for a total of \$53.44.

A late afternoon Piano Recital was given by the pupils of Mrs. A. H. Smith in her home on Parker Street Wednesday, with parents and friends as guests.

Children who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Carroll of Lockney; T/Sgt. R. L. Atchison and wife of Gatesville; Mrs. Thomas Atchison and son, Laverne of Gatesville; Mr. and Mrs. Stacy McCasland and daughter, Ethelene of Center City.

Sgt. and Mrs. Cecil A. David left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. David, at

Robstown. Sgt. David is recuperating nicely from wounds he received in Italy, December 15, 1943.

Lt. and Mrs. H. L. Murchie of Malden, A. A. F. Malden, Mo., spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oglesby. Mrs. Murchie was formerly Miss Beryl Oglesby.

25 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December, 20, 1929)

Mr. and Mrs. John Childers celebrated their 58 years of wedded life on the 13th of December, 1929. This is the oldest celebration in this section and very few in the state have been married over half a century.

Sammie Smith, one of the Texas-Louisiana Company's electricians, suffered a severe shock and a sprained ankle Wednesday when a guy wire across the street on which he was suspended while arranging the Community Christmas tree, broke and he fell to the street.

Miss Norma Lee Robertson is at home from Belton for the holidays.

The Fabens Review of December 12, announces the marriage of Miss Annabell Rhodes of San Saba and Shorty Newcomb, at Las Cruces, New Mexico. Shorty was at one time employed in the Eagle office.

County Clerk Porter is not doing the rushing business in marriage license that should be done in December but he is hoping that next week will

bring up the average. Since last report he has issued license to Fritz Schuman and Miss Linnie Schlee of Priddy on December 7, Ewing Ratekin and Miss Johann Elizabeth Bickham of Big Valley on December 7; D. D. Thomas and Miss Hiller of Sealion on December 12.

Miss Gladys Thomson of San Saba was a visitor to the city Monday, arranging for an expression class to open after Christmas.

50 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December 24, 1904)

Mrs. Kate Hearne, wife of Mr. W. F. Hearne of Payne, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will H. Trent, in this city Monday night at 9:20 o'clock and was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

County Clerk Crawford has issued marriage license to J. B. Straley and Miss Vee Armstrong, George M. Fletcher and Miss Ella Baskin, H. B. Berkley and Miss Leona Berry, Grady Mason and Miss Docia Adams, Marcos Boler and Miss Bulah Reese, Roscoe Henderson and Miss Maud Moore.

Joe S. Beck of Nabors Creek is spending the holidays with his brothers in Crosby County.

Miss Kate Weaver of Big Valley boarded the train here Thursday night enroute to Sweetwater to visit her sister, Mrs. T. E. Alvis.

Little George Clements, son of R. E. Clements, is spending the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cunningham at San Angelo.

Misses Lillie and Daisy Queen are visiting friends in Brownwood and Dublin.

Dr. D. A. Nelson came in yesterday from New Orleans, where he took a post graduate course in medicine.

T. M. Little, formerly a merchant of this city but now of Boxchite, I. T. sends in his subscription this week.

Mrs. J. B. Ferguson, has been dangerously ill at her home in Brownwood, but a report yesterday said she was improving.

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From The Eagle Staff

- Ruth Ervin, Alma Williams, Franklin Weathers, Arnold K. K., Jerry Collier, Vic E. K.

Greetings Merry Christmas, everyone—We hope you have a lot of fun, and that Santa brings to each of you, Joy galore for all year thru! Rentro & Walk Garage

A Joyous Christmas At this time of the year, all hearts are in tune with the spirit of the Season. We wish a Joyous Holiday to all. THE E. B. ADAMS FAMILY

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GOLDTHWAITE

Christmas to Each of

Friday  
Christmas Eve.

FRIDAY — FRIDAY  
MORNING & NIGHT



SUNDAY MATINEE & NIGHT  
MONDAY NIGHT



TUESDAY — WEDNESDAY

## "Duffy of San Quentin"

JOANNE DRU  
PAUL KELLY

## O. E. S. Chapter Observes Ninth Anniversary

The local O. E. S. Chapter observed their 9th Anniversary Tuesday night, December 14 at the regular meeting. Mrs. Iva Jennings, Deputy Grand Matron of Lometa made her official visit at this time.

After the business meeting, the members and guests, adjourned to the dining room which was beautifully decorated, carrying out the Christmas theme. After the Birthday Cake was cut, refreshments were served to 34 members and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jennings of Lometa. Names were drawn and gifts distributed from a Christmas tree prepared by the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haenisch.



MR. & MRS. FREDDY R. SPINKS

Miss Barbara Ann Letbetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Letbetter became the bride of Freddy R. Spinks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spinks of Mullin, in the Chapel of the First Baptist Church of Goldthwaite, Saturday evening, December 4, 1954 at 7:00 o'clock. Rev. Ray V. Mayfield Jr., pastor of the church read the impressive double ring ceremony.

The Chapel was decorated with tall baskets of white gladioli and candelabra. Vows were exchanged before an altar entwined with greenery, white ribbon and a cluster of wedding bells.

Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. C. W. Law-

son who accompanied Peggy Jones as she sang "Because" and "The Lords Prayer".

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a navy blue suit with a small white hat, an orchid corsage and carried a white Bible.

Mrs. Daisy Watson, matron of honor, wore a maroon suit with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Billy Singleton of Mullin served as best man. Bobby Letbetter, brother of the bride, was usher. He and Miss Ellen Cox lighted the candles and also attended the bride and groom.

After a short trip the couple are making their home at Coleman where the groom is employed by a drilling contractor.

## Miss Ruby Reynolds And O. F. Eidson Are Married Here

Miss Ruby Reynolds of the Trigger Mountain Community and Mr. O. F. Eidson of Nolan exchanged wedding vows at 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 18, 1954, at the Methodist Parsonage in Goldthwaite. Rev. Ed H. Lovelace, pastor of the church read the impressive ceremony.

The bride wore a teal blue suit with navy accessories and carried out the tradition of something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue by carrying a very old white Bible belonging to little Miss Brownfield and topped with an imported white linen handkerchief.

Mrs. Bell Evans was matron of honor and Mr. O. A. Evans served as best man.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reynolds after which the couple left for their home at Nolan.

Miss Pat Bryan a student in nursing school at San Angelo is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Bryan and her brother Cecil Jr.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Campbell of Dallas are the proud parents of a son, born Wednesday, December 15, 1954 in Baylor Memorial Hospital, Dallas. He weighed eight pounds and two ounces and has been given the name Paul Womack.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Womack of Goldthwaite and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.

John Campbell of Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Campbell will be remembered here as the former Miss Mamie Lou Womack.



Over the years, we've found no other way of saying the old wish more warmly than just "Merry Christmas To All Our Friends."

## HUDSON DRUG

DOW HUDSON

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## Until Further Notice

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## THURSDAYS

Please Write or Call For An Appointment

MRS. SMITH WILL BE IN THE OFFICE DURING THE WEEK FOR ADJUSTMENTS AND REPAIRS

## DR. GEO. A. SMITH

OPTOMETRIST  
SAN SABA TEXAS

## MY FRIENDS:

I will be your Commissioner but a few days longer, so I want to tell you from my heart, that I want you always to be my friends, and I want to be yours. I am stepping down with no ill-will, but with the best of feeling toward everyone.

I thank you one and all for helping me through, and it is my desire to continue to give you the best service I can.

JESS TULLOS



Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

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Clarence Schwartz



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Smith-Campbell Butane Co.

### George M. Fletchers To Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Fletcher of Mullin will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their home, Sunday December 26, 1954. Open house will be held from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock and their friends and neighbors are invited to call during those hours. Hosts for the happy occasion

will be their children: Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Owens of San Saba; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fletcher of Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Legrande of Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Fletcher of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fletcher of Lubbock and Miss Mary Ruth Fletcher of Brownwood.

### Personal News Of Mullin

By JEWELL SLAUGHTER

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Cahill and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rodgers of Brownwood visited here Sunday in the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Vann and Mrs. Jewell Ivy.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hancock and family of Gatesville were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tip Hart. We are sorry to report Mr. Hart isn't doing so well.

James Driskill of Zephyr visited friends here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mmes. S. V. Roberts, Lena Leinweber, Whitt Hodges and Bill Murphy all attended the funeral services for Mr. E. T. Cobb in Georgetown last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Micky Sutherland and children of Goldthwaite visited Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Slaughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Masters and family of Muleshoe visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis and other relatives here over the weekend.

Mrs. O. E. Rice visited her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Black at Durenville Thursday.

Mrs. A. L. French was a Goldthwaite visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Vesta McCormick and son, Bobby Jack returned home Friday after visiting relatives in Kermit and San Angelo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith spent the weekend in San Antonio with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Lawson and Peggy spent Sunday afternoon in Brownwood in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barker and Miss Florence Campbell spent last Sunday in San Saba with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Seabourn Price of San Antonio visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Price here Sunday.

Mmes. Lindsey Kittle, A. F. Shelton and L. L. Landers were Brownwood visitors recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Yeager and family of San Angelo were visitors here Friday.

Mrs. Ellis Stubblefield and daughter, Barbara of Ballinger were Saturday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keating.

Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. Bettie Mosier and daughters were: Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Musgrove of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mosier of Zephyr; Mr. and Mrs. Azelle Mosier and daughters, Linda and Gaylan of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Willard Mosier and grand daughter, Vickie of Mullin.

Miss Bobbie Slaughter spent the weekend in Brownwood with Louise Slaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrell of Kendall, Kansas spent several days here last week with their aunt, Mrs. E. T. Cobb.

Raymond Ingram of San Angelo visited his mother, Mrs. S. H. Davis and Mr. Davis Friday afternoon.

Miss Janet Lowe of Austin is spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lowe.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Mullin Quilting Club met for their annual Christmas party at the G. I. Building, Tuesday night, Dec. 14th. Miss Mary Lois Newhouse and Miss Barbara Ratliff sang Christmas Carols. The group enjoyed several games of "42", after which gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of Coke, coffee, hot chocolate and punch were served to Mr. and Mrs. Tom McArthur; Mr. and Mrs. George P. Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Fowler White; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pyburn; Mr. and Mrs. Cox; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pickens; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wallace and son, David; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright; Mrs. Ben Newhouse and daughters, Mary Lois and Edna; Mrs. J. P. Slaughter and daughter, Bobbie; Barbara Ratliff and Mmes. Ila Mosler; Clara Pafford; Gosset Roberts; Lena Leinweber; Fred Ethridge and Kyle Lawson.

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SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DEC. 23 & 24

LETTUCE Lge. Head	9c	ORANGES	Lb.	8c
CELERY Lge. Stalk	13c	PEAS Cedar Green		22c
		Frozen Pkg.		

ORANGE JUICE	FROZEN STOKLEY'S	35c
	2 FOR	
GOLDEN CORN	CREAM STYLE	44c
	LIBBY'S 303 - 3 FOR	
PINEAPPLE	NO. 1 FLAT	15c
	CRUSHED - CAN	
CUT GREEN BEANS	OUR VALUE	\$1.00
	9 CANS	

LIBBY'S Fruit Cocktail	303 Can	25c
DEL MONTE PEACHES	No. 2 1/2	29c
Miracle Whip	pint	33c
LIBBY'S PICKLES	Sweet 15 oz.	29c

LIBBY'S OLIVES	Stuffed No. 5	32c
JELLO	3 Pkgs.	25c
Mellorene	Foremost 1/2 Gal.	45c
BACON	Wicklow Lb.	49c
OLEO	Sun Valley Lb.	20c

SUGAR 10 LB. SACK 89c

WE HAVE NICE DRESSED HENS, TURKEYS & HAMS

Mrs. Cecil Springer and her children of Corpus Christi are guests of her mother, Mrs. Allen Hardgrave, and brother, Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams of Jayton are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Allen Hardgrave, Mr. Hardgrave and children.

### Star News

(Written For Last Week.)

Charlie Rickel, Mrs. David Beard and Theresa of Odessa were Star visitors Tuesday, Ronnie Beard returned home with them.

Mrs. C. C. Sheldon and her mother, Mrs. Dan Townsen shopped in Brownwood Tuesday. Mrs. Fred Mason and Mrs. Clarence Townsen were Waco shoppers Tuesday.

Mrs. W. N. Hodo of Evant visited Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. W. V. McGloway and the Harmon McCaslands.

Mrs. J. W. Hodo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tubbs.

Those who visited Randolph Garrett at the hospital Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Carylton Wall, Mrs. Rex Clifton, Mrs. Willis Hill and Culver Emdy. Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Chaney of Snyder were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Sheldon and girls.

Mrs. Weldon Edwards and boys of Clyde spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Soules.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wyckoff of Hamilton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tubbs, Sunday.

Star boys went to Cherokee Friday night and won two ball games.

Charlie M. Sheldon was home over the weekend.

Mrs. Winnie Price of Houston visited her sister, Mrs. H. W. Boykin and family a few days last week.

Mr. U. R. Knowles hasn't done so well the last two weeks.

Bobby Boykin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Boykin entertained his classmates with a weiner roast Friday night; all reported a very nice time.

We want to extend our sympathy to the relatives of Willie Waddell who died in a hospital at Tempe, Arizona, Friday night.

The girls auxiliary met in the Bob Waldrop home Tuesday night, Dec. 9, for a slumber party. They made candy, cookies and Christmas wreaths, which are very pretty. Mrs. Waldrop is the girls sponsor. Those attending were: Patsy Boykin, vice president; Joyce Randall, president; Carol Ann Price, Bettie Sheldon, Bettie Kincheloe, Kathy Witty, Crystal Miles, Margie McCasland and Lula Mae Hurst, Sec-Tres.

Mrs. W. J. Gent visited her daughter, Mrs. O. J. Lee at Evant part of the past week. Mrs. Lee brought her home Sunday and visited in the Rex Clifton home.

Grannie Garrett and Grannie Clifton are both doing pretty well.

We were sorry to hear that Bert Wright is in McCloskey hospital.

Mrs. H. T. Stephens has been in Kings Daughters hospital for some time.

— IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE —



By Maud McCurdy Welch

TOMORROW was Christmas and Tommy was worried. It hadn't snowed at all, and if there was no snow to shovel, how could he make any money for Christmas? Tommy lived in the neat farm cottage with his Uncle Pete and Aunt Lucy. Aunt Lucy had just told him he could go over and see Jimmy Reeder but be sure to be back by five o'clock. So Tommy started walking slowly toward the Reeder farm, as he had a lot of thinking to do.

In the small sitting room Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete were talking. Aunt Lucy insisted that two dollars was an awful lot to pay for a dog. They were poor people after all and could only afford to give Tommy sensible things.

Uncle Pete thought Tommy should have the puppy he wanted. He was only seven, and needed a playmate.

Tommy was walking along still slowly, trying not to think how wonderful it would be if he could have this little puppy. His name was Blaze, and he was a runt; that's why he cost only two dollars. Tommy thought how the pup would frolic along beside him and wag his tail, and how they'd race over the fields when spring was here. But no use thinking about Blaze. He had to get a job.

It was when he was passing the big house where Mr. Robert That-



"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars," Tommy said.

cher lived, that the idea came. Tommy went in and asked Mr. Thatcher for a job. Mr. Thatcher was said to be a bad-tempered.

"This green vase — the small one. It should equal a candy dish any day."

Margie crossed the room to where Brad was standing. "It's very pretty, all right. I guess, maybe it would do. It doesn't look damaged — no chips or anything."

"Why don't you wrap it, Honey," Brad said. "I'll pull the car out in front and load in the rest of the packages."

#### None Too Soon

A few minutes later, as he was climbing out of the car, Brad noticed a pleasant middle-aged couple heading up the steps of his house. He gulped as he recognized them. That had been a close call!

"Hello, Mr. Simpson!" he called. "Mrs. Simpson! Merry Christmas! We were just heading over your way."

The couple turned to greet him. In Mr. Simpson's hand was a small, neatly-wrapped package. "We were just bringing your gift by," Mr. Simpson said. "Merry Christmas to you."

"Won't you come in?" asked Brad. "Margie has your present inside." He crossed his fingers. He HOPED Margie had wrapped the green vase by now.

As usual, Margie had taken care of her little task with wifely dispatch. The vase was wrapped and waiting on the living room table. Inwardly feeling a great surge of relief, Brad handed the package to the Simpsons.

#### Truth Awakens

When the thank-you's had been exchanged and a few moments properly dedicated to small talk, the Simpsons excused themselves, stating that they had a number of calls yet to make.

As Margie closed the door behind them she burst into giggles. "Golly! That's one time my husband was on the job. We would have felt just horrible to slight them again this year. They are sensitive. I'm glad you talked me into giving them the vase. I wonder what they gave us?"

"That's easy to find out," said Brad. He tore eagerly at the wrapping on the Simpson's present.

"No, he said when it was opened. 'Oh no!'"

He held up a candy dish. "They gave us the same thing as last year."

"Margie looked thoughtful. 'That's funny,' she mused. 'I wonder why they did that.'"

"I don't know," said Brad. "Unless . . ." A grimace of pain crossed his brow. "Unless they . . ."

"They did!" cried Margie. "I just remember now, they did. It wasn't the candy dish they gave us last year. It was the green vase."



**CHARLES D. GRAHAM** has been named division supervisor of Stargas sales for Lone Star Gas Company's Waco Division of Distribution, L. . . Rowland, division superintendent, has announced.

Graham, a native of Buffalo, held the post of Stargas foreman for the Waco Division prior to his new assignment. He will continue to be headquartered at Waco.

### Hillside Mission

By LIDA BYRNE

Charity excels all virtues. The Bible says: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." 1 Corinthians 13:1.

Miss Ann Dellis of Austin spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dellis.

### Dr. Mollie W. Armstrong

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HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

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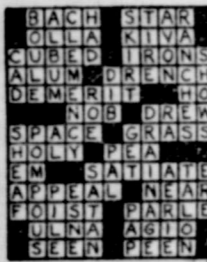


With its message of hope and peace, the Christmas star shines again. May the joy in its radiant light be reflected in your heart throughout the New Year.

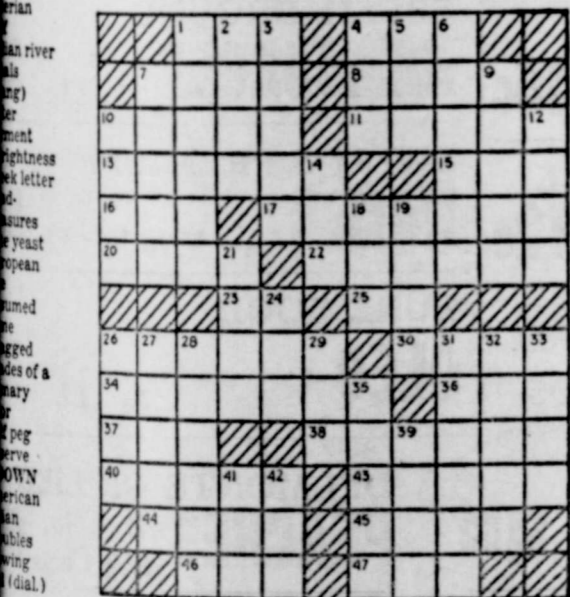
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4. Tilt  
5. One-spot card  
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7. Sleep noisily  
8. Italian poet  
9. Farm implement  
10. Expression of sorrow  
11. Require  
12. Fresh  
13. Weaken  
14. Farm implement  
15. Easy  
16. River (Scot.)  
17. Female sheep  
18. Egyptian god of pleasure  
19. A tangled mass  
20. The earth  
21. An inset  
22. Pig pen  
23. Dwell  
24. Wheaten flour (pl.)  
25. Discharges, as a debt  
26. Periods of time swinging  
27. Toward the lee



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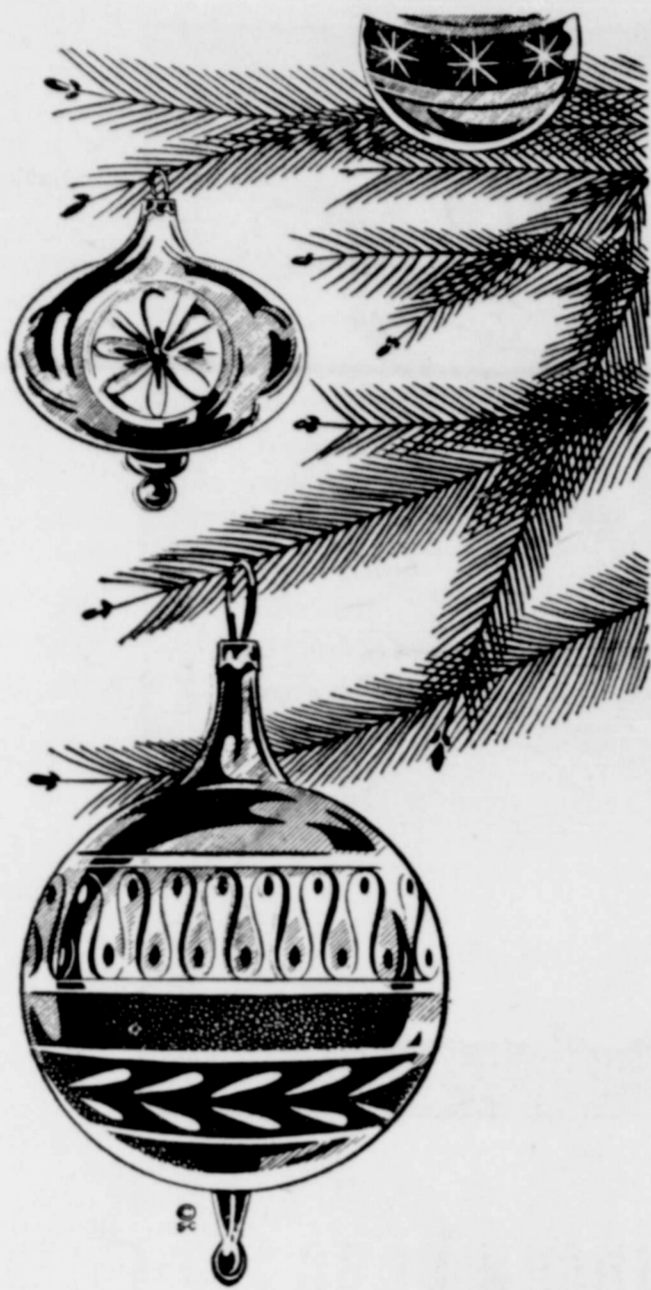
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### George M. Fletchers To Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Fletcher of Mullin will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at their home, Sunday December 26, 1954. Open house will be held from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock and their friends and neighbors are invited to call during those hours. Hosts for the happy occasion

will be their children: Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Owens of San Saba; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fletcher of Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Legrande of Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Fletcher of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Fletcher of Lubbock and Miss Mary Ruth Fletcher of Brownwood.

### Personal News Of Mullin

By JEWELL SLAUGHTER

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Cahill and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rodgers of Brownwood visited here Sunday in the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Vann and Mrs. Jewell Ivy.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hancock and family of Gatesville were weekend guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tip Hart. We are sorry to report Mr. Hart isn't doing so well.

James Driskill of Zephyr visited friends here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mmes. S. V. Roberts, Lena Leinweber, Whitt Hodges and Bill Murphy all attended the funeral services for Mr. E. T. Cobb in Georgetown last Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Micky Sutherland and children of Goldthwaite visited Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Slaughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Masters and family of Muleshoe visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Davis and other relatives here over the weekend.

Mrs. O. E. Rice visited her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Black at Durenville Thursday.

Mrs. A. L. French was a Goldthwaite visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Vesta McCormick and son, Bobby Jack returned home Friday after visiting relatives in Kermit and San Angelo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith spent the weekend in San Antonio with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Lawson and Peggy spent Sunday afternoon in Brownwood in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barker and Miss Florence Campbell spent last Sunday in San Saba with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Seabourn Price of San Antonio visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Price here Sunday.

Mmes. Lindsey Kittle, A. F. Shelton and L. L. Landers were Brownwood visitors recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Yeager and family of San Angelo were visitors here Friday.

Mrs. Ellis Stubblefield and daughter, Barbara of Ballinger were Saturday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keating.

Sunday guests in the home of Mrs. Bettie Mosier and daughters were: Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Musgrove of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mosier of Zephyr; Mr. and Mrs. Azelle Mosier and daughters, Linda and Gaylan of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Willard Mosier and grand daughter, Vickie of Mullin.

Miss Bobbie Slaughter spent the weekend in Brownwood with Louise Slaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrell of Kendall, Kansas spent several days here last week with their aunt, Mrs. E. T. Cobb.

Raymond Ingram of San Angelo visited his mother, Mrs. S. H. Davis and Mr. Davis Friday afternoon.

Miss Janet Lowe of Austin is spending the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lowe.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Mullin Quilting Club met for their annual Christmas party at the G. I. Building, Tuesday night, Dec. 14th. Miss Mary Lois Newhouse and Miss Barbara Ratliff sang Christmas Carols. The group enjoyed several games of "42", after which gifts were exchanged.

Refreshments of Coke, coffee, hot chocolate and punch were served to Mr. and Mrs. Tom McArthur; Mr. and Mrs. George P. Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Fowler White; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pyburn; Mr. and Mrs. Cox; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pickens; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wallace and son, David; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright; Mrs. Ben Newhouse and daughters, Mary Lois and Edna; Mrs. J. P. Slaughter and daughter, Bobbie; Barbara Ratliff and Mmes. Ila Mosier; Clara Pafford; Gosset Roberts; Lena Leinweber; Fred Ethridge and Kyle Lawson.

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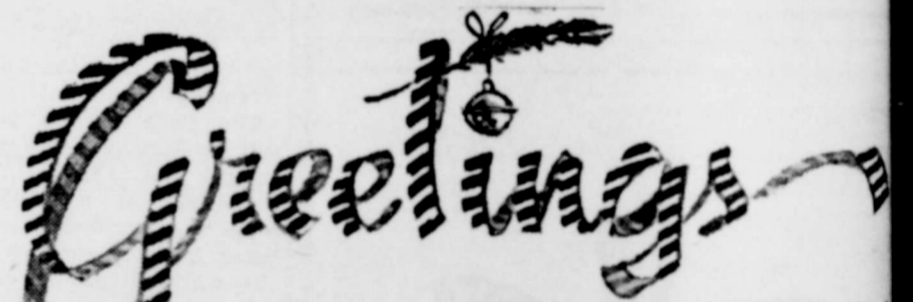
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<b>CELERY</b> Lge. Stalk	<b>13c</b>	<b>PEAS</b> Cedar Green	<b>22c</b>
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<b>ORANGE JUICE</b>	<b>FROZEN STOKLEY'S</b>	<b>35c</b>
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<b>GOLDEN CORN</b>	<b>CREAM STYLE</b>	<b>44c</b>
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<b>LIBBY'S Fruit Cocktail</b>	<b>303 Can</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>DEL MONTE PEACHES</b>	<b>No. 2 1/2</b>	<b>29c</b>
<b>Miracle Whip</b>	<b>pint</b>	<b>33c</b>
<b>LIBBY'S PICKLES</b>	<b>Sweet 15 oz.</b>	<b>29c</b>

<b>LIBBY'S OLIVES</b>	<b>Stuffed No. 5</b>	<b>32c</b>
<b>JELLO</b>	<b>3 Pkgs.</b>	<b>25c</b>
<b>Mellorene</b>	<b>Foremost 1/2 Gal.</b>	<b>45c</b>
<b>BACON</b>	<b>Wicklow Lb.</b>	<b>49c</b>
<b>OLEO</b>	<b>Sun Valley Lb.</b>	<b>20c</b>

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Mrs. Ceil Springer of Corpus Christi is the daughter of her mother, Mrs. ... and brother, Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams of Jayton are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Allen Hardgrave, Mr. Hardgrave and children.

Star News

(Written For Last Week.)

Charlie Rickel, Mrs. David Beard and Theresa of Odessa were Star visitors Tuesday. Ronnie Beard returned home with them.

Mrs. C. C. Sheldon and her mother, Mrs. Dan Townsen shopped in Brownwood Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Mason and Mrs. Clarence Townsen were Waco shoppers Tuesday.

Mrs. W. N. Hodo of Evant visited Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. W. V. McGiloway and the Harmon McCaslands.

Mrs. J. W. Hodo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tubbs.

Those who visited Randolph Garrett at the hospital Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Carylton Wall, Mrs. Rex Clifton, Mrs. Willis Hill and Culver Emdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Chaney of Snyder were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Sheldon and girls.

Mrs. Weldon Edwards and boys of Clyde spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Soules.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wyckoff of Hamilton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tubbs, Sunday.

Star boys went to Cherokee Friday night and won two ball games.

Charlie M. Sheldon was home over the weekend.

Mrs. Winnie Price of Houston visited her sister, Mrs. H. W. Boykin and family a few days last week.

Mr. U. R. Knowles hasn't done so well the last two weeks.

Bobby Boykin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Boykin entertained his classmates with a weiner roast Friday night; all reported a very nice time.

We want to extend our sympathy to the relatives of Willie Waddell who died in a hospital at Tempe, Arizona, Friday night.

The girls auxiliary met in the Bob Waldrop home Tuesday night, Dec. 9, for a slumber party. They made candy, cookies and Christmas wreaths, which are very pretty.

Mrs. Waldrop is the girls sponsor. Those attending were: Patsy Boykin, vice president; Joyce Randall, president; Carol Ann Price, Bettie Sheldon, Bettie Kinchele, Kathy Witty, Crystal Miles, Margie McCasland and Lula Mae Hurst, Sec-Tres.

Mrs. W. J. Gent visited her daughter, Mrs. O. J. Lee at Evant part of the past week. Mrs. Lee brought her home Sunday and visited in the Rex Clifton home.

Grannie Garrett and Grannie Clifton are both doing pretty well.

We were sorry to hear that Bert Wright is in McCloskey hospital.

Mrs. H. T. Stephens has been in Kings Daughters hospital for some time.

— IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE —



By Maud McCurdy Welch

TOMORROW was Christmas and Tommy was worried. It hadn't snowed at all, and if there was no snow to shovel, how could he make any money for Christmas?

Tommy lived in the neat farm cottage with his Uncle Pete and Aunt Lucy. Aunt Lucy had just told him he could go over and see Jimmy Reeder but be sure to be back by five o'clock. So Tommy started walking slowly toward the Reeder farm, as he had a lot of thinking to do.

In the small sitting room Aunt Lucy and Uncle Pete were talking. Aunt Lucy insisted that two dollars was an awful lot to pay for a dog. They were poor people after all and could only afford to give Tommy sensible things.

Uncle Pete thought Tommy should have the puppy he wanted. He was only seven, and needed a playmate.

Tommy was walking along still slowly, trying not to think how wonderful it would be if he could have this little puppy. His name was Blaze, and he was a runt; that's why he cost only two dollars. Tommy thought how the pup would frolic along beside him and wag his tail, and how they'd race over the fields when spring was here. But no use thinking about Blaze. He had to get a job.

It was when he was passing the big house where Mr. Robert Thatcher lived, that the idea came. Tommy went in and asked Mr. Thatcher for a job. Mr. Thatcher was said to be a bad-tempered.



"Could you give it to me in new shiny dollars," Tommy said. "This green vase — the small one. It should equal a candy dish any day."

Margie crossed the room to where Brad was standing. "It's very pretty, all right. I guess, maybe it would do. It doesn't look damaged — no chips or anything."

"Why don't you wrap it, Honey?" Brad said. "I'll pull the car out in front and load in the rest of the packages."

None Too Soon

A few minutes later, as he was climbing out of the car, Brad noticed a pleasant middle-aged couple heading up the steps of his house. He gulped as he recognized them. That had been a close call!

"Hello, Mr. Simpson!" he called. "Mrs. Simpson! Merry Christmas! We were just heading over your way."

The couple turned to greet him. In Mr. Simpson's hand was a small, neatly-wrapped package.

"We were just bringing your gift by," Mr. Simpson said. "Merry Christmas to you."

"Won't you come in?" asked Brad. "Margie has your present inside." He crossed his fingers. He HOPED Margie had wrapped the green vase by now.

As usual, Margie had taken care of her little task with wifely dispatch. The vase was wrapped and waiting on the living room table. Inwardly feeling a great surge of relief, Brad handed the package to the Simpsons.

Truth Awakens

When the thank-yous had been exchanged and a few moments properly dedicated to small talk, the Simpsons excused themselves, stating that they had a number of calls yet to make.

As Margie closed the door behind them she burst into giggles. "Golly! That's one time my husband was on the job. We would have felt just horrible to slight them again this year. They are sensitive. I'm glad you talked me into giving them the vase. I wonder what they gave us?"

"That's easy to find out," said Brad. He tore eagerly at the wrapping on the Simpson's present.

"No, he said when it was opened. 'Oh no!'"

He held up a candy dish. "They gave us the same thing as last year."

"Margie looked thoughtful. 'That's funny,' she mused. 'I wonder why they did that.'"

"I don't know," said Brad. "Unless ... A grimace of pain crossed his brow. 'Unless they ...'"

"They did!" cried Margie. "I just remember now, they did. It wasn't the candy dish they gave us last year. It was the green vase."



CHARLES D. GRAHAM

has been named division supervisor of Stargas sales for Lone Star Gas Company's Waco Division of Distribution, L. Rowland, division superintendent, has announced.

Graham, a native of Buffalo, held the post of Stargas foreman for the Waco Division prior to his new assignment. He will continue to be headquartered at Waco.

Hillside Mission

By LIDA BYRNE

Charity excels all virtues. The Bible says: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." 1 Corinthians 13:1.

Miss Ann Dellis of Austin spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dellis.



May we take this opportunity to express our thanks for the friendly way you, the people of Goldthwaite, have welcomed us as new members of your town, and also for your business in 1954. For your upholstery needs come to see us in 1955.

We wish each one a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

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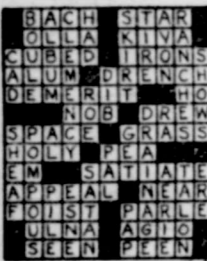
With its message of hope and peace, the Christmas star shines again. May the joy in its radiant light be reflected in your heart throughout the New Year.

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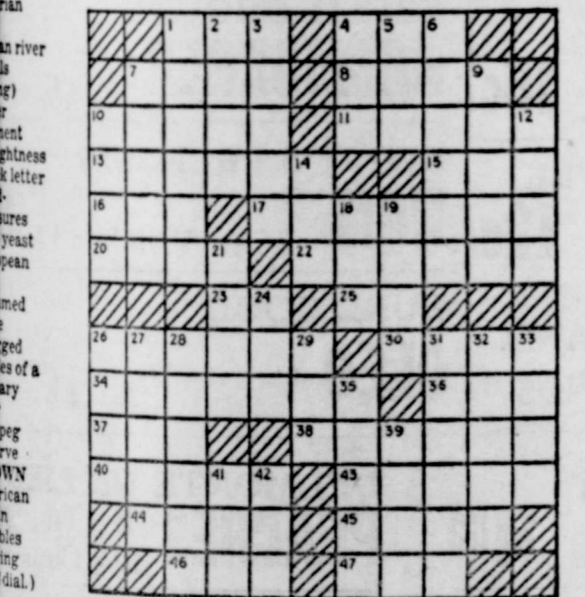
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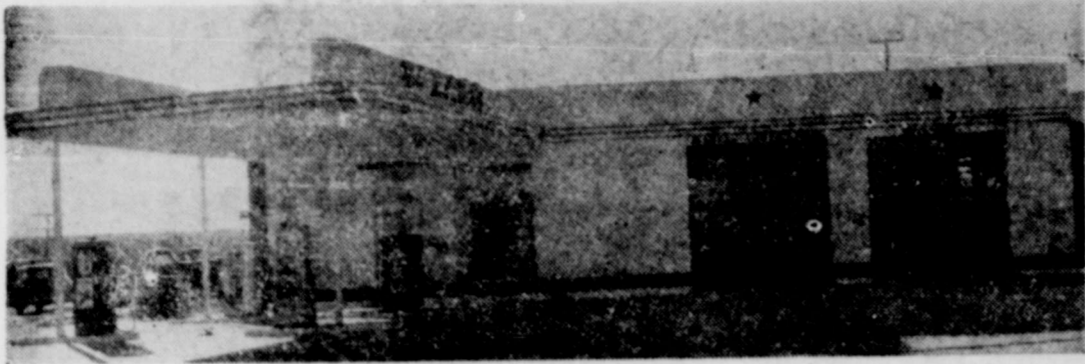
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Advertisement for Dr. Mollie W. Armstrong Optometrist, A COMPLETE OPTOMETRIC SERVICE, 408 Center Avenue, Brownwood, Texas.

Advertisement for mattress sales featuring an illustration of a bed and the text 'Finest mattresses' and 'How's that for a soft mattress?'.

Large advertisement for Dalton Cleaners featuring a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus and a child, with the text 'Cheerio!' and 'Santa's come to town! And, in his sleigh are tucked away our warm and friendly greetings to each and every one of the wonderful folks whom we have served! HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!'.



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# Merry Christmas

When Santa unloads his gift-laden pack at your home, we know that you'll find our many good wishes tucked into your every happy treasure! Tho' we can't personally greet each of you at this time — we extend to all of our friends this warm-hearted wish that your Christmas Holiday will bless you with all of life's good things!

**DUREN EQUIPMENT COMPANY**

## Funeral Services For E. T. Cobb Are Held At Georgetown December 13

Funeral services for E. T. Cobb, 78, of Mullin were conducted Monday, December 13, 1954, at 2:00 p.m., in the Davis Funeral Chapel at Georgetown, with burial in the Cobb Family Plot in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery of Georgetown.

Mr. Cobb was born in Florence,

Texas, May 11, 1876 and was found dead in his trailer court quarters in McAllen Saturday, December 11. He with his wife had been living in McAllen since November 19 of this year.

Mr. Cobb had apparently not been ill. He and Mrs. Cobb in company with another couple had visited Reynosa Saturday morning and on their return to McAllen, Mrs. Cobb went shopping, leaving him alone at the trailer court. On her return she found him dead. The Justice of the Peace returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

In 1943 Mr. and Mrs. Cobb moved to Mullin where he was engaged in ranching until his retirement in 1947. He was a well known Registered Here-

ford Breeder from 1919 until 1947. Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Hazel Cobb, a nephew, J. H. Harrel of Kendall, Kansas; three sisters, Mrs. J. Norton of Goldthwaite, Williams of Georgetown, Louie Hector of Austin brother, Earl Cobb.

## Chappell Hill

By PEARL CRAWFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Ratliff and sons presented Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Daniel and Mark with a beautiful Christmas Tree. Mark, who is three years old, became suspicious about the tree thinking Santa Claus may be coming most any time now.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elms visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom McArthur Sunday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Evans last week were J. N. Crook of Comanche, Bob Reynolds, W. L. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elms and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crawford.

Floyd Daniel gave George and Pearl Crawford a helping hand when their pick-up broke down at the Daniel's gate. They are very thankful to him for his assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bramblett, Betty and Willagene and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Evans visit at the J. B. Bramblett home often. Mrs. Bramblett has the measles but is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conner visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Ivy Thursday afternoon.

Miss Lola Stevens of Goldthwaite spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Crawford, Mr. Crawford and William G.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Vaughan and J. H. and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elms were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Daniel and Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Evans visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Horton and family last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Stanchke, Mrs. Lena Witticke, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Partin and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. George Stanchke Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Evans attended the marriage of Miss Ruby Reynolds and Floyd Eldson of Sweetwater at the Reynolds home.

A. L. Crawford and William G. attended Miss Anita Jo Burdett and Bill Parker's wedding at the First Baptist Church of Mullin Saturday night.

Most everyone in this community went to town Saturday to see Santa Claus. It was especially happy time for the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lippe visited Mr. and Mrs. Lou Stanchke and Mrs. Lena Witticke Sunday night.

It was nice visiting Mrs. O. B. Hill in town Saturday afternoon. She reports her mother, Mrs. J. Everett Evans is quite sick and she is helping care for her. We hope she is much better soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conner visited her mother and the Bill Horton family last Friday. Granny Huffman's condition remains about the same.

William G. Crawford visited Ray W. Harris Sunday afternoon. The boys brought this scribe a beautiful Christmas Tree.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Eagle Readers and Staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Armstrong and son, Butch of Williamsburg, Virginia, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson.

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  - FRESH GROUND HAMBURGER Lb. 35c
  - SWIFT'S PREMIUM HAM 1/2 or Whole Lb. 55c
  - SURE GOOD OLEO Lb. 25c

- MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE 1 Lb. Can \$1.05
- DEL MONTE CRUSHED PINEAPPLE Flat Can 15c

- DELMONTE OR LIBBY'S PEACHES 2 - No. 5 2 1/2 Cans 55c
- DROMEDARY PITTED DATES 6 1/2 Oz. Box 15c



- Borden's Biscuits 2 Cans 19c
- GIANT CHEER Box 69c

- IMPERIAL SUGAR 10 Lb. Bag 85c
- MRS. TUCKER'S SHORTENING 15c-50c or \$1.00 Coupon in Each 3 Lb. Can 85c
- MOON ROSE - MOIST MINCE MEAT 303 Can 35c
- KRISPY CRACKERS 1 Lb. Box 25c

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**A GREETING**

To all our patrons we extend our thanks... for a year filled with friendship and goodwill. It is our sincere hope that our ways—during the coming year—may once more follow similar paths. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

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**Lt. Doyd O'Neal Arrives From Japan**

1st Lt. Doyd O'Neal has arrived home from seventeen months service in the armed forces in Japan and Korea. He was met in Dallas by his wife and fifteen and one half months old daughter, Sharon Carol, whom he had never seen, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel O'Neal.

Lt. and Mrs. O'Neal and Sharon will visit his parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Berry, of Goldthwaite and Mr. Malterson of Lampasas until January 25, after which they will make their home in Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

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"It's your own doing, dear. You told me to take up a hobby and my hobby is bargains."

**Kelley Community News**

By MRS. M. C. PARTRIDGE

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins and Floydean visited Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Holcomb and Gary Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Featherston visited Mrs. Alma Sutherland Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Featherston Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lee Sutherland visited Mrs. Alma Sutherland Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Featherston visited Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Partridge awhile Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Featherston are quite excited since receiving a letter from their son, O. P. (Pete) Featherston in California, saying he and his family would be in Texas for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. M. C. Partridge spent Thursday morning with Mrs. J. W. Featherston.

M. C. Partridge was in Brady on business Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Henry visited with Mrs. Alma Sutherland and children Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Alma Sutherland and children visited Mrs. M. C. Partridge Thursday afternoon.

Miss Joan Featherston was home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Featherston over the weekend. And visiting her was Miss Alice Sparkman also of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Partridge and Juanita visited Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jarrett.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Davenport and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harkey and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Robbins and son visited Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Holcomb Sunday.

**Locklears Meet At Hunting Lodge**

Mr. and Mrs. C. Locklear accompanied their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Locklear, to the Riley White Ranch Hunting Lodge near Brady, last Sunday where they along with a host of friends and relatives enjoyed a barbecue dinner prepared by their son and husband, Clyde Locklear of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Andrew (Jock) Locklear of San Saba, who were there deer hunting.

**MRS. WHITT'S SISTER DIES AT CHEROKEE**

Mrs. Emma Whitt received a message Saturday morning that her sister, Miss Mae Altizer of Cherokee had passed away Friday night with a heart attack. Mrs. Whitt with other members of her family went to Cherokee Saturday and remained for the funeral services Sunday afternoon. The family have the sympathy of their friends here in their sorrow.

**Big Valley Friendship Club**

The Big Valley Friendship Club met last Thursday with Mrs. Lella Roberson for their Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and the afternoon was spent visiting.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to 15 members and four visitors.

Mrs. Harold Johanson will be hostess to the club Thursday afternoon January 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Locklear of Weatherford and their son, Pvt. Tommy Locklear of Camp Campbell, Kentucky and Mr. Winston, also of Weatherford spent Monday night with Mr.

and Mrs. C. Locklear and Mrs. C. S. Horton. The men went deer hunting on the Ward Holman Ranch in San Saba County while Mrs. Locklear remained with her mother.

Bert Wright, who was carried to McCloskey Hospital some time ago is improving and will be able to spend two days at home during the Christmas holidays.

**SHOP and SAVE**  
in our Merry Christmas sale!

**CRISCO** 3 LB. CAN **75c**

**PUMPKIN** 2 Cans **27c**

**OCEAN SPRAY Cranberry Sauce** 2 Cans **45c**

**CAL TOP PEACHES** 4 - 2 1/2 Cans **\$1.00**

**GLADIOLA CAKE MIXES** 3 Boxes **85c**

**MELORENE** 1/2 Gal. **45c**

**BETSY ROSS FLOUR** 25 Lb. Sack **\$1.49**

**SUGAR** PURE CANE 10 LBS **89c**

**CELLO PKG. CARROTS** Each **10c**

**Cranberries** 1 Lb. Pkg. **29c**

**DEL. APPLES** Box **\$6.00**

**TEXAS ORANGES** Box **\$2.75**

**CURED HAM** Whole or Half Lb. **59c**

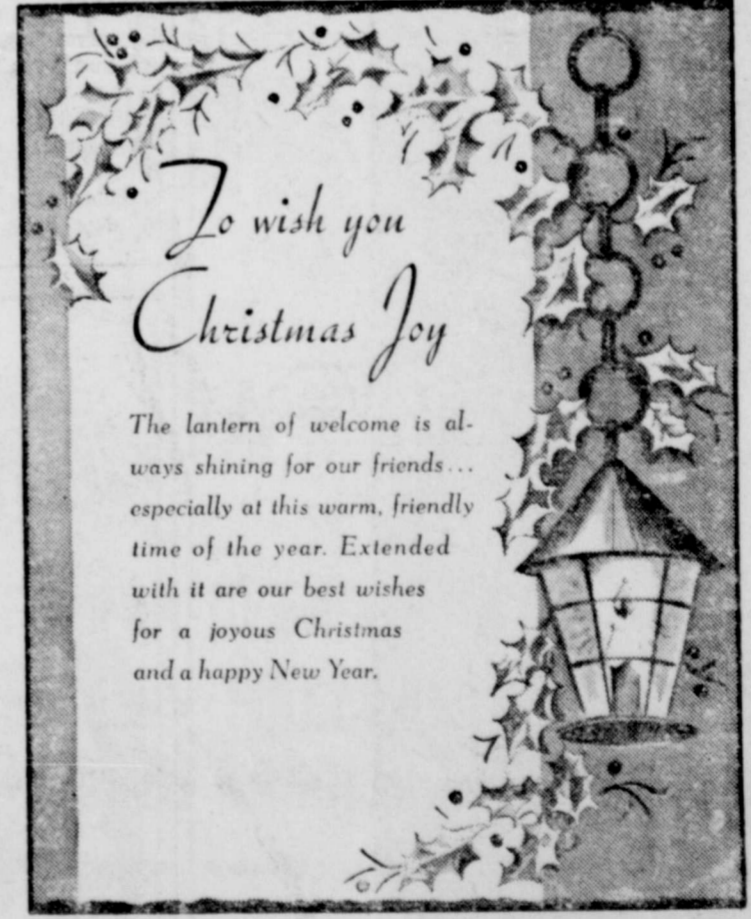
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**Greetings Friends**



It's a real pleasure to tell you "many thanks" for your co-operation and patronage in the past - - and to extend to you our warmest greetings and best wishes for a very

**Merry Christmas**  
and a Happy, Prosperous  
New Year

**NOTE:**

**We Will NOT Have Our Sales On December 24th. And 30th. Next SALE DAY January 7, 1955.**

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### The Living God

Scripture—Genesis 1:1; Exodus 3; Psalm 103:8-13; Isaiah 40:25-29; Matthew 6:9; John 4:23-24; 10:30; Acts 17:22-31.

### ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Alfred J. Buescher



"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number; He calleth them all by names by the greatness of His might, for that He is strong in power."—Isaiah 40:26.



Jesus went up into a mountain and His disciples came to Him. They asked Him how they should pray, and He answered, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name."—John 6:9.



Sitting by a well in Samaria, Jesus talked to a woman of the country. She asked Him where men should worship, and He answered, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."



Paul stood on Mars hill, in Athens, and preached to the people about "the Unknown God" to whom they had raised an altar. He told them of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. MEMORY VERSE—John 4:24.

Mrs. W. S. McCall of Waco is a guest of her sister, Miss Dera Humphries.

### Clementine Wilmeth Briley Writes From Temporary Home In El Paso

By CLEMENTINE WILMETH BRILEY

Billy had a birthday party recently. He had a large, rectangular chocolate cake, iced white and beautifully decorated with red roses, eight red candles, and Happy Birthday, Billy in red letters. There were lots of little boys and girls and games and birthday presents, all the ice cream they could eat, and favors for everyone. To top it off Dad came home from the store that night bringing to both Billy and Johnny a cowboy hat and a belt with two guns.

Johnny would come to where Granddad was reading the paper and say, "Stick em up, Granddad. I'm Joe Friday." And Granddad would stick em up. The first thing I saw Sunday morning was Billy climbing down from his top bunk bed clad in his pajamas, cowboy hat, and guns. While preparing dinner after church Sunday, I looked out the kitchen door to see Sherry Ann, the little girl who lives on one side of us, and Bonnie, who lives on the other side, standing side by side with their hands sticking

straight up and Johnny pointing his guns at them.

Billy's school is one of four cottage schools and is just three doors from us. His girl friend lives at the other end of the block on a cross street. When school first began, Billy could not tie his shoes. He was always asking his graddad to tie his shoes. One night we were watching Liberate's program when he and a pretty girl illustrated the song "Walking My Baby Back Home." Shortly afterward, Billy was late getting home for lunch, and I noticed he came from the other direction. When I asked him, "How come?" He said he walked around the block with his girl friend. I said, "You had better learn how to tie your shoes before you go to Walking Your Baby Back Home. He can tie them pretty well now. His girl friend was at the party, and she is darling.

A Christmas card with one of her good letters inside came from my good friend, Mrs. P. R. Reid of Goldthwaite, Wednesday. She said though, they are needing rain again now, the rains and the mild weather have made everything look like spring. They had been to Ebony to visit her daughter, Mrs. Charm Whittenburg. While there they went to the Wilmeth place to get some pecans from Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Duncan. They were just about through gathering.

A letter from Mrs. Edna Dwyer tells of her trip to Fort Worth, Thanksgiving. She says our nephew, John Robert Bateman, was home from Medical School at Galveston for the holidays. He is 6 ft. 3 in. tall, and his mother thinks he is still growing. Mrs. Dwyer also said that Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cawyer are having a home built in Westmont Addition in Orange, and they hope to be in it about Feb. 1. She also says she hopes to come home after Christmas to stay long enough to work

in her yard and put out some fruit trees. She wants to get home in the spring early enough to plant a lot of garden.

Our study of Isaiah bids fair to be very interesting. Our teacher, Bro. Lundy, is a teacher of English in the El Paso Schools, and is a very fine scholar. Speaking Sunday of the capability of the English language, he said a professor of language in the University of Stockholm addressing a convention of educators said, "The English language is capable of finer shades of meaning, of deeper expressions of emotions, and more exactness of science than any other language." And he urged all his hearers to make it their basic language.

### Boy Scout Winter Camp

Over one hundred Explorers and their leaders throughout the eight-county Comanche Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America will camp at Camp Billy Gibbons near Richland Springs beginning December 30 for three days.

This is a training camp in which each group will bring their tents, food, proper clothing for winter camping and will camp out and cook their own meals. There will be a western barbecue Friday noon. Oren H. Ellis of Stephenville is chairman of the Camping and Activities Committee.

The annual banquet of the Order of the Arrow will be held on December 28 in Hotel Brownwood beginning at 7:30 p. m. Dabney Kennedy, Lodge Chief, is accepting reservations for this meeting at Box 808, Brownwood.

The Order of the Arrow is a National Organization of experienced campers through the Boy Scouts of America which are selected by their fellow campers while at Scout Camp.

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SMITH'S CREDIT JEWELRY

A JOYFUL SEASON The remembrance of friends is one of the outstanding joys of Christmas. No wonder then, that we get such pleasure in the approach of the Holiday season, with its all-pervading spirit of friendship and good will. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

WICKER STUDIO

### News About Social Security

The 1954 Amendments to the social security law provide for increased payments for future beneficiaries. People who start getting old age and survivors payments in the future will get higher benefits than they would have received under the old law.

The increases, however, will not be figured in the same way as the increases to families already receiving monthly checks. Amounts of a retired worker's benefit is figured by first finding his average earnings from his official social security record. From his average earnings,

using a formula given by law, the amount of the retirement payment is figured. Benefits to other members of the family are figured on the amount of the benefit. The new law provides for increased retirement payments for those retiring in the future in the following ways:

- 1) By counting earnings of \$4200.00 a year commencing in 1955.
- 2) By dropping out of the years of lower earnings (no earnings) in figuring average earnings.
- 3) By using a new formula for figuring the worker's fit from his average earnings. Our next article will cover features in more detail.

### Lions Club Talent Show Has Record Attendance

The annual play which is sponsored by the Goldthwaite Lions Club was presented last Friday night at the High School Auditorium. James W. Bowman, master of ceremonies and show chairman, spoke to a packed house as he introduced each act.

The local talent play lasted about two and one half hours and was packed full of fun and frolic from start to finish. There were participants from Mullin, Brownwood, Comanche, Priddy and of course Goldthwaite. Acts ranged from the parade of pre-school age youngsters to songs, dances and skits by older students—and adults.

Norman Duren, Lions Club president, presented Mrs. Aubra Hudson and Mrs. Glenn DeLappe a corsage in appreciation for the splendid work they did in arranging and working up the show. Proceeds from these plays go into the Lions Club Benefit Fund.

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**News**  
 and Mrs. Culber Emdy  
 relatives at Sonora part  
 the past week.  
 Howard Petrey of Hamil-  
 was a Star visitor last  
 Tuesday.  
 Shelton and daughter,

Lounette of Brookshire were  
 Star visitors over the weekend.  
 Lula Mae Hurst went with the  
 Sheltons to see his parents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. Frank Shelton at  
 Mullin Saturday.  
 Jerald Lynn Carrol of Al-  
 pine is home for the holidays.  
 Ernest Rickel and Charles M.  
 Sheldon of College Station are

home for the Christmas Holl-  
 days.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth  
 Karnes and daughter, Sandra,  
 of Redando Beach, California  
 are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C.  
 Sheldon and Mr. and Mrs. Dan  
 Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Henry spent  
 the weekend at Fort Worth  
 with their daughter, Mrs. Tru-  
 man Brown, Mr. Brown and  
 children.

Mrs. Seth Waddell visited with  
 her daughter, Mrs. Ben Udd,  
 Mr. Udd and girls over the week-  
 end.

Lt. and Mrs. Eddie Hamilton  
 who have been stationed at  
 Abudeen, Md., stopped for a  
 short visit in Star Saturday on  
 their way to Beeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Poe and  
 children of Arizona are visit-  
 ing his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
 Avery Poe.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Henry  
 and David of Desdemona visit-  
 ed his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
 D. D. Henry during the week-  
 end.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Whet-  
 lock and family of California  
 are here with her parents, Mr.  
 and Mrs. Hardy Collier for the  
 holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Wallace and child-  
 ren of Arlington visited her  
 grandmother, Mrs. Vera Cox  
 over the weekend while J. B.  
 and Alvis Cox hunted.

We are glad to report Mrs.  
 H. T. Stephens is home from  
 the hospital and doing real well.

Patsy Boykin went to Houston  
 with her cousin, Carol Ann  
 Price, for the Christmas Holl-  
 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Soules and  
 children of Enid, Oklahoma  
 are visiting relatives at Star.  
 La Joy Clary of San Marcos

is home for the holidays. Her  
 friend, Larry Palmer of San  
 Marcos Air Force Base was a  
 Star visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Witty will  
 spend Christmas in Caro, Michi-  
 gan with their daughters, Mr.  
 and Mrs. Don Hill and Mr. and  
 Mrs. Allen Wood and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clenry Chapel  
 and children of Manhattan  
 Beach, California are here to  
 spend the Christmas Holidays  
 with the Charlie Sheldons and  
 Dan Townsens.

We are happy to have Mr.  
 and Mrs. T. L. Adams Sr. home  
 after several month at Pleasant  
 Valley ginning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilcox of  
 McGregor visited Mr. and Mrs.  
 W. W. Williamson and other  
 friends Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leaverton  
 are going to Montgomery, Ala-  
 bama to spend Christmas with  
 their daughter, Mrs. H. M. Tim-  
 mons, Mr. Timmons and boys.

We are sorry to report Mrs.  
 Burt Ball had the misfortune  
 to break her right wrist Thurs-  
 day afternoon. Dr. Childress re-  
 paired the break and the last  
 report she was doing better.

Friday night Mrs. Ball's  
 daughter, Mrs. Romon Fincher,

Mr. Fincher and John Henry  
 visited her.

Visitors in Mrs. Ball's home  
 Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs.

J. W. Green and Fay of Pecan  
 wells; Mrs. A. V. White and  
 children of Houston and Mr.  
 and Mrs. Jack Ball of Goldth-

waite.  
 Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Harper  
 were in Marlin Saturday and  
 Sunday.



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**Merry Christmas**

The value of our friendships is ap-  
 preciated more and more as we  
 go further and further on our busi-  
 ness journey. To our old friends  
 and new acquaintances we extend  
 our sincerest wishes for a Merry  
 Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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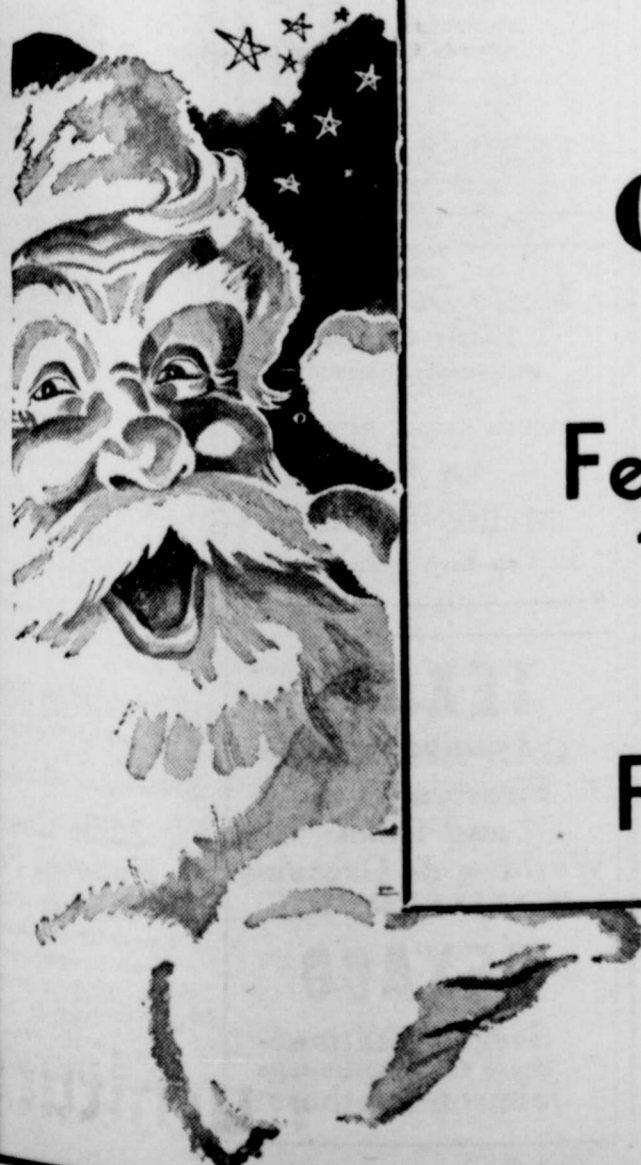
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**Thursday Study Club Meeting**

The Thursday Study Club met December 16, in the home of Mrs. Nelson Waggoner for a Christmas party.

A business meeting was conducted with Mrs. Ercher McCasland president, in charge. Mrs. Joe LeMay was elected to serve as Club reporter. The Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Jack Elms, gave a report of the club's finances. A Christmas gift of \$5.00 was sent to the Methodist Home and Buckner's Home. The Year Book Committee announced

that the new Year Books will be ready for distribution at the next meeting, January 13, at the home of Mrs. Dan Townsend.

Christmas Carols were sung and a beautiful Christmas story was told by Mrs. Sherwood Owens. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments served to Mmes. John Blackwell, Jack Elms, Joe LeMay, Ercher McCasland, Evelyn Marler, Cary Owens, Sherwood Owens, N. B. Quiri, Ernest Ranson, Vic Segelquist, Dan Townsend, Nelson Waggoner, Harry Welch, and three guests, Mmes. Kenneth

Coffman, Z. Karnes and Lee Moore.

New members are invited to the next meeting and old members are urged to be present in order to make any necessary changes in the new year book.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry Sunday were their grandson, Lt. Doyd D. O'Neal, Mrs. O'Neal and Sharon and Mr. and Mrs. Jewel O'Neal.

**CARD OF THANKS**

Our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful floral offering, food and other kindnesses, we are deeply grateful. We wish to especially thank Rev. Ed H. Lovelace and Rev. Ray V. Mayfield Jr. for their services. Mrs. Bryan Ware, James and Joan. 12-23-1 t.c

**CARD OF THANKS**

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to my friends and neighbors for the cards, flowers and visits and to the Mer's Downtown Bible Class for the lovely pot plant sent to me during my stay in the hospital. Clyde Featherston. 12-23-1 t.p

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<b>SUGAR</b>	10 LBS.	<b>89c</b>	<b>COCONUT Cello Bag</b>	1/2 Lb.	<b>29c</b>
<b>SHORTENING</b>	3 Lbs. - MRS. TUCKER'S	<b>85c</b>	<b>GREEN BEANS Libby's</b>		<b>33c</b>
	1 Lb.	<b>FREE</b>	<b>Asparagus</b>		
<b>CHEER Large</b>		<b>29c</b>	<b>WAFFLE SYRUP Kimbell's</b>	24 oz.	<b>33c</b>
<b>CORN Del Monte</b>	303 - 2 For	<b>35c</b>	<b>JELLO Assorted</b>	3 For	<b>25c</b>
<b>CUT GREEN BEANS Del Monte</b>	303	<b>23c</b>	<b>CARROTS Cello Bag</b>		<b>10c</b>
<b>CHASE &amp; SANBORN COFFEE</b>	1 Lb.	<b>\$1.03</b>	<b>CELERY Lge. Stalk</b>		<b>17c</b>
<b>PREMIUM CRACKERS</b>	1 lb.	<b>26c</b>	<b>BANANAS</b>	2 Lbs.	<b>27c</b>
<b>PIE MIX Cherry Win U</b>		<b>41c</b>	<b>GRAPEFRUIT AND ORANGES</b>	5 Lb. Mesh Bag	<b>27c</b>
<b>BLACKEYED PEAS Kimbell's</b>	300 - 2 For	<b>25c</b>			
<b>MILK Large 2 for</b>		<b>25c</b>			

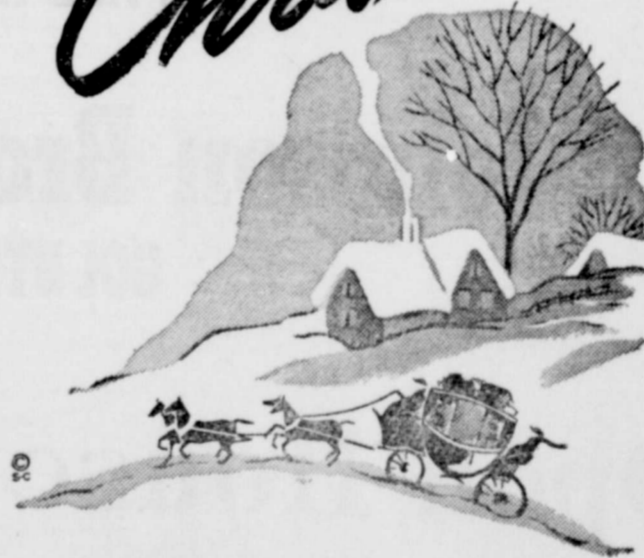
<b>ROUND STEAK</b>	Lb.	<b>65c</b>	<b>BACON</b>	Lb.	<b>57c</b>
<b>CHUCK ROAST</b>	Lb.	<b>43c</b>			
<b>HAMBURGER</b>	Lb.	<b>33c</b>			

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UNFAIR TO PULL HITTERS



Every year about this time we hear the same story: Christmas is getting too commercial. Last year, in fact, some grown-ups rebelled and said because Christmas was getting "so commercial" they intended to tell their children that there was no Santa Claus.

Like little Virginia O'Hanlon, who wrote the famous "Is there a Santa" letter to the editor of the New York Sun, children are very easily disillusioned. But, like Virginia, they need only reassurance from someone they believe in to sustain their wonderful belief. It is entirely wrong for us to shatter their dreams.

Christmas is commercial in some aspects. Thousands of people earn a livelihood working the year around in toy shops or factories which produce Christmas specialties. This, in itself, does not make Christmas "too commercial," for toymakers have produced Christmas novelties for hundreds and hundreds of years. In

the same vein, we can not say Christmas is too commercial merely because newspapers, magazines and catalogs are filled with gift advertising as the holiday season approaches. They advertise Spring merchandise, Fall merchandise, etc., so why not Christmas merchandise, when the dominant theme is one of giving?

No—"Too commercial" is an overstatement. Christmas is too commercial only in the minds of grown-ups. If we think so, let's work to see that the "true spirit" of the season abounds about us and not attempt to take away from children the joy of one of the greatest moments in their young lives—the time when Santa visits.

For—"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 was no Santa Claus!"

Let there be a Santa as long as there are little Virginias.



### NEEDED PROTECTION

Recent amendments to the Social Security Act will bring federal old-age and survivors insurance to most Texas farm families.

Farm operators—people farming for themselves—have not previously been covered by the Social Security Law. Beginning January 1, all of them who make as much as \$400 profit in a year will have old-age and survivors insurance.

Farm employees—people doing farm work for others—are already covered by the law if they work regularly for one farm operator. But the new law will bring insurance protection to all farm workers who earn as much as \$100 cash pay in a year from any one farmer, whether the work is regular or not.

Both the farm operator or owner and his employees have long needed protection for themselves and their families against loss from death or old-age. Beginning January 1, they will have this protection. Benefits will be paid to the living worker and his dependents when he reaches age 65 and retires and to his survivors when he dies.

Farm employees will pay a social security tax of two percent of their pay—two cents on each dollar of their pay up to \$4,200 a year. Their employer will pay another two percent and send the four percent total to the director of internal re-

venue.

The self employed operator will make a report once a year and report the tax on his net earnings. This report is part of the income tax return. The farm operator will pay three percent on his net earnings up to \$4,200 a year.

Farm operators who report their income tax on a cash basis and whose income is \$1,800 a year or less may report either their actual net earnings from farm self-employment or 50 percent of their gross earnings for social security purposes. Operators whose gross income from self employment is more than \$1,800 will have to compute their net income. But if his net is less than \$900, the farmer can, if he wishes, report \$900. He will report his actual income if it is \$900 or more.

—Support Our Advertisers—

### All You Need for Child's Cough

When colds, measles or flu leave your child with a croupy cough get Creomulsion quick because chronic bronchitis may develop. Creomulsion soothes raw throat and chest membranes, loosens and helps expel gummy phlegm, mildly relaxes systemic tension and aids nature fight the cause of irritation. Get milder, tastier Creomulsion for Children in the pink and blue package at your drug counter.

**CREOMULSION FOR CHILDREN**  
relieves Coughs, Chest Colds, Acute Bronchitis

### ARE YOU FULLY COVERED?



#### Christmas Fire?

Warm greetings beneath the mistletoe are okay at Christmas, but be careful of open flame. Christmas fires are tragedies which can be prevented with caution. May we wish you a SAFE Christmas, filled with Joy and Happiness.

### T. M. Glass Insurance Agency

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

PHONE 71 GOLDTHWAITE

### Center City News

By MRS. JOE GREEN  
(Written for last week)

A good crowd was present at each service at the Methodist Church here last Sunday.

Miss Mable Deats of San Angelo visited her father, Granddad Deats and Joe last Wednesday. Granddad is not doing so well.

George Brown was carried to a Waco hospital for treatment last Friday. He was able to be brought home Friday night and is resting very well at this time. We hope he is soon better.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Karnes and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green and children visited the Joe Green family Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Kinchele and daughters of Liano visited the Joe Greens and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kinchele of Star last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elms entertained Mr. and Mrs. Claude Nall with a farewell party last Friday night. They have sold their farm to Mr. and Mrs. Van Son of Eola. We are sorry to have Mr. and Mrs. Nall move from our midst but welcome Mr. and Mrs. Van Son.

Miss Leota Head who has been living in this community the past several years is moving back to Snyder to make her home. Her brothers, Aubrey and Vernie Head are helping with the moving. We are sorry to have Miss Leota move away but welcome Mr. and Mrs. Walton Moore and son who are moving to the place vacated by Miss Head.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Meek visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Meek and Louise last week.

Mrs. O. B. Hill reports her mother, Mrs. J. Everett Evans is doing very well at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green and children visited the Joe Greens last Wednesday night. James Gaither Green is in Korea. He is a nephew of Joe Green.

A baby daughter was born to Mrs. James Green and James Green, who is stationed in Korea, last Wednesday Decem-

ber 3, in the Hamilton hospital. She has been named Jimmie Dean.

Mrs. Florence Geeslin of Goldthwaite has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Geeslin and helping take care of the baby while Mrs. Geeslin is teaching at Star.

Joe Dalton and Clarence Langford visited the Joe Green family last Thursday night and watched TV.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hill visited the Greens Friday afternoon and watched TV.

I surely enjoy the Star News. Keep up the good work.

The Star School will have their Christmas celebration December 23 and dismiss school for the holidays, and the Methodist Church is having their Community Christmas Tree and a program Thursday night, December 23 for the community. They are planning a program

I hope everyone is well and can attend.

### Cedars Of Lebanon Oldest Christmas Trees

What some people consider to be the world's oldest Christmas trees have been standing on a Mediterranean plateau for centuries. These are the cedars of Lebanon, protected by both religion and by law.

Some of these magnificent trees have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

These trees were not always protected. Once, as the result of an agreement between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon, conscripted Hebrew laborers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem, as the contract stated "cedar trees without number."

Miss Wanda Kelly of A. C. C., Abilene is a holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. Allie Kelly and Brenda.

Season's Best Wishes

As the Christmas chimes ring out once more we send wishes for a Happy Holiday to all our friends.

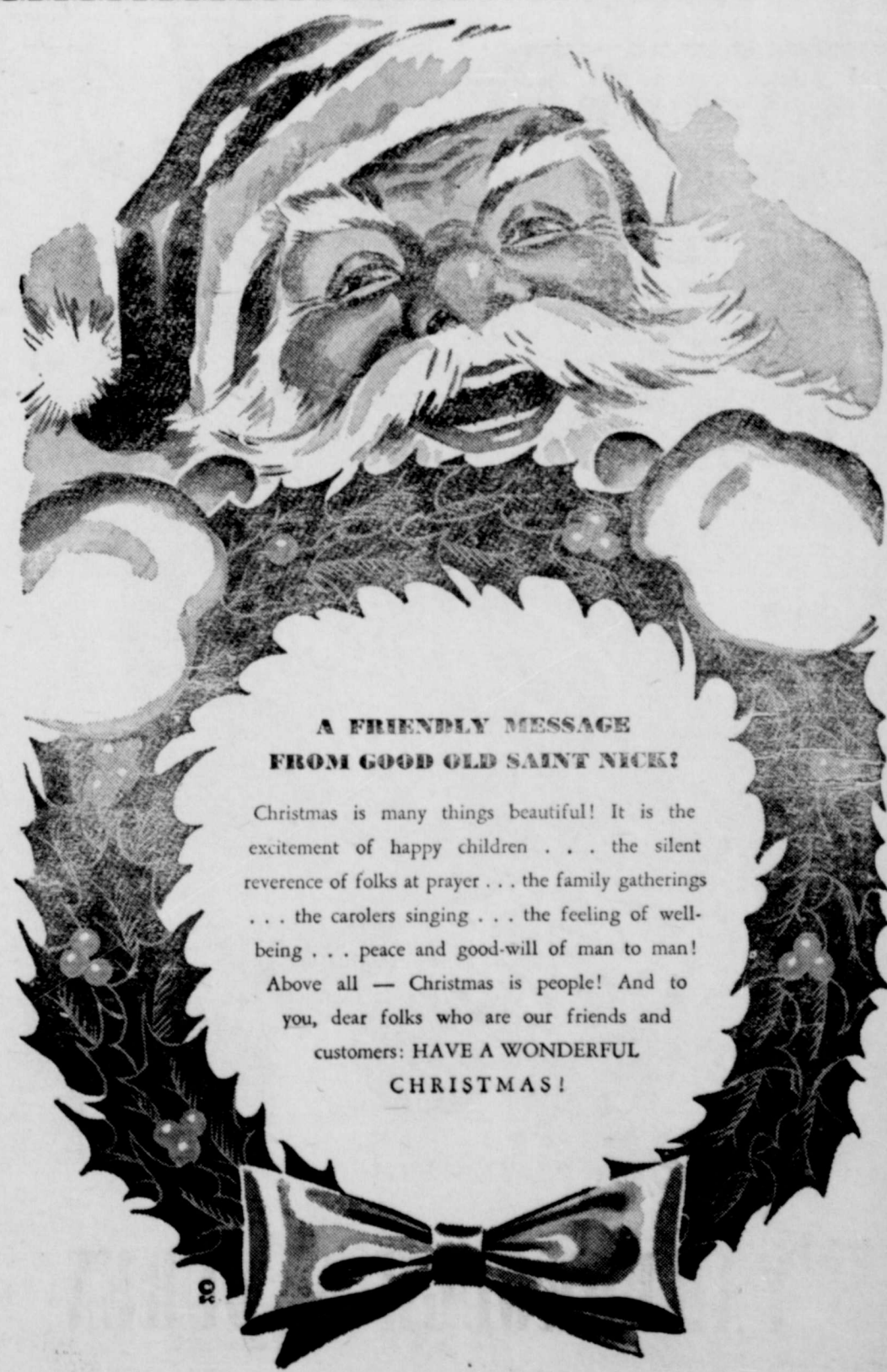
**Morelands Feed Store**



WE EXTEND OUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS

Always at Christmas time, there comes that extra-special pleasure of extending to our many friends, the greetings of the season. It is with the thought of your good will and friendship that we wish you the fullest measure of Yuletide cheer and happiness at this time . . .

### Millers Conoco Station



### A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM GOOD OLD SAINT NICK!

Christmas is many things beautiful! It is the excitement of happy children . . . the silent reverence of folks at prayer . . . the family gatherings . . . the carolers singing . . . the feeling of well-being . . . peace and good-will of man to man! Above all — Christmas is people! And to you, dear folks who are our friends and customers: HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS!

### SAYLOR CHEVROLET COMPANY

Kelly and "Spot"

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dyces of Brownwood were in town one day last week visiting friends and relatives and attending to business.

Mrs. C. S. Horton of Sonora came in the first of the week for the Christmas Holidays. Mr. Horton and their children will join her later in the week.

### Garden Club Meets December 15

The Goldthwaite Garden Club met at the Jennie Trent Dew Library, Wednesday afternoon December 15, at 2:30 o'clock for their regular meeting. Mrs. T. M. Glass, president of the club presided at the business meeting preceding the program.

Mrs. John G. Berry, Therapy Chairman, reported that over one hundred packages were sent to the State Tuberculosis Hospital at San Antonio, to be distributed among the Spanish girls ages six to sixteen. A cash contribution was also made to apply on a television set.

Mrs. Warren Duren and Mrs. R. G. Raley reported on the progress being made with the Junior Garden Club.

Mrs. Jim Weatherby was program leader for the program, "My Responsibility To The Christmas Flower Show". She discussed the Flower Show and asked that each member make as many entries as possible.

"Table of the Month" was prepared by the hostesses and carried out the Christmas theme.

Hostesses for the meeting were: Mesdames Duron Kerby, Loyd King, L. E. Miller and R. S. Mote.

### J. D. WALTON RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

J. D. Walton, who was ill for several days in a Brownwood hospital was brought home last Saturday. His children, Larry, a student at A. and M.; Emory, who is attending N. T. S. C. at Denton; Robert G. of Sherman were all called home due to their father's illness. Mrs. Dolores Hudson of Abilene spent several days at the hospital, helping care for her father.

G. W. Nowell left Monday for Phoenix, Arizona to spend the Christmas Holidays in the home of his son, Earl Nowell.



### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

In the spirit of friendliness and good cheer of the Christmas Season — we thank you for the many favors, and wish you all an old-fashioned Yule abounding with cheer and happiness.

**BARNES & McCULLOUGH**



# CALLING ALL LAST-MINUTE SHOPPERS!

## Gifts For Everyone On Your List

- FOR BROTHER
- FOR HIM
- FOR AUNT
- FOR HER
- FOR COUSIN
- FOR FATHER
- FOR GRANDPA
- FOR MOTHER
- FOR GRANDMA
- FOR SISTER



### Greetings!

— A BIG PACKAGE OF GOOD WISHES FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS

# Little's

DRY GOODS "SINCE 1898"



## YARBOROUGH & DUREN

### Bryan Franklin Ware Dies At Crane Final Rites Are Held Here Monday

Funeral services for Bryan Franklin Ware, 62, former Mills County resident, were conducted in the Methodist Church of Crane, Sunday afternoon, December 19, 1954, at 2:00 o'clock. Masonic graveside rites were

conducted in Goldthwaite Memorial Cemetery at 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon, December 20. He passed away at a Crane hospital Saturday morning after a two week's illness.

Mr. Ware was born in Hen-

rietta, February 19, 1892, son of the late Benjamin Leonard Ware and Mamie Eleanor Bryan Ware. He spent most of his early life on his father's ranches, the Mitchell County Ranch, Buffalo Springs Ranch near Texline and the C-Bar Ranch in Mills County. He moved to Crane eighteen years ago where he was employed by the Gulf Oil Corporation the past nineteen years. He was a member

of Goldthwaite Masonic 694, a 32nd. degree Mason a member of the Crane Methodist Church. He was married to the Miss Nita Mae Cockran Goldthwaite in Comanche county, Texas, October 27, 1934, who with twins, Miss Debra Joan Texas and James Tol Crane survive him.



### SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Santa bring you all the things you want this Christmas.

And here's the hope that in the coming New Year you'll find heaps of good luck, good cheer, and good health.

Faulkner & Westerman Barber Shop



Candles expire and stars grow dim, but our good wishes for your happy holiday season remain untouched by time.

Goldthwaite Electric Company

# The Goldthwaite Eagle



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## Man of Year In Agriculture



**WALTER HAMMOND**  
Texas, Dec. 15— J. Hammond, Texas Farm president, has been "1954 Man of the Year in Agriculture" by The Farmer, a southern magazine. Announcement was made by Eugene Butler, president and editor of the magazine. Recognition is given Hammond for his conspicuous and distinguished farm organization

## Early Controversy Over Exact Christmas Date

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances.

Even today, while December 25 is almost universally celebrated as Christmas, some countries, such as Armenia, celebrate it on January 6, the Epiphany, or spiritual birth of Jesus.

There was considerable controversy in the early days of Christianity as to whether the physical birth or the spiritual birth of Jesus should be celebrated. And those who believed the spiritual birth should be celebrated even disagreed among themselves about the date, some holding that it took place on March 25, others that it occurred on December 25.

The theologians finally agreed upon December 25 as the correct date and such has been celebrated since the year 354.

leadership. Says Editor Butler: "J. Walter Hammond is, probably more than any other man, the voice of the Texas farmer and rancher. And during the past fifteen years as Texas Farm Bureau President, he has used that voice very effectively for the good of Texas Agriculture."

## Internal Revenue Service To Have School For Company Representatives

J. R. Cheatham, Administrative Officer in Charge, of the Brownwood Internal Revenue Service office announced today that the Internal Revenue Service plans to hold one school for company representatives of

p. m. training sessions. The Internal Revenue Service had invited 600 very large employers to send representatives to 2-day income tax schools during the month of December. These representatives will assist company employees by answering income tax questions and by assisting employees in preparing their tax returns. Mr. Cheatham stated that the response to Internal Revenue's in-

itation had been so large that the Internal Revenue Service had been required to schedule most of the schools during January rather than December.

The Internal Revenue Service, because of the large number of inquiries received as result of a November 10th press release, has decided to invite 2,000 other employers that were not issued a specific invitation except through the press. On the basis

of the response already received, Mr. Cheatham stated that the Abilene office expected approximately twenty company representatives to attend the school.

Company representatives in the Goldthwaite area desiring to attend may secure further information by calling Mr. Cheatham at the Internal Revenue Service telephone number Brownwood 27639.



## Christmas Greetings...

We are mindful of our debt to our friends who have favored us with their patronage. This, we can not repay, but — on this day we can sincerely and heartily say to all of you — "Serving you has been a real pleasure. And, to all —

"A VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON."

RAYMOND and CLAUDIA COCKRUM  
MILLS COUNTY HARDWARE



## Season's Greetings

AND ALL GOOD WISHES

Coznette  
Beauty Shop

LETA RUDD EDNA HILL



MANY, MANY THANKS

FOR YOUR LOYALTY, GOODWILL

Merry Christmas

AND A Prosperous New Year

STACY'S RESTAURANT

MARY DEANE LOUISE LOIS  
MAUDE MAURINE LILLIAN  
MERLENE AND LEROY

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



It is our sincere wish that all the exciting joy and pleasant surprises of Christmas morning live with you every day of a Happy New Year.

**MAUNEY'S COURTS**



**LARGEST MANGER SCENE . . .** Boy visitor is dwarfed by manger scene in stone and marble, by sculptor Vincenzo Ferri, in Rome. Each statue is from 8 to 12 feet tall, include the Madonnas and infant; St. Joseph and the three wise kings bearing gifts.

**SANTA COMES TO AMERICA**



Just like most everyone else, Saint Nick prospered after he came to America.

In Europe, before he reached these shores, Saint Nick was a tall, angular man who rode a bony gray mare. He hadn't been in America long, however, before he had a new name, a new face, figure and a new and better mode of transportation.

The early English settlers in this country started Santa's "new look" process. They adopted the legendary figure from the Dutch, but couldn't pronounce "Saint Nickolous." The best they could do was "Santa Kalouf," which was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," changed Santa's physical appearance by describing him as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge britches. He also taught St. Nick to smoke a pipe, and traded his hay burner for a wagon.

Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas," went even further. He gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly.

Future writers may try to trade Prancer and Dancer off for a jet ship and trim down Santa's waist line. It will be a tough job, for, though he isn't streamlined, Santa pleases the young folks and that's mighty important.

**Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England**

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

**a STRING of LIGHTS**

**By Don Wheeler**

**WE WERE** in a dust covered box that sat in the corner of Mr. Barker's attic. All through the year no one ever bothered about us, but now, at Christmas time, we knew that once again we would be the center of attraction. Grumbling and grunting, Mr. Barker lifted our box into his arms and started down the attic stairs.

Being a rather plump fellow with a stomach that protruded so far he couldn't see his feet, he was, I regret to say, somewhat clumsy. About half way down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs. I was uninjured, but I'm afraid some of my friends suffered from the fall. A few minutes later we were all unpacked and laid on the huge dining room table.

"Well now, let's see, John," said Mrs. Barker. "We can use this string of lights, and this string and, oh! We don't want to use this old string again, John! They've been around here for years. Throw them out in the trash with these other things that were broken when you fell!"

I was shocked! For years I had been used to decorate the Barker's Christmas tree, and now, simply because I was getting a little old, they were throwing me out! It is true that my popularity with the Barkers had declined through the years. When I was new I was used at the top, but each year



about halfway down the stairs he stumbled and our box went tumbling down the stairs.

I seemed to find myself placed lower and lower on the tree.

**Unwanted Home**

My friends, most of them broken in tiny pieces, and myself were cast upon the trash pile in the alley. I felt sorry for them. They had many years of use ahead of them had Mr. Barker been more careful, but now they could never be used again. But what of me? I wasn't broken; only a little old.

For two days I lay on the trash pile with my broken friends, and then, on the third day, a small child, who seemed to be searching the trash cans in the alley to see if he could find something of value, came upon me. With a cry of delight he gathered me into his tiny hands and scampered out of the alley and to the edge of the small town, where he lived in a broken down little old house.

How glad were his brothers and sisters when they saw me! That evening they trimmed their tiny tree. It was scarcely three feet tall, and I was the principle item of decoration. One of my lights was placed at the top of the tree and the rest were wound in and about from top to bottom. Then the tree was placed in the front window and for the first time in my life I was given the task of lighting an entire tree.

That evening it snowed and snowed and the wind whistled harshly about the corners of the house. I was glad that I was in a warm house instead of being on the trash pile in the alley.

**A Visitor Comes**

Suddenly there was a loud rap on the door. When Mr. Cullen opened it I heard a man's voice ask, "Have you seen the Granger boy? He was out playing this afternoon and hasn't come home yet. We think he's become lost in the storm. The whole town is out looking for him. Would you like to help, Mr. Cullen?"

Mr. Cullen quickly put on his coat and scarf and followed the man into the dark cold night. They had been gone only about twenty minutes when again there was a knocking at the door. When Mrs. Cullen opened it, in stepped a tall man, carrying a boy in his arms. The boy's ears and nose were blue from the cold, and his teeth chattered.

"Mrs. Cullen," said the man, "this is Tommy Granger. I'd like to leave him here while I go tell his parents we've found him and send word to the others to stop searching. It's no wonder he was lost in a storm like this. I was almost lost myself until I saw the light from your tree in the window."

How proud I was when I heard those words. My lights seemed to brighten and shine as they had never done before; especially the one at the very top of the tree.

**Lesser Events Took Place On Christmas Day**

Christmas is, above all else, the day on which we recognize the Nativity of Christ. It has been so since the fourth century, when the Western Church officially adopted December 25th as the date of the birth of the Saviour.

Since that time, this greatest of all events has completely foreshadowed every historical event occurring on the same day. Ask anyone to tell you of something else in history that happened on December 25th other than the birth of Christ, and chances are they will give you a negative answer.

A few will remember that it was on this same date that George Washington crossed the Delaware. Only a true student of history will tell you that the date marks the birthday of Isaac Newton, Clara Barton and Frances Blake, among others.

Actually, the fact that Washington crossed the Delaware on Christmas is all the average American should be expected to remember. But, it's interesting to note some of the other events that happened on the same day:

In 1837, the Battle of Okecho-bee.

In 1941, Japanese captured Hong Kong.

In 1492, wreck of the Santa Maria, at Haiti.

In 1926, Hirohito became Emperor of Japan.

It was also on Christmas day, in 1947, that China's constitution was adopted and went into effect, making the date China's National Renaissance Day. And, Christmas is also the birthday of the town of Kelso, Washington, settled on Christmas day, 1847, by Peter W. Crawford.

**XMAS CUSTOMS**

The origin of many of our Christmas customs can be traced back to prehistoric times, with some pagan customs being modified to fit into the Christian observances. But, as official Christian holidays, Christmas and New Year's had a long struggle to become firmly established.

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**GREETINGS**



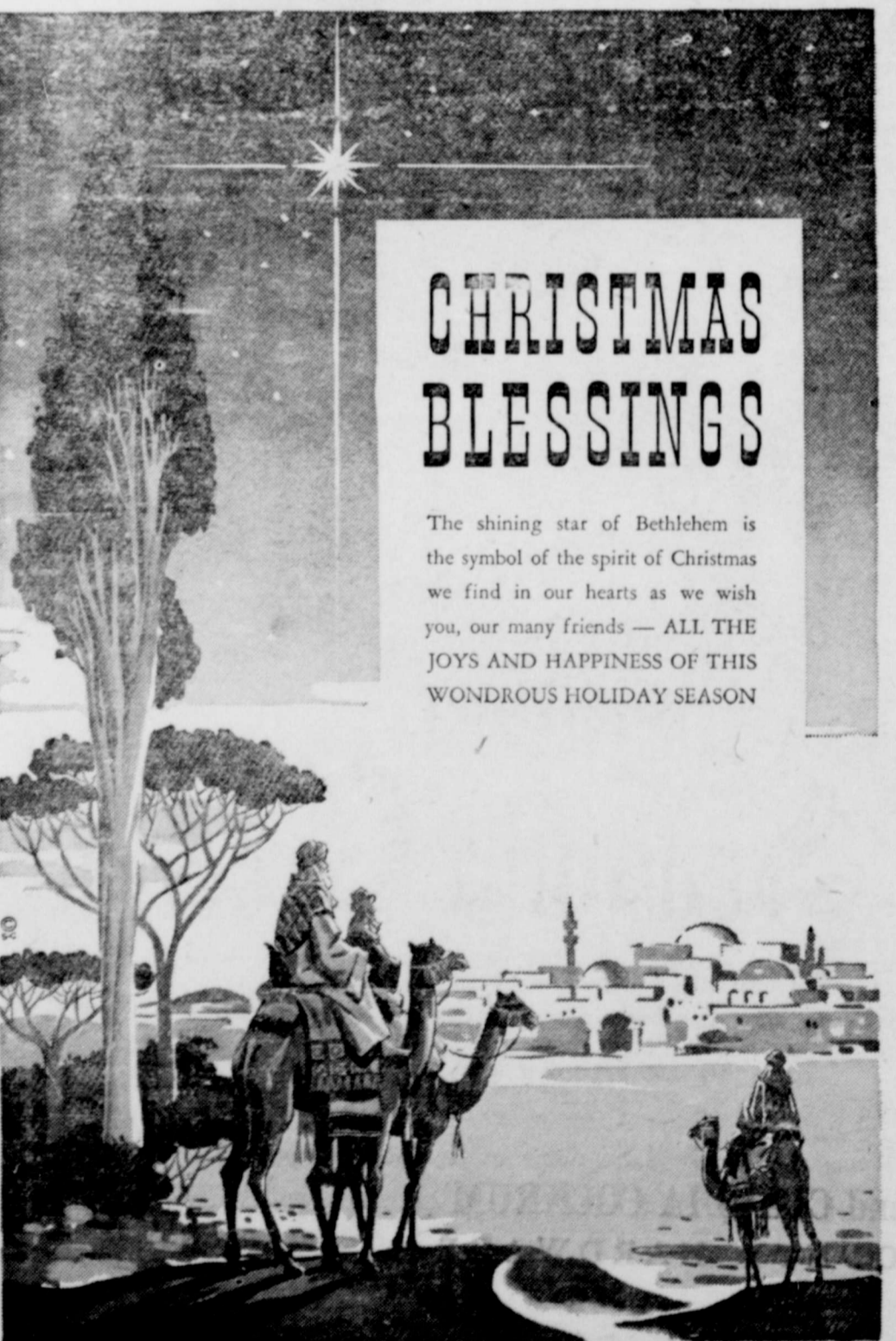
**TO ALL OUR MANY FRIENDS— OLD AND NEW**

We're going all out to wish our very good friends and customers the very best that the season offers — may you and yours enjoy the merriest Christmas ever.

**GOLDTHWAITE WOOL CO.**

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

The shining star of Bethlehem is the symbol of the spirit of Christmas we find in our hearts as we wish you, our many friends — **ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THIS WONDROUS HOLIDAY SEASON**



**MR. & MRS. V. C. BRADFORD**

**Merry Christmas**

To every one — everywhere — we offer this age-old wish . . . That the magic peace, contentment and happiness of the Yuletide linger on and bring joy to you and yours for all time to come.



**PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION**



The manufacture of toys for Christmas gifts and other uses last year required approximately 130,000 tons of steel products from all over the world.

The first Christmas tree in San Francisco was made in 1850 from a fir branch wired on a stand by a German wine shop proprietor.

Three-fourths of the nation's Christmas trees come from the lumbering Canada.

The Puritan government of England outlawed Christmas in 1643. With the restoration of the Stuarts, Christmas customs and traditions were revived, but Christmas never regained its former prestige in England.

The first Christmas cards were mailed in 1846 by Henry Cole, an Englishman. The cards depicted a Victorian family assembled at the festive board and bore the now-famous greeting: "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you."



By Norman A. Disher

THERE was little doubt about it; it was Laura I hadn't seen her for five years but I'd never forget that exquisite face.

Laura and I had been engaged about five years ago but it hadn't worked out because she'd decided one day that she wanted to do things before settling down. Going to Spain was one of them and I had been in Europe during the war so going back didn't appeal to me. I was ready to call one spot home so when I told her about the house I was building in Carmel she wasn't pleased. After that she avoided setting a definite date and finally I saw what was going to happen so I let her go.



This all came as a shock to me and I didn't know what to say.

It was a hard thing to do but it was the best way.

She looked my way and saw me then motioned me to come over to her stool.

"Hello Bob, it's been a long, long time."

"Five years Christmas, remember?"

I looked at her eyes, they were softer now, kinder and older.

"Yes, I remember. Still single?"

"Oh yes, yes," I looked out the window at the grey afternoon.

"I figured I'd run into you one of these days. How come you're still single. A nice person like you shouldn't have trouble getting married."

"I've never found anyone I liked well enough. They all seem sort of anti-climatic after you Laura."

**Her Surprise**

She looked at me and I thought I detected a momentary flash of fear in her glance.

"We did have something pretty wonderful, didn't we. I've regretted spoiling it more than once. I guess I was just too young."

She smiled in a funny way so I thought I had best change the subject.

"I thought you were in Europe?"

"I was Bob, but there's nothing there any more, just nothing. San Francisco has more of a flavor than Paris and the rest of the places. Maybe it's just me. I wandered around for almost five years and I still didn't find anything."

"You seem to be a more mature person now Laura."

"Five years have done that. What are you doing now?"

"Still writing a column, same one." I replied.

"Bob, do you understand why I left?"

**Her Secret**

I winced inside. I had hoped she'd let it pass but she seemed to want to open the old wound.

"No, I don't."

"Well, it was because I had to find out where home really was—I had to find what love really meant. I met a person over in England that I thought was what I wanted. I thought I fell in love with him until we went together for awhile and I began to notice small things about him that I didn't like; oh things like the way he contradicted me on small unimportant matters. One day it all blew up because I had remarked that you and I had never been so tense together. Then it dawned on me that you were really what I had wanted after all but I was just too dumb to see it. That's when I came back. I had to grow a little more to catch up with you. Do you see now?"

"This all came as a shock to me and I didn't know what to say."

"Why haven't you tried to get in touch with me?" I asked her.

"People change."

"Not me Laura; not where you're concerned."

"I wasn't sure Bob—there's so much I want to say to you."

I looked at her soft, pink face and her wheat-colored hair and the way she felt for me with her eyes. Our eyes met and I took her hand.

"Let's get out of here," I whispered.

As I pushed open the doors that led to the sidewalk I could hear a group singing Christmas carols. I turned to Laura and I kissed her while we stood in the grey evening light.

"It's going to be a wonderful Christmas," she whispered.



MERRY XMAS... It's an old costume but a new style Santa. Dancing Diane Sinclair tries on a suit for size.

**Old Superstitions About Eating Of Mince Pies**

Many writers say the mince pie originated in Germany, while others claim that its beginning is lost in the annals of history. Nonetheless, it was an essential part of the Yuletide celebration in early England.

Old superstitions held that any person refusing to eat mince pie would be unlucky for the coming year. Should he accept the invitation, and partake of mince pie during the holiday season, he would have the same number of happy months during the year as the number of houses at which he ate mince pie.

Caught in a radar-operated speed trap in Kingston, Ontario, and fined \$12.50: Sir Robert Watson-Watt, Britisher who invented radar.

**Words of the Wise**

The sorrow of yesterday is as nothing, that of today is bearable, but that of tomorrow is gigantic because indistinct. — (Euripides)

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Reynolds returned home last Sunday from Houston and Silsbee, where they had been visiting relatives and friends for the past three weeks.

— IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE —

**Season's Greetings**

A greeting, small, that says to all —  
May you have the very best Christmas ever yet enjoyed!

LETBETTER MACHINE SHOP

**OUR GOOD WISHES...**

**FOR YOUR HAPPINESS**

**AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Our very best wishes go out to you at this holiday season — along with our sincere thanks for your patronage in the past!

CAROTHERS MOTOR COMPANY

**Greetings**

... and a snowfall of our best wishes in the true pattern of the Yuletide.

May your day be a merry one and filled all things good, this Christmas!

**Tots-To-Teens Shop**  
**BESSIE CREWS**

**Season's Greetings**

For your friendship and good will we extend a hearty "Thank You." May you have a delightful Christmas and a successful New Year.

**LUCILE FAIRMAN**  
POSTMASTER  
And Post Office Employees

**Season's Greetings**

In extending our sincerest greetings to our friends at this time we find an ever deeper meaning in the spirit of Christmas. For it is the furthering of friendship and brotherhood with others that brings to us the true joy of living...

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.**

**JOHNSON BROTHERS**



Best Wishes for Christmas

SOLLY'S AUTO SALVAGE



Turkey Dinner Planning a turkey dinner for Christmas? If you are, and you want to be sure it's a "good" bird when you place it on the festive table, then follow these tips in preparing that important part of your holiday meal.

Be sure all wing-tip feathers are removed. They may be pulled out easily by pressing the skin between the feathers down to the tips of the quill with the forefingers of one hand and pulling the feathers straight out with the other.

The drum stick can also be greatly improved by pulling with a pair of pliers as many of the nine heavy tendons in each leg as possible.

Singe your bird the easy way. Put a few teaspoons of rubbing alcohol in a jar lid, light, then rotate the turkey slowly over the flame. The bird should then be washed with soap in lukewarm water, using a scrub brush, then rinsed in clear water and dried.

Don't stuff the turkey until just before putting it into the oven. Three skewers should be used before closing the cavity and a square knot tied after each skewer so the lacing won't tighten. If there is not sufficient opening to let off steam, the dressing will get soggy.

In roasting the turkey, you'll find that the wing-tips can be brought over the back and tied to make a "rack" on which the bird will rest in the roaster.

Holiday Whirl Means Extra Work For You-Know-Who

The holiday whirl is about us again and before it is all over some of us may feel like stretching out on the sofa beneath a sign: "Do not disturb until December 25, 1955."

But, let's face it. The common casualty at this time of the year is—Mom. Who gets stuck with the job of doing all the "fixing," of food, of decorations, of practically everything? You guessed it—the first one up in the mornings and usually the last to retire at night—Mom.

Most of us could pave the way for a more enjoyable Christmas this year and a happier New Year, by making an early resolution. It could be done with the simple determination to help make Mom's Christmas an easier one. It might be done by dividing up some of Mom's "extra" duties and assigning a share to each member of the family.

Christmas is a holy season and a time of good will. Poor Mom, though, is usually so tired she doesn't even have time to think, much less relax and enjoy the spiritual blessings of the season.

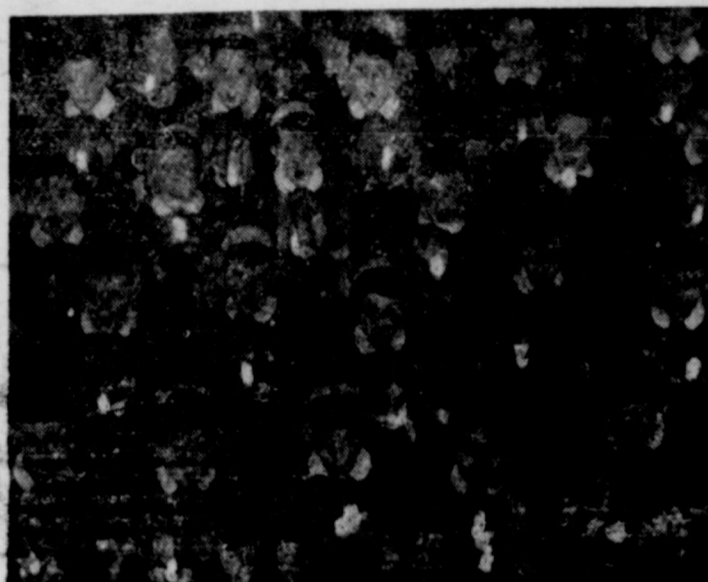


Whoops! It's Christmas Again!

Amid the bright excitement of the Holiday preparations — we take this jump into your Christmas Day and say "We hope that all of you enjoy a bright and Merry Christmas!"

MILLS COUNTY LOCKER CORPORATION

MERRY Christmas advertisement for Schwartz's Gulf Service Station. Includes a winter scene illustration and text: "Because Christmas time is reserved for very special greetings—we want to take this opportunity to thank our many patrons for their continued friendship and good-will... and add, too, in a great big measure—our sincere wishes that the spirit of the season may remain a lasting joy for you and yours throughout the coming New Year." SCHWARTZ'S GULF SERVICE STATION



JOY TO THE WORLD... The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.

Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations.

Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."

This was in the small village of Garcia, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

Christmas Was Once A Movable Feast

Christmas was once like Easter in that it was a movable feast, celebrated on a different date each year.

St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, is responsible for establishment of the universal date we celebrate today. In 337 A.D., with the permission of Pope Junius I, St. Cyril 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.



SANTA KNOWS... Boys will be boys, but Santa warns that time is growing short. Andrea Kleczek, who came from Poland to live in U.S. with parents, talks it over with Santa.

Peace on Earth

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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

Ola Mae's Beauty Shop

Merry Christmas advertisement for The Hangar. Includes illustration of a man writing and text: "May every colorful ball on your Christmas Tree... every sparkling length of tinsel, reflect the joy and glad spirit that we wish to be yours this Christmas. And may the brightness of your Yuletide continue to be reflected throughout the New Year." THE HANGAR MR. & MRS. JOHN JACKSON

Season's Greetings advertisement for Blackwell Feed Company. Includes illustration of a woman and child looking at a manger scene and text: "Christmas has a merry way with all... gives joy and laughter to the children, warm and cheerful feelings to the grown-ups, and best of all the grand memory of its joy continues throughout the year. To all our friends we wish a Holiday Season filled with happiness, good health, and contentment." BLACKWELL FEED COMPANY

**Mistletoe, Legend Surrounds My Plant**

Mistletoe, has become a symbol of Christmas tradition, but its origin does not end here. Mistletoe and mistletoe were surrounded by numberless legends.



Legend of the mistletoe, changed from a symbol of love to one of love is the best. Yet there are some interesting superstitions regarding holly. It is believed that its evergreen leaves signified that it was deserted by the sun, and

**MODERN TRADITION**



A new Christmas tradition has been brought about in recent years or perhaps it should be called a pre-Christmas tradition.

At any rate, it's that time of the year again and safety organizations, insurance companies, fire department officials, even this newspaper give out with the perennial Yuletide warning: "Don't you have a Christmas tree fire this year."

Precautions against fire is especially urged during the Christmas season because of the hazards presented by decorations, gift wrapping, defective wiring for Christmas tree illumination, and the tree itself.

This warning is necessary because of the established fact that fire takes a toll of more than 7,000 lives each year in the United States, with mortality from this cause naturally reaching its peak during the winter months.

You can keep from having a Christmas tree fire in your home by being especially careful about two things: the tree and the lights. Choose your tree carefully. One that has been cut too long or stored in a warm place will lose its needles quickly and is a definite fire hazard. If possible cut your own tree or buy it directly from the grower, then keep it in a cool, shaded place out of the wind until you're ready to decorate it.

**SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK**

By R. J. SCOTT

**KING'S ARMS HOTEL AT NORTH DEVON, ENGLAND, WAS BUILT FROM WHINNINGS AT CARDS AND ORIGINALLY CONTAINED 52 WINDOWS TO CORRESPOND TO THE 52 CARDS IN A DECK.**

**GREEN, OF HIS COLOR GREEN.**

**GREEN, HAVING A SICKLY LOOK.**

**GREEN, GROWN ABOVE THE GROUND LEAFY.**

**GREEN, INEXPERIENCED.**

**GREEN, NOT SEASONED, CURED.**

**GREEN, A GRASSY PLAIN.**

**SCRAP**

**WHAT GAME BIRD IN NORTH AMERICA LEADS ALL OTHERS IN FALLING VICTIM TO THE HUNTER EACH AUTUMN?**

**QUAIL.**

**POLICE GUN - INVENTED IN FRANCE. KNOCKS OUT A SUSPECT FOR TEN MINUTES BY MEANS OF A VIOLENT CONCUSSION OF AIR.**

**Legend Says Christmas Trees Came From Egypt**

Legend has it that the Christmas tree originated in Egypt, where the first trees used were palm trees.

The Germans brought the tree to America, however, as they also introduced it to England. The German Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, introduced the first tree into England when he had a tree for his young daughter.

Martin Luther is said to have brought the first Christmas tree indoors for decoration, early in the 16th century.

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

**MINCE PIE**

The oriental character of the spices and flavoring in mince pie was said to represent the rich gifts the wise men brought to the Christ Child.

**HI NEIGHBOR**



*Merry Christmas*  
**TO ALL**

**Mr. & Mrs. John L. Gwin**

**DALE AND PATRICIA NELL Jackson, Alabama**

**Season's Greetings**

The Christmas greetings we send to you, hold every good wish for a Joyous Holiday Season.

**H. B. DAVIS 5c, 10c & 25c**

MR. AND MRS. CARL KAUS

**Greetings**

There is no substitute for the age-old greeting we extend to our many friends —

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**T. M. GLASS INSURANCE AGENCY**

*Greetings*

It's not easy to express in cold type the warm appreciation we have for the loyalty and good will of our many friends. Our sincere thanks for your friendship is second only to the pleasure we've had in serving you. To one and all we wish a joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

**MILLS COUNTY STATE BANK**  
GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS

Mrs. F. D. Webb left Monday for Midland to spend several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Murphy and Mr. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrell of

Kendall, Kansas spent several days last week with their daughter, Mrs. Glenn Anderson and family. They were called here to attend funeral services for his uncle, E. L. Cobb, at Georgetown on Monday of last week.

**Bethlehem**

**Holy City Today Filled With Poor And Homeless**

As they have done since the first Christmas, Christians will this year follow the Star to the stable-grotto beneath the Church of the Nativity, the traditional birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth in Bethlehem.

Always small and poor, Bethlehem is even poorer today than most people would believe. A recent visitor said, "Wanderers fill the streets—anyone can see why Mary and Joseph found no room in the inn."

Last Christmas, shepherds watching their flocks outside Bethlehem had to be especially watchful lest the sheep trap themselves in the barbed wire of the narrow no-man's land separating Jordan and Israel. Bethlehem, on the Jordan side of the wire, has as well been sorely affected by the hostility and the uneasy truce. It is crowded with Arab refugees who formerly lived in Israel.

The effect of the conflict has been crippling of Bethlehem's chief industry, the making and selling of objects of piety from olive wood. Dead Sea stone and mother-of-pearl. Except at Christmas, pilgrims are so few that the profit had gone from the business.

On Christmas Eve, however, the dusty city takes on new life. Christian diplomats living in divided Jerusalem expect to be escorted to the little town over the unused highway through no-man's land. Pilgrims from the Israeli side pass through the Mandelbaum Gate.

Pilgrims rich and poor alike, worship together in the fourth century Church of the Nativity. There is a High Mass, during which the image of the Christ Child is carried from the church through a series of underground chapels.

The ceremonies come to a climax before three adjacent shrines. The Altars of the Nativity, the Wise Men and the Manger. Outside, Christians from many lands will sing, as angels sang nearly 2,000 years ago: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



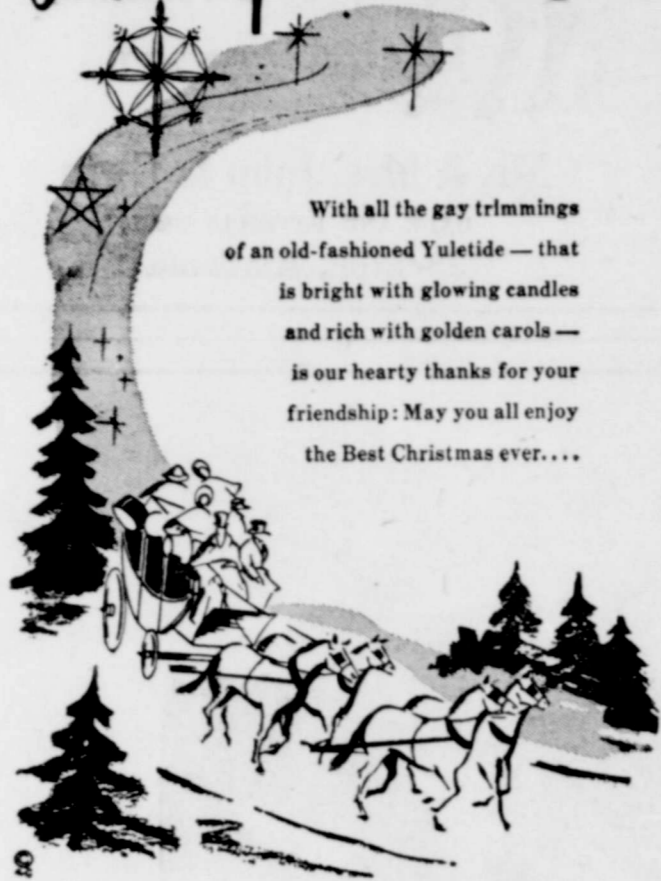
**KING SIZE . . . Letter of "thanks" is mailed by 19-month-old triple amputee in Roxbury, Mass. who received artificial limbs in time to walk for 1953 Christmas celebration.**

**Christmas Rose Is Hallowed By Legend**

The delicate beauty of the Christmas-rose (helleborus niger) is hallowed by legend. A poor shepherd girl, the story goes, wept bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to the Christ Child bearing rich gifts when she had nothing. An angel appeared. Upon learning the reason for the girl's distress, the angel caused the ground to be carpeted with shining white flowers. The young shepherdess gathered some blossoms. When she presented her gift, the Infant smiled and as His fingers touched the white flowers, the petals became tinged with pink.

- IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE -

**A VERY Merry Christmas**



With all the gay trimmings of an old-fashioned Yuletide — that is bright with glowing candles and rich with golden carols — is our hearty thanks for your friendship: May you all enjoy the Best Christmas ever. . . .

**REID & WALKER GARAGE**

**GREETINGS**

Happily, do we follow a wonderful old custom of wishing all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**ROSE SHOE SHOP**



To our friends — serving you has been a real pleasure — "Merry Christmas, everyone!"

**C. C. Smith Humble Station  
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Smith**



**HOLLIS BLACKWELL**  
WOOL -- PECANS -- MOHAIR  
Goldthwaite, Texas



Merry Christmas

The twinkle of tree ornaments, the glow of warm hearths and the bright sparkle of holiday greenery — all reflect our gay, friendly wishes for your Happy Holiday!

BRYAN ELECTRIC SERVICE



In the glowing spirit of Christmas we take pleasure of extending holiday greetings to our old and new friends.

Barnett's Western Wear and Trucking Company



Merry, merry Christmas

With a genuine appreciation of our pleasant relations, we extend to our many friends the greetings of the season with joy for Christmas and good luck for the New Year.

MARVIN HODGES  
Gulf Distributor



**CITY STAR** — A towering skyscraper is framed by a street light whose glow is much like the Star of Bethlehem.

**SANTA, INDIANA**  
The community of Santa Claus, Indiana owes its fame to its unusual name. At Christmas time its small post office is swamped with mail from throughout the world.

**Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil**

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

**Saint Nicholas Was Bishop Of Myre**

Saint Nicholas lived some 1000 years ago in Turkey where he was for 17 years Bishop of Myra. Today, the place is known as Demre province of Antalya—where his church may still be found and one may yet hear of the generous acts which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we all know today.

It is said that Saint Nicholas, a man of great virtue and piety, became the patron saint of boys when he restored to life the sons of a rich Asiatic, who had been murdered by a robber-innkeeper while they were enroute to school at Athens. It is said that he was warned of the crime in a dream but was unable to reach the inn in time to prevent the murders. He restored the boys to life through prayer and the murderer confessed his crime.

**'NIGHT BEFORE XMAS**

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore was ashamed of his famous poem, "Night Before Christmas" and would not acknowledge that he wrote it for more than 20 years.



...with every good wish for your happiness at Christmas, and throughout the New Year.

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Linkenhoger



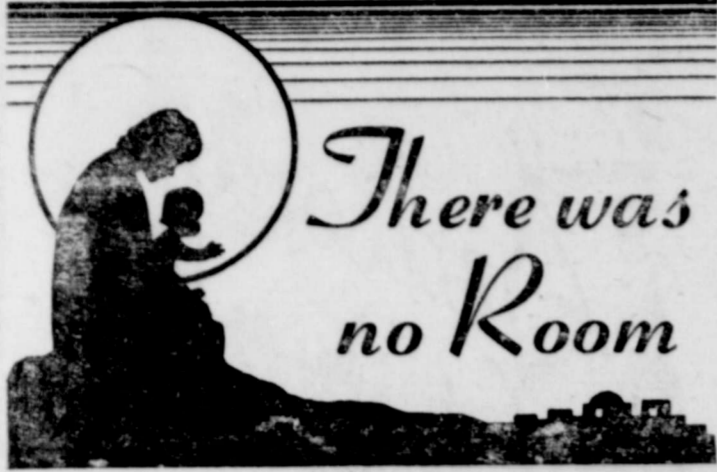
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The wonderful thing about Christmas is that each year, without fail, it works its miracle over again. With the approach of the Holiday Season, the spirit becomes refreshed, the heart uplifted, and the world suddenly is full of smiling people, bursting with good will towards their fellow-man.

It is in this atmosphere of good cheer and brotherly love that we wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Rich and Happy New Year.



City of Goldthwaite Utilities



# There was no Room

"I am sorry, Mary. They tell me they have no room." And so it was that Joseph, the humble Galilean carpenter, and his queenly young wife Mary, took refuge in a stable near the edge of town. For them, there had been no room.

The population of Bethlehem was more than double, the descendants of David, having come to register as ordered by Herod. The journey had been a particularly tiresome one for Mary. The quietness of the stable and the small amount of warmth it provided was indeed welcomed by both She and Joseph.

Near the hour of midnight, the darkened sky came to life with a light of ethereal beauty, above the

stable, a bright new star with the brilliance of a million candles. In the distance angels were heard in a great psalm:

**"Glory in the highest, And on earth, peace to men of good will."**

The quietness of the stable gives way to the sounds of camels and voices of men, and there appears a group of Magi, wise men of Persia. They have followed the brightness of the star in search of a new-born king. They bring gifts of precious gold.

There in the stable, wrapped in swaddling clothes, a manger for the Child

## Did You Wonder Why Santa Drops Gifts Down Chimney?

How did it come about that Santa drops his gifts down the chimney?

For the answer to this common belief about Santa and Christmas, we must go back to Saint Nicholas, responsible for so many other customs related to Christmas.

There's a story about an impoverished nobleman who was unable to find husbands for his three daughters because he could not afford a dowry for each. He was about to sell the daughters into slavery when St. Nicholas heard about it. Silently, Old Saint Nick dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. All three daughters soon married and lived happily ever after.

Thereafter, Saint Nicholas was often pictured holding three bags of gold. It is thought that he died about 343 A. D. and historians say that for 30 days after his death his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity.

It could be said that St. Nick and Dr. Clement Moore, who wrote "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" (now better known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas") contributed most to our present concept of Santa Claus.

## President Johnson Issued Civil War Amnesty On Dec. 25

Christmas is traditionally a day of universal good will. Even in times of war the battlefronts are often quiet and serene, by mutual consent, on Christmas Day.

It was also on December 25th, in 1868, that President Johnson issued his Civil War amnesty. In an attempt to heal the wounds left by the great war, Johnson issued an amnesty proclamation which did not exclude any persons or classes of persons—not even the highest officials of the Confeder-



**HELPING HAND . . .** "Not a creature was stirring . . ." except this two-year old who slipped downstairs to see what was up—or down. Guess who belongs to the boots.



## Outdoor Decorations Should Not Harm Evergreen Shrubs

It won't be a chilly Christmas for many outdoor evergreens and shrubs this year, with outside home decorations expected to be even more popular than in past years.

It's nice to have bright decorations outside, tree experts say, but too many home owners give their home grounds evergreens a hot foot while stringing them with overly-powerful Christmas lights for a blinking, brilliant colorama.

They offer this advice to protect trees while utilizing them to the best advantage in achieving that beautiful outdoor display:

Use only electrical fixtures designed to be strung on outdoor trees.

Use bulbs no stronger than 15-watts. They're bright enough to be gay and colorful, yet don't generate enough heat to burn foliage, even on direct contact.

Check periodically to determine if needles or foliage are turning brown in vicinity of lights. If so, rearrange the lights. Not even a beautiful light display is worth marring valuable evergreens that are a source of beauty the year round.

A Happy Christmas to you!

**HOTEL CAFE**

MR. & MRS. O. H. HILLER

Greetings

It is so heartwarming to remember at Christmas friends whose faith and loyalty have always meant so much to you. Along with our greetings we wish you every good wish.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**MARWITZ DRUG STORE**

Priddy

Greetings at Christmas

Santa's smiling countenance lights up the world on this gay and festive Holiday. We join Santa in wishing one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**DR. & MRS. R. GLYNN RALEY**

## Once Plentiful Reindeer Dwindle in Numbers

Santa's helpers—the reindeer—once were plentiful in their native habitats in the north. In recent years, however, their number dwindled so seriously that conservationists once feared the animals might become extinct.

Chief enemy of the reindeer, as of so many animals, is the wolf. Some experts estimate that wolves have destroyed over 500,000 reindeer within the last 15 years or so. It was estimated in 1950 that there were 50,000 reindeer left.

In the past few years American boys and girls have been forced to settle for "stand-ins" or native deer wherever Santa's sled with its eight helpers was used. The true reindeer are difficult to keep alive in temperate climate and with the supply so short, protective measures don't allow the reindeer to come southward for the holiday season.

acy. Previous amnesty proclamations, issued both by Johnson and his predecessor Lincoln had not been "total" amnesties.

At the time, President Johnson expressed the belief that universal amnesty would tend to secure permanent peace, order, and prosperity throughout the country and would renew and restore respect for and attachment to the national government.

The proclamation pardoned all persons who participated directly or indirectly against the United States in the Civil War "with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Constitution and the laws which have also been made in pursuance thereof."

## Interesting Facts About Xmas Trees And Season Customs

"Twelfth Night," which many communities celebrate by a community burning of Christmas trees, is derived from the custom of early Christians who celebrated the feast of the Nativity of Christ for 12 days, placing special emphasis on the last or twelfth day. The "Twelfth Night" tree burning is also said to commemorate the light of the Star of Bethlehem.

## Your Christmas Fireside Can Be Bright With Color

If you wish to get as much "color" as possible in your Christmas observance, here's a novel idea.

Pine cones, small kindling or chips can be so treated as to give off colored flames when burned in the fireplace. Dipped or soaked in a solution of various salts of certain metals, cones or chips will burn with a distinctive color. Cones will not readily absorb water, so salts must be suspended in a solution of turpentine.

Compounds which produce specific colors when burned are: Red—strontium chloride; green—barium chloride; blue-green—copper oxide or copper sulfate; orange—calcium chloride; lavender—potassium chloride; and yellow—sodium chloride.

A second method—if only cones are to be used—is to dip the cones in paraffin and before the paraffin hardens sprinkle with the following chemicals for desired color effect: Green—copper sulfate; red—strontium nitrate; orange—calcium nitrate; and yellow—sodium chloride.

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!

YOUR MILLS COUNTY SWIFT'S FEED DEALER

SERVICE MILL PRIDDY, TEXAS

TO OUR FRIENDS

BEST WISHES

SAYLOR HOTEL

Merry Christmas

Not because of custom only, but from our hearts — we extend our best wishes to you for a wondrous, joyful Holiday!

**DR. And Mrs. M. A. CHILDRESS**

MRS. ELVA MORELAND — MRS. CONNIE ANDERSON