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This could be the story of the Great Birth at Bethlehem as it might have been seen through the eyes of two average citizens of the day.

IT BEGAN in Bethlehem, at registration time. King Herod had ordered that all should register, so my father and I had joined hundreds from near and far on the trek to the City of David.

The streets were noisy and crowded, but we were soon settled comfortably in the quarters father secured for us with a small bag of coins. Others were not so fortunate. Most of the accommodations had been taken earlier and that which was left commanded a price most of the travelers were unable to pay.



Though tired from our long journey, the noise and excitement of my first trip away from home caused me to spend a rather sleepless night. The Innkeeper had posted a "No Room" sign on the door, yet there was an almost constant rap from newly-arrived travelers seeking rooms, most of whom begged only for a place to stretch out and rest their road-worn bodies. The Innkeeper turned them all away, refusing to further cramp his already crowded guests. He almost forcibly closed the door on one insistent traveler who pleaded that he had a sick wife who must have shelter immediately.

"I have my troubles, too, my friend," was his caustic reply.



There were all sorts of interesting sounds in the darkness; the weary plodding of newly-arrived travelers, the scurrying of a dog, the braying of an ass, and the sound of a child crying in the night.

I walked to the window and then I saw the star. It appeared suddenly, and was by far the most brilliant I had ever seen. So bright was its light that on the near hillside I could see a stable where a number of people were gathered; excited people, it seemed, because of the manner in which they moved about and gestured to one another. It was much too far for me to hear the sound of their voices, but I promised myself that on the morrow I would visit the stable and discover the cause of the excitement.

After the morning meal, I excused myself from my father's presence and started for the hillside. Nearing the stable, I was met by a young shepherd.

"There was excitement here last night," he said. "Yes," I replied, "I saw it from my window. What happened?"

"A King was born, in this very stable."

"A King?"

"A true King. The King of all men."

"How foolish. Everyone knows that Herod is the only king. And, for a King to be born in a stable. What manner of King might he be?"

"The angels have proclaimed that He is the King of all men. I myself heard them." He looked up to the sky. "And, I saw them, too."

"And you saw this King?"

"I looked upon Him with my own eyes and I gave Him one of my most precious treasures—a newborn lamb. Of course, He could not speak, but His mother thanked me profusely for it."

"Then you are the foolish one, shepherd boy. I would not waste my time to look upon a King of sheep and animals who would be born in the cold dampness of a miserable stable, nor would I offer Him so much as a blade of grass. He be no King at all. Someone has deceived you."

I went away, telling myself that I did not believe the shepherd's story, yet, strangely afraid to enter the stable to look upon the child. Were He truly a King, I would have been terrified in His presence.



In the streets of the city, there was much whispering and gathering about. Moving from one group to another, I found that the excitement centered about the strange events that had taken place at the stable.

This I heard from the tongue of a venerable old man: "I looked upon Him as He lay there in the unkempt surroundings of that stable and it seemed to me that the very atmosphere seemed changed because of His presence. I say there is something exceptional about this child." And another, lifting his arms toward the sky, said in low voice, "Surely, this is the King promised to us long ago." A promised King, born in a stable, I thought. How confusing; it leaves me puzzled.

And there in the center of the largest group of all, I saw the shepherd boy, eager listeners pressing about him. He had been tending his sheep on a hillside, he said, when angels appeared, telling him to go to Bethlehem, where he would find a newborn King laid in a manger. He had been terribly frightened, but the angel had cautioned him to fear not, but to go to the stable with joy in his heart. Leaving his sheep untended, he had come to Bethlehem. Other shepherds had come too, as well as three men in royal robes who had come from a far distant land; guided, they said, by the light of a bright star that had bathed the stable and its surroundings in shining brilliance.

How I envied the shepherd boy at this moment—and chided myself for not having looked upon this King-child so that I too, might have a story to tell. After all, I had seen the stable and

the excited people from my window, but what sort of a story could I make from that?

My father's business had not kept him so occupied that he had not heard of the birth of the so-called child-King. As we were preparing to leave the city for the long journey home, he asked if I had heard anything in the market place. When I told him the things I had seen that night and the talk I had heard on the streets, he said that we would visit the stable as it was on the route that led us out of the city. "We must see the birthplace of the King," he said.

It was indeed a simple shelter, little more than four walls. Through a hole in the roof the morning rays of the sun slanted downward, casting a bright halo of light on the stable's only furniture, a crude manger where the child must have lain. Reflections from the sparse straw scattered there made it



appear to be lined with shining wisps of gold.

"So, this is the birthplace of a King," my father said, in an unbelieving tone. "How uncomfortable for a King." He walked forward, stopping just outside the shaft of light that encircled the manger. He reached out as if to catch the sunlight in his hand and for a moment he stood there, motionless. Then he jerked his hand away, as if he had been burned by a torch.

Curious, I stepped forward and extended my own hand, half expecting to be burned or to experience some form of shock, but the ray of light felt only warm and comforting. Again my father extended his arm and this time he did not draw it back, but stood there his eyes resting unbelievably on the manger.

And then suddenly I saw the reason for his bewilderment, and impulsively I drew back. Here indeed was an illusion or a miracle!



The glittering light seemed to form an untouchable aura about the crude crib and though the hand could pierce that light and move back and forth, it cast not a single shadow upon the glowing manger, nor even slightly dimmed the gold-like lustre of the wisps of straw scattered there. This was no earthly light, no simple ray from the sun.

We knelt there in the stillness of the stable, a man who was no longer cynical; a child who had discovered faith. For one brief moment it seemed that the most tender scene was repeated; the God-like Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, slept peacefully in the manger while the tender and loving hands of His Mother hovered about Him.

And in the distance, there sounded the voices of the angels repeating our whispered words of praise, "Hail to the King—A King has been born in Bethlehem!"

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

May this holiday season bring to the world peace,
 everlasting joy and sincere faith which we pray,
 remains to bless the hearts of one and all for the
 best of the days of life on earth--through the long
 years and the many Christmases which are yet to come.

Christmas is indeed the happiest and by far the
 holiest of our great holidays. It is now we must
 remember that on a starry night long, long ago,
 in the humble surroundings of a crude and simple
 stable, there was born a child, a Saviour of men,
 through the Holy Birth of this King of Kings, all
 mankind is blessed with the inspiration of faith
 and the hope of eternal redemption--outlined in the
 sacred goodness of that One Wonderful Life on earth.

From The
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Joyous
Christmas
Greetings

Our sincerest wishes
for a Christmas rich
in the blessings of
love and friendship.

Juanita's Shop

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WHEN THE OLD BIRD WAS YOUNGER

10 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December 20, 1946)

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dorsey of Houston have announced the arrival of a baby girl, Cynthia Ann, born Friday, December 13. Mrs. Dorsey is a niece of Mrs. Truman Vaughan and Mr. Dorsey is the brother of Mrs. J. B. Lowrey, both of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson are the happy parents of their first baby. He is seeing his friends and busy getting acquainted. He has been named Thurman Eugene. Weighing eight-pounds, Thurman Eugene arrived at Dr. Cockerham's Clinic at 10:00 o'clock, December 17, 1946. His mother was the former Miss Helen Bohannon.

On last Thursday December 17, 1946, Charles A. Plummer of Trigger Mountain community and Miss Frances Estell Blaylock of Eden came into the Hays home and were joyfully united as husband and wife.

Miss Elizabeth Whittaker arrived Thursday to spend Christmas with her parents. She has been at Alliance, Nebraska and is enroute to Wausau, Wisconsin where she will continue her work with the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Calder celebrated their fiftieth anniversary Friday December 13, at their home near Mullin.

Charles Edward Davis, son of Mrs. Ray Davis and Ervin Fisher of Mullin both were on the honor roll at Daniel Baker College for the first semester.

Mrs. Margaret Osterhout and son, John of Ranger, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spinks and little son, Glenn Ed. have recently moved back to Goldthwaite from Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Conoley

of Brownwood visited relatives and friends in Goldthwaite recently.

Mrs. Harilee of Coleman spent the weekend with her brother, Mortimer Johnson and family.

25 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December 18, 1931)

Geneva Fay James, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. James of Zephyr, died in a local hospital Friday, December 11, after an illness of more than a week.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Funeral services for Rudolph Ishmael O'Neal, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O'Neal of Goldthwaite, will be held this (Saturday) afternoon at Goldthwaite and interment will be made in Goldthwaite Cemetery.

Several people received quite a surprise when Miss Lois Neal and Delton Geeslin announced their marriage of September 26, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Hamilton, Texas, Rev. Vernon Shaw officiating.

W. H. Oglesby reports 4,957 bales of cotton ginned in Mills County prior to December 1, as compared to 3,977 to the same period last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Conway Evans of Houston are expected today to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Evans.

Mrs. W. B. Jackson spent part of last week with her son, Virgil and wife at Lometa.

H. B. Bradley has been very sick at his home a short distance south of town, his friends are glad to know he is well on the road to recovery.

Miss Dorothy Todd, who is attending school at Gilmer is expected home for the Christmas holidays Sunday morning.

Mr. J. P. Yoes, a brother-in-law of the Priddy brothers, his wife being their only sister, died at his home at Ovalla Tuesday after a long illness, altho it was not of an acute nature until recently.

Alton Gatlin of O'Donnell is visiting his mother and other relatives in this city.

50 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December 22, 1906)

Frank R. Hines and Miss Annie Fields were married at the home of the bride's mother in Adamsville community, Lampasas County, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, Rev. W. G. Peyton of this city officiating.

R. S. Crain's residence was discovered to be on fire Tuesday afternoon and there was considerable excitement in that part of town for a few minutes. The fire was caused by the stove pipe dropping below the rain cap, thereby turning the smoke and sparks into the ceiling.

Ernest N. Fletcher and Miss Amelia Maloy were married at the residence of the bride's parents near Lometa last Sunday afternoon, only a few relatives and intimate friends being present.

D. O. Simpson and Miss Mollie Casbeer were married at the residence of the bride's parents

Schools Dismiss This Weekend For Christmas Holidays

Mills County Schools will dismiss classes this week Friday for the Christmas holidays season which students have been looking forward to for some time.

Classes in Goldthwaite will be resumed on Wednesday morning January 2, on regular schedule.

In the South Bennett community last Saturday afternoon and were given a reception at the home of the groom's parents Sunday.

Jesse Tullos and Miss Cora Brand were married at the residence of Rev. Templin in this city last Sunday afternoon, that gentleman officiating.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since last report: Wes Partridge and Miss Clemma Featherston, D. O. Simpson and Miss Mollie Casbeer, T. L. Paulson and Miss Emma Jane Harris, H. L. Huckaba and Miss Dora Carter, Jesse Tullos and Miss Cora Brand, Jesse B. Coffey and Miss Ida Locker.

The Geeslin company shipped a car load of turkeys from this place Thursday. The car contained 1500 of the birds and the company had 300 left over.

Mrs. Webb, wife of Bob Webb died at the family home in Rock Springs community, Monday night, after a long illness.

FOR PORTRAITS

- Wedding and Family Groups
- Home Portraits
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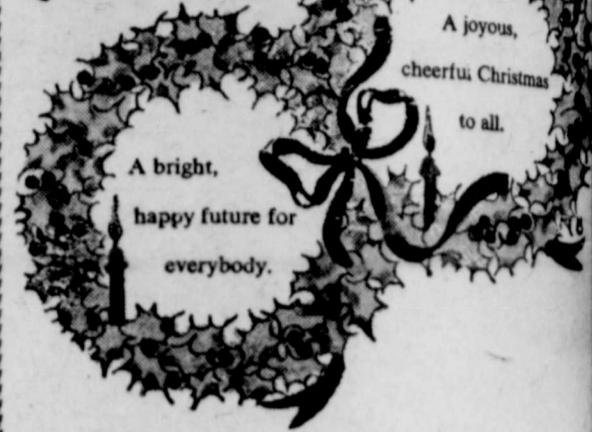
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"Living Manger Scene" To Be Presented At Methodist Church

Church School groups of the First Methodist Church, Goldthwaite, will present a "Living Manger Scene" on the church lawn for four evenings of the coming week. The Tableau will be seen on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. The scene will not be presented on Sunday evening because of the Pageant presented by the Youth division of the Church at the evening service in the Sanctuary.

Erection of the "Manger" and stable with other construction necessary was done by members of the Fidelas Church School Class on Wednesday evening. Malcolm Jernigan is President of the class. On each of the nights the scene will be presented with a cast of characters

(in costume) and animals furnished by the following classes:

Seniors (High School Department): on Thursday and Monday, Lou Etta Jordan, president.

Intermediates: Friday, Mrs. Jesse Moreland, sponsor.

Fellowship Class: Saturday, Glynn Collier, president.

Last year many people drove by to see the scene during the time it was presented, and a great many people from out of town drove over for the occasion. The cooperation of all the community is asked in keeping an open space (no parking) before the scene so that the greatest number of people will have an opportunity to view the manger scene without creating a traffic jam.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hill Mark 50th Wedding Anniversary Dec. 2

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hill of Moline Route were honored with open house at their home Sunday afternoon, December 2, from 2:00 until 5:00 o'clock, by their children in observance of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Hill and Miss Isa Alice Hutchings were married in Goldthwaite December 2, 1906. They have farmed near Goldthwaite during all these many happy years. They are the parents of nine children, eight of whom are still living. They are members of the First Baptist Church of Goldthwaite.

At the noon hour a turkey dinner was served buffet style. Rev. J. H. Sandstrom of Keller asked the blessing and the group sang "Bless Be The Tie That Binds", previous to the meal which was served to Rev. and Mrs. Sandstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Hill and their children and families; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis and son Joe Don and Miss Larita Morris all of Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Wilkinson and son of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Anderson and two sons of Austin; Mrs. Weldon Hill and two children of Goldthwaite; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Morgan and two sons of Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sandstrom and two children of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weiss and three sons and Mr. and Mrs. David Hill and three children all of Dallas; and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ellis of Fort Worth. Also a sister of Mrs. Hill, Miss Bess Hutch-

ings and a cousin, Mrs. Eula Nickols both of Goldthwaite.

For the open house the refreshment table was laid with a lace cloth over gold and centered with a gold horn-of-plenty filled with fruit on a reflector, flanked by gold candles in crystal holders. Silver and crystal appointments completed the table decor. The four tiered wedding cake baked and decorated with gold roses by a daughter, punch, nuts, and mints were served by the two oldest granddaughters, Carole Hill and Larita Morris.

The party rooms were decorated with arrangements of gold mums, glads and gold dried arrangements. On display were pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Hill as bride and groom and a recent picture.

In the gift room were a number of gold ornaments including a money tree to which a number of guests pinned dollar bills.

For the occasion Mrs. Hill chose a light blue wool dress with rhinestone jewelry and a gold mum corsage. Mr. Hill also wore a gold boutonniere.

Over 200 friends and relatives including the brothers and sister of Mr. and Mrs. Hill and their eight in-laws, 18 grandchildren and one granddaughter-in-law called to extend good wishes and congratulations to the honorees.

Out of town guests present were: Wynona Wasserman, Mr. and Mrs. Aug Wasserman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Duren all of Mullin;

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Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Weatherred of Fort Worth spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Bert Wright and Mr. Wright.

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M.Y.F. To Present "The Golden Flame"

The members of the M.Y.F. of the First Methodist Church of Goldthwaite will present the play "The Golden Flame" Sunday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

The play is about an average American family and their conflict in ideas on where to spend Christmas. Should they spend Christmas on Grandmothers' farm where they have celebrated Christmas for many years, or should they spend Christmas in the city.

Come and see how this play ends and receive a Christmas message that will stay in your heart throughout the holiday season.

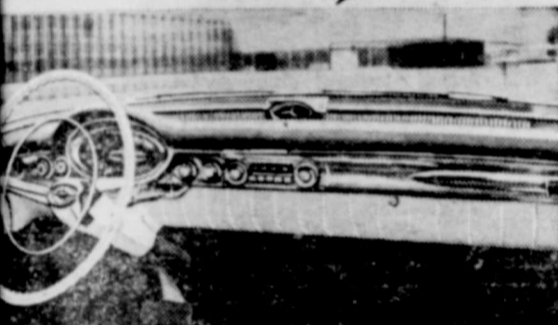
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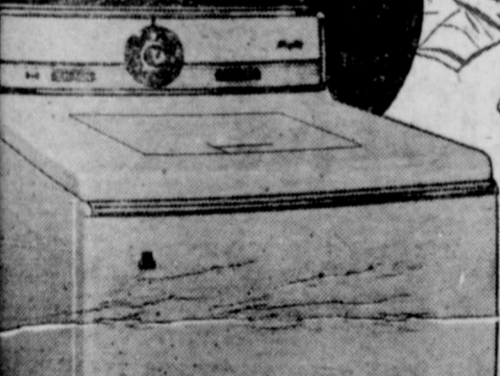


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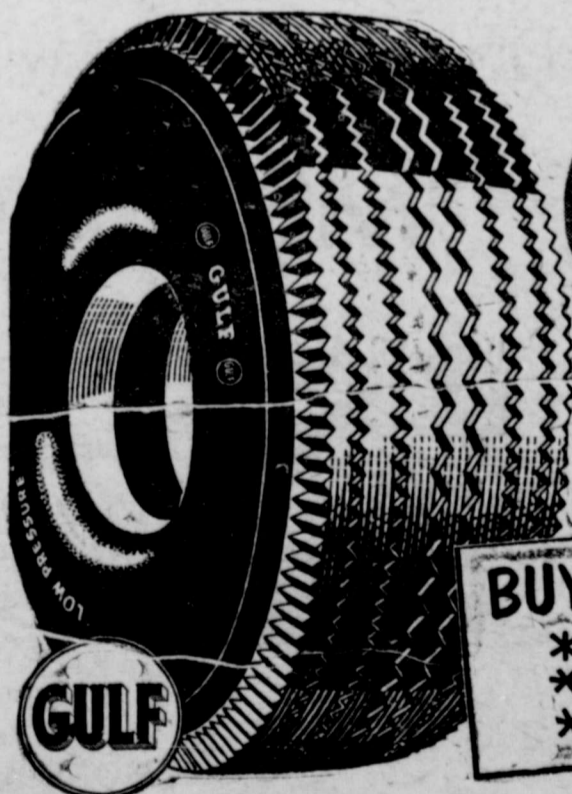
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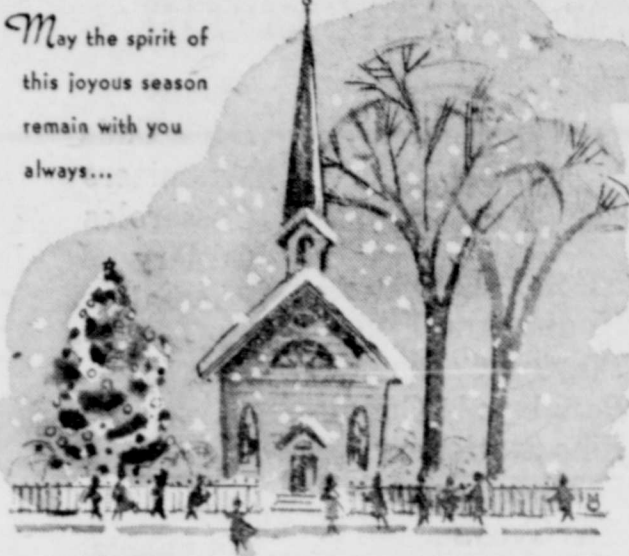
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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the spirit of
this joyous season
remain with you
always...



BARNES & McCULLOUGH

Goldthwaite Garden Club's Annual Christmas Pilgrimage Tonight

The Goldthwaite Garden Club met in call meeting Tuesday afternoon, December 11, instead of the regular meeting December 19. The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church and the members made corsages which were sent to the State Hospitals at Sanitorium, Abilene and Big Spring.

In the business meeting plans for the Christmas Pilgrimage tonight (Thursday) at 7:30, were completed. First stop will be at the Elementary school building where Mrs. Philip Nickols and the Junior Garden Club members will have their decorations on display. From the school building the next stop will be at the John Patterson home where the theme "An Old Fashioned Red and Green Christmas" will be carried out. The T. C. Graves home "Bells and Balls", at the Jim Weatherbys "Candle Light", the W. P.

Durens, "The Night Before Christmas" and the "Spirit of Christmas" at the Malcolm Jernigan home.

Tickets are now on sale at Campbell Butane Company and may be purchased tonight at the Elementary school. Children will be admitted free.

Korean GI Students To Get Allowance Before Christmas

Veterans in school under the Korean GI Bill most likely will get their monthly GI allowance before they go home for the Christmas vacation, Dr. George T. McMahan, manager of the Veterans Administration Center in Waco, said today.

Normally, GI allowance checks are mailed around the 20th of the month. But in December, many schools begin vacations before that date. So

that veterans won't have to go on vacation without funds, VA is making a special effort to mail the checks beforehand, Dr. McMahan said.

The Waco office is speeding up steps to authorize GI allowance payments for veteran-trainees and is making arrangements with Treasury Department Disbursing Offices—which actually issue the GI checks—for earlier-than-usual mailings. Veterans and their schools can cooperate in this effort by getting monthly certifications of training status to VA promptly after the end of November.

"There may be exceptional cases in which it may not be possible to make the payments ahead of time," Dr. McMahan said, "but in most cases veterans will receive their checks before going home for Christmas."

Miss Nancy Kirby, student at ACC spent Wednesday of last week with her grandmother, Mrs. W. W. Ligon and Mr. Ligon while enroute to Lometa to spend the holidays with her parents.



May you enjoy
happiness and peace
of Christmas Day through
out a bright New Year

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GREETINGS



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Rites For Guy L. Caraway Conducted At McGirk Thursday

Funeral rites for Guy L. Caraway, 60, were held in the McGirk cemetery, Thursday afternoon, December 13, at 2:00 p. m. Services were conducted by O. F. Brightman, pastor of the Christadelphian Church, Angelo.

Mr. Caraway, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caraway was born September 6, 1896 at Caradan. He passed away in a Temple hospital December 10, 1956. He was reared in the McGirk community. On August 8, 1919 he was



Merry Christmas
May the joyful hours of Christmas overflow with good fellowship and good cheer for all our friends.

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Christmas Greetings
and every good wish for the coming year
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united in marriage to Miss Florella Crews.

Survivors are the widow; four sons, Gordon Caraway of Minden, Louisiana, Guy Chandler Caraway of Downey, California, Gilbert Caraway of Camp Pendleton, California and Wayne Caraway; two daughters, Wanda Henry and Florentine Bell of Corpus Christi. Five sisters, Mrs. R. L. Cockrum of Goldthwaite, Mrs. Robert L. Fortune, Mrs. Nell Mayo and Mrs. Garfield Ball all of Brownwood and Mrs. Lois Dupree of Austin; a brother, G. M. Caraway of Fort Worth.

Pallbearers were Bill Rickel, Aaron Newton, Jack Ball, Kenneth Cockrum, Arl Egger and Homer McCasland.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Roy Wilkins Funeral Home.

Last Call For Holiday Mail

Postmaster Lucile Fairman expressed her thanks to postal patrons today for cooperation so far on her annual "Mail Early For Christmas" campaign. She said, "I know the time has passed to talk about mailing early." To the inevitable last minute mailers she suggests that they use Air Mail for every Christmas card or gift going out of town, and to get them into the mail right now!

The flood of outgoing Christmas cards and gifts is matched by a like torrent of incoming mail that is becoming greater every day. The Postmaster expects the Christmas mail load to hit its peak in the next few days, and that it will undoubtedly break last year's records.

To take care of the last minute rush, the Post Office will remain open from 8:00 A. M. until 6:00 P. M., including Saturday.



By John C. White, Commissioner

THE CHRISTMAS TREE IS BIG BUSINESS

It's strictly a "seasonal" crop in every sense of the word, but the demand is terrific for Christmas trees.

More farmers are raising Christmas trees for a cash crop than ever before. Once principally a crop harvested from wild forest or government preserves, farmers now own about 70 percent of the 225,500 acres planted solely to this holiday necessity. A short nine years ago, plantations totaled 100,000 acres with only 66 percent owned by farmers.

A new interest has developed in this yearly crop. Many states now issue bulletins telling how to plant and harvest trees as a thinning process in regular tree growing. Some 12 regional Christmas tree associations have been formed as well as a national association to help with such items as marketing, research and grading.

This increased interest in the Yule tree is largely the result of a steadily rising demand for them. A survey shows that more than 37 million Christmas trees were used in this country last year as compared to 28 million in 1947. Of those used in 1955, over 25 million were cut in the United States. The remaining 12 million came from Canada.

Still the most popular trees are Douglas-fir, balsam fir, eastern redcedar, black spruce, and scotch pine, in that order. Douglas-fir and balsam fir have changed places in use since 1947, largely because the balsam fir is now less accessible. Scotch pine, a plantation grown tree since it is not native, moved

from 6th to 5th place, but almost doubled in use in nine years.

Price studies show that the Christmas trees produced last year would amount to a \$25.5 million wholesale business, or a \$47.5 million retail business. To the producer they were valued at nearly \$13 million at a roadside and railroad siding.

All this amounts to a great deal of cash to be harvested in about six weeks, beginning the middle of November. Farmers in regions of Texas adaptable to Christmas Tree growing may write for additional information to John White, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture, Austin.

Mrs. Burland Wayne Perry of Bell, California arrived last



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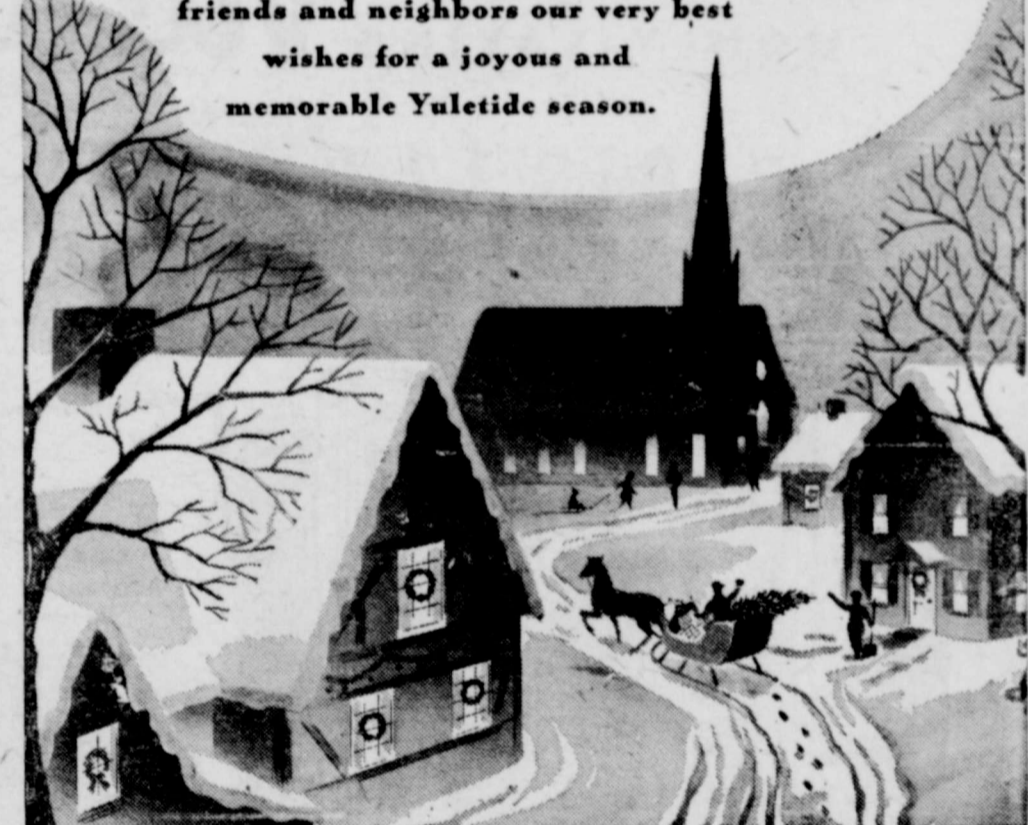
MR. & MRS. JOHN JACKSON

week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hulton Fletcher and Mary Frances Kate Page.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.



YOUR

MILLS COUNTY OFFICIALS

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| C. F. "Stub" Stubblefield | Walter A. "Toby" Bryant |
| Sheriff-Tax Assessor & Collector | County-District Clerk |
| A. M. Pribble | John L. Patterson |
| County Attorney | County Judge |
| J. C. Long | Mrs. Bertha Weathers |
| County Surveyor | County Treasurer |
| J. Y. Tullos | O. H. Shaw |
| Justice of The Peace | Commissioner Precinct 1 |



Moreland's Feed Store

A HAPPY Christmas

We wish all our friends a heart-warming holiday, full of joy and good fellowship!



Glamourette Beauty Shop

Mrs. Floy Rowlett — Mrs. Charlene Benningfield

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Standley of Madisonville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Horton.

Jack Locklear and his cousin, Ed Locklear of Brady visited a short time in the C. Locklear home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Owen were

in Coleman Sunday to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Vanlice Wilson and Owen Keefe of Abilene.

Harvey Willson, Robert Steen of Goldthwaite and Roger Miller of Gatesville attended the funeral services of Ike Steen at Canyon Thursday of last week.

Local Markets

There was no goat sale at the Mills County Commission Company this week, Monday, but there will be a combined sheep and goat sale tomorrow, Friday. The auction sale will be held on regular schedule this week, December 21, but there will not be a sale on Friday, December 28, according to an announcement by Malcolm Jernigan.

The market was variable in the sheep division with some classes showing an increase, some a decrease and others remaining steady with a total of 2,700 head selling. In the goat division, weighing kind showed an increase, kids off from 50c to \$1.00 per head and all other classes remained steady. There was only 1,000 head of goats at the Monday sale.

SHEEP
Milk lambs, 14c to 17c; stocker lambs, 12c to 16½c; yearlings, 10c to 14c; aged wethers, 8c to 11c; stocker ewes, \$7 to \$11 per head; old ewes, 4½c to 5½c; old bucks, 4c to 6c.

GOATS
Good mutton goats, \$5 to \$7 per head; weighing kind, 5c to 6½c; good nannies, \$6 to \$8 per head; cull nannies, 3c to 4½c; kids, \$4 to \$6 each.

EGGS—PER DOZ.
Current receipts were listed at 30c this week with pullet eggs at 20c.

Butterfat, 47c per pound.
CHICKENS—PER LB.
Roosters, 6c; hens, 9c

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Stacy of Fort Worth were guests of Dan Covington Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Walther and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bryant.

SANTA TO VISIT POST OFFICE

Santa Claus will be in the lobby of the Goldthwaite Post Office Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons of this week, according to an announcement by Postmaster Lucile Fairman.

All children are invited to come by and see him.

SIMPSONS VISIT IN DALLAS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simpson and grandson, David Shankle and Edgar Simpson spent Saturday night in Dallas with G. W. Simpson. Sunday they attended the Golden Wedding Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Simpson at Garland.

Mrs. Bill Chapin is a patient in St. John's Hospital, San Angelo, where she underwent surgery. At last report she was doing satisfactorily.

1st. Lt. Charles D. Utzman of Fort Rucker, Alabama, is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Utzman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weathers of Brownwood spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. J. W. Weathers. Sunday afternoon they all attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hines, at Scallorn.

Miss Lucy May Burrus, HD Agent, will leave Friday to spend the Christmas Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Burrus at Mountain Home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. MacMillan of Oklahoma City visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. Locklear Monday afternoon while enroute to San Saba.

Season's Greetings

We wish you all the joys that a wonderful Christmas can bring.



Goldthwaite Home & Auto

Mrs. Joe Bailey Karnes
Sanford Musgrove - Fred Stephens

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Goldthwaite, Texas

Merry Christmas to You!

Finest Quality MEATS

Hens Dressed Chicken Lb. **39¢**
Dressed Fryers Lb. **39¢**
Ready-to-Cook (Frozen) Turkey Hens Lb. **53¢**
Deckers Oleo Lb. **21¢**

Pork Sausage Lb. **21¢**
Bulk Franks Lb. **21¢**
Bacon Crescent 3 Lbs. **\$1.19**
Pork Roast Lb. **39¢**

Hickory-Smoked Hams ½ or Whole Lb. **49¢**
Chuck Roast Lb. **43¢**
Hamburger Lb. **33¢**
Round Steak Lb. **69¢**

Puffin Biscuits Can **10¢**

SHOP AT OUR MARKET FOR READY - COOKED PICNIC HAMS SWIFT'S PREMIUM And ARMOUR'S STAR HAMS

2 lge. cans **29¢**
PET EVAPORATED MILK
BRAND Instant NONFAT DRY MILK
Makes 12 Qts.
85¢

Garden Fresh VEGETABLES

Cranberries Eatmore 1 Lb. Box **1.19**

Delicious (138 Size) APPLES Box **1.19**

Texas ORANGES 5 Lb. Bag **39¢**

Grapefruit Tex. Pink 5 Lb. Bag **39¢**

Celery Lge. Crisp Stalk **1.19**

Carrots Cello Bag **1.19**

FLOUR Gladiola 25 Lb. Sack **\$1.19**

CRISCO 3 Lb. Can **85¢**

SUGAR 10 Lb. Bag **95¢**

SIERRA MISSION PEACHES, 4 No. 2½ cans **\$1.19**

FOLGER'S COFFEE, Pound can **99¢**

Peas Mission 2-303 Cans **31¢**

Del Monte No. 2½ Can **32¢**
Purple Plums

Salad Wafers Crackers 1 Lb. Box **28¢**

Chili Kimbell's No. 2 Can **45¢**

Gladiola Cake Mixes 2 Boxes **49¢**

Bordo Dates 7 Oz. Bag **19¢**

Pecans Shelled 7 Oz. Bag **65¢**

Apricots Forest Brand, Gal. **99¢**

No. 1 English Walnuts Lb. **55¢**

Northmoore - Cherries Choc. Covered Box **55¢**

Orange Slices Candy 1 Lb. Bag **25¢**

Choc. Drops 14 Oz. Bag **39¢**

LOY LONG GROCERY

Prices Good Friday, Saturday & Monday, Dec. 21, 22 & 23

Making Rain Covers Mills County

GOLDTHWAITE EAGLE—MULLIN ENTERPRISE Page 7
Goldthwaite, Texas, Thursday, December 20, 1956

Holiday Cheer

May the joys of the
Holiday Season come
to your home...to stay!

Ola Mae's
Beauty Shop

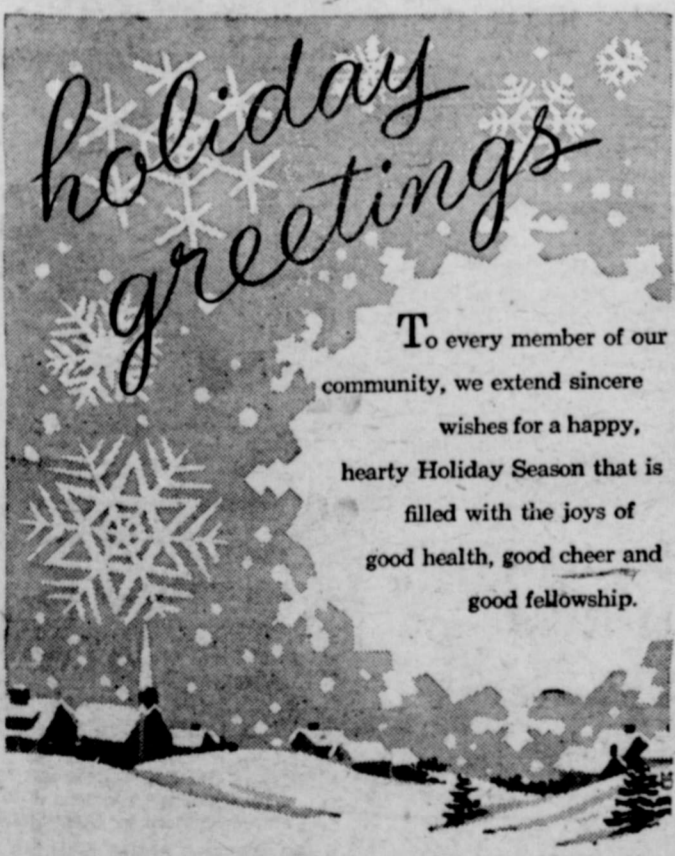


The Spirit of Christmas



At this joyous time
of Christmas, may happiness
fill your heart and may the blessings
of peace, good health and good fortune be yours.

WOODY DRUG STORE
Your REXALL Store



holiday greetings

To every member of our
community, we extend sincere
wishes for a happy,
hearty Holiday Season that is
filled with the joys of
good health, good cheer and
good fellowship.

Saylor Chevrolet Company

If there was ever a time when folks could say a million dollar rain came to Mills county it is this week. From all indications and reports the rain received this week is by far the most beneficial to be recorded here for eight or more years.

It started to rain early Tuesday morning and by eight o'clock a number of reports showed .60 of an inch had fallen. It continued to rain all through Tuesday and Tuesday night and it was still raining just afternoon Wednesday as this copy was prepared to go into type. By noon Wednesday the Eagle rain gauge on West Hannah Valley road had recorded 2.10 inches. Some parts of the county reported as much as three inches.

It couldn't have come at a better time and when it was needed more. Thousands of acres in grain were badly in need of moisture to provide much needed winter grazing for farmers and ranchers. In addition to the grain fields this slow soaking winter rain, which apparently covered all Mills county, is worth more than a million dollars to the ranges in providing season which has been absent for the past several years.

Optimism was written on the faces of everyone as they went about their Christmas shopping Tuesday and Wednesday with an untold number remarking: "We couldn't have wished for a better Christmas present than this wonderful rain."

Reports from the northern part of the county stated that there was considerable ice in that area Tuesday.

Official report from Harry Allen, weatherman, shows Goldthwaite received 1.79 inches.

New Year's Party At Midway School

There will be a party at the Midway School House New Year's Eve.

Everyone is invited to attend. Bring a covered dish of black-eyed peas, hog jowl, cornbread, salads or cookies, coffee or hot chocolate. Supper will be served at 7:00 o'clock.

Dominoes and games will be played.

JIMMY LAUGHLIN CALLS FROM GERMANY

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laughlin received a call from their son, Jimmy, who is stationed at Hohn, Germany. They received the call at 12:15 P. M., our time but Jimmy said it was 7:30 P. M., Monday night there. He was fine and sent Christmas Greetings to his friends in Mills County.



Folger's or Maryland Club
COFFEE Two 1 Lb. Cans **\$1.95**

Robin Hood
FLOUR 25 Lb. Bag **\$1.49**

3 Lb. Can
75c



Swift's
SHORTENING



Libby's
YELLOW CLING
PEACHES

3 No. 2 1/2 Cans
89c

Gebhart's
Chili No. 300 Can **29c**




Del Monte
CREAM STYLE
CORN

No. 303
15c
Each

For Christmas
Dinner

Hunt's 10 Cans
Tomato Juice \$1.00

2 Cans
25c



Pard
SWIFT'S DOG FOOD
Good Beef Taste

APPLES, 2 Lbs. . . . 25c

POTATOES, 10 Lbs. . . 39c

Texas Oranges, 5 Lb. Bag . 35c

VELVEETA, 1 Lb. . . . 43c

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NEW

Betty Crocker
Biscuits

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ALLSWEET'S NEW PACKAGE SALE!

BUY 2-LBS! SEND IN ROSETTES FROM PACKAGES. YOU'LL GET COUPON GOOD FOR 2 LBS. **FREE!**



Allsweet
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2 LBS. **59c**

Costs less than 15c lb.
With Free Goods


Texsun
Grapefruit Juice
4 - 46 oz. **\$1.00**

Del Monte Crushed
PINEAPPLE No. 2 Can **27c**

Hunt's
Apricots 4-2 1/2 **\$1.00**

14 Oz. **21c**

For PIES, Gal. **98c**



Tomato
CATSUP

CHOICE MEATS

TURKEYS Toms **45c** Hens **49c**
Lb. Lb.



Swift's Premium
Bacon
Sweet Smoke Taste

Pound
53c

Round Steak Lb. **69c**

Choice Fryers Lb. **39c** Baking Hens Lb. **39c**

BACON Swift's Sweet Rasher Lb. **39c**

Pork Sausage Lb. **27c** Picnic Hams Lb. **33c**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Schwartz Food Store

Prices Good Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Mon., Dec. 20, 21, 22 & 24

Last Rites For C. F. Lawson Are Held Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services for Covie Franklin Lawson, 50, were held Saturday afternoon, December 15, at Mt. Olive Church at 2:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Jesse Bass assisted by Rev. Bedford Renfro, pastor of the Assembly of God Church. Mr. Lawson was born in Cy-

press Inn, Tennessee, October 25, 1906 and passed away in Goldthwaite, December 13, 1956. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Lawson of Goldthwaite. He was married to Miss Etta May Koen twenty-five years ago. Survivors are the wife, Mrs. C.

F. Lawson; three sons, Lewis Lawson of Albany, Georgia, Curtis Doyle and Hollis Lawson of Eunice, New Mexico and four grandchildren; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lawson of Goldthwaite. Seven brothers, Thomas Lawson, Eunice, New Mexico, Raymond of El Paso, Ideron, Los Angeles, California, Vernon, Grand Prairie, Rueben, Lubbock, Ural Lawson of Duncannonville and Bobby Jr., Washington, D. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Mable Holt of Goldthwaite and Mrs. Adams Sanders of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were Curtis Koen, James Koen, DeWayne Koen, Billy Ray Wicker, Thomas Iven Lawson and Raymond McKimney.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Roy Wilkins Funeral Home with interment in the Caradan Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic E. Koleber were weekend guests of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Massey at Denton.

John T. Guthrie, Pioneer Resident, Buried At Mullin Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for John T. Guthrie, 76, lifelong resident of Mullin, were held in the Methodist Church of Mullin Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. E. O. Stewart of Sweetwater and Rev. E. L. Macey, pastor of the Church of God of Mullin.

John Thomas Guthrie was born December 2, 1880 at Mullin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Tyler Guthrie, pioneer settlers of Mills County. He passed away in Brownwood Saturday morning in the home of his son, Bradley Guthrie, after suffering a heart attack.

He was a stock farmer in the Mullin area most of his life and had resided about two miles southeast of Mullin. He was a member of the Church of God.

Mr. Guthrie and Miss Annie Anderson were married in 1900. She preceded him in death February 16, 1954.

Survivors are four sons, Ted Guthrie of Winters, Bradley L. Guthrie of Brownwood, Paul Guthrie of Eastland and Dr. Rufus K. Guthrie of Denton; seven daughters, Miss Sybil Guthrie of Edna, Mrs. Hubert Reeves of Ebony, Misses Nell

Midland, Mrs. Ernie Walker and Mrs. Howard Dunaway both of Houston; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bob Reynolds, Arnold Reynolds, Fred Reynolds, Glynn Sanders, Joe

Guthrie and August man. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Wilkins Funeral Home, interment in the Oak Valley at Mullin.

LONG DISTANCE SERVICE IS FASTER BEFORE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Though we'll all be on the job and doing our best to handle every Long Distance call promptly—some calls are bound to be delayed during the "last-minute" Christmas rush. So—may we make a friendly suggestion? Call, if you can, before Christmas Eve.

Please remember—

Calling by Number
Speeds Calls Too!

When you can give your operator the out-of-town number, she can put your call through without consulting information in the city you're calling.



FROM ALL OF US
TO ALL OF YOU,

Merry
Christmas

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GOLDTHWAITE
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Mrs. Johanson Wins Electric Kitchen

Mrs. Georgia Johanson (nee Georgia Porter) Registered Nurse at Goodfellow Air Force Base Hospital, San Angelo, has made her family very happy for Christmas by winning a Johnson & Johnson contest prize, a complete Electric Kitchen, which is now being installed at her new home, 76 Belair, San Angelo.

Mrs. Johanson is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Porter of Goldthwaite and has been fortunate in winning prizes having won some 20 in the past 15 years.

Edna Driskill Is Accepted Member Of Angel Flight

Edna Driskill, sophomore from Priddy, along with 11 other coeds has been accepted for membership in Angel's Flight, auxiliary to the James Handley squadron of the Arnold Air Society at East Texas State College.

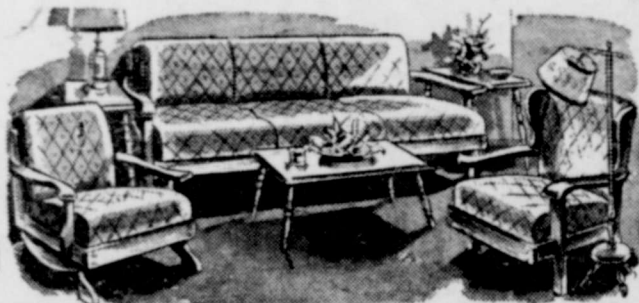
Nominated for membership by the Arnold Air Society, the initiates were selected by popular vote of the AAS and the Angel's Flight, according to an announcement by Robert J. McCloud, ETSTC News Service, Commerce.

DO YOUR Christmas Shopping Early Our Furniture Stock Is Complete

SPECIAL 6 PIECE Living Room Set

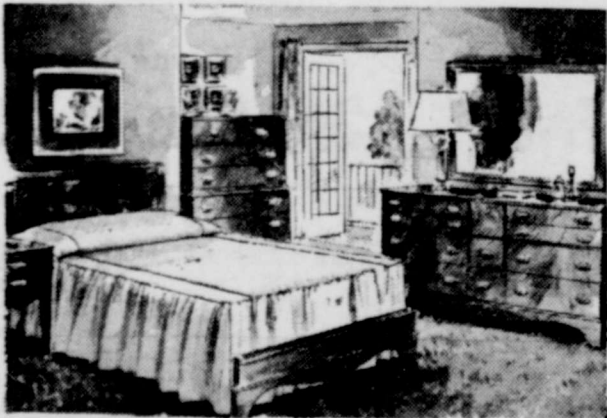
Couch, Platform Rocker, Occasional Chair, Two Step Up Tables, One Coffee Table.

All For --- \$137.50



- Children's Rockers \$3.00 up
- Platform Rockers \$16.50 up
- 2 Piece Couch Suites \$65.00 up
- New Radios \$16.95 up
- Lane Cedar Chests
- Wool Rugs - 9x12 \$60.00

- Chrome and Wrought Iron Dinette Suites - Many Colors
- Odd Bedsteads - Metal or Wood
- All Kinds Bed Springs
- Box Spring & Inner Spring Mattress To Match In 4-6 or 3-3 Size



Linoleum Rugs - Gold Seal and Armstrong, 9x12, 12x12, 12x15, also several Patterns 12ft. Yard Goods.

Box Spring and Foam Rubber Mattress to Match

Bed Room
SUITES
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- 10 YEAR GUARANTEE Servel's freezing system has a guarantee twice as long as for any other refrigerator. Serviced by Lone Star Gas.
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Personal News Of Mullin

By JEWEL SLAUGHTER

Rev. and Mrs. Morgan Beach and children spent Friday night and Saturday in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Hohertz and little daughter of Goldthwaite were Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hohertz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tyson and children of Beaumont and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lee of Brownwood are visiting here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee.

Ralph Hasley of Ridge spent the weekend with James Slaughter.

Word has been received here of the death of the little two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Casey, of Rochester,

New York. The baby was the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Casey of Dallas and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. L. J. Vann of Mullin.

W. H. Simpson of Fort Worth spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simpson.

Miss Ann Hohertz spent the weekend in Goldthwaite with relatives.

Funeral services were held at Duren Saturday afternoon for Miss Jo Curb, a long time resident of the Duren community.

Mrs. S. V. Roberts and Mrs. Lynn Roberts were Brownwood visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright were shopping in Goldthwaite Friday.

Mrs. Garth Gist and children of Brownwood spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Singleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hancock of Lometa spent the weekend here with his mother, Mrs. A. E. Hancock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Slaughter and Louise of Brownwood visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McConnell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hilliard were Goldthwaite visitors Friday.

Mr. John Guthrie passed away in a Brownwood hospital Saturday. We wish to express our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith and family over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dudley visited friends in Seagraves over the weekend.

Mrs. L. J. Vann and Mrs. Jewell Ivy spent Sunday afternoon in Zephyr visiting Mrs. George Phenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Atrkie Keating visited Mr. and Mrs. Barney Keating in San Angelo over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Chesser and daughters, Barbara and Patsy of Lancaster, California,

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Rozell Mosier Buried In Oak View Cemetery Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Rozell Mosier, 90, were held Monday December 17 at 2:30 o'clock in the First Methodist Church of Mullin. Services were conducted by Minister Moore Eubanks of Caradan.

Mrs. Mosier was born in Van Zant, Texas, September 5, 1866 and passed away at the home of her daughter, Miss Artie Mosier in Mullin, December 16, 1956. She moved to Mills County almost 60 years ago with her husband, W. W. Mosier who preceded her in death September 27, 1934. She had been a member of the Church of Christ since early in life.

Survivors are seven children, Luther Mosier, Stamford, Walter Mosier, Brownwood, Fred Mosier, Zephyr, Mrs. Mattie Musgrove, Coleman, Miss Artie Mosier, Mrs. Lela Jeffers and Willard Mosier all of Mullin. Twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Harvey Dudley, Charlie Hays, Homer Pyburn, E. A. Kemp, Aaron Bean and W. E. "Bill" Murray.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Roy Wilkins Funeral Home with interment in the Oak View Cemetery at Mullin.

are visiting Mr. Chesser's sisters, Mrs. J. M. McConnell and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Slaughter.

Mrs. Bettie Mosier passed away in her home here Sunday afternoon after a long illness. We wish to express our sympathy to the family.

Mullin Exes Plan Homecoming Party For Christmas Night

The annual Homecoming for ex-students and teachers and members of their families of Mullin Schools will be held Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

All ex-students and teachers are urged to attend the program, fun and fellowship that will follow, according to an announcement by W. P. Duren, president.

Officers of the ex-students association are: W. P. Duren, president; Joe H. Fletcher of Stephenville, vice-president and Miss Mary Ruth (Punk) Fletcher of Brownwood, secretary-treasurer.

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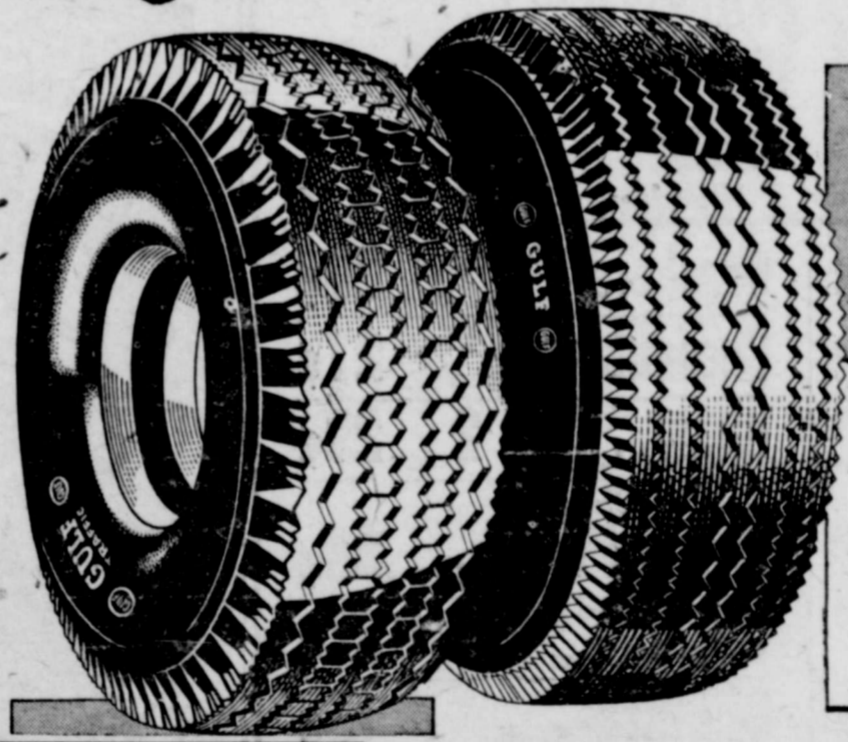
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Mills County H.D. Council Enjoys Christmas Party At Youth Center

The Mills County Home Demonstration Council met December 5, at the Mills County Youth Center for a Christmas Party. A short business session was held at which time Mrs. Sherwood Owens of the Center City Club was elected secretary of the council to replace Mrs. Glynn Sanders who resigned. A beautiful tree decorated by Mrs. Tom McArthur surrounded by gifts was the center of attraction. Gifts were numbered and numbers drawn by members and each received a beautiful and useful gift. An interesting program was rendered by each club of the county furnishing two numbers. Mrs. McArthur gave a reading; Mrs. Walter McFall, a "Bible Recipe For a Fruit Cake"; the following trio sang a Christmas song, Mmes. Virgil Geeslin, Viola Townsend and Viola McCasland; a poem by Mrs. W. W. Fox and a solo by Mrs. Dutch Smith completed the program. Refreshments were served by the council.

What I See In My Christmas Tree

By MRS. CRAIG WESSON

Note—After hearing a minister ask the question: "What do you see in your Christmas tree?" I was inspired to write this bit of prose. My answer.

In the star at the top I see the light which guided the wise men on that glorious night. And the miniature angels proclaiming the birth of the son of God bringing peace on earth, and seeing the gifts for everyone, I remember this is how God gave His son. The tree itself is the old rugged cross, on which Christ died to redeem the lost. Its prickly branches remind me how the crown of thorns pressed His precious brow.

The glistening snow brings to me, that this is how my sins shall be. Even Santa Claus who is make believe, reminds me it is more blessed to give than to receive. And the joy of little children beholding the tree, I remember he said let them come unto me. The many lights, sending out their rays tell me Christ is the light and only way. Their many colors so radiant bright say that all are precious in his sight. And I hear Him say come unto me. I see Christ in my Christmas tree.

Lumber Firm Is Burglarized

Barnes and McCullough Lumber Company of this city was burglarized early Thursday morning, or late Wednesday night of last week. Burglars entered the building through the back door after they apparently lifted the peg from the door bar with some sharp instrument. After entering the building they used tools from the show case and a pipe wrench from the shop to break the handle and combination on the large wall safe, but, were unable to open the safe. They took \$54.07 from the cash drawer in the office. O. O. Smith and Sheriff C. F. Stubblefield reported that from all indications it was a job by amateurs judging from the crude method of operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Locklear arrived from the Eastern Racing Circuit to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Locklear and other relatives.

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Local Boys Enlist In U. S. Army

James Petty, Callie Sides and Web Mays enlisted in the United States Army, December 15, for a period of three years. James enlisted in the Ordinance Corps, Callie in the metal working school and Web for the Signal Corps.

Under the Army's policy of enlisting young men for the job they want to do while in the Army, all three of the young men chose the branch of the Army of their choice, according to an announcement by SFC James A. Boone, Army Recruiting Sgt., 102 N. Ctn. St., Brownwood.

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Mrs. C. P. Lawson, Doyle and Hollis.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Lawson and children.
Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lawson and children.

12-20-11p

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for all the cards, flowers, gifts, visits and everything that made our 50th Anniversary, December 2 a wonderful day.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Richardson and son, Freddie Don of Hale Center spent the weekend with his sister, Mrs. G. C. Pack and Mr. Pack.

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CRAWFORD
is almost here and surely is anxious to come. Mrs. Daniel was in the Daniel store for Mark with intent to open until Jess Partin were a few days. We report all the sick feeling better. Mrs. Jess Ivy received the death of her Caraway. He was a resident of Caradan.

The town of Caradan was named in honor of his parents and Dan Bush, who operated a store and post office. Folks of this community also received their mail at Caradan during those days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Taylor and children presented Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whatley with a Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Harris visited his mother, Mrs. Bob Harris and other relatives at San Saba Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Oxford, Billy, Mack and Lynn were in Goldthwaite shopping Thursday and from all counts the boys are looking for "Ole" Santa to visit the Mountain.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whatley included Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Richardson and family of Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Roland McBride and little son of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brooks of Goldthwaite; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nowell, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Fisher and family were dinner guests and in the afternoon took Mr. Whatley for a ride over towards Gatesville.

This scribe received a letter from Mrs. G. C. Price of Arlington, California, stating they had arrived home safe and were feeling fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Ratliff, Wayne and Steve visited relatives in San Saba Sunday.

George and Pearl Crawford visited Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crawford and William G. Wednesday and played "42" and ate pop corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosco Karnes and boys of Odessa were guests last week of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. Z. Karnes.

Ray, Vance and Roy Wayne Harris were guests Sunday afternoon of Randall Ratliff.

We wish to express our sympathy to the Burdett, Caraway and Lawson families in the death of their loved ones.

Merry Christmas to the Goldthwaite Eagle Staff and families and to all who read this news.

Christmas And New Years Holidays To Be Observed Here On Schedule

In a few more days the Christmas rush will be over, and merchants with their employees will be getting ready for the annual after Christmas chores with inventory and all that goes with it.

Along with this will also be the regular Christmas and New Year's day holidays coming up on Tuesday of the next two weeks.

Both of these holidays will be observed by local business firms as part of their regular six holidays for the year.

Business firms will be closed next Tuesday December 25, Christmas Day.

The post office will be closed with window service one hour after mail arrives, and all mail dispatches will be taken care of as usual.

In connection with these two holidays coming on Tuesdays the Eagle staff will be working

under heavy schedule since Tuesday is normally a heavy day in both the office and shop.

Reporters, community correspondents and advertisers are reminded to keep this holiday

schedule in mind, and get their copy in early. Staff members will appreciate the cooperation from everyone in that connection.

Hillside Mission

By LIDA BYRNE
The Bible says: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever." Hebrews 13:8.

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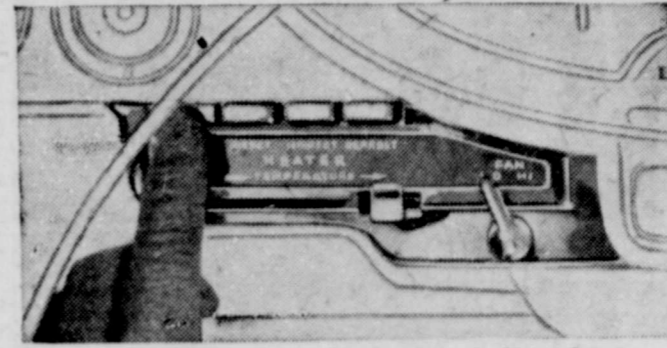
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GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS

Goldthwaite Girls--Burnet Boys Winners Of Basketball Tournament

In the final playoffs held Saturday, Goldthwaite girls won over the Evant girls by a score of 59 to 36, in the Goldthwaite invitational basketball tournament. Shirley Rowlett was high point girl for Goldthwaite with 37 points, and G. White of Evant was high point girl for her team with 29 points. The San Saba girls won the consolation trophy and Evant won the runner-up trophy.

Burnet boys defeated the Priddy boys to win the tournament by a score of 56 to 45. Everett of Burnet was high point man with 24 points to his credit and Hohertz was high point man for Priddy with 19 points. In the boys division, Priddy won the runner-up trophy and Brownwood "B" boys won the consolation trophy.

Following is the complete schedule for the three day tournament:

THURSDAY

GIRLS—Priddy 63, Star 25. High point girls, Priddy—Limmer 23, Star—Rudolph 19.

BOYS—Priddy 46, Star 32. High point Boys—Priddy—Feist 11, Star—Boykin 10.

GIRLS—Goldthwaite 82, San Saba 40. High point Girls—Goldthwaite—Rowlett 33, San Saba—Terry 13.

BOYS—Goldthwaite 62, San Saba 36. High point Boys—Goldthwaite—Vaughn 17, San Saba—Felts 15.

GIRLS—Evant 39, Mason 24. High point Girls—Evant—G White 23, Mason—Browne 10.

BOYS—Evant 42, Brownwood "B" 34. High point Boys—Evant—Brewen 15, Brownwood "B"—Watkins 12.

FRIDAY

GIRLS—Mullin 58, Burnet 26. High point Girls—Mullin—Smith 30, Burnet—Hasty, Thomas, Tar-

ver 8. BOYS—Burnet 69, Mullin 35. High point Boys—Burnet—Glover 17, Mullin—Sanders 14.

GIRLS—San Saba 39, Star 29. High point Girls—San Saba—Terry 24, Star—Rudolph 13.

BOYS—Star 31, San Saba 27. High point Boys—Star—Kelso 10, San Saba—Walker 10.

GIRLS—Goldthwaite 56, Priddy 40. High point Girls—Goldthwaite—Rowlett 32, Priddy—Kunkle 23.

BOYS—Priddy 38, Goldthwaite 26. High point Boys—Priddy—Seilhammer 13, Goldthwaite—Kirby 10.

SATURDAY

GIRLS—Mason 33, Burnet 19. High point Girls—Mason—Shaffer 13, Burnet—Tarver 14.

BOYS—Brownwood "B" 64, Mullin 42. High point Boys—Brownwood "B"—Hull, Petross 16, Mullin—Sanders 15.

GIRLS—Evant 39, Mullin 38. High point Girls—Evant—G White 25, Mullin—Pafford 20.

BOYS—Burnet 39, Evant 33. High point Boys—Burnet—Everett 16, Evant—Williams 8.

GIRLS—San Saba 38, Mason 35. High point Girls—San Saba—Gray 16, Mason—Browne 19.

BOYS—Brownwood "B" 51, Star 24. High point Boys—Brownwood "B"—Petross 20, Star—Boykin 11.

GIRLS—Goldthwaite 59, Evant 36. High point Girls—Goldthwaite—Rowlett 37, Evant—G White 29.

BOYS—Burnet 56, Priddy 45. High point Boys—Burnet—Everett 24, Priddy—Hohertz 19.

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS:
BOYS—Priddy—Hohertz, Star—Kelso, Goldthwaite—Kirby, Kight San Saba—Felts, Brownwood "B"—Petross, Evant—Willhite, Burnet—Everett, Glover, Priddy—Seilhammer.

GIRLS—Priddy—Limmer, Kunkel, Goldthwaite—Rowlett, Woods, San Saba—Owens, Mason—Sherwood, Evant—G White, Herrman, Burnet—Hasty, Tarver, Mullin—Pyburn, Mason—Whitaker.

BEST SPORTSMAN AWARD: Burnet—Patsy Gibbs, Goldthwaite—Johnny Vaughn.

AWARD FOR COACH OF WINNING TEAM: Goldthwaite—Richard Hampton—Girls, Burnet—Harris—Boys.

Greetings



May the season bring life's brightest ornaments—the Joy of Loving, the Fun of Giving.

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GOOD WISHES
for everyone

To each one of you, we wish the greater happiness that comes with sharing Christmas with friends and neighbors ... and with sharing the Holiday with Him, in His house. And to this wish we add the hope that the New Year brings to you a full measure of good health and prosperity.

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Scallorn News

MRS. ORA BLACK

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hines were greeted Sunday by their numerous friends and relatives honoring them on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Over 100 guests called and wished them many more happy years to come.

Mrs. T. A. Casbeer, Mrs. Clark Bristow and Mrs. Jane Johnson were in Brownwood Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Smith of San Saba Peak and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerby of Goldthwaite called recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hughes.

Mrs. Charles Wright of Mullin visited here Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Ora Black.

Mrs. John Kuykendall of Brownwood accompanied Mr. Cook, minister of the Scallorn Church and Mrs. Cook to church Sunday morning. They were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Burk. In the afternoon they and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson called in the Frank

Hines home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Todd of Dumas and their son, Frank Richard, student at Tarleton State College were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Potty Carter and son spent Sunday in Graham with her sister, Mrs. James Nickols, Mr. Nickols and boys.

HI NEIGHBOR!



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Joyful Wishes
In harmony with the Holiday spirit, we add this cheery note: May you and yours enjoy for years to come, all the happiness we wish for you this Christmas.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1956



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Priddy, Texas



SANTA CLAUS TOWN . . .
Santa Claus, Indiana, the town with a famous postmark, is always bustling for months before Christmas rolls around. Santa can be found here, busy in his workshop of playing host to thousands of boys and girls from all over the country.

Most Children Want Simpler Type of Gifts

An early report from Santa reassures the fact that our younger generation isn't too much fazed by this electronic world in which we live today.

Although some precocious youngsters ask for the outlandish in toys when they write to Santa, the majority still request the old stand-bys—such things as red wagons, tricycles, balls and gloves for the boys and dolls and such for the girls.

It is indeed reassuring in this modern age to know that children still find security and happiness in the simpler things of life, the things that pleased us most when we were children ourselves.



PROOF ENOUGH . . . Skeptical oldsters who would spread the word there is no Santa should have a chat with this Chicago youngster who fairly beams as he asks old Saint Nick about the things that will be under his tree come Christmas morning.

Favorite Carols Came From Many Lands

Three of our favorite carols were brought to us by early settlers from European lands. England contributed "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen." France gave us "Cantique de Noel," from Germany came "Away in a Manger."

"Adeste Fideles" belongs to no one country, but has been translated into 119 different languages and dialects.

Three Americans enriched our heritage of lovely carols. The earliest contribution, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was made by Edmund H. Sears in 1849; Dr. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., in 1859 composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and in 1868 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written by Phillip Brooks.



DICKENS' FAMOUS STORY

Charles Dickens' famous Christmas Carol was not the most popular of his Christmas stories during his lifetime, nor was it the one he hoped to be remembered by.

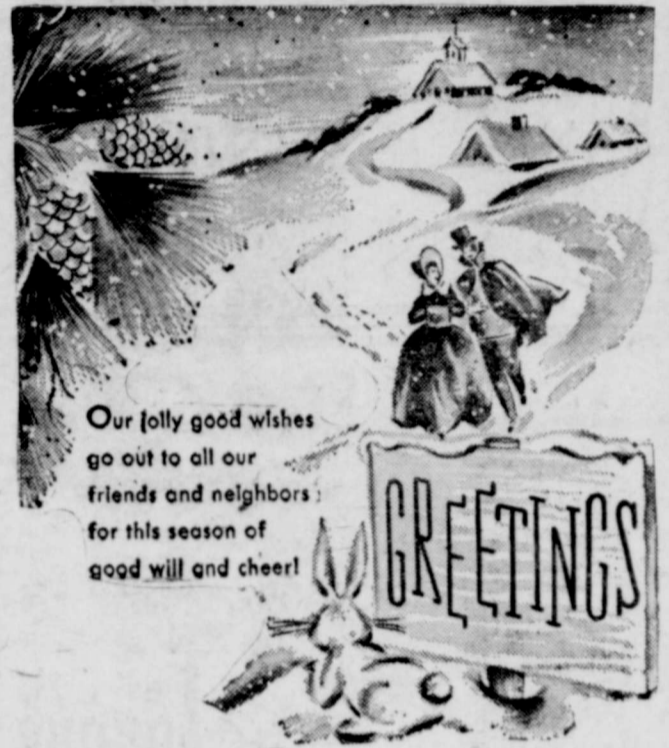
Dr. Ada Nisbet, who did extensive research for a book on the famous English author, states that the most popular of Dickens' Christmas stories in his day was "The Cricket on the Hearth," a poignant story of a father who tries to shield his blind daughter from the realities of life.

"It outdid Dickens' familiar tale of Scrooge and Tiny Tim by two to one," says Dr. Nisbet, an associate professor of English on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. "Two weeks after its appearance in 1845 dramatic versions of 'The Cricket' were playing at 12 different theatres in London alone."

Dickens' own favorite of his many Christmas stories, and the one he hoped would give him lasting fame, was "The Chimes." As he was writing it, he enthusiastically wrote a friend that it "would knock 'The Carol' out of the field."

But the public did not take to "The Chimes," probably because it was filled with uncomfortable topical satire. "The Christmas Carol" survived and became increasingly popular, Dr. Nisbet believes, because it is cheerful and "Christmasy," with a social doctrine shapeless enough to be acceptable to all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Our jolly good wishes go out to all our friends and neighbors for this season of good will and cheer!

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Merry Christmas



It is our sincerest wish that this Christmas brings a great abundance of warm and lasting pleasures to everyone.

DR. M. A. CHILDRESS

Elva Moreland

Emily Shepherd

Floy Williams


Greetings



May the joys of the Holiday Season surround you and your family, and linger long in your home and in your heart, to brighten the days that lie ahead. A Merry Christmas to everyone.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



That very special time o' year is here again... so, to all our friends and patrons—we want to say: may Santa shower you with everything your hearts desire.

Spradley's Upholstery Shop



NEW YORK TRADITION . . . Thousands of holiday shoppers are usually on hand when the traditional Christmas tree is lighted with appropriate ceremonies in Rockefeller plaza, New York. The nine-foot angels in the foreground are sculptured in wire.



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

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

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

How Santa Claus, Ind., Got a Famous Name

A familiar looking old gentleman with a red suit and a white beard was partially responsible for naming the town of Santa Claus, Indiana.

Except for a lucky break, the town might have had another name and thus would not have enjoyed the annual fame that it enjoys with each Yuletide season.

Originally the name Santa Fe was chosen, but officials in Washington suggested another name be chosen, since there already was a Santa Fe in New Mexico.

So it was that on Christmas Eve, in 1882, citizens of the nameless town gathered to select another name. Suggestions were tossed about for some time, until Santa Claus, making his yearly visit in the neighborhood strode in to get warm. He was attired in proper costume and his arrival seemed to put one name in every mind.

And so the town was named Santa Claus.

EARLY FESTIVALS

Prior to the fourth century, the Christians observed only Epiphany (the commemoration of the Baptism) and Easter with festivals and religious rights; the physical birth of Christ not being widely recognized. In such countries as Spain and Armenia, the month prior to Epiphany was a time of fasting and repentance.



Joyous Greetings

May the gladness of Christmas linger with you like the delightful music of a sweet song.

ROSE SHOE SHOP

Greetings



May your holiday season be bright with good cheer and light with good fellowship. May the happiness of the holidays be with you always...

SCHWARTZ'S GULF SERVICE STATION
Clarence Schwartz



Best wishes for Christmas

May this joyous Yuletide season bring to you and your loved ones an abundance of health, happiness and good fortune.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



Here they are! The season's best wishes to all our wonderful friends. May you enjoy to the fullest every minute of this glorious holiday.

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A CHRISTMAS GREETING

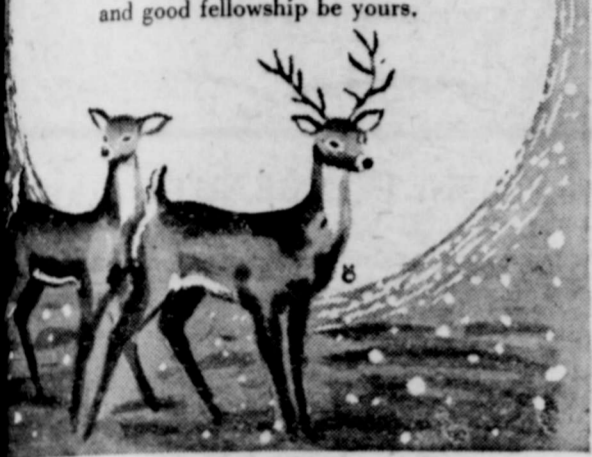


Let us harken to the clear-voiced chorists, as they hail the approach of another Christmas! May you partake in fullest measure of all of the joys of the season and carry its inspiration with you into the New Year.

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Merry Christmas

A peaceful, joyous holiday is our sincere wish for all. May good will and good fellowship be yours.



ROY MILLER'S CONOCO STA.

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS Wishes



To all our friends, we extend warm wishes for a Holiday that is full of love and joy. A Merry Christmas to all!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



May the happiness of Christmas abide in your home and in your heart now and throughout the gladsome Holiday Season.

REID & WALKER GARAGE

THE CHRISTMAS EVE GUNMAN

BY WILLIAM L. ROPER

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

Joshua Watterson, the thin, gray-haired bank president, sat hunched over his desk near the entrance in front of a huge, old-fashioned wall safe. A desk lamp illuminated the ledger pages which he studied carefully. The bank's doors were closed, but Joshua's task of checking the day's business would keep him busy for another hour.

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

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

Old Joshua grinned wryly. "I al-



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

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

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

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

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

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

All in Order

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

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

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

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

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

Big Surprise

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

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

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

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Personalize Your Greeting Cards

You can personalize the greetings you send to special friends by making your own cards. Handmade Christmas cards are fun to make, send and receive and truly reflect the personality of the sender.

One simple way to make cards is to trace a design that reflects your family personality or a symbol of the season on a block of linoleum. Cut away all but the part you want to print, dip this part into colored ink, and stamp it on a folded piece of good quality paper. Then hand-letter your holiday message on the inside.

Other cards can be made by painting, or by cutting pictures and designs from last year's cards and putting them together in new designs to make fresh, personalized greetings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEASON'S Greetings



Joyfully we join the merry carolers to warmly wish our wonderful friends and patrons a Happy Holiday Season.

HUDSON DRUG

DOW HUDSON LEWIS T. HUDSON

Season's Greetings

To all of our wonderful friends and neighbors... we hope that Santa arrives bearing a sleigh-load of all the good things in life. May the season find you rich in the blessings of Happiness, Peace and Health. The season's best to all.

JOHNSON BROTHERS



**Save Time in Making
Holiday Plum Pudding**

Plum pudding—rich in tradition and dried fruits but lacking plums—is perhaps one of the oldest and most famous of Christmas dishes. Most plum puddings require four to six hours of steaming, but this time can be cut to about one-third by steaming the dough in a pressure sauce pan. When this method is used, pressure is omitted during the first 30 minutes (because the dough is rising) then 15 pounds of pressure and steam are applied for one-third of the time given in the recipe.

WHITE HOUSE TREES

President Theodore Roosevelt, an ardent conservationist, once disapproved of Christmas trees and for several years forbade any being brought into the White House. But one year his sons, Archie and Quentin, smuggled one in and set it up in Archie's room. After the discovery, Gifford Pinchot, a great forester and conservationist, soothed T. R. by explaining that supervised and careful harvesting of Christmas trees—as thinnings—was good for the forests. Ever since, the White House has had an indoor tree.

**Water Is Key to Safe
Fresh Indoor Tree**

Water is the key to keeping a Christmas tree fresh after it has been brought indoors. Every indoor tree should be anchored in a container that holds five or six inches of water. The butt of the tree first should be cut on a slant an inch above the end of the trunk. Water should be added to the container every day to replace that taken up by the trees or lost by evaporation. Ample water makes a tree less inflammable and gives it better color. Any Christmas greenery will stay fresher if sprinkled with water.

**AN UNPLANNED
CHRISTMAS**
BY Dorothy Boys Kilian

THE white drifts were already so deep that Mr. Milbank had to guess where the curb was as he parked the long black Cadillac in front of the little grey house with a "Rooms for Tourists" sign over the door. "We simply don't dare go a mile further, Ora," he said to the middle-aged, fur-clad woman beside him. "But it's only fifty miles more to Minneapolis," Mrs. Milbank protested. "And what a place to spend Christmas Eve!" She peered distastefully through the still-falling snow out on the village street. "Better to stay here than be stalled overnight somewhere and freeze to death in the car. Do you realize it's taken us an hour to come only fifteen miles since dinner?"

"Well, if we must," Mrs. Milbank sighed. "I suppose we'd be too late for the Randall's cocktail party anyway." "The snow looks so white and clean here," Mr. Milbank remarked as they trudged up the walk. "In the city, seems like it gets all grimy and slushy the minute it hits the ground." "Please don't go sentimental on me, Roger," his wife begged. "I can just see this place," she muttered grimly. "Iron bedstead, bath room with clawfooted tub—"

A few minutes later as Mrs.



"Better to stay here than be stalled overnight somewhere and freeze to death in the car." Johnson closed the door behind them Mrs. Milbank groaned. "There's the iron bed, just as I predicted. I wonder if it will even

hold us both?" "It kind of reminds me of that bed we had when we were first married," Mr. Milbank smiled. "Only we painted it white to match the second-hand chest, remember?"

"Yes," Mrs. Milbank stared at the bed. Her voice had lost some of its coldness. "We planned to use that white furniture in the nursery when the first child came," her husband continued softly.

"But it never came," Mrs. Milbank's voice was crisp again. Quickly she turned towards the bags standing near the dresser. "Did you bring up everything?" "Everything but those gifts for the Randall children."

Being Thankful "That's the one thing we have to be thankful for in all this mess," Mrs. Milbank said. "It really won't matter whether they get those things for Christmas or not. Their playroom is undoubtedly crammed with toys already."

"Come in," Mr. Milbank cut in in answer to a tap on the door. Mrs. Johnson, a woman of about their age, wearing a crisp blue cotton dress, stepped into the room. "I wonder—I don't know—" she said hesitantly. "If you wouldn't like to come downstairs for some coffee and cake. It does seem a shame to spend Christmas Eve alone in a strange room."

"We mustn't intrude—" Mr. Milbank began. "Intrude!" Mrs. Johnson exclaimed. "If Christmas isn't the time to welcome strangers to one's board, I don't know when!"

They had reached the living room now. Mrs. Milbank sat down on the sofa and looked searchingly at Mrs. Johnson. "You really mean that, don't you?" she said slowly.

Need Cheering "Of course I do. And—I suppose I shouldn't say this—but when you people came in tonight you looked so lonely and unhappy, I just felt sorry for you. You seemed to need cheering up as much as the folks next door."

"You have no children of your own?" Mrs. Milbank asked and her husband sensed the intensity of her question. "No," Mrs. Johnson sighed. Then she smiled. "But you can always scare up some substitutes if you look around you. I'm lucky to find some right next store." She glanced ruefully towards the tree. "I only wish I had more to give them."

Mr. Milbank looked quickly at Mrs. Milbank, who nodded vigorously. "Excuse me a moment, I have some things to bring in from the car," he said.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



CAROTHERS MOTOR COMPANY

G. J. Delapp



Season's Greetings

As shepherds watched their flocks... a Star shone brightly in the hush of a Holy Night... a Babe was born in a manger... and a new spirit of Peace and Good Will came into the world. May that spirit abide with you and your family now and always.

MR. & MRS. V. C. BRADFORD



CITY AT NIGHT . . . Christmas trees and shining lights are traditional along New York's Park Avenue. Dominating the fashionable thoroughfare is the giant cross on the New York Central Building at 68th Street.

Greetings to All

COZNETTE BEAUTY SHOP
EDNA HILL — FRANCES GRUMBLES



A Merry Christmas
Our Yuletide best to all our friends... for a season packed with all the wonderful things that Christmas means!

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Holiday Spirit Dies Too Quickly

With all the excitement and hustle that precedes Christmas, it often happens that the day after Christmas is an anti-climax. It shouldn't be, although many new toys will already be broken, a few are certain to be disappointed because they didn't get what they really wanted from Santa—and, of course, there are bills that must be paid.

Yet, it isn't quite right to put Christmas so far behind us when December 26th arrives. There are many things that can and should be done to keep the Christmas spirit alive. This is the time for everyone in the family to write thank-you notes. Writing at once to acknowledge a gift serves two purposes. The giver appreciates such prompt thoughtfulness and it's always much easier to write a thank-you note promptly than to keep putting it off.

The day after Christmas is also a good time to start taking memos that will help make the next celebration of the holiday a greater event. And, before discarding those Christmas cards and letters, be sure that your address book is up to date.

Take a look around you at some of the gifts your friends received—and you may get some idea that will help you do a better shopping job for upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, and for the next Christmas, which on December 26th, is less than a year away.



Just as vari-colored Christmas tree lights add to the Christmas spirit in practically every American home, so does flickering candlelight add to the enjoyment of holiday decorations.

This year's candles take on a glitter and sparkle to go with their glow. Tall or short, fat or slim, all candles lend themselves to jewelry. And here, as with other Christmas decorations—its the "doing" that increases the fun and deepens the joy.


Popular on Christmas shopping lists this year are trim-a-candle kits which "do-it-yourself" fans can use to transform plain-Janes of candleland into tapers of striking loveliness which may be used for home decorations or gifts.

The kits' contents include glitter, spangles of infinite shapes and colors, pearls, sequins, stars and tallow beads.

BRIGHT DECORATIONS

The conventional wreaths which adorned Christmas doors and doorways for years have given way to popular use of bells and tree ornaments.

You can make both doors and window frames bright and cheerful by framing them with ribbon and sprigs of holly. Hang ribbons in festoons across the curtains and tie at the sides in wide sash bows for colorful effect.



BACKYARD SPECIAL . . .
This electric locomotive is designed for use in the backyard and comes complete with tracks and all the trimmings. Toys for 1956 are designed to appeal to both boys and girls—and the train seems to have captured the attention of this young couple from New York City.

Cheerful Holiday Wishes



Here it is!

A very SPECIAL DELIVERY unbreakable, imperishable, carefully wrapped and fully insured MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our wonderful patrons and friends.

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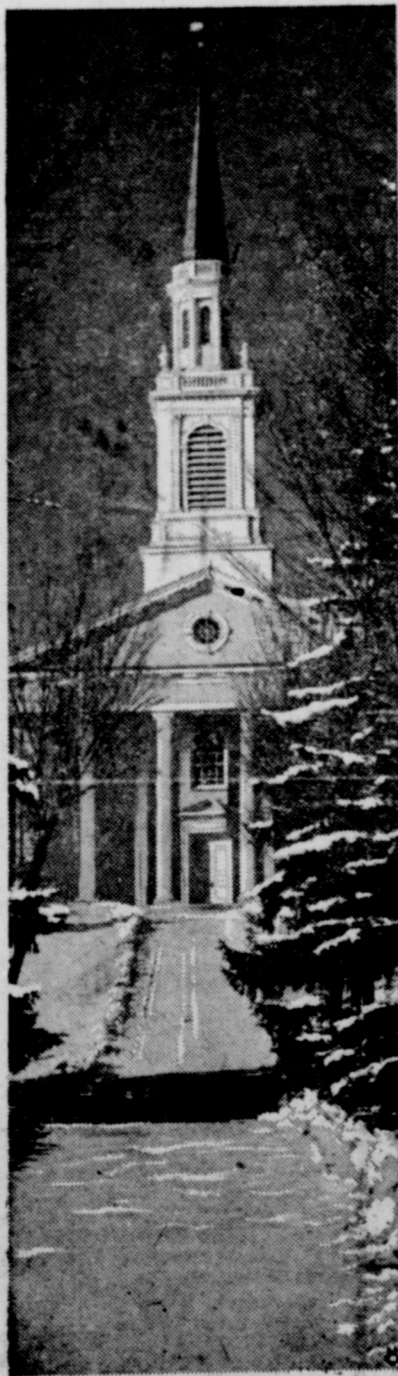
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The Season's Greetings

We extend to our many good friends a sincere wish for a Yuletide laden with a wealth of the good things in life. May every day be filled with the blessings of good health, happiness and warm friendships.



DR. AND MRS. RUEL SLAUGHTER



HOLIDAY NOTE . . . Even in whiskers and costume, this Santa would give himself away with the first note. He's Gordon McRae, popular baritone, probably dressed to play Santa for the three children in his household.



Christmas was first observed in England around A.D. 521, during the reign of King Arthur. Observance of the holiday (as well as that of Easter) was forbidden when the Puritans conquered in 1642. They passed an act in Parliament forbidding the celebration of both holidays and it was not until the Restoration of Charles II that these Christian practices again became prevalent in England.

Most historians credit Charles Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol" as being perhaps the most effective force behind England's return to the observance of Christmas.

Celebrating Christmas was at one time forbidden on American shores. In 1659, the general court of Massachusetts Bay colony passed a law stipulating a fine of five shillings for anyone "found observing any such day as Christmas, or the like, either by forbearing labor, feasting or any other way as a festival . . ."

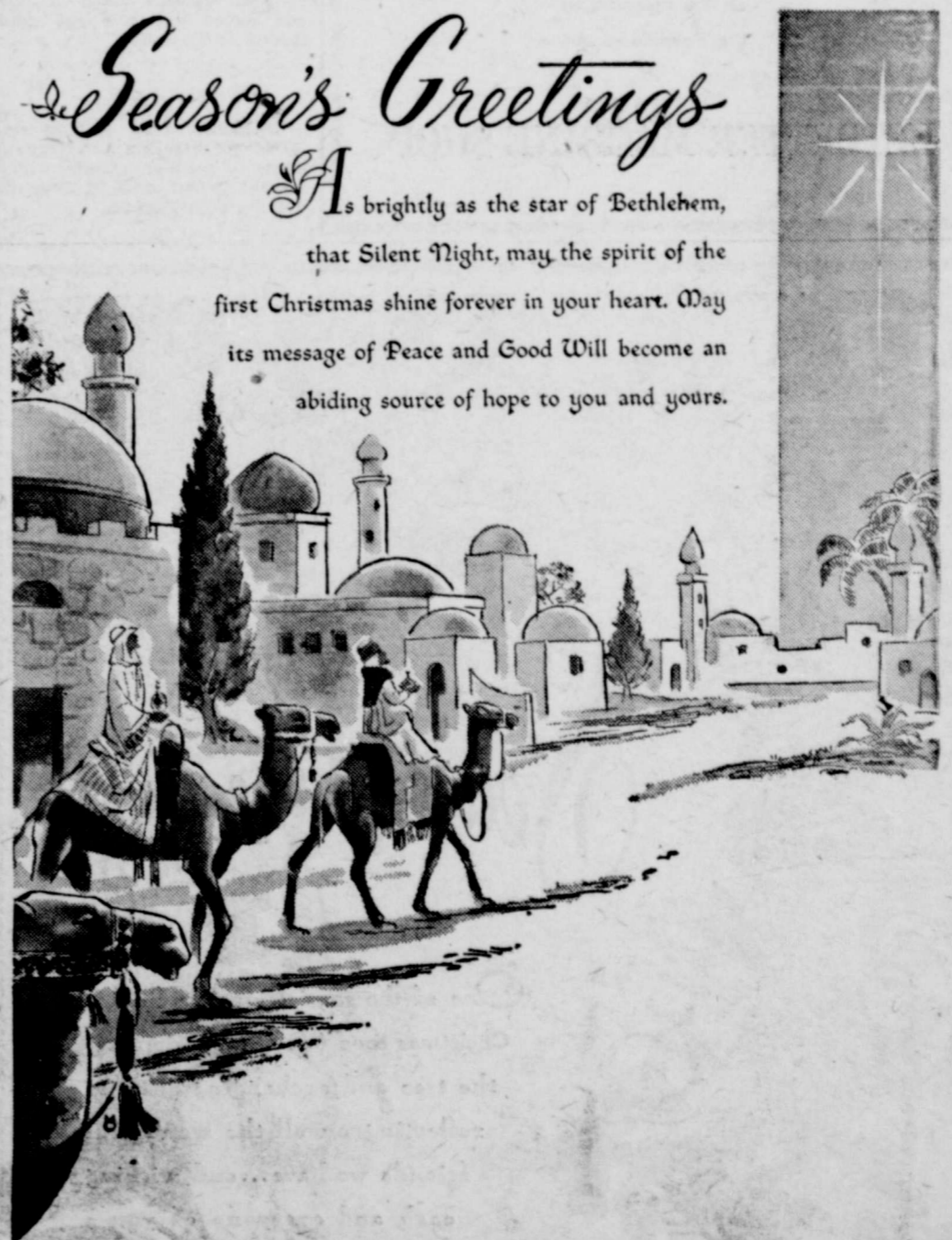
Almost thirty years later, the first "legal" Christmas was observed in America when Gov. Andros conducted services in the town hall of Boston.

Many of our modern Christmas customs resulted from early efforts to transform major pagan customs under Christian influence.

In the eighth century, St. Boniface an English missionary to Germany, persuaded his converts to substitute a green fir tree for their sacred oak and to adorn the green tree in a way that would pay tribute to the Christ Child.

Season's Greetings

As brightly as the star of Bethlehem, that Silent Night, may the spirit of the first Christmas shine forever in your heart. May its message of Peace and Good Will become an abiding source of hope to you and yours.



Pure Milk Company

Doug Collier

Goldthwaite Distributor



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

Gifts That Sparkle Add to Holiday Joy

Attractive gifts under a Christmas tree add as much sparkle to the holidays as decorations on the tree.

Plastic foam has unlimited use on packages. A boot three inches high, cut from one-inch-thick plastic foam makes a nice decoration for children's packages.

Brush the boot with shellac and sprinkle red glitter on the wet shellac. Then glue a collar 2 inches thick by 1 1/2 inches high on the boot.

You can make a wagon from a rectangular box by cutting wagon wheels and a tongue from 3/4-inch plastic foam. Edge the wheels and tongue with pipe cleaners and glue them to the package.

For a three-dimensional look, cut a picture from an old Christmas card. Make paper strips 1/2-inch by 2 inches and pleat them. Attach the picture to the package by gluing one end of the strip to the picture and the other end to the package.

Poinsettia Plant Can Be Kept for Next Christmas

The poinsettia, long a most popular Christmas plant, is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with the shortest day length periods, preferably 10 hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer.

The so-called blooms are really leafy bracts which color up a brilliant red. The true flowers are the small insignificant yellowish cups found in the center of the whorl of red bracts.

Poinsettias require regular watering—every day if necessary—but not excessive watering. They should be placed where they will get a maximum amount of daylight and sunshine. Day temperatures should be about 70-72 degrees and night temperatures should never be allowed to drop below 60 degrees.

Your poinsettia need not be discarded after the holiday season is over. To keep your plant until next year, place it in the basement or some other dry place, where there is no danger of it freezing. Water it very little, if at all, allowing the soil to dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two-thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil. Softwood cuttings taken in July and rooted will give you good Christmas blooms.

Odd Fact

In Mexico City, a man was jailed for stealing the account books of a butcher shop, which he said he had taken to prove the butcher owed him \$2.



Most experts expect a booming adult toy market to make this a record year for manufacturers and sellers of toys and games. For several years, toy makers have been catering to the hobbyist and the "over 65" age group and now they find themselves with a toy market that is brisk at both ends of the age group.

Today's adult who works, and the elder who has retired, have plenty of leisure time on their hands and each year hundreds take up such hobbies as miniature shipbuilding, model railroading, or the less strenuous word or card games.

Some of the grown-up items on the market for the last year's top toy selling Christmas season included a \$10 scale model kit of the liner S.S. United States, "HO" gauge electric trains, model power boats, pool tables, shuffleboard sets, and an endless list of word games.

Biggest volume item in the adult toy field are the word games and the increased popularity has been so marked that within the past year two manufacturers doubled their plant capacity for producing games.

The toy makers have no intention of forgetting the nearly 50 million youngsters under 14 who are their principal market, but they are cultivating the "over 65" group—and their reasoning is simply that the older age group has more money to spend and is more interested in finding ways to occupy time.

Some manufacturers of "do-it-yourself" tools and gadgets are cashing in on the adult toy market by putting models of their products on the toy counters. Among items in this category last Christmas were a "mobile" loudspeaker, an intercom set, and a hand drill. Plenty of these were sold to grown-ups who put them to practical use.

Christmas Customs From Many Peoples

The observance of Christmas in the United States, is a combination of customs which have come to us from Germany, England, Italy, Turkey, and many other countries, customs which have been combined into a beautiful and varied observance.

Christmas customs, combined with a proper appreciation of the spiritual nature of the observance, gives the real meaning of Christmas and the universal message it holds for all mankind, "Peace on earth; good will to men!"



To all our cherished friends we extend our sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas . . . abounding in the blessings of good health and happiness.

Stacy's Restaurant



GREETINGS
at Christmas

We sincerely wish that you will share in all the pleasures of the Yuletide season.

LETBETTER MACHINE SHOP



Season's Greetings

One of the special joys we find at Christmas time (along with trimming the tree and exchanging gifts) is reflecting on all the wonderful friends we have . . . and wishing each and everyone of you a most delightful holiday season.

Sam H. Rahl & Co.

Wool and Mohair



Here's hoping that all the joys of this Holiday season will be yours in fullest measure . . . and that the New Year will be richly rewarding in warm friendships, good health and happiness.

DUREN EQUIPMENT COMPANY

Third & Parker Street

Goldthwaite, Texas

BEST WISHES FOR

Christmas

Holiday happiness is our sincere wish for all. May your hopes be fulfilled...may your joy be deep and lasting.

Curtis Ripley



FAITH'S REWARD
 BY FRAN PACHTER

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

Kathy had been out of touch with her family since leaving to follow a modeling profession. She wrote occasionally and sent a check each month to her folks but hadn't been home in two years. In her last letter, she had hinted that she might get home but hadn't shown up. It had cast a blanket of gloom on their holiday, despite Mom and Dad's attempt to make it a gala occasion. The boys knew their Mother had held onto the hope that she would arrive until Christmas night, when long past their bedtime, she had turned off the tree remarking quietly, "Well, another Christmas is over." The package seemed to shout, "Yes, and Kathy didn't show up." The tired hopeless look on her face had told them



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

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

Busy with Success

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anger is Gone

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



NOEL

With happy memories of many pleasant friendships, we extend our sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas to all.

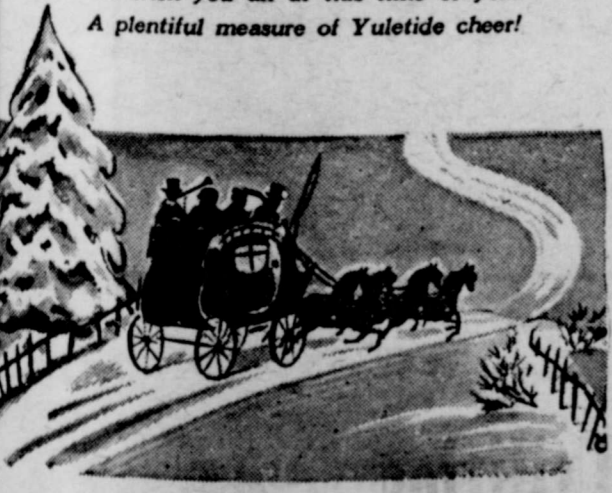
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

The time for joy, the time for peace;
 The time for pleasures that never cease.
 We wish you all at this time of year
 A plentiful measure of Yuletide cheer!



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Joy to the World



SUNNY CHRISTMAS . . . It's always Christmas at the little post office at Christmas, Florida, and about this time every year thousands of packages pour into Christmas, to be mailed again, under the famous postmark of "Christmas, Florida." Here, Santa gets an assist from a young helper.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MERRY Christmas

May the Christmas Spirit glow in your heart and Good Fortune smile brightly upon you through all the days of the New Year.



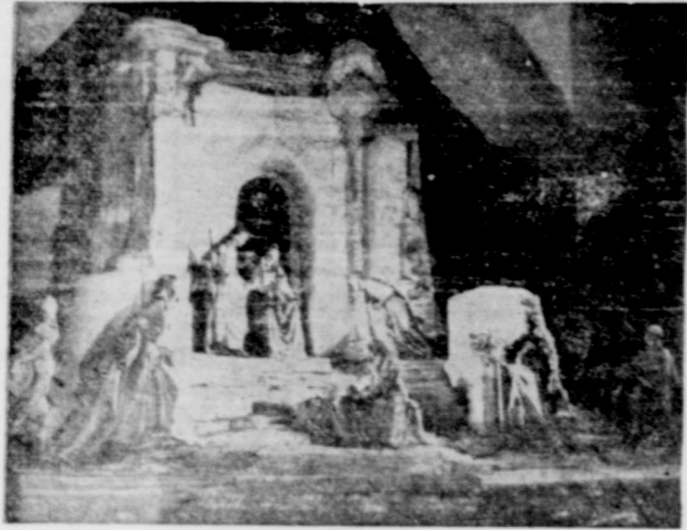
THE DAIRY CUP

Star-Bright Christmas Wishes



TOTS-TO-TEENS SHOP

Bessie Crews



FAMOUS ARRANGEMENT . . . Since St. Francis of Assisi created the first manger scene thousands of years ago, arrangements showing the Holy Family, the visiting Magi and shepherds have become an almost essential part of Christmas observances everywhere. The famous scene above is at Rome, Italy.

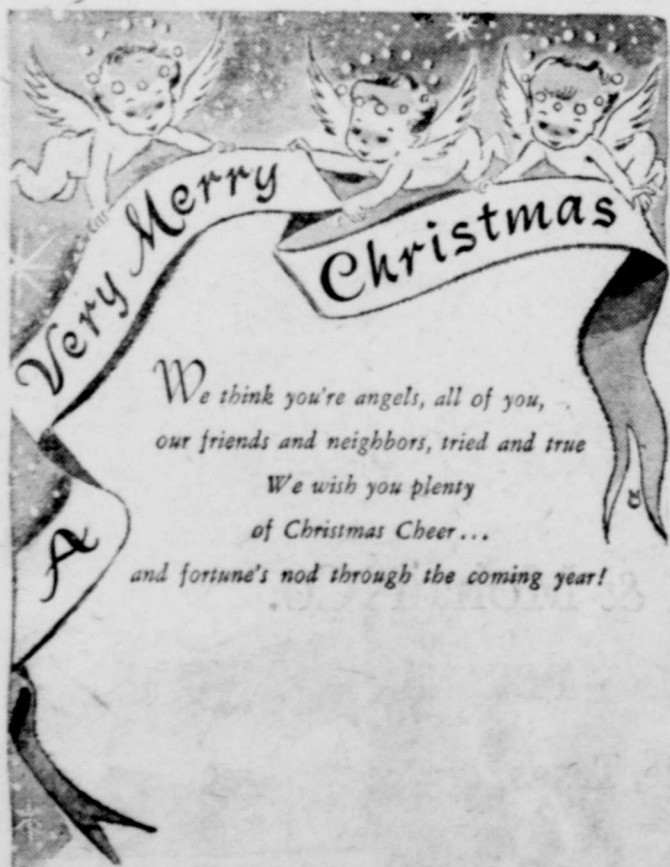
GREETINGS



May the blessings of the first Christmas abide with you for all time.

May the spirit of good will to all men be your guiding faith forever.

DR. And MRS. R. GLYNN RALEY



*We think you're angels, all of you,
our friends and neighbors, tried and true
We wish you plenty
of Christmas Cheer...
and fortune's nod through the coming year!*

WICKER STUDIO

NORTH PARKER STREET GOLDTHWAITE



Greetings

We hope the magic of this glorious season extends throughout the year for you and yours...bringing with it the blessing of happiness, the joy of good health and the pleasure of warm friendships.

City of Goldthwaite Utilities