

The Story Of Christmas

Long, long ago, 1,957 years as man now
marks the passing of time, a star shone
brightly on the little City of Bethlehem. No
ordinary night was this, and no ordinary
star. This was a night of glory and won-
der, and this was a star that would be the
sign of the world. On this night in Beth-
lehem the angels sang in their heavens,
the humble shepherds knelt in the fields to
prayer, and even the wise men were filled with
awe and reverence.



Here in this quiet place a glorious birth
brought hope and joy to the hearts of men,
for here in Bethlehem, on this starry night,
the King was born. His coming was made
known by the angels. Unaccompanied by
trumpets or shouting cries
of heralds, their soft, praise-filled voices
reached out into the stillness of the night,
singing "Hosanna, Hosanna, hail to the
King!"



Out on the hillsides the shepherds heard
the angels and they knelt among their flocks to pray.
And there came three wise men, following
the star that had guided their pathway
from the East.

Simple, indeed, were the surroundings.
A crude stable served as a palace; the roy-
al cradle was but a lowly manger filled
with hay. There were no trumpets, no court



In the history of the world, no story has ever been
told or written or repeated as many times as the
story of the first Christmas. Yet the telling and retell-
ing of this story through generations finds it forever
the same—a simple, effective narrative of the birth
of the Child Jesus at Bethlehem. The characters, the
setting, the situation are forever the same in the re-
counting of mankind's greatest moment, the coming
of the Redeemer. The story shall never change, nor
shall the effect of that One Great Life upon man's
eternal quest for salvation.

criers, no multitudes surging forth to adore.
There, that night in Bethlehem, when the
story began, there was only the stable, the
Child in the manger, with Mary the Mother
hovering near and Joseph standing quietly
by. And in the brilliant light of the star
were the Wise Men and the shepherds—
bearing gifts for the new-born King of
Kings.



Through centuries of telling and retell-
ing this greatest of all stories has remained
unchanged. It has for centuries marked the
beginning of a new era of hope and faith
for all mankind.

For the King that was born in Bethlehem
was not a mere king of some worldly do-
main. He was the King of all men and the
King of Kings. He came unto earth as a
promise of eternal salvation, to show the
way. He walked in the valley of men, not
garbed in the regal raiments of worldly
authority but surrounded by an aura of
ethereal goodness and wisdom; as a leader
and teacher of men.



There is then, deep significance to this
holiday we celebrate as Christmas. It is more
than an anniversary or a festive occasion;
a time to find joy in the acts of giving and
receiving. Christmas is a time for prayer and
thanksgiving; a time to return in thought
and spirit to the simple meaning of the
Story of Bethlehem; for on this day man-
kind was divinely blessed and given the
right to seek out eternal salvation.

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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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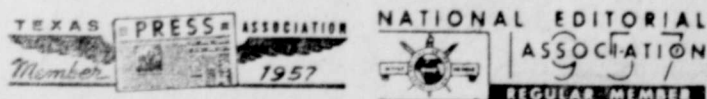
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WHEN THE OLD BIRD WAS YOUNGER

10 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December 26, 1947)

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Archer celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Saturday, December 20. Mr. and Mrs. Archer moved to Goldthwaite January 1, 1893, and have made their home here since.

Lloyd Parrish and Dolcy Murphy, World War II veterans have leased the Durenville Texaco Service Station and Cafe located north of Goldthwaite on the Brownwood highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burns and children, Barbara Dell and Jackie Wilson of Jal, New Mexico, are here to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Annie Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis T. Hudson of Austin are here for the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dow Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller.

Charles Hicks came last Saturday afternoon to take his mother, Mrs. Hicks to Cameron to spend Christmas.

Mrs. G. H. Frizzelle arrived home the first of the week from San Angelo, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Nan Kilpatrick, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Trent of Beverly Hills, California, arrived last week to spend the Christmas Holidays with relatives.

Col. M. Y. Stokes Jr., Goldthwaite post master, was back in the post office Friday and Saturday to enjoy the Christmas rush.

Mrs. D. D. Tate underwent a major operation last Saturday morning, at Medical Arts Hospital, Brownwood.

Misses Lillian Summy, Barksdale Field, Louisiana and Nina Summy, Boerne are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Summy.

25 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December 23, 1932)

An outstanding social event of the past week was Miss Anagene Johnson's miscellaneous shower for Miss Bernadine Rudd, a popular bride-to-be of the holiday season.

County Clerk Porter has issued marriage license to Cleburne Masters of Mullin and Miss Florence Oden of Lake Merritt; A. W. Fesmire, a United States Soldier and Miss Lillian Keith of Star.

Roy Tyson's home on the J. D. Priddy farm in Bull Springs community, burned at an early hour Tuesday morning and only a portion of the family belongings were saved.

The residence of Wayne Reynolds, located near the highway two miles south of Mullin, was burglarized Sunday night and quite a lot of household belongings, were taken, but it has all been recovered.

Brother Bates, pastor of the Nazarene Church, reports the marriage of Bedford Kuykendall and Miss Pauline Tyson at his home Friday night, at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Henry Martin has one of the most wonderful lemon trees to be found anywhere. It bears prolifically and the lemons are from 12 to 14 inches in circumference and weigh a pound and a half.

Wiley R. Hodges died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodges in the Duran community December 16, after a long illness.

Births—To Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Majors, December 7, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Perry on December 10, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chambers on December 14, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Claude NeSmith on December 15, a girl.

Friends here of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Priddy have received the announcement of a baby girl in their home.

50 YEARS AGO—

(Taken from the Eagle files of December 28, 1907)

S. E. Bull and Miss Portia Ballard were married at the home of Mrs. Ballard in this city Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The bride is the daughter of Mr. C. Ballard of Big Valley and the groom is the son of Mr. S. M. Bull of the same community.

County Clerk Crawford has been doing a rushing business in the marriage license line during the Christmas times and Madam Rumor has it that he still has some more business coming to him in the next few days. Those who have secured license since last report are John Hodges and Miss Tolia Huckabee; W. M. Guthrie and Miss Essie Tubbs; E. B. Brooks and Miss Ethrie May Walker; S. E. Bull and Miss Portia Ballard; Rev. Fred Lohman and Miss Ethel Giepin; R. E. Cook and Miss Ada Townsen; M. L. Pierson and Miss Gracie Carlyle; B. F. Donowho and Miss B. M. Miller; J. O. Swindle and Miss Pallie M. Boier.

Mrs. Harry Carton and children arrived Tuesday from El Paso to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Oden and other relatives.

Alfred Schweining, who is a student in a business college in San Antonio, arrived in Goldthwaite Saturday night to spend the holidays with his parents and other relatives.

G. A. Henderson came in from Fort Worth Tuesday for a visit to friends.

Roy Conro, who is a student in a business college at Fort Worth, came home to spend Christmas.

County Clerk Crawford has returned from a hunting trip.

Charles Cornelius Silver Key Pledge

STEPHENVILLE, (Sp.) — Charles Cornelius was pledged last week to Silver Keys, Tarleton State College Men's social club.

Cornelius is a freshman student at Tarleton State. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Z. Cornelius of Goldthwaite.



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**L. J. Slaughters
To Celebrate 51st
Anniversary Dec. 25**

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Slaughter will celebrate their 51st Wedding Anniversary at their home on Mesquite and Pine street in Goldthwaite, Christmas Day. They were married December 26, 1906, and spent most of their early married life in Jones and Kerr Counties. In 1931 they moved to Mullin with their seven children, and have lived near Mullin and Goldthwaite 27 years. Two sons are deceased.

Children that will be present for the celebration are Louie Slaughter, Brownwood; Bill Slaughter, Richland Springs and Preston Slaughter of Goldthwaite; Mrs. Lillie McGary and Mrs. Rosa Robertson both of Abilene.

**Firemen And Wives
Honored At Banquet
Friday Night, Dec. 20**

The Goldthwaite Fire Department members and their wives, 38 in all, were honored last Friday night with an oyster supper in the banquet room of McLean's Cafe. The group liked one member of being 100 per cent present.

Mrs. Lois Hudson was guest speaker for the dinner and gave a short story in her charming manner. W. C. Barnett gave a very good report about the State Fire Department check-up on the water system, and Fire Department here, and he stated that it was the best report that the Goldthwaite Department had ever received. After the talks were over, Jack Reid was presented with a gift (a small fire truck) in recognition of his services as Fire Chief.

J. H. Long, who is a patient in San Saba Memorial Hospital is slowly improving but will have to remain in the hospital for sometime.

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some Methodist
Tuesday, Dec. 31, at

11 p.m. She will also give her invitation on movie screens in theaters throughout the state. For the first time in history, believe leaders, every Methodist church in Texas is expected to have a watch night service. All services will be designed to launch the "Tell Texas About Christ" evangelistic campaign to be conducted in the state during 1958.

**Day Is Deadline For One Per Cent
On County And State Taxes**

Tuesday, December 31
day on which tax
who wish to take ad-
of the one per cent
on county and state

taxes, may do so.
The full amount of taxes is due January 1, 1958 and the one per cent discount which is good through the month of December expires on December 31, according to an announcement by C. F. Stubblefield, tax assessor-collector for Mills County.

Mr. Stubblefield stated that tax payments during October were very good, a little slower in November, but good again in December.

City and school taxes are also due at this time, however there are no discounts on these two taxes. Folks are reminded that they can save themselves penalties and interest charges, which go into effect after the taxes become delinquent, by paying these at the same time they pay their county and state taxes.

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QUESTION: I am 70 years old and plan to be married next month. My friends say that my bride, who is over age 62, will not be able to receive wife's social security benefits. Is this true?

ANSWER: Your wife will not be eligible for wife's benefits until you have been married a full three years. If you should die after having been married at least one year, she will be eligible for widow's benefits.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Locklear of Hot Springs, Arkansas are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Locklear and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Williams.

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BIRTHS
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee Head, of Goldthwaite, announce the birth of a daughter, at the Childress Clinic on December 19, 1957 at 6:13 p.m. She weighed seven pounds and six ounces and has been named JoAnna Darleen.
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hammond and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Head all of Goldthwaite.
Pvt. and Mrs. Joe E. Odom of 447 Fawcett Avenue, Tacoma, Washington, announce the arrival of a daughter, Donna Lynn, born December 18, 1957. She weighed seven pounds and three ounces.
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Casbeer of Goldthwaite and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Odom of Lockhart, Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Davis of Corsicana announce the arrival of a daughter, Shirrie Lynn, born in a Corsicana hospital, December 16, 1957. She has a brother, Charles Edd to welcome her.
Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Addie C. Davis of Goldthwaite and great-grandmother is Mrs. J. C. Stark of Goldthwaite.
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wiggle of Richland, Texas.
Hillside Mission
BY LIDA BYRNE
Many of us have commemorated our Lord's birthday. We quote in part, what He said in St. Matthew 28:20: "and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Merry Christmas!

Best wishes for a bright holiday.

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Local Garden Club Holds Memorial Service For Mrs. Oglesby, Dec. 18

The Goldthwaite Garden Club met Wednesday afternoon, December 18, at 3 o'clock in the Jennie Trent Dew Library, with Misses W. P. Duren, J. M. Campbell, John L. Patterson, H. D. Roberson and O. H. Yarborough hostesses.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations of the club room. The refreshment table was laid with a green cloth and centered with a beautiful white Christmas tree surrounded by gaily wrapped packages.

Mrs. John L. Patterson was program leader and a Christmas prayer was given by Mrs. O. H. Yarborough.

Mrs. T. J. Collier paid a lovely tribute to the memory of a loyal club member, Mrs. John-

nie Belle Harrison Oglesby. She was praised for her outstanding work and wonderful leadership. Mrs. Oglesby was a member and worked in a number of different groups. As Mrs. Collier spoke of these different groups a beautiful floral piece was formed by the following:

Mrs. T. C. Graves represented the church; Mrs. John Patterson the Church School; Mrs. Ray Standley the Women's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Jim Weatherby the Garden Club; Mrs. H. D. Roberson the Home Demonstration Club; Mrs. Malcolm Jernigan the Public School, in which she taught for a number of years. The floral piece was placed on her grave. Mrs. John G. Berry told of plans for a State Gar-

den Club Memorial to be set up by the Goldthwaite Garden Club in memory of Mrs. Oglesby.

Mrs. T. M. Glass gave a talk on "The Church of the Wayfarer" and roll call was answered with "The Gift I Liked Best."

After the gifts had been distributed and opened the hostesses served delicious tea and Christmas cookies.

Final Rites For J. B. Honeycutt Held Thursday

Funeral services for J. B. Honeycutt were held in Restland Cemetery, Gatesville Thursday afternoon, December 19, at 3 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. G. L. Derrick. Joseph Burch Honeycutt was born in Coryell County, Texas, February 8, 1880 and passed

away at his home in Goldthwaite Friday, December 13, 1957.

On October 26, 1913 he was married to Oma Lee Melton at Mound, Texas.

Survivors are the wife, Mrs. Oma Honeycutt of Gatesville; two sons, Levere and Honeycutt of Whitney and Syb Honeycutt of Gatesville; four daughters, Mrs. Bill Frye and Mrs. Addie Mae Hudson both of Gatesville; Mrs. Lester Kirk, Dallas and Mrs. Johnnie Tomastik of Temple; a sister, Mrs. Carrol Witty of Gatesville; two brothers Syb Honeycutt and Fred Honeycutt both of Gatesville.

Palbearers were Bruce Frye, H. B. Witty, B. A. Mitchell, Bill Holt, Roby Witty and Groves Witty.

Funeral arrangements were

under the direction of the Roy Wilkins Funeral Home with burial in the Restland Cemetery, Gatesville.

Chappell Hill

By PEARL CRAWFORD

The children are enjoying the holiday from school and most everyone out this way is busy preparing for family reunions. The children are peeping around trying to see if Santa is on his way or was lost in the dust storm last Thursday.

Mrs. Lou Richardson of Lometa visited Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Whatley Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Hill of Bryan and Pearl Crawford were dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Evans.

Miss Mary Corner visited Mrs. O. A. Evans last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Geeslin visited Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Stevens and the Price children Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Standley of Gorman visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Daniel last Tuesday.

Frank Byrd, who is a surgical patient at a Brownwood hospital was reported by Mrs. Byrd to be doing nicely. We hope his eye sight can be restored.

It was nice visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bessent of Mt. Olive in Goldthwaite. They reported a lot of folks were sick with the flu in the Mt. Olive community.

It is a pleasure to wish The Goldthwaite Eagle Staff, all

the neighbors, friends and readers of this newspaper a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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LEMON SQUEEZER
(Written for last week)
Christmas is just around the corner and you children big and little be on your behavior or old Santa find you.
Mrs. Sandy Hairston and Mr. and Mrs. Hairston and son, Milt Hairston Sunday with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Berry at Pleasant
Mrs. Brelin Higgins called on Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Alexander one recently.
Mrs. Fred Sanderson and parents of a daughter Ann, born December 11, at Rollins-Brook Hospital, Lompasa.
Mrs. Paul Kincheleo

visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shave at Star Sunday afternoon a week ago.

There was a mistake in the date we were to meet at the school house and work on the house and the grounds, it will be this Saturday the 21st. We will have our Christmas tree and program Saturday night, December 21st also.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Potts, Mike and Dave of Lometa spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Laughlin; also Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hairston and son, Milt Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Hairston were in the Laughlin home Sunday afternoon.

Several families visited the Hugh Soules family Sunday. Wanda Soules visited Judy Carswell Thursday.

Dorina Kay Soules visited Sandra Alexander Thursday. Jack Dickson and James visited the Haskell Alexanders Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Clauborne Walton and Cynthia were Christmas shopping in Lompasa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Landrum are still with her father, Mr. Guley, a patient in the Coleman hospital.

Mr. W. A. Patterson visited his son, Doris Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kincheleo visited the Fred Shaves one night recently.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Alexander of Adamsville ate Sunday dinner with the Haskell Alexander family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hunt called in the Haskell Alexander home one night recently.

Little Rhonda Cook visited Sandra Alexander Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were supper guests in the Haskell Alexander home Sunday night.

Larry Alexander visited the Paul Kincheleos Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. House and boys were dinner guests of the Paul Kincheleos recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon McCaslands visited the J. D. Hunts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Hawkins visited the Haskell Alexander family Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Laughlin visited Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Baird one night recently.

Big Valley Siftings

By SIFTER

(Written for last week)
Ulric Martin and Chester Marrs spent part of last week at the Stahman Pecan Farm in Las Cruces, New Mexico observing Mechanical harvesting.
Rev. and Mrs. Kirby Lynn ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bates Sunday.

J. D. Hunt has been gathering mistletoe near Richland Springs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Alexander, Larry and Sandra spent Saturday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander at Adamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Hairston and Milt Jr. attended the ball tournament at Lometa Friday and Saturday nights.

There will be a Christmas program at the church Sunday night, December 22, beginning at 8 o'clock. You are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wolff and Iva Dee met their son and brother, Robert and Mrs. Wolff in Rock Springs for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Long visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Page Sunday night.

Mrs. Walter Covington's sister, Mrs. Hall of Killeen has been visiting in the Covington home. Their mother, Mrs. Warren returned home with Mrs. Hall to make her home.

Minister and Mrs. Jim Pennington were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Marrs Sunday.

Mrs. Louvell Sides attended funeral services for Oliver Altizer at San Saba Sunday.

We hated very much to hear of the death of Robert (Bob) Weaver. He spent the most of his life in Big Valley but has been living in Arlington for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bela Hopson spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Knowles

of California spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Connie Knowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wolff were called to Gatesville Friday night. Her brother Oscar Palmer is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Shaw visited his brother, Oden Shaw Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Denton and Grace were business visitors in San Saba Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Adrain Long and Judy visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hale and Anna Gene Sunday afternoon. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Knowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doak visited Hoyt Cockrells Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Shaw visited Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Martin and Billy Sunday night.

Miss Marsha Wilkins, student of Southwestern University is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins and Charles.

*** MERRY CHRISTMAS ***

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be the gayest, brightest
of all holidays!

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jackson



Greetings

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff. May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season... Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

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GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS

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Student Night At Christmas To Be Observed At First Baptist Church

Student night at Christmas will be observed this Sunday night at the First Baptist Church. This is a service that will utilize the many college young people home for the holidays, also members of the high school. This is an effort to magnify the college and high school students at Christmas time.

The theme for the Student Night will be, "We Believe, And So We Speak." Many of the students will be featured in the program. The subjects that will be discussed are, "We Believe In Prayer and Devotions," "We Believe In Bible Emphasis and Focus Week," "We Believe In Campus Citizenship," "We Believe In Witnessing," "We Believe In Service," "We Be-

lieve In Church Loyalty," and "We Believe That God Has A Plan For Every Life." The music, prayers, and messages will all be brought by the students. In this way Christ will be magnified through them.

Girl Scout Troop 2 Meet December 19

BY MARJORIE SPRADLEY

Girl Scout Troop Number 2 met Thursday, December 19 and had our Christmas Party. We played games and sang Christmas Carols.

After the games refreshments of sandwiches, fritos, potato chips and punch was served. We then opened our gifts and were dismissed.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



WCID Is Created By Commissioners And Five Directors Are Appointed

Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, was created by the commissioners' court after a public hearing on the project last Thursday. The court approved a petition requesting creation of the district. The petition signed by 103 property owners from the area had been filed with the court on Friday, November 22.

The hearing was held in the Commissioner's courtroom with County Judge John L. Patterson presiding. All commissioners were present along with a number of interested residents from the Bennett Creek area and Soil Conservation Service representatives.

Everyone was given an opportunity to express their views on the project before the commissioner took action on the matter. After considerable discussion the court voted unanimously to grant the petition and Mills County WCID No. 1 was created under the law.

After the petition was approved the court appointed five directors who are to serve on a temporary basis. These directors will serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified for office.

Board members named are Jim Soules, Arnold Head, Homer McCasland, J. S. Owens and Bertram Geeslin.

Under the law the temporary board of directors will, within 30 days, call for an election within the proposed district to confirm or reject action of the commissioners' court. If the matter is confirmed the control and improvement district will be duly organized.

To vote in the election one must be a qualified voter and a resident property owner of precinct two since the boundaries of the proposed district are co-extensive with Mills county commissioner's district No. 2.

The next step will be for a work plan to be prepared by the Soil Conservation Service. After

this work plan is completed the matter will go before the U. S. Congress for approval.

If the project is approved by Congress then all actual construction costs will be paid for from Federal funds.

The district would be empowered to issue tax bonds for preliminary expenses, easements, letting of contracts and maintenance of the district.

Preliminary work regarding this Bennett Creek watershed project has been going on for some time. It was started by a number of residents of that area who are interested in flood prevention measures.

A temporary committee was appointed by the Soil Conservation District Supervisors some time ago to check into the matter of organizing the district. Serving on this temporary committee were: Jim Soules, chairman, Homer McCasland, Hollis Blackwell, Arnold Head and Dr. T. C. Graves.

It was after a number of meetings by property owners in the district that petitions were prepared and signed requesting creation of the water control and improvement district.

Watchnight Service At First Baptist Church, Dec. 31

Everyone is invited to attend a Watchnight Service at the First Baptist Church next Tuesday night, December 31, 1957 beginning at 9:30 p.m.

The theme of the program will be "I Resolve" to sing more, 9:30 to 9:45; to play more, 9:45 to 10:30; to eat more (or less) 10:30 to 11:00; to make our Church grow, 11:00 to 11:15; to be a better Christian (A Christian Film will be shown), 11:15 to 11:45 and to worship more, 11:45 to 12:01. All will meet in the chapel to begin the program.

— IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE —

Art And Civic Club Holds Christmas Meeting, Dec. 19th

In the festively decorated Home Economics Department at the Goldthwaite High School, the Art and Civic Club held its regular meeting, Thursday afternoon, December 19.

A short business session was held with Mrs. Jack Elms, presiding. The president appointed Mrs. Lee Roy Stacy, Mrs. M. T. Burnham, and Mrs. M. F. Horton to serve on a committee to nominate officers for next year.

Club members exhibited the true spirit of Christmas by sending gifts to the San Antonio State Tuberculosis Hospital. The girl scouts made some beautiful and delicate doll dresses to be sent to this hospital also.

Gifts were also given to a child in this community which the club has sponsored as their local welfare project. The Goldthwaite Home Economic girls of the first and second year presented a lovely Christmas program. Linda Ward served as mistress of ceremonies; Barbara Burns sang "Oh, Holy Night"; Linda Dennard told the story of "The Littlest General"; and a quartet composed of Jackie McCasland, Maria Eubanks, Norma Fay Duren, and Judy Reid sang, "Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer."

The refreshment table was laid with a pink cloth festooned with a flourish of red net, from which fruit-nog tarts, nuts, and coffee were served to the members and visitors.

Everyone enjoyed seeing the lovely table settings and festive decorations which were displayed about the room. The club agreed that the Home Economics girls and their teacher, Mrs. Wallace Johnson made the afternoon a very pleasant one.

Mrs. Ollie Sexton Busbee of Escalon, California and her grand daughter, Mrs. J. B. Anders of Fort Worth visited in the Oscar Burns home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic E. Koleber spent the weekend in Teague with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Massey.

Former Residents Slain In New Mexico

The following relatives attended funeral services in Roy, New Mexico Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. A. E. (Allen) Weathers and their daughter, Katherine. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Saylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Saylor, Mrs. Bertha Weathers, Mrs. J. A. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vines and son, Brad all of Goldthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Weathers of Dublin and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Weathers of Brownwood. Also Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodson, Hobbs, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Weathers and Katherine were slain by Lawrence Weisdorfers, 45, estranged husband of the Weather's daughter, Elizabeth. Weisdorfers was a veteran of Corregidor and Japanese prison camps.

The victims were shot 30 30 rifle. Later Weathers, son and brother of the victims.

Mr. Weathers was a brother of Mrs. Kelly Saylor and Weathers of this city. Weathers was a sister of Alice Waggoner of Goldthwaite and Mrs. Frank She Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron and her niece, Sue Star of Fort Worth spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall and children of Ft. Arkansas are guests of mother, Mrs. Annie Miller.

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We take this opportunity to thank you for your past patronage and assure you of our continued desire to serve you through the coming year.

Watch Our Window Signs For Friday and Saturday Specials

Loy Long Grocery



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

WOODY DRUG STORE
Your REXALL Store



Just a note to wish you a very happy Holiday Time!

Solly's Auto Salvage



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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

JACK LONG'S GULF STATION
Across From Courthouse
Dial MI8-3225 Goldthwaite, Texas

How Barns Clean-Up Day Set For January 2nd

Committee Can Use One Hundred Volunteer Workers To Do The Job

Next Thursday, January 2, has been officially set for the annual clean-up day at the Mills county show barns and grounds in preparation for the annual stock show on Friday and Saturday, January 10 and 11, it was announced today by R. L. Steen, president of Mills County Livestock Raisers' Association.

In making the announcement Mr. Steen stressed the fact that the committee can use one hundred volunteer workers for the one day clean-up program. He pointed out that much work

needs to be done to get the barns and grounds ready for the show and if a large number of volunteers will report the job can be done in record time.

Everyone interested in the show is urged to report and bring tools to help with the job. If a sufficient number of workers are on hand the job can be completed before the day is over.

Stock show officials are looking for a good show in January. A large number of entries have been made for the show in hogs, sheep, goats, club calves and breeding cattle.

Community News From Mullin

By MRS. JOHNNIE HOLLAND

Mr. Melvin Bessent presented her piano students in a Christmas Recital in the High School auditorium last Friday night. Those taking part in the recital were: Susan Kay Fisher, Wynona Wasserman, Annette Murray, Lanny Bessent, Danny Carter, Ronnie Freeman, Carol Locke, Ronnie Chaney, Gayla Holland, Sue Ethridge and Rex Bessent.

Recent visitors here with Mrs. Emma Hart were Mrs. Lloyd Hancock and daughters of Gatesville, and Mr. and Mrs. Autry Hart and family of San Angelo.

Tom Cooksey Jr. attended a mechanic school in Dallas three days last week. Mark and Melinda visited at Irving with relatives while their father attended school.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Porter and children were visiting here last weekend with friends. Mr. Porter is a former teacher in the Mullin school.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sedberry and family of Waco were weekend visitors here with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Tolliver.

Our boys and girls played the Carleton boys and girl in a game of basketball at the Mullin gym last Friday night.

The girls game was a hard fought one from start to finish. The scores at the end of the game were 31-22 in our favor.

Our boys took the lead in the early part of the game, and they were able to carry through the game at the big end of the score. Scores were 65-39.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Chaney entertained the eight grade with a Christmas party at their home last Friday night. Everyone had a "barrel" of fun. Refreshments consisting of popcorn balls, cold drinks, and candy were served to the group.

Jimmy Davidson, who is attending A.C.C. at Abilene was a visitor in Mullin last week. Jimmy is a former Mullin boy.

Harold Locke received a message last Friday from Albuquerque telling of the injury of his brother, Herman in an explosion where he was working. He was quiet severely burned, and he also received a broken leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Cooksey and family of Irving were last weekend visitors here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom

Local HD Club Enjoy Christmas Party, Dec. 13th

By MRS. OSCAR BURNS

The Goldthwaite Home Demonstration Club enjoyed a covered dish supper at the Youth Center last Tuesday, December 13, with their husbands as guests. There were 29 members and their husbands and the agent, Miss Burrus present to enjoy the feast.

Then the fun and excitement began as the members and guests gathered around the Christmas Tree and the beautiful packages were opened. Later games of "42" were played and as the party began breaking up, everyone expressed their thanks for a wonderful evening and the husbands stated that they wished the members of the HD Club would have suppers more often.

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are here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Pafford and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Holden of Goldthwaite were in Mullin Saturday for the livestock show.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Chaney of Morganfield, Kentucky are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Chaney and Mrs. Margaret Tolliver.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Keating and Barbara spent the weekend in Rotan visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Seaton and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Seaton. Barbara Keating remained for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Warren and children visited Mrs. Jewell Curbo and Jeff Ethridge at Durenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde D. Warren of Crane spent a few days with his parents here, and left last night for Fort Worth to visit her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Warren of Rotan are spending the Christmas Holidays with home folks here and at Goldthwaite.

Pleasant Grove

By MRS. W. B. WILKEY

There is only a few days until Christmas and we hope the weather continues to be nice.

Miss Lella Holly of Fort Worth has been visiting friends

and relatives in this community.

Bobby Dyas of Killeen was a recent guest in the home of his mother, Mrs. Ray Berry and Mr. Berry and his brother Eugene Dyas and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Varnell Wilkey of Odessa came Wednesday night for a visit with the Wilkies and they were called back to Odessa Friday morning. Mrs. Wilkey's grandfather had passed away.

Dude and I sat up at the funeral home Wednesday night with the Honeycutt children. Mr. Honeycutt was a nephew of Mrs. Martha Wilkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laughlin and Mrs. Lina McLean called in the Wilkey home Sunday afternoon.

Judy Ann Covington of Odessa and Loy Dean Dyas of Goldthwaite are spending a few days with the Wilkies during the Christmas Holidays.

I will close this letter by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. There is no time like Christmas to remember the friendships we cherish.

And there is no other wish like the old tried and true ones. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Workman of San Antonio spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Jones and other relatives.



—Star-Telegram Photos by Bob Bain.

NG MANGER SCENE— Mills County churches displayed in a five night season of a living manger

scene which was produced on the courthouse square in Goldthwaite. This picture was made

Thursday night when the Baptist and Methodist churches had charge of the presentation.

Mills County Sales Are Over Top

During the first eleven months of 1957, Mills county reached 141.6% of its 1957 Savings goal. This announcement was made today by W. P. Duren, Chairman of the Mills County Savings Bonds Committee.

Sales in Mills county were \$7,521 during November and sales as of December 1 totaled \$191,395 Chairman Duren stated. November sales in Texas were \$11,610,861 and during the first eleven months of 1957 sales totaled \$153,336,859 or 79.4% of the State's 1957 goal.

Chairman Duren had this reminder for all late Christmas shoppers "Give a gift that keeps on giving. . . A United States Savings Bond. They're easy to buy (at the nearest bank) easy to give (in beautiful new gift envelope) and downright wonderful to receive."

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This \$14.35 desk for only \$1.50

This desk for \$1.50 with every 'Posture' chair ordered!

Cole's Drop-Leaf Desk \$14.35

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Adjustable Posture Chair
Scientifically-designed to eliminate office fatigue and assure maximum efficiency. Soft rubber cushion seat 16½" x 13½". Both chair and seat have adjustable controls. Smooth rolling ball-bearing casters. Beautifully upholstered in U.S. Rubber's famous Naugahyde. Will not stain, crack or peel. In your choice of brown, green, gray and wine. No. 2816 \$32.95

Sturdy, Steel Drop-Leaf Desk
Use it as a salesman's desk where space is scarce. Ideal for the student in the family. Makes homework more attractive. Use it as a typewriter table. Also handy in the kitchen. Drawer for supplies and shelf for books. Rolls smoothly on four casters. Roomier than most tables, opens up to 39" x 17". Typewriter desk height. Because of the heavy gauge steel and strong piano hinges it will last a lifetime. Green or gray enamel finish. No. 769 \$14.35

The Goldthwaite Eagle



You are never too young or too old to appreciate nice things said about you. That is why we at Schwartz Food Store pause at a busy season like this to say that we sincerely appreciate the support and business you have given us during the year 1957.

We will enter the New Year with greater hope and faith and pledge to give you the best in quality for your dollar in every department in our store.

For those of you who have overateen we have drugs; for those who are hungry we will have plenty of good buys—see our window signs and pay us a visit. Plenty of Black-eyed Peas.

From us to you we wish you a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Everyone At Your Friendly

Schwartz Food Store

Goldthwaite

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Walter J. Cartwright
Church School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Youth Fellowship, 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.
W.S.C.S. each Monday, 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting,
7:00 p.m.
Men's meeting, 2nd Thursday of
each month, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Presnall H. Wood
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Training Union, 7:00 p.m.
Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and
Bible Study, 8:00 p.m.
W.M.U., 4:00 p.m., Monday
Brotherhood, 3rd Monday night
in month

ST. MARYS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Leo Bujnowski, Pastor
Last Sunday in each month,
7:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Charles J. Hill Jr., Minister
Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.
Ladies Bible Class, Tuesday, 2:30
p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00
p.m.

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
N.Y.P.S., 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting, 8:00
p.m.
N.F.M.S., Thursday, 3:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
B. F. Renfro, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Preaching, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night, 8:00 p.m.
Thursday Night, 8:00 p.m.

Center City BAPTIST CHURCH
Services 1st and 3rd Sundays
Rev. Ramon Sims, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Jesse Long
Church School each Sunday,
10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 2nd & 5th
Sundays, 11:00 a.m.
M.Y.F., 6:00 p.m., each Sunday
Evening Worship, 2nd & 5th
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

PLEASANT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Jesse Long
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., 4th
Sunday
Evening Worship, 7:45 p.m., each
4th Saturday and Sunday.

- Holland Cafe
- Marvin Hodges
- Dr. M. A. Childress & Staff
- Edgington Motor Company
- McLean Cafe
- Horton Lumber Company
- Jewell Ivy, Gen. Mdse.—Mullin
- Saylor Chevrolet Company

TRIGGER MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. R. Carroll, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.

LONG COVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ernest Weedon, Pastor
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH MT. OLIVE
Elder Jesse Bass, Pastor
Services each 3rd Sunday at
11:00 a.m. and on Saturday
preceding at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00
p.m.

Mullin BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Alvis Bell, pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Training Union, 7:30 p.m.
Evening Worship, 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting
p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Harold Orr, pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Bible Study
p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
D. W. Newton, Minister
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL METHODIST CHURCH (Caradan Road)
Rev. Jesse Long
Services 2nd and 5th Sunday
3:00 p.m.

Star CHURCH OF CHRIST
George Ewing, Minister
Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Young Peoples Meeting, 6:45
Evening Worship, 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting,
p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH
H. L. Higginbottom
Services 2nd and 4th Sunday
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Jesse Long
Church School, 10:00 a.m.
M.Y.F. each Sunday, 6:30 p.m.
Preaching Services 1st and
Sundays
11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Big Valley CHURCH OF CHRIST
Jim Pennington, Minister
Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Young Peoples Meeting, 6:00
Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.
Wed.—Prayer Meeting, 7:00
p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Kirby Lynn
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.

Priddy ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. John Striepe, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal—Thursday
p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Wayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.

DUREN CONGREGATION METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Gloyd Horton, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:15 Each
day
Morning Worship—2nd and
Sundays
Evening Worship—2nd and
Sundays
Singing each 4th Thursday Night
(except months of July & Aug.)



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The shining light of faith

... newly kindled by the glories of the Christmas tree.

Now you see it, shining more brightly than at any other time of year. Faith. The Faith of little ones, so sure their wishes will come true. The Faith of parents,

equally confident that somehow they will make this the most wonderful holiday the children have ever known.

For some, the light of Faith will remain brilliant throughout the year. These are the ones who've discovered that one holy hour a week can make seven happy days.

Now, while you are so aware of the strength of your Faith, won't you resolve to keep it "shined up" throughout the year? This week and every week, worship together.

Find the strength  **for your life...**
WORSHIP TOGETHER THIS WEEK

This Series of Ads is Being Published in The Eagle
Each Month Under the Auspices of the Mills County Ministers
and is Sponsored by the following Individuals and Business Establishments

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- Goldthwaite Steam Laundry
- Blackwell Feed Company
- Steen Hardware
- Blackwell Wool & Mohair Co.
- Carothers Motor Company
- Moreland Feed Store
- The Goldthwaite Eagle
- Goldthwaite City Utilities

Merry Christmas ... from ... Clements & Head Insurance

State Capital NEWS

By Vern Sanford

STEN, Tex.—Things have been popping under the State dome throughout 1957. Among the stories that the Capitol newsroom has been jangling were:

WATER PROBLEMS—Tornadoes and hurricanes brought 10 years of drought to a close. Reservoirs filled to 91 per cent of capacity—a two-years supply. Lampasas, Dallas, Silverton and other towns added up a toll of more than \$100,000. Pasturage flourished, many crops washed away. Water's importance can't be ignored. Result: Legislature passed two major projects for water conservation.

ICT FAILS—BenJack Cage was a household word after crash of an empire he had with heavy investments in organized labor. Losses

But more static developed in the special sessions. Senate tried to oust the new commissioner, William A. Harrison. Attorney General's opinion said they had no say-so over Harrison's appointment. However, the Insurance Department still faces continued critical surveillance from disgruntled senators.

5. COX CONVICTED—Things talked about for years erupted into the open with the sensational resignation, indictment and conviction of Rep. James E. Cox of Conroe. A tape recording of a conversation between Cox and a Naturopathic Association leader was the prime evidence used to back up a charge that Cox had agreed to accept a \$5,000 bribe. This provided extra fuel for the reform drive. A code of ethics and lobby registration laws were passed.

6. NEW SEGREGATION LAWS—East Texas legislators put plenty of steam behind proposals designed to preserve authority over school segregation. Futile filibusters caused delays, but five bills were passed. They'll probably be in the news again as opponents bring them to

tests in courts.

7. OIL SAGS—Violent fluctuations in Texas oil production gave everyone the jitters. Pressure from the Suez Canal crisis forced production allowable to an all-time high of 18 producing days in March. But Suez reopened and foreign oil came flooding back into the U.S.A. Texas' allowable had tumbled to 13 producing days by July, skidded to an all-time-low of 12 in September. President's order for voluntary import cuts brought some hope.

8. RAIDS—Attorney General Will Wilson padlocked Galveston gambling houses with less repercussion on the Pleasure Isle's economy than expected. Latest Wilson raids rounded up naturopaths on charges of violating the Medical Practices Act.

9. RUN-OFFS DECREED—Almost forgotten now is the furor over the Pool Bill to require a run-off in special elections. Ralph Yarborough became junior U.S. senator in an old-style one-shot election. Then the Legislature passed a bill requiring run-off elections in the future.

10. MONEY SHORTAGE—It

didn't make black headlines, but it troubled men in high places. By the end of the second special session, the Legislature had scraped the bottom of the state treasury. Comptroller predicted the state would be \$12,000,000 in the red by 1959. Depressed oil, a prime tax source, and extra sessions contributed to the problem. But most people agreed that Texas was bursting its seams from inevitable growth. A special Tax Study Commission is studying the issue over-all. Observers say new taxes are unavoidable.

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MORE INSURANCE WOES—Texas insurance world is "all shook up" again. Fuse was re-lit when the Senate investigating committee announced it had uncovered a \$2,000 gift from a company president, to an Insurance Department employee. Sen. Charles Herring of Austin, committee chairman, called a new round of hearings. Insurance Commissioner William A. Harrison fired the employee, Examiner J. W. Pierson, who had been with the depart-

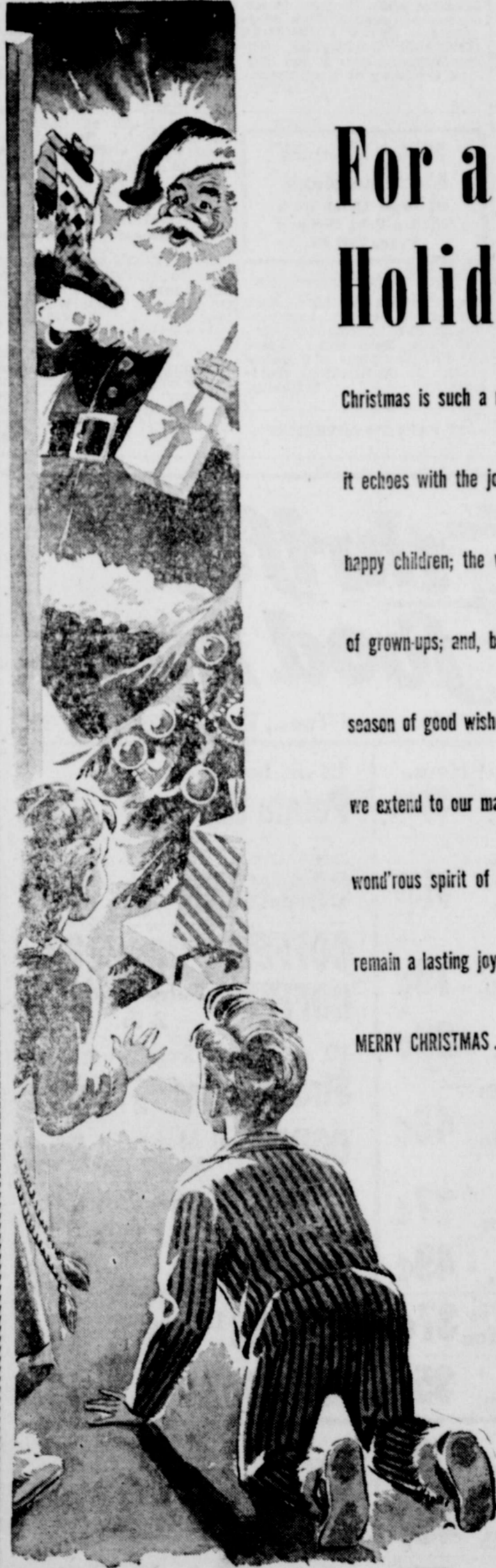
ment 24 years. He demanded removal of the company president, John L. McCarty of Estate Life Ins. Co., Amarillo. McCarty resigned. Estate officials swung back, threatened to sue the department. They contend the company was rooked in a department-approved reinsurance contract taking over policies of the bankrupt Physicians Life. Harrison also took aim at another company, United General (Continued on Back Page)



Christmas Dishes

Again this Christmas we rejoice as we recall the many grand associations with our many friends; To all of you who have favored us with your patronage, it is our fondest wish that you enjoy every joy, good health and happiness of this cheery season!

DUREN EQUIPMENT COMPANY
Third and Parker Streets Goldthwaite, Texas



For a Happy Holiday...

Christmas is such a merry time . . .

it echoes with the joy and laughter of

happy children; the warmth and friendly ways

of grown-ups; and, best of all, it's the

season of good wishes — such as the ones

we extend to our many friends . . . May the

wondrous spirit of the season

remain a lasting joy for all!

MERRY CHRISTMAS . . .

Estep New And Used **Furniture**

Spelled with a "k"

Released by
Department of Agriculture

By John C. White, Commissioner

LETTER TO SANTA
This letter was first written in the San Antonio Express-News in 1952. The writer was a young boy, then a young man, and now an Odessa resident. It has a universal appeal and is especially fitting for the Christmas season when we sometimes forget the real meaning of Christmas.

The last time I wrote you, I spelled Bicycle with a "k" and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving you letters to my father to mail and its worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nice to ME, then," from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "thank you" for the other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angles atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Noels and the

hushed hymns, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that? And especially, to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expense respite from the rest of the year? Could you put in our Christmas cards and our packages, the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of the shopworn sentiment and the same old gifts?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you—that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll be staging it all ways?

I think you will because, you've seen central heating replace the chimney you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely Yours,
Lois Weekes

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Priddy, Texas

Mills County Chosen For Farm Study By Personnel Of A. & M. College

Personnel from Texas A. and M. College were in the Priddy area of Mills County talking with farmers and ranchers during the week of December 9. They were getting information concerning the effects of the drought on agriculture and the movement of people in and out of agriculture.

According to Dr. R. L. Skrabanek of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of Texas A. and M. College who is leader of the research project, the research team plans to return to the Mills County area in January. At that time they hope to talk to a large number of farmers and ranchers to get a more complete picture of the effects of the drought. They also plan to talk with people who have moved out of agriculture since 1950 and are now living in Mills, Comanche, Hamilton, Brown, San Saba, and Lampasas Counties. By talking with this group, they hope to determine the extent to which drought was a factor in their getting out of agriculture.

Sidney Long Wins Third Place With Hampshire Sheep
Sidney Joe Long, was one of the forty-eight Texas Tech students that was named winner in the annual International Livestock Show sponsored at Lubbock by the Block and Bridle Club.

The show was patterned after Chicago's International Livestock Exposition, and was designed to give the Tech students experience in preparing and showing animals. The animals were selected by the students from the Tech herds.

Sidney Joe's Hampshire sheep placed third.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Long of the Big Valley community and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hale of Goldthwaite.

Scallorn News
MRS. ORA BLACK (Written for last week)
The Social at Scallorn Center Thursday night was enjoyed by some 30 guests. At this meeting plans were made for the Christmas program, which will be the night of the 24th. Everyone has a most cordial invitation to attend and enjoy an old time Christmas tree and the arrival of Saint Nick.

R. A. Cox and Mr. Durst volunteered to get the tree and put it up and the ladies will be on hand to see that the tree is decorated.

Numbers will be drawn for the exchange of gifts. The men will bring gifts for men and ladies for the ladies, gifts to be priced from 75c to \$1.00. Parents will bring gifts for their children.

Eddie Olsen of Houston accompanied Huntis Black home for a weeks visit.

Mrs. Charles Wright of Mullin spent Thursday night with her mother, Ora Black.

Frank R. Todd came over from Stephenville for a visit with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hines and Greta Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Black, Huntis, Layton and Eddie Olsen of Houston ate chili with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hughes Friday night.


Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hines and Greta Sue and Frank R. Todd of Tarleton visited Saturday afternoon in Lometa with Mr. and Mrs. Fields Hines and Gregory. They also visited their aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Lockhart.

Mr. John Harris celebrated his 84th birthday Sunday. Most of his children from different parts of the state were here to help make the occasion a very happy affair.

Mrs. Charles Wright of Mullin was a guest Thursday afternoon in the Frank Hines home.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

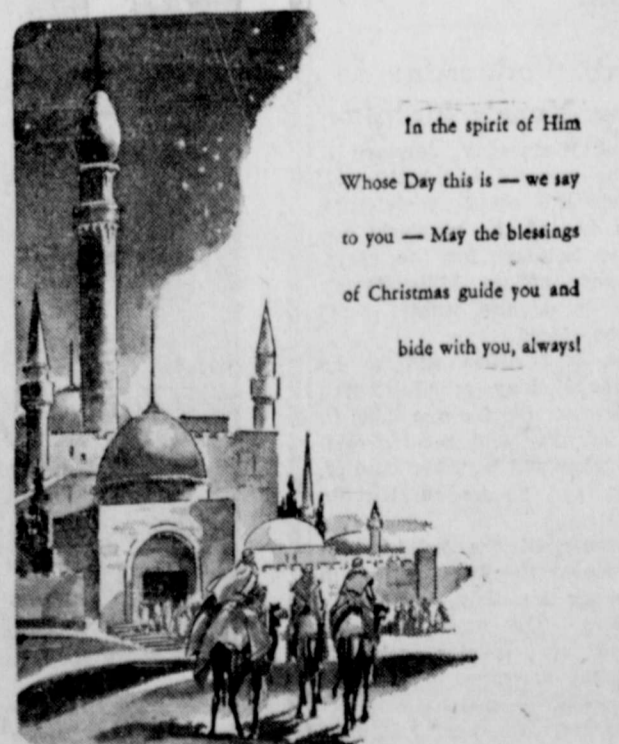
CHRISTMAS JOY



May the light of the stately candles be your symbol of glowing happiness.

Goldthwaite Steam Laundry

In the spirit of Him Whose Day this is — we say to you — May the blessings of Christmas guide you and abide with you, always!



Schuster Circle X Ranch

San Saba Peak
By MRS. DUTCH SMITH (Written for last week)
We did not attend church Sunday, we spent the day with my Dad helping him celebrate his 84th birthday. The following children and grandchildren were present: Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Leverett, San Saba; Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Smith, San Saba Peak; Mrs. Frank Day, Okalla; Mrs. Cliff Peeler, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Peeler and daughter, Lana, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lee Master, Earline, Bill Jr. and Sharon, Okalla; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Murphy and Jimmy, Lometa; Mrs. Pauline Thompson, Breckenridge; Bill Harris, we went to Brownwood. I haven't seen any of my neighbors and really do not know any news. May I wish Mr. and Mrs. Vic E. Koleber and the Eagle Staff a very Merry Christmas. May God bless each of you.

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Merry Christmas

The jolly snowman brings you our warmest wish for a happy holiday!

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Political Announcements Start Next Week

Beginning with the next issue, the Eagle will open the regular political announcement column listing candidates who are seeking office subject to the primary elections in July and August.

Too Late To Classify

FOR RENT—Five room house with bath, garden spot, 2½ acres. Bob Burks, Phone M18-2692. (12-26-14c)

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the friends and neighbors for the cards, letters, visits, flowers and every kindness shown me while I was a patient in the hospital and since my return home. Your kindnesses are sincerely appreciated.

Mrs. Gerald Head
(12-26-14c)

CARD OF THANKS

It is with our deepest appreciation that we extend our thanks to our friends and neighbors for the many wonderful deeds of kindness and sympathy shown us in the loss of our loved one. Also for the comforting prayers by Reverend Presnell H. Wood and Reverend Jesse Cook.

The Family of
Hubert J. Cummins
(12-26-14p)

Little politics is being talked at this point since this next year is not a presidential election year.

A number of inquiries have been made at the Eagle office however by prospective candidates regarding their announcements and some are expected to be made shortly.

Candidates and the offices they are seeking will be listed in the Eagle starting next week as announcements are made.

Old China Celebrated New Year for 15 Days

The New Year celebration in old China lasted for 15 days, beginning on the First Day of the First Moon and climaxing on "Teng Chieh," the Feast of Lanterns.

Family gatherings are as traditional in China as throughout the world and from New Year's Day until "Teng Chieh" exchanges of gifts and all sorts of entertainment were in order.

Northern China usually celebrated very simply, with paper lanterns hung in doors and windows. In Southern China, however, the festivities were usually concluded with spectacular lantern-lit parades featuring huge fire-breathing dragons supported from within by many men.

MRS. ADA DUNKLE ENTERTAINS GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flisk of Franklin, Penn., spent last week in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ada Dunkle (Mrs. Flisk is a niece of the late Mr. Dunkle). Other guests here to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Flisk were Mrs. Greta King and children of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Davis and Gene of Lam-pasas.

Local Markets

The sheep sale continues good at the Mills County Commission Company with a total of 2600 head selling last Friday. In the goat division, a total of 1100 head sold. This was the last sale this year, with the next sheep and goat sale being on Friday, January 3, 1958.

All classes of sheep were off slightly from the week before with the exception of old bucks which remained the same and old ewes which showed an increase in price. In the goat division all classes were down in price with the exception of good nannies and kids which remained the same as last week.

SHEEP

Fat lambs, 18c to 21c; stocker lambs, 17c to 23½c; clipped lambs, 16c to 18c; yearlings, 14c to 17c; aged wethers, 12c to 16c; stocker ewes, \$10 to \$18 per head; old ewes, 8c to 10c; old bucks, 7c to 10c; ewes and lambs, \$14 to \$23 per pair.

GOATS

Good mutton goats, \$7 to \$10 per head; weighing kind, 7c to 9c; good nannies, \$8 to \$11 per head; cull nannies, 5c to 7c; kids, \$6 to \$9 each.

EGGS—PER DOZEN

Pullet eggs were listed at 30c this week with medium or mixed at 35c and large whites at 40c.

Butterfat, 45c per pound.

CHICKENS—PER LB.

Roosters, 5c; Hens, 9c and 10c.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Z. Woodard of Brady spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Woodard.

State Capitol News

(Continued from page 9)

Life of Dallas. Hearing is set for Dec. 31 in which the company must prove "competence, fitness and reputation" of its officers or lose license.

Largent Parks, who came under Senate committee fire earlier, resigned as president of Preferred Life of Dallas. Insurance Department had made Parks' removal mandatory for company's continued existence.

GILES PAROLE DENIED—Former Land Commissioner Baseom Giles faces another year in the State Prison at Huntsville. The Board of Pardons voted 2 to 1 against recommending clemency. More than 100 Austin Citizens, four ministers and Giles' family presented pleas to the board.

Giles began serving a six-year term for his part in veterans land program frauds in January, 1956. As a model prisoner and trustee, he can complete the sentence by January, 1959. His case has come up twice for review by the Pardons Board. Each time it has been rejected on grounds a pardon might "depreciate the seriousness of the offense."

RESERVOIRS URGED—Construction of new reservoirs should have first priority in state water planning, say engineers.

Some 25 consulting engineers from over the state met with the Water Board to help get the new planning program rolling. It authorizes the first state effort at topographic mapping since the 1920's. Since there's not enough money to map everywhere, engineers urged mapping areas where reservoirs are needed.

Retiring Board Member H. A. Beckwith will direct the map-

Kelley Community New

By MRS. M. C. PARTRIDGE
Our news out this way hasn't changed much since the coming holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Featherston are still taking turns staying with their mother, Mrs. A. M. Rose, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Trotter visited Mr. and Mrs. Guy Laughlin Sunday afternoon. He has been on the sick list for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Derrick and Susan Kay of McGregor visited C. W. Jones last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Carswell of Granbury spent Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Featherston.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roach visited Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Trotter Sunday evening.

Mrs. Henry Trotter of San Saba spent Tuesday night with her sister, Mrs. M. W. Trotter and Mr. Trotter.

Mrs. M. W. Trotter visited Mrs. M. C. Partridge Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Partridge spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Partridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Featherston visited Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Partridge Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sutherland of Melvin visited Mrs. Alma Sutherland and children last weekend.

Next Wednesday Is New Year's Holiday

Next Wednesday, January 1, will be observed as a holiday by Goldthwaite retail merchants. It is one of the regularly approved holidays for the year.

County offices, Mills County State Bank and retail stores will be closed.

The post office will be on regular holiday schedule with window service for one hour in the morning and regular mail dispatches will be taken care of. There will be no rural route deliveries.

Because of the holiday on Wednesday the Eagle will go to press one day early, on Tuesday evening. The paper will be mailed on regular schedule Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Auldridge sold their home here to Carl Letbetter and moved to Gatesville last week.

STATEMENT

Little's

"SINCE 1898"

Goldthwaite, Texas

DATE Christmas, 1957

To _____

TERMS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE

As we go over our accounts and get ready to close the books for 1957, we wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your patronage in the past and to send you this

Year-End Statement:

"A Very Merry Christmas
And A Happy
Prosperous New Year!"

ping. Beckwith was hired by the board as a \$10,000-a-year engineer.
SHORT SNORTS—Back in business is the veterans land program after selling \$12,500,-
000 in bonds at 2.695 per cent interest. Applications are being mailed to the first thousand of the 22,700 veterans on the waiting list. Harold E. Seike will become chief examiner of the Insurance Commission on Jan. 1. Com-William A. Harrison will replace E. B. Kelly remain with the de-
"if he so desires."



We wish

all our friends

at this time of the year...

A season that sparkles

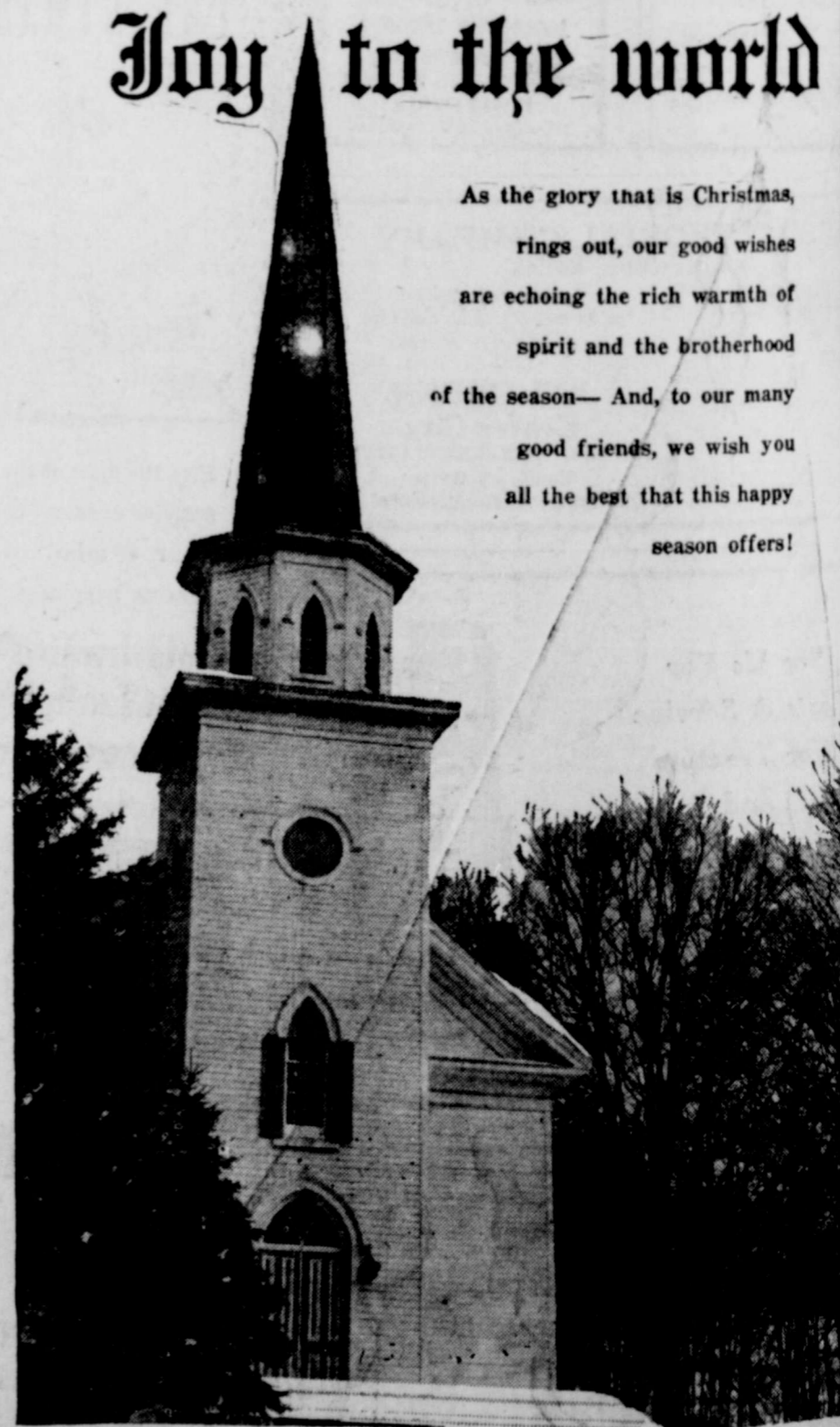
with holiday cheer!

YARBOROUGH & DUREN

"The Friendly Store Where Your Money Buys More."

Joy to the world

As the glory that is Christmas,
rings out, our good wishes
are echoing the rich warmth of
spirit and the brotherhood
of the season— And, to our many
good friends, we wish you
all the best that this happy
season offers!



Roy Wilkins Funeral Home

The Goldthwaite Eagle

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1957

Day Candles Will Lighten Household

The cheerful glow from a candle on any Christmas occasion and candles are inexpensive and fun to make.

Heat the edges of four cakes of commercial paraffin with a hot iron, and form a block. Put a wick between the middle and before sticking them to-

gether, melt paraffin with a colored wax crayon and with an egg beater. Spread the colored paraffin on the candle and then stick several other bright ornaments

on the round candles, fill small tins with melted paraffin. Drop in a string wick when the paraffin is hard enough to hold it

MERRY CHRISTMAS



BURIED UNDER . . . Every year about this time, the mailman becomes the town's busiest and most popular citizen. Despite efforts on the part of everyone concerned to get folks to shop and mail early, there's always a last-minute rush at local post offices.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sending Cards Is Old Holiday Tradition

The custom of sending Christmas cards has grown so popular through the years that each year an average of one and one-half billion cards are mailed.

Some historians suggest that the idea of sending Christmas cards originated with school boys away from home, who wrote their letters on fancy paper and in fancy writing.

William Egley sent out a Christmas greeting on a fancy card in 1842 which showed his artistic and engraving talent. The card carried the message: "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

In 1846, Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman, sent Christmas cards which depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and which carried the message "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

The cards brought fame and popularity to Henry Cole, but it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

Homemade Treats Make Special Gifts

The Christmas season is traditionally marked by tasty things to eat. And good foods made in your kitchen add a traditional note to the celebration. Such gifts say "Merry Christmas" with an especially warm and personal touch. From a practical standpoint, they're easy on the pocketbook, too.

Many homemakers with a German heritage have treasured family recipes for beautiful marzipan candy of lebkuchen, peppernusse, and springerle cookies, for instance, that are perfect for sharing with friends at holiday time. Or, perhaps, your family has its own special recipe for famous English plum pudding. Spiced gingerbread is undoubtedly a family favorite if you're of French descent.

But, whether it's cookies, candies, puddings, fruit cakes, or jellies, homemade food gifts are easy to make and delightful to receive.

Make cream-puff shells and freeze them for use during the holiday rush. For good eating in a hurry, fill them with creamed meat, ice cream or custard.

NOEL



May the many joys of Christmas be yours.

DR. AND MRS. R. GLYNN RALEY



As joys of Christmas
fill the air . . .
May yours be gay
beyond compare!

Whitley's Gulf Service

Second & Fisher Sts.

Goldthwaite, Texas

A Prayer For Christmas

God grant this day of Christmas dawn on one honest man . . .

On one happy child, secure in the perfect idealism of the very young . . .

On one act of pure generosity, consecrated to the Christ whose birth we celebrate now . . .

On one word of peace, spoken in faith to still the clamorous horror of cannon, bomb, and bullet . . .

On one deed performed for love and not for gain . . .

On one leader who himself is not led astray in arrogance but humbly guides others in the paths of goodness and true progress . . .

On one follower who is willing to play his role not blindly but with the alert and critical wisdom which is the heritage of all people . . .

On one great human thought that will not be crushed and rent by the cynical, the hopeless, the greedy, and the ignorant . . .

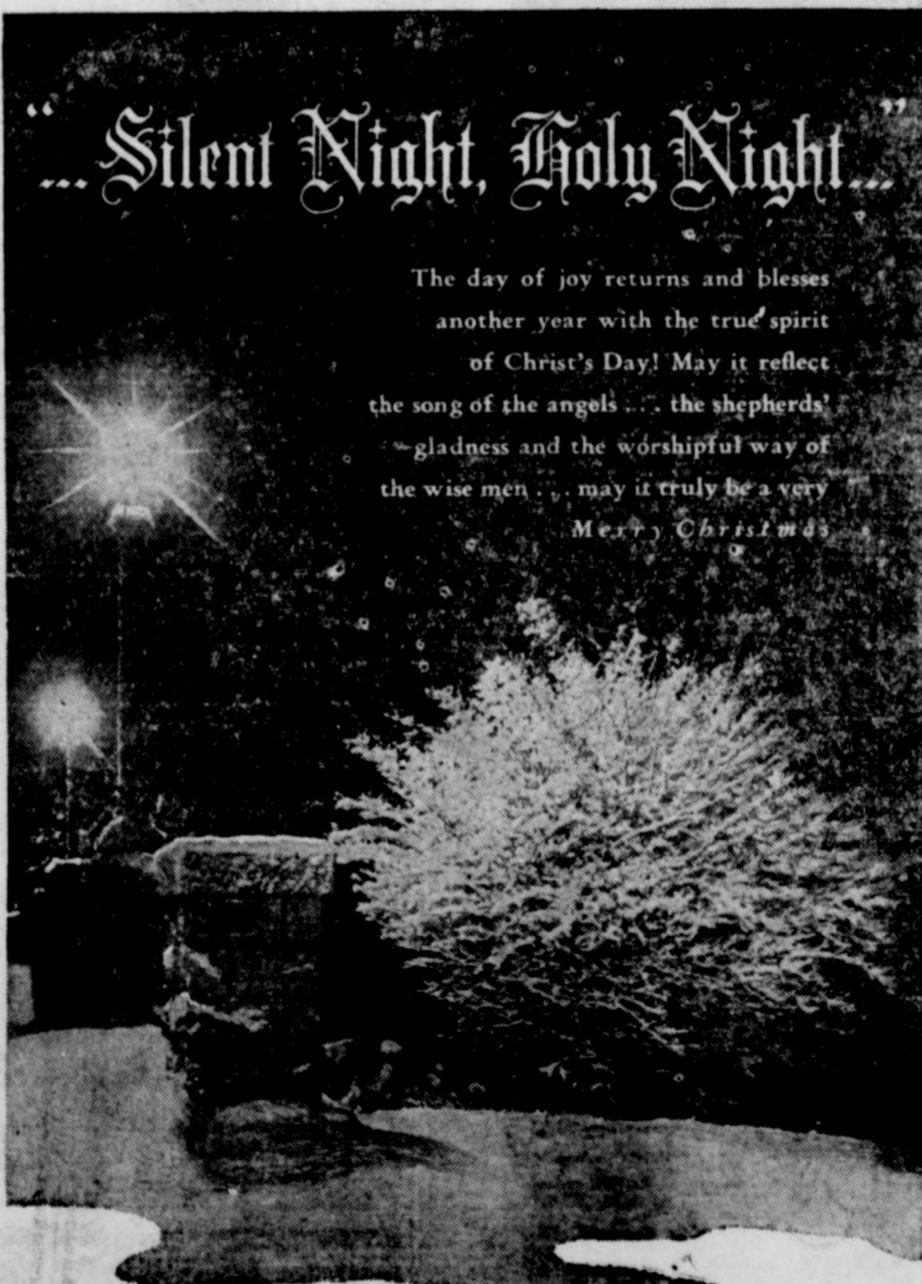
God grant that some essence of these miracles be performed in all of us, and we shall see a Christmas that is like unto the first one the angels watched over.



Holiday joy to you and yours!

Hi-Way Garage & Implement Co.

Your Case Farm Machinery Dealer
Priddy, Texas



"Silent Night, Holy Night"

The day of joy returns and blesses another year with the true spirit of Christ's Day! May it reflect the song of the angels . . . the shepherds' gladness and the worshipful way of the wise men . . . may it truly be a very Merry Christmas

City of Goldthwaite Utilities

FATHER AND MOTHER IN OLD ENGLAND AND THE AMERICAN COLONIES DECORATED THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN SECRET ON CHRISTMAS EVE. THE CHILDREN WERE SURPRISED ON CHRISTMAS MORNING BY THE GLORIOUSLY DECKED TREE.



EVE. THE CHILDREN WERE SURPRISED ON CHRISTMAS MORNING BY THE GLORIOUSLY DECKED TREE.

**Bethlehem Basilica
Among Oldest Churches**

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem, constructed more than 1,620 years ago, is one of the oldest churches in Christendom.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshipping in the Grotto of the Nativity.

*** MERRY CHRISTMAS ***



Of all the world's holidays, Christmas is the holiday that belongs to one and all. Christmas is for everyone, the sad and the weary, the sick and the infirmed, the happy children and their more serious elders.

Yes, Christmas belongs to no one alone. Men of different nations and diversified beliefs always share a certain unity in the observance of this greatest of all holidays. Christmas, and the spirit that goes with it, belongs to us all.

Christmas is a time of excitement for the very young. It means good food, bright lights, an inviting pyramid of presents beneath a glittering tree.

Christmas is likewise a time of joy for those who are growing up. And for these Christmas begins to take on a deeper and more significant meaning with each holiday. Behind the laughter and festivities, the caroling and presents, there is borne the realization that there is yet greater joy in the holiday, though the glitter of Santa Claus becomes dimmer year by year.

For others, Christmas is a magic mirror of memories, a mirror that dissolves all the prejudice, hate and sorrow to which mankind is afflicted; a mirror that reflects only the kindness and goodness God wished for the world He created.

Christmas is all these things, and more. It is the shadow of a church steeple in the winter's snow; a pointed ray of light shining through a stained glass window; the crunch, crunch of heavy footsteps on crusted snow; and voices singing in the night.

Christmas is all things to all men; and to all men it is the shining symbol of man's continual hope for eternal salvation.



May your celebration be wreathed in the happiness of the Yuletide season.

Rose Shoe Shop



CHRISTMAS TREE

**DO'S
AND
DON'TS**

Every year, from a few days before Christmas to the week following New Year's, tragedy stalks up and down the country—tragedy in the form of needless fires. It is indeed ironic that many of these fires result from the extra hazards which exist only during the holiday season and from carelessness which would not be tolerated any other time. Follow this list of do's and don'ts—and don't let it happen to you.

DO cut a growing tree, or if you buy, be sure it hasn't dried out from prolonged storage.

DON'T get a tree any larger than you need—the larger the tree, the greater the hazard.

DO stand the tree in water or snow outdoors until you're ready to use it indoors.

DON'T use candles on the tree or nearby where there is any chance for an open flame to contact the tree or combustibles piled beneath the tree.

DO support the tree well, away from sources of heat (fireplaces, radiators, etc.).

DON'T plug too many cords into one outlet.

DO make certain that all tree lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the house.

DON'T allow smoking near the tree amidst decorations or piles of wrappings; have plenty of safe ashtrays around and use them.

DO use non-combustible material (metal, glass, asbestos, etc.) for decorating the home whenever possible.

DON'T let Christmas wrappings accumulate in the home; place them in metal covered trash barrel or burn them in incinerator as soon as possible.



NO FOOLING . . . Gil Hodges swapped his baseball uniform for a Santa Claus outfit but he wasn't able to fool this young Dodger fan at the children's clinic of a New York hospital.



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



Perhaps the most authentic duplication of the first manger scene was that prepared by St. Francis of Assisi in the year 1209.

The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the elaborate and decorative scenes which we see about us today, with greenery, bright lights, and plaster of Paris animals and adoring shepherds.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable; a crude shelter hewn into a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and bare of ornaments.

With our many modern conveniences of today, we find it hard to imagine that weary Judean travelers often spent the night in such caves, welcoming rather than disdaining, the faint tenacity with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a little warmth.

The cave which was the birthplace of the Saviour is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has still embellished it with comfort and ornamentation.

*** MERRY CHRISTMAS ***

Christmas Joy

May your hearts be filled with gladness during this holiday season . . .

**Spradleys
Upholstery Shop**



**BUNDLES
OF
HOLIDAY
CHEER!**

Let the smiling faces and happy hearts fulfill our fondest Christmas wishes for you and your family!

Sam H. Rahl & Co.

Wool and Mohair



OUR GREETING...

The spirit of the Christmas season is tied in with our good wishes!

REID & WALKER GARAGE



**Joy at
Christmas**

The carols of Christmas fill the air with our sincerest wishes for harmony and good cheer during your holiday.

CITY CLEANERS

MRS. WATSON MILLER — MRS. ELIZABETH HAMRICK

**Tree Cuttings
Forests Grow**

Evergreen for a Christmas tree is not a harmful practice, but guilty about it. Even those that are sold in market are "harvested" as a crop leaving room to regular trees are grown on great soils and wet bog are evergreens grow far to produce a lumber or crop—thus Christmas trees can come off that land. The only profitable harvest can come off that land. Trees do come from top areas, but these are "thin" growing trees as a crop necessary to thin out the trees so others will have room to grow.



BOY, OH, BOY . . . If this isn't the biggest and brightest candle this youngster ever discovered, it will do until some future year when maturity will bring the deeper significance of this great holiday.

Merry Christmas to all!
May all the joys of this Holiday Season be yours!

COZNETTE BEAUTY SHOP
Edna Hill — Ozella Jones — Frances Grumbles



Deck the Hall

As the glittering baubles wink their holiday excitement, let them reflect our good wishes to you for a happy Christmas celebration.

GLASS & STACY
Insurance Agency

T. M. Glass LeeRoy Stacy



CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

Awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus puts plenty of Christmas spirit in the young hearts and minds of children, but we can still help them to a greater appreciation of the holiday.

Santa has his proper place (despite the convictions of many of the older generation) but children who are old enough to understand should be often reminded that there is a truer meaning to our celebration of Christmas. The story of the Holy Birth is not a difficult one to tell to children, for it is essentially a simple story.

Children may be made to appreciate the other aspects of Christmas, too, by helping with the decorations, and in the selection and trimming of the tree. It's always fun to choose your Christmas tree, whether you get it from the woods or from the corner store.

Making tree decorations is another ideal family project. Strings of cranberries, popcorn or colored paper give trees a special Christmas glow. Even cutouts from Christmas cards add glamour. While adults trim the top of the tree, the children can trim the bottom.

Pine boughs and cones gathered from a nearby woods make pretty wreaths and table decorations. Children like to hike and look for these Christmas treasures.

But don't expect perfection from children. The important thing is the feeling of pride and accomplishment that children share in the knowledge that their efforts helped make the family Christmas a happier one.

GOOD TIDINGS



GOOD TIDINGS . . .

"She brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

Luke 2:7-14

Best Wishes for a Gay, Old-Fashioned Christmas!



We wish for you all the happy hustle and bustle of a traditional Yuletide!

Letbetter Machine Shop



If you know what qualities to look for when you select your Christmas turkey, you'll be able to make a wiser choice.

The market class of turkeys is determined by ages, sex, and tenderness of meat. The youngest turkeys are fryers and roasters and they run from 4 to 6 pounds in weight. The next class consists of young hen and young tom turkeys under eight months of age. These vary in weight from 6 to 25 pounds. And finally there are the tom and hen turkeys, which include birds over eight months of age varying considerable in weight.

Most of the Christmas turkeys belong to the young hen or young tom classification. To be of top quality, a bird should have a well-developed moderately broad and long breast, well fleshed through its entire length, the flesh carrying well up to the highest part of the breastbone so that the bone is not prominent. Also, the legs should be well covered with flesh.

Fat covering is one of the most important points in determining quality from the standpoint of excellence of flavor and tenderness. The carcass should be well covered with fat over the breast, back hips and pin bones. In poultry the fat is deposited in the skin and immediately under the skin rather than dispersed throughout the lean flesh as it is in some meats.

Select a bird that is free from pin feathers. Ready to cook or oven-ready turkeys have no protruding pin feathers.



"My goodness! They've delivered the wrong laundry."



A special package of happy holiday wishes!

SHEPHERD HATCHERY
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Our jolly old Santa is taking his cue, By helping us say, "Merry Christmas to you!"

Glamourette Beauty Shop

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A SLEIGHFUL OF WISHES

Each box holds a wish for all the things you hold dear:

one is for laughter, another for good fortune, the third holds good health and cheer. They're speeding your way on Christmas Day . . . May they linger forever with you!

EDGINGTON MOTOR CO.

Your Ford Dealer



Juanita's Shop

Season's Greetings

Let the warm glow of Christmas cheer brighten your holiday!



Goldthwaite Electric Co.

U. S. Among Last to Welcome New Year

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

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

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

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



"SEE here, Janie—ever since I put that engagement ring on your finger, you've been trying to put a ring through my nose. And I don't like it!" Bill Rook scowled down at the cuddlesome blonde as he held her coat.

Janie Lynd put one arm into the coat and batted her big blue eyes at him, a teasing pout on her kissable red lips.

"But honey—" she cooed. "I only suggested that you wear white shirts for evening, instead of those gaudy colored things. And you always have that bunch of pens and pencils sticking out of your pocket. Most men wear a neat white nanky. Besides, if you didn't carry those pencils you wouldn't be tempted to doodle on tablecloths and menus. That's an awful habit, Bill. Why don't you make some resolution for the New Year?"

"Oh, ye gods!" Bill reached for his hat, then faced her with a beligerent chin. "Look—I wasn't going to tell you this, Janie—but you've made me the laughing-stock of the office. Every morning the gang inspects me to see what new changes you've made. First, I shaved off my mustache, then I gave up cigars and began wearing



Janie Lynd put one arm into the coat and batted her big blue eyes at him.

these silly bow ties. I suppose after we're married, you'll be telling me what to eat and when to breathe. No wonder they call me 'The Mouse.' Della says you're wrecking my personality."

Janie backed up and collapsed on the sofa. "Della!" she bristled. "That—that peroxide tele-phony I met at the Christmas party!"

"Della is not a phony," said Bill in icy accents. "She happens to be a very intelligent young woman, who appreciates a man without trying to reform him."

Janie gave a delicate snort. "Well! If dear Della's opinion means more to you than mine, maybe you'd better take her out tonight."

Good Suggestion

"That," said Bill with maddening male calm, "is the best suggestion you've made. And don't think she won't accept. Della likes me just as I am—doodles and all. Goodnight." The door closed behind him.

"He—wouldn't—dare!" gasped Janie, her blue eyes wide with amazement.

Bill's car shot away from the curb just as Janie reached the door. She hailed a passing cab and fell into the seat, breathless.

"Follow that green convertible!" she told the driver. They chased Bill for five blocks through the heavy traffic. Janie's heart sank as he turned off and headed across the Maple Park Bridge. He was taking the shortest route to Della's house.

"Never mind, driver," Janie said wearily. "Go straight ahead. Take me to—the Domino on Tenth Street." That was the restaurant where she and Bill had been going for dinner. Would he take Della there? She had to know, even if it hurt. And it did, just thinking about it.

Lost in Crowd

The Domino was crowded, but Janie found a booth in the rear. She ordered a sandwich and coffee to pacify the waiter, then focused her eyes on the revolving door. The soft music and pleasant hum of conversation brought back memories of all the happy hours she'd spent there with Bill. A lump settled in her throat and froze there as a willowy blonde in a red coat came through the door, followed by Bill.

They took a booth up front and Janie could just glimpse the elbow of Bill's dark suit resting on the table. Any minute now, he'd pull out a dark pencil and begin doodling on the white place-mat.

Three cups of coffee and a caramel sundae later, Janie saw them leave. She gathared up her purse and walk to the cashier's desk. As she passed the empty booth, her eyes wandered to Bill's place-mat, and a beautiful smile lit her face. The mat was covered with doodles in the shape of hearts. The hearts were joined by shaky arrows and alternately labeled: "JANIE" and "BILL." And beneath were the words, "Happy New Year!"

Long Ago, Man Began Celebrating New Year

The Japanese have always used holly in decorating for the New Year celebration. It is an old belief that "the prick of the thorns on the leaves would scare away devils." The emperor's first bath, Hatsumizy, taken early New Year morning, was called a "religious rite of cleansing and purification performed by the ruler to bring peace and prosperity to Japan and his people."

Long before history was recorded, the Persians discovered sugar cane and made sweetmeats an important part of their New Year celebration. These pagan Persians also made human sacrifices on the eve of the New Year in the belief that their barren fields would be fertilized by the gods.

It was custom in ancient China to make visits shortly after the New Year had begun. Hilarity reigned in old India and Babylon, where celebration of the New Year was a wild affair.

EARLY 'OPEN HOUSE'

"Open House" on New Year's day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th Century. Newspapers carried columns of 'at home' notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other 'open houses.'

*** MERRY CHRISTMAS ***



Wishing our many friends a bright and shining Christmas season.

LEROY MILLER'S CONOCO STORE



May your Christmas be surrounded by all the blessings and joys of this festive Holiday Season!

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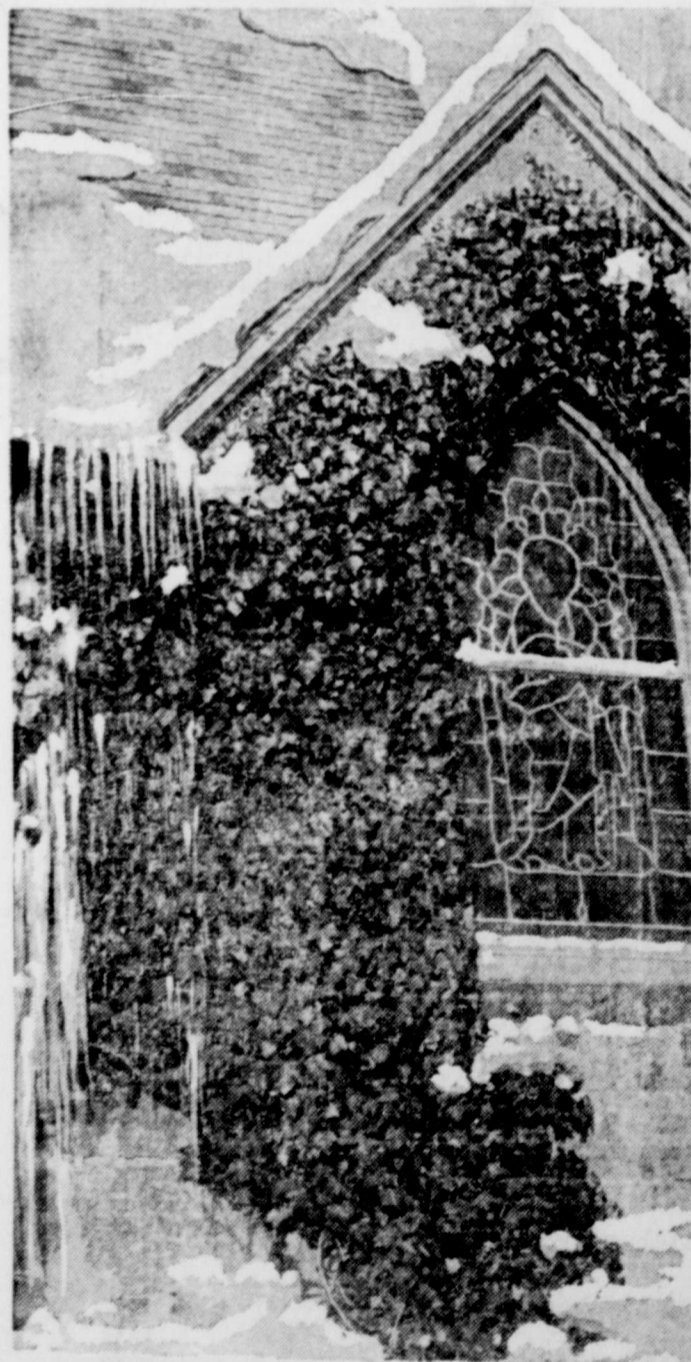
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Mrs. Bertha Weathers County Treasurer

J. Y. Tullos Justice of The Peace

O. H. Shaw Commissioner Precinct 1

*** MERRY CHRISTMAS ***



DOOR

May we all be blessed by the true happiness of an abiding faith in the spirit of Christmas.

MARVIN HODGES Gulf Distributor



There was no Room

... sorry, Mary. They tell stable, a bright new star with the
... have no room." In the distance angels were
... as it was that Joseph, the In the distance angels were
... Galilean carpenter, and heard in a great psalm:
... young wife Mary, took "Glory in the highest,
... in a stable near the edge And on earth, peace to men of
... For them, there had been good will."
... population of Bethlehem was The quietness of the stable gives
... than double, the descendants way to the sounds of camels and
... and, having come to register voices of men, and there appears
... dered by Herod. The journey a group of Magi, wise men of
... been a particularly tiresome Persia. They have followed the
... the Mary. The quietness of the brightness of the star in search
... and the small amount of a new-born King. They bring
... it provided was indeed gifts of precious gold.
... named by both She and Joseph. There in the stable, wrapped in
... at the hour of midnight, the swaddling clothes, a manger for
... sky came to life with a his throne, they find the Christ-
... of ethereal beauty, above the Child.

Evergreens Mourning Symbols for Finns

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

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

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



INFLATION . . . Santa supervises while one of his helpers inflates a doll. The benevolent old gent looks on with interest. Perhaps he is thinking inflation is not confined to economics.

Holiday Centerpieces Easy, Fun to Arrange

A little bit of imagination and work can transpose common articles into elaborate and effective holiday centerpieces.

Try setting up a mound of stars with white plastic foam blocks. Then set tall red candles on each step and insert sprigs of holly or pine in the base for extra trimming.

Desserts can be as decorative as your centerpiece. Make white snowball cakes with a small red candle set in each one, and place them on a holly tray.

Individual place decorations are easy and fun to make. Cut out cardboard stars and glue a 3/8-inch strip of cardboard around the star outline. Paint or cover them with foil. Set candle in the middle of each star and fill the rest with peppermint mints or tiny metallic balls or similar things.



Let fun and gaiety adorn your Christmas celebration!
Ted Vance Garage

Automotive Electric and Transmission Service

Romans Named

Romans Named Month of January for Two-Faced Janus

The early Romans named their new year in honor of Janus, a two-faced god who was believed to have the power to look back over the past and, in a prophetic way, into the future.
Janus was represented with a key in his hand, symbolizing his power to open doors and gateways, and this holiday was one of great gaiety. The festival was not observed in midwinter, but in the spring, when the Roman year began. At first, the Roman calendar had only ten months, but later January and February were placed at the beginning of the year and the New Year was celebrated on the first of January.
As early as 747 B.C., the Romans gathered gifts of bay and palm leaves for the New Year's presents. As the years passed and Rome prospered, the festival became more elaborate and in time it became the custom to give them upon the emperor, a habit that contributed greatly to the wealth of the Caesars. Claudius, recognizing the fact that the emperor had graduated through the years from a voluntary tribute to a forced duty, issued a decree limiting the amount which might be given.
The Romans continued to celebrate the New Year until the Christian era. The idolatrous rites of the people, however, caused the church to ban Christians from participating in the celebrations, and it was not until December 25 was legally fixed as the date of the Nativity that the church made January 1 a religious festival, in commemoration of the circumcision of Jesus.

Merry Christmas



Greetings

To our many friends --
our deep felt appreciation
for your loyalty and friendship
during the past year . . .
we wish you a Very Happy Holiday!

HOLLAND'S CAFE



Blackwell Wool & Mohair Co.
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"I just love to hear you, 'Tex,' gush over all your oil wells."

Wife Preservers

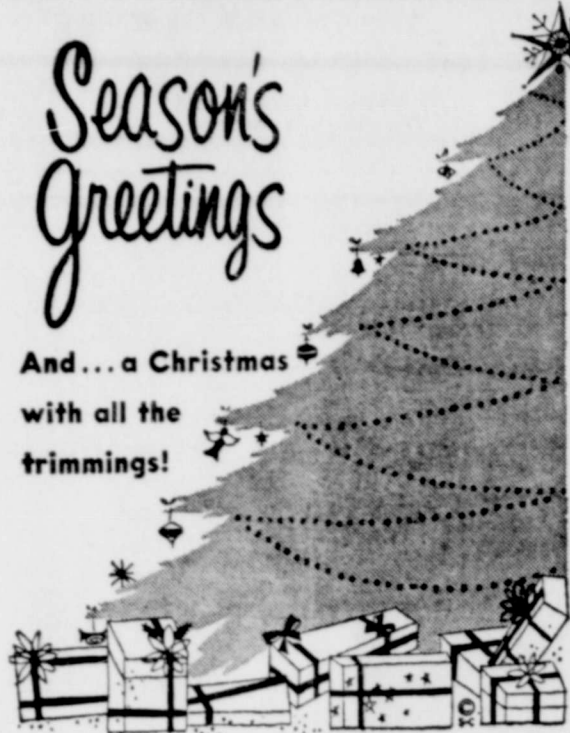


Moisten brown sugar with a little leftover maraschino cherry juice, and use as a glaze for baked ham.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Season's Greetings

And... a Christmas with all the trimmings!



Recreation Parlor

Christmas Ideas:

Helpful Hints for the Holidays

Cocoa puffs are another child's favorite. Combine 4 cups fine vanilla wafer crumbs, 1/4 cup cocoa and 1/4 cup light corn syrup. Add 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 cup finely chopped nuts and 1/4 cup orange juice. Add enough liquid to make the mixture stick together. Roll into tiny balls, dip in powdered sugar and chill. This recipe makes 50 cocoa puffs and is just right to satisfy all sweet teeth.

Spiced crabapples are especially tasty when baked for a few minutes and served hot. Sprinkle with a little sugar, and then slip them under the broiler. Use on a ring of parsley surrounding the turkey.

Coconut marshmallows are fun to make. Just dip the marshmallows in slightly beaten egg white and roll them in shredded coconut. This is especially pretty at Christmas time if you tint the coconut red or green.

Fill baked Rome Beauty apples with hot spiced cranberry sauce for breakfast on Christmas Day.

Fruit-filled cookies will not break and crumble so easily as other types when mailed in Christmas boxes.

You can move your holiday centerpiece from table to mantel to buffet to add variety to the more "permanent" decorations.

Use a turkey-shaped cookie cutter to make a jellied cranberry sauce cut-out to garnish a bowl of Waldorf salad.

What is thought to be the first electrically lighted Christmas tree was hung in 1896 in the lobby of San Francisco's Palace hotel. It had 500 lights.

When buying kitchen equipment for gifts, see that it is strongly constructed, well balanced and has firmly attached handles.

The little metal trumpets decorating Christmas trees date from early Danish custom of blowing in the Yule with four hymns representing the four corners of the world.

Even if you run short of holiday time, be sure to use the kind of pan suggested on your commercial cake mix labels if you want good results with your cake. It will be what that company has found to give best results with its recipe.

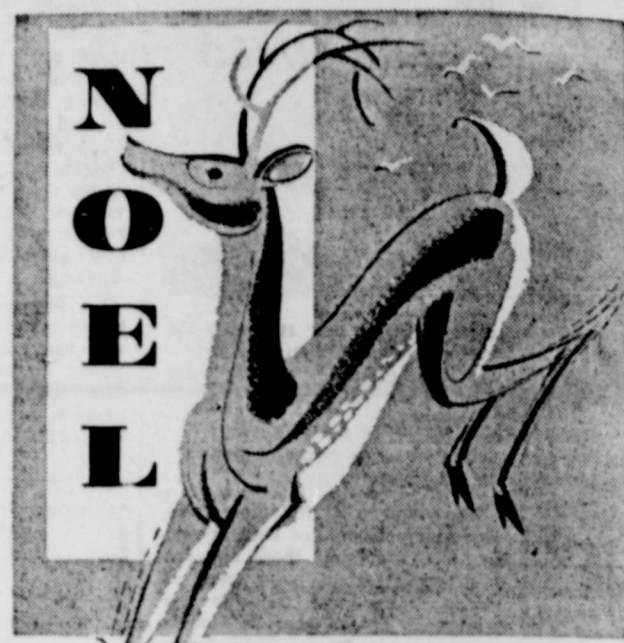
You can make finger paint for children by pouring liquid starch on non-absorbent paper and sprinkling powdered paint on top. Fingers will do the rest.

Your shopping will go smoother and be less fatiguing if you plan to shop when the stores are least busy—usually in the early morning and early afternoon.

Steam your plum pudding several days before Christmas and store it in an air-tight container to cut down last-minute preparation for your Christmas dinner.

Relieve your child's holiday tension by giving him something positive to do instead of telling him what not to do.

A folded damp cloth placed under a mixture bowl keeps it from slipping and speeds mixing.



Wishing one and all a gay and festive Christmas!

CAROTHERS MOTOR COMPANY

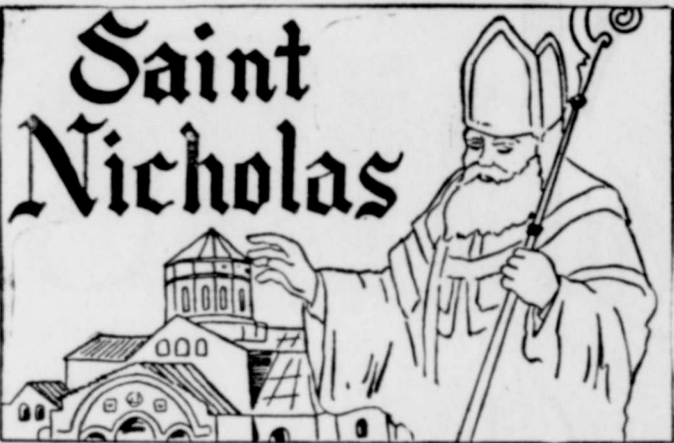
G. J. Delapp



When you hear the bells on Christmas day, we hope they echo the joyful sounds of your holiday festivities.

Horton Lumber Co.

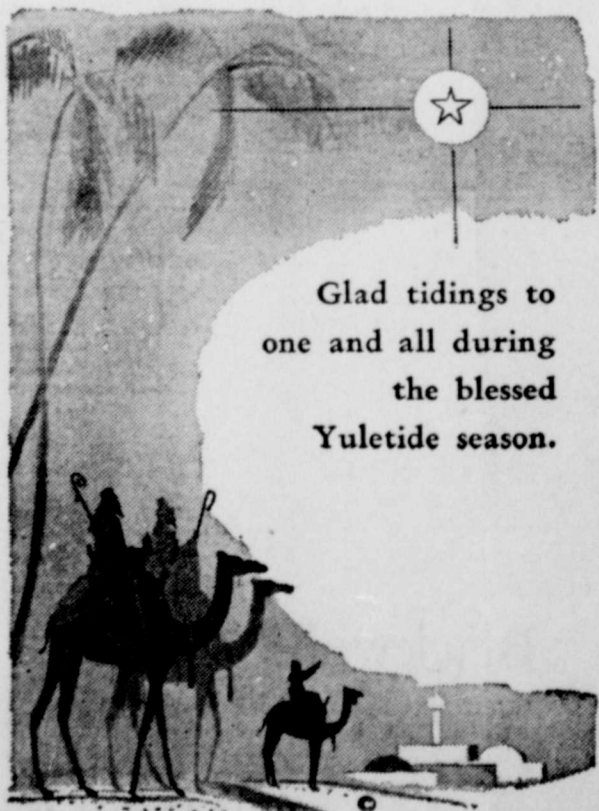
MR. & MRS. M. F. HORTON



The original Santa Claus was St. Nicholas who was born in the ancient port city of Patara, in Southern Turkey, on the Mediterranean coast, during the 3rd century. St. Nicholas was for many years Bishop of Demre (ancient Myra) and it was at Myra that he died in 342. He is buried in Demre in a church which bears his name, the Church of St. Nicholas.

Renown for his many kind deeds, and especially for his loving generosity towards children, the good bishop has become a legendary figure in the folklore of many nations. To accommodate the many travelers who visit the Church of St. Nicholas in the blue mountains of Demre, the Turkish government recently completed a new road. Just last year the government honored him by issuing a special stamp in his name.

Biblical tradition is very rich in the ancient land of Turkey. In the city of Antioch, where the followers of Christ first called themselves Christians, the site where St. Peter led the first Mass can still be seen. Many other saints, including the Apostles Paul, John, James, Luke and Barnaby were born in this region. Mary, Mother of Christ, retired after the Crucifixion to the city of Ephesus, where her abode has been excavated and opened to the public by the Turkish government.



Glad tidings to one and all during the blessed Yuletide season.

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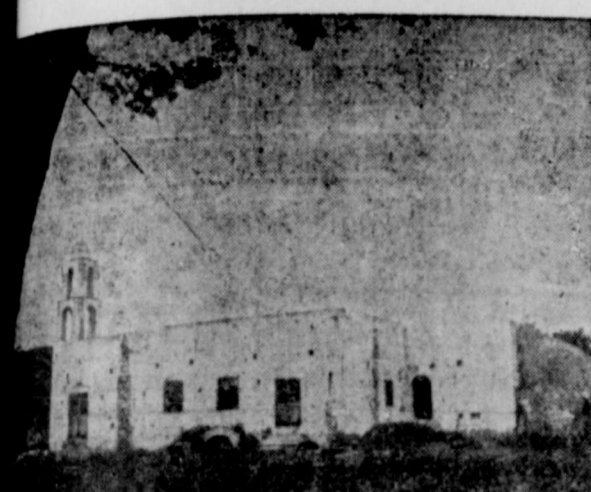
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Greetings to One and All!

We'd like to send our good wishes into every home and heart this Christmas to ensure the blessings of the holiday season to all our friends and their families.

CENTRAL TEXAS
TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE, INC.



CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS . . . At Demre in the Southern Turkish province of Antalya is the church where the Christmas story is believed to have taken place. The outer shell (above) was placed on the ancient monument by the Turkish government to protect it from the ravages of weather.



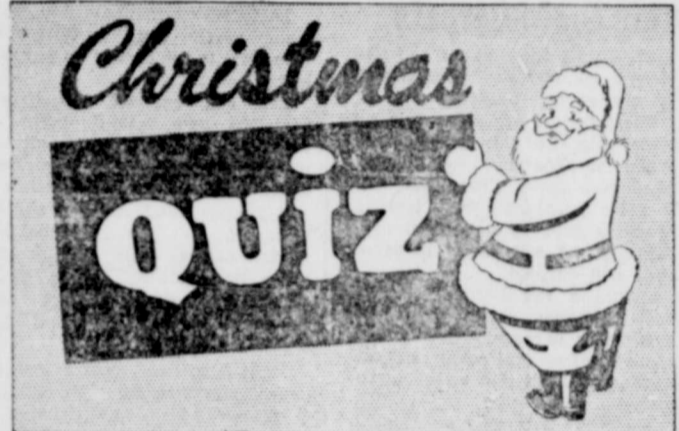
Exciting and gay as a glittering tree, All this and more may your holiday be!

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Stanford and Son



"Merry Christmas"—the most universal of all greetings—is repeated thousands of times around the world. Here's how the greeting may be extended in various languages:

Italian Buon Natale!	Chinese Tin Hao Nian!
Japanese Kinge Shimen!	Croatian Sretan Bozic!
Norwegian Gledelig Jul!	Czech Vesela Vanoc!
Polish Wesolych Swiat!	Danish Glaedelig Jul!
Portuguese Feliz Natal!	Dutch Frolijke Kerstmis!
Romanian Sarbatori Ferice!	French Joyeux Noel!
Russian Vesolye Rodjyestvo!	Gaelic Nodlag Sona Duit!
Serbian Kristos Se Rodi!	German Froehliche Weihnachten!
Slovak Vesele Vianoc!	Greek Christovjnal!
Spanish Felices Pascuas!	Hawaiian Mele Kalkimakat!
Swedish Glad Julen!	Hungarian Boldog Karacszony!
Bohemian Vesele Vanoc!	Unnesket!



1. What was the famous deed George Washington performed on Christmas day?
2. When did Santa's sleigh first make its appearance?
3. Where did the real Saint Nicholas live?
4. Legend has it that the crown of thorns was plaited from which Christmas plant?
5. What was the message inscribed on the first Christmas cards sent by Henry Cole?
6. What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
7. In Norse mythology, who killed whom with a mistletoe arrow?
8. For how long has Christmas been observed on Dec. 25th?
9. Where did the Yule Seal idea originate?
10. Who was Joel R. Poinsett?

ANSWERS

1. Crossing of the Delaware. 2. In Clement Moore's famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas." 3. Saint Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra, in Turkey. 4. From the holly plant. 5. "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you." 6. Christ Child. 7. Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe that they would not harm him. 8. Since 334 A. D. 9. In Denmark the idea of Einar Holboell, a postal clerk. 10. An American statesman, Ambassador to Mexico, for whom the poinsettia plant is named.

Nazareth: After Centuries, The Chosen City Is Growing Modern

The advent of modern conveniences is gradually making a vast change in the homeplace of Jesus. Nazareth, scene of many miracles, has witnessed a new one—water, in plentiful supply. Since long before the time of Christ, Nazarene women had to carry water in earthen jugs. Now, such sources as the famed "Fountain of Our Lady Mary" will be needed only as shrines recalling the city's historic past. The water for the most predominantly Arab city in Israel is piped in from a Jewish farm settlement in the Valley of Esdraelon. The 12-inch pipe carries it to a summit overlooking Nazareth where a junction with municipal pipelines allows distribution throughout the city. Nazareth, the chosen city and one of Christendom's holiest places, was once so insignificant that the term "Nazarene" was applied to Jesus Christ in derision. And, long before the birth of Christ, the city was the target of a variety of invaders.

In the Christian era alone, Nazareth has been conquered many times. The city was wrecked by Saladin in the Christian-Moslem wars of the Middle Ages. In the same period the Christian population was massacred by Bibars, the Egyptian sultan and general. Some of the historic churches have been razed and rebuilt as many as three times.

Less than five miles away was the once thriving city of Sepphoris where the Romans put down a desperate revolt of the Jews led by Judas the Galilean when Jesus was a boy. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, rebuilt Sepphoris, and there is speculation that the young Carpenter may have aided in the reconstruction.

Christkindli Visits Kids in Switzerland

In Switzerland, it is not Santa Claus, but Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve. The radiant angel is said to come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh, pulled by reindeer much like our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he insists that little children be good at all times, and he admonishes naughty youngsters.



In step with the season, we wish you a Merry Christmas!

TOTS-TO-TEENS SHOP

Bessie Crews



Ripley's Paint & Body Shop



GREETINGS TO YOU FROM US!
We're enclosing our best wishes for a heap of holiday fun in this Christmas message to you!

McLean Cafe



CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY . . . A glistening tree, dim figures in the night, and the shadowy background of tall buildings—add to these the glittering sparkle of snow and then you'll know that Christmas has come to the city.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Wishing you all the happiness of the season.

WICKER STUDIO

NORTH PARKER STREET GOLDTHWAITE



Our best wishes to one and all for a very merry Christmas!

PRODUCTION CREDIT ASSOCIATION

**Our Christmas Replaced
Early Pagan Festivals**

Long before the birth of Christ, the Greeks, Romans, Saxons and Scandinavians were taking part in December festivals.

From the Saxons came the ceremony of burning the Yule log. The Saxons burned great bonfires in honor of their god Thor. From the Romans came the giving of presents, for this custom has been traced to the Roman Sturnalina.

It may seem strange to say that pagan riotousness might be the forbear of the Christian holiday of goodness and love, but intermingled with that which was objectionable, were things that have gone straight to the hearts of people throughout the Christian world.

And, although few people know it, it was for the purpose of substituting a Christian festival for pagan ones of Romans and Druids that celebrations of Christmas in December were first encouraged and popularized.



HOLIDAY IDEA . . . British Actress Jean Simmons, herself ineligible to buy U. S. Savings Bonds, still thinks they make wonderful presents, is shown here decorating her tree with several bonds she purchased for her American friends.

**Choose Holiday Tree
Wisely if You Hope
To Transplant Later**

Are you buying this year's Christmas tree with the idea of planting it on the home grounds after the holidays?

If so, be sure that you locate it properly. Chances are your earth-balled and burlapped evergreens will have to suffer through the excessive heat of your home for a week or ten days. If it survives this hurdle there is still the problem of selecting a sunny, well-drained site where it won't drown before spring.

Poor planting sites plus mid-winter planting are certain to cause a high mortality rate among these double-duty trees.

Sandy or gravelly soils drain naturally and present no special problem. Planting in heavy clay is another matter and may require the installation of drainage tiles.

Don't be alarmed if your living tree sheds some of its needles indoors. Go ahead and plant it anyway. Encooned on a suitable site the evergreen probably will begin sporting new greenery next growing season. Even if the tree looks a bit skeletonized in early spring have patience. Don't remove it! Give it a chance to recuperate from its indoors ordeal and the shock of transplanting. It will probably come through with the desired needles.

One thing to remember: Such living trees as Norway spruce, Scotch pine and Douglas fir grow to proportions that make them undesirable as foundation plantings. After planting where the evergreen can achieve majestic maturity, mulch with peat moss, hay or straw to prevent root freeze.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Tradition has it that Christmas trees were first used in Germany when Christian missionaries chopped down trees worshipped by the pagans and made a decorated tree part of the Christian celebration.

Earliest records of the use of Christmas trees in the United States indicate that German immigrants, who wanted to preserve the type of Christmas they had in Germany, were responsible for popularizing the use of trees in this country.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



THE TREE . . . Part of the joy in preparing for Christmas centers around the selection of a tree. These young residents of New York City are deciding between a long and a short pine for their home.

**Christmas Ornaments
May Stain Carpets**

Christmas crepe paper and New Year's confetti can permanently stain rugs and carpets.

Party papers are colored with a wide range of cheap dyestuffs. When the paper becomes wet, the dyes run badly. The dyes will transfer permanently to textiles. If crepe paper and confetti accidentally get wet, keep them off rugs and carpets.

Should a rug become marked with a paper stain, immediate first-aid is necessary. Mix a teaspoonful of neutral soapless detergent in one-half pint of lukewarm water.

Apply the detergent solution directly to the stain a few drops at a time. Use an eye dropper. Sponge the stained area with clean, white, unstarched cloth or cleansing tissue. This will blot up moisture. Begin at outer edge of stain and work in. Repeat if necessary.

Finish by absorbing any remaining moisture with a clean, damp cloth. Complete absorption is important.

**Many After-Holiday
Uses for Family Tree**

There are a number of uses to which you can put your Christmas tree after it has served its purpose in the home.

You can cut off the longer branches and "plant" them as windbreaks to protect outdoor plantings such as low-growing boxwood, azalea, yew, rhododendron and juniper. Little teepees can be built around exposed shrubs and tender plants. This will protect them from biting, drying winds and prevent snow and ice from accumulating and bending the plants out of shape.

Other branches curved end up over flower beds when the ground is exposed will prevent heaving of soils during alternate freezing and thawing. Heaving may force bulbs and roots of perennials from the ground.

The entire tree may be used as a bird feeder in the back yard. It may be either anchored securely or fastened to a fence. Pieces of suet tied to its branches and a container of water nearby will provide a constant supply of food for your feathered friends.

May the best gift of
all — the spirit of
peace and good will
... be yours always.



**THE REYNOLDS
Opal and Fred**

COLUMBUS WAS FIRST
Christopher Columbus was probably the first white man to celebrate New Year's day in the western hemisphere.
While his ships were being repaired on January 1, 1493, Columbus enjoyed a sumptuous dinner with two savage monarchs on the island of Haiti.
After his meal, historians say, the discoverer of America had his first smoke of tobacco.

WHERE TIME STAYS
The starting point of the admiral's date line, which east and west of the 180th meridian in such a way that it stays in the ocean.
First to welcome each year are the residents of the Cook Islands, New Zealand, just the line.
From its starting point, New Year moves westerly at the rate of 1,000 miles per hour.

*** MERRY CHRISTMAS ***



Moreland Feed Store

Greetings

As Christmas arrives upon the scene . . . may it come laden with happiness for everyone!

DR. M. A. CHILDRESS
Elva Moreland Emily Shepherd
Floy Williams

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

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