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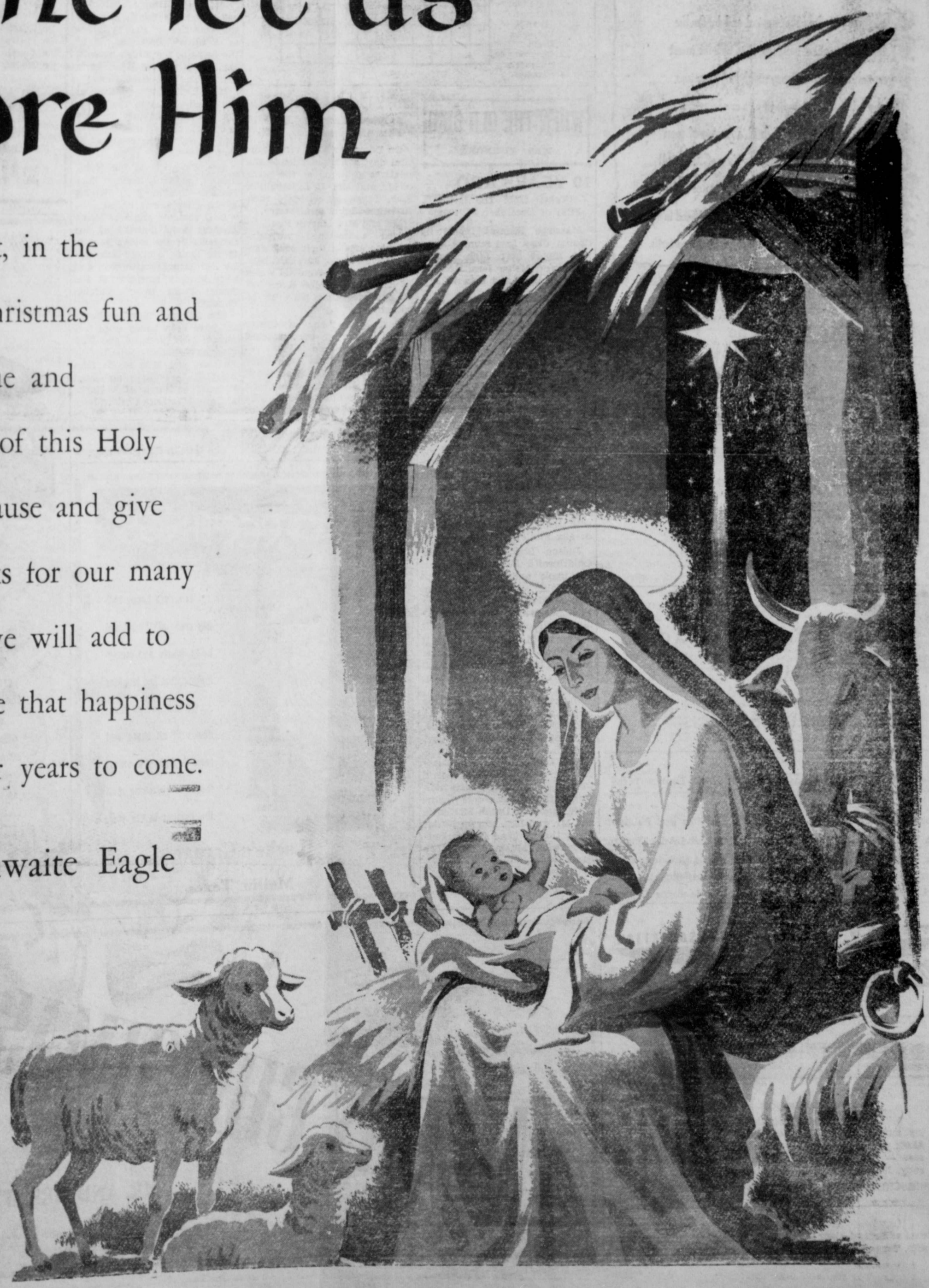
AND THE MULLIN ENTERPRISE

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# Come let us Adore Him

Let us not forget, in the  
 enjoyment of Christmas fun and  
 festivities, the true and  
 lasting meaning of this Holy  
 Season. Let us pause and give  
 worshipful thanks for our many  
 blessings. And we will add to  
 our prayers, hope that happiness  
 will be yours for years to come.

The Goldthwaite Eagle



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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 Eagle Staff

- Ruth Ervin Alma Williams
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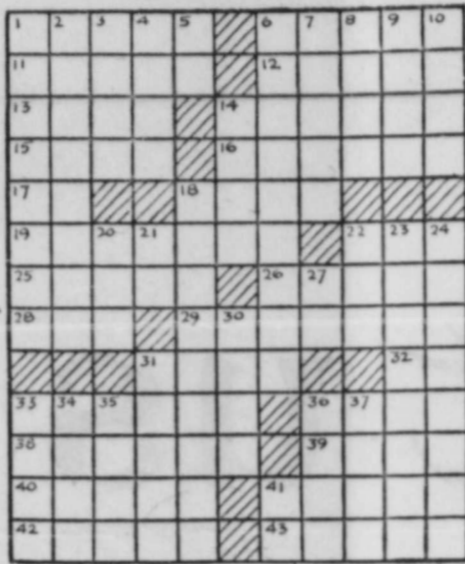
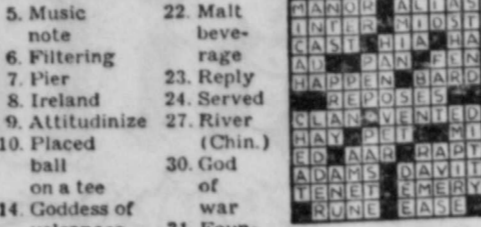
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WHEN THE OLD BIRD WAS YOUNGER

10 YEARS AGO-

(Taken from The Eagle Files of December 24, 1948)
Marriage licenses issued by County Clerk Earl Summy since last report are: Jack Vernon Crook and Melba Jean Bachus; Perry D. Burk and Lola Wilkey.

The Partridge family celebrated with their annual Christmas dinner at Gatesville Sunday, the 19th with Mrs. Grace Fulton and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Partridge, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnett, Wynona and Billie Bob, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Partridge and Juanita, and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley McBride.

The coaches of teams of District 22-A met at Llano Monday night, December 13 to select the best players of the district. Carl Wicker was selected as the all-district center for this year. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Porter will spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Boudreaux at New Orleans.

Judson Strickland came by Goldthwaite Saturday to visit his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Roberts. Judson was on his way to Brady to be with his father, Ernest Strickland, and other relatives.

Tommie Ann Booker, who is a student at Denton, is home for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Booker.

Weekend guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fox were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hays of Temple and Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Rection of Eastland.

Mrs. M. E. Archer left Tuesday for San Angelo to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Luther Quinn and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dutch McKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nesbit spent the weekend in Breckenridge with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Oran Nesbit.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

25 YEARS AGO-

(Taken from The Eagle Files of December 22, 1933)

On December 20, a very beautiful day, a host of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Boykin of Star, Texas, to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rudd received a message yesterday morning saying their son, Marvin Spence Rudd, had been badly hurt in an automobile wreck in Kansas, and Mrs. Rudd left at once for that place to be with him.

Rev. J. D. Long of Center Point is one of our preacher friends who never fails to report weddings that take place at his home. On Wednesday afternoon Deward Chesser, son of Mr. Ben Chesser, and Miss Gladys Singleton, daughter of Mr. Joe Singleton, were united in marriage at his residence. Miss Nila Cornelius and Till-

LOCKE'S GARAGE MULLIN, TEXAS
GREETINGS
What's a happy holiday made of? Tinsel and holly, music and merry-making, love and laughter... we wish you an abundance of all these and more throughout this most festive and inspiring of all the seasons in the year.

man Vaughn of Duren were quietly married at the home of Rev. John Jones Thursday. He officiated in the pretty wedding ceremony.--Mullin News.

Mrs. Kipp, nee Miss Sophia Martin, arrived from New York yesterday morning to spend Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin.

Carl Schwabe of Gatesville, who is a student in business college, Abilene, was a guest in Dr. Swanger's home last weekend, while en route home for the holidays.

J. M. Dalton and family of Center City have received the sad news from Mr. and Mrs. Truman Roberson, whose home is in Corpus Christi, that one of the Roberson children died and the other two are dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Tessie Swanger, who is a student in business college in Abilene came home last weekend to remain until after the Christmas holidays.

52 YEARS AGO-

(Taken from The Eagle Files of December 24, 1906)

Mr. Clyde Kirby of San Angelo and Miss Emma Kennedy were married at 1:00 o'clock a. m. Saturday, December 15, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kennedy in San Saba. (San Saba News.)

Mrs. I. T. Moreland died at the family home in the Pleasant Grove community Tuesday morning and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place.

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

D. O. Simpson and Miss Mollie Casbeer were married at the residence of the bride's parents in the South Bennett community last Saturday afternoon and were given a reception at the home of the groom's parents Sunday.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since last report: Wes Partridge and Miss Clemma Featherston; D. O. Simpson and Miss Mollie Casbeer; T. L. Paulson and Miss Emma June Harris; H. L. Huckaba and Miss Dora Carter; Jesse Tullios and Miss Cora Brad; Jesse Coffee and Miss Ida Locker.

The Geeslin Company shipped

a carload of turkeys from this place Thursday. The car contained 1,500 of the birds and the company had 300 left over.

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

Will Page had a girl born at his house Thursday night.

Questions And Answers About Social Security

Question: Has the \$1200 annual retirement earnings been increased under the 1958 amendments to the social security law?

Answer: No. However, beginning January 1959, if your earnings exceed \$1200, you can re-

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Question: Have the 1958 amendments changed the status of social security coverage for landlords who receive rental income from their farms?

Answer: There has been no change in social security coverage for farm rental income since the 1956 amendments.

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## Goldthwaite Garden Club Holds Auction At Meeting December 17

The Goldthwaite Garden Club met in the Jennie Trent Dew Library Wednesday afternoon, December 17, at 3 o'clock. Hostesses were Mmes. Loyd King, J. N. Keese, O. O. Smith, Homer McCasland and John L. Patterson.

Mrs. Vance Cornelius, president, presided at the business meeting. Reports were given by the different committee chairmen. Mrs. John G. Berry, Therapy Chairman, reported that over two hundred Christmas favors were made by the club at a called meeting, December 3, and sent to the Austin Hospital for handicapped children. Plans for the Christmas Pilgrimage, "The Merry Christmas Trail," were completed.

Mrs. Warren Duren announced that the yard of Judge and Mrs. John L. Patterson had been judged the "Yard of the Month" and they were awarded Amarillis Bulbs from the garden of Mrs. Fred Reynolds and the

Yard of the Month Marker was placed in their yard.

After the business meeting a panel discussion, "Summer And Autumn Flowering Bulbs," with Mrs. John Berry moderator, was given. Mrs. Mary Winsor gave a talk on "Lilies." Mrs. Walter Doggett told "The Culture of Dahlias," and Mrs. Lee Tabor discussed "Other Autumn and Winter Flowering Bulbs."

Highlight of the meeting was the auction by Malcolm Jernigan of the glamorous wrapped Christmas packages brought by club members. Competition ran high in bidding and solved the problem of "What To Give For Christmas" for a number of lucky bidders. Proceeds from the auction will be used in the club's project, the Beautification of the Mills County Park.

The refreshment table was laid with a green cloth, centered with a beautiful Christmas tree surrounded by gift wrapped packages. Fruit cake and coffee were served by the hostesses.

## Carolyn Graves And Earl Good To Exchange Vows

Miss Martha Carolyn Graves of Goldthwaite and Robert Earl Good of Edinburg will be married, December 27, 1958, at 7:00 p. m., in the First Methodist Church of Goldthwaite. They wish to extend an invitation to all friends to attend the ceremony.

## Mr., Mrs. J. S. Ivy To Mark Fiftieth Anniversary Jan. 1

Clemmie and Jesse (J. S.) Ivy will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary and homecoming of their six children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren with open house, at their home Thursday, January 1, 1959.

All friends and neighbors are invited to call from 2 until 5 o'clock.

## Christmas Party For Eagle Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Vic E. Koleber entertained the Eagle employees and their families with a delicious chicken dinner at Holland's Cafe Thursday evening.

After dinner, gifts were exchanged and a social hour enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kelly, Kenneth and Carolyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cecil Williams, Roy L. and Truman Hill and Mrs. Ola Howell, Butch Howard, Miss Ruth Ervin, and the hosts.

## 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."

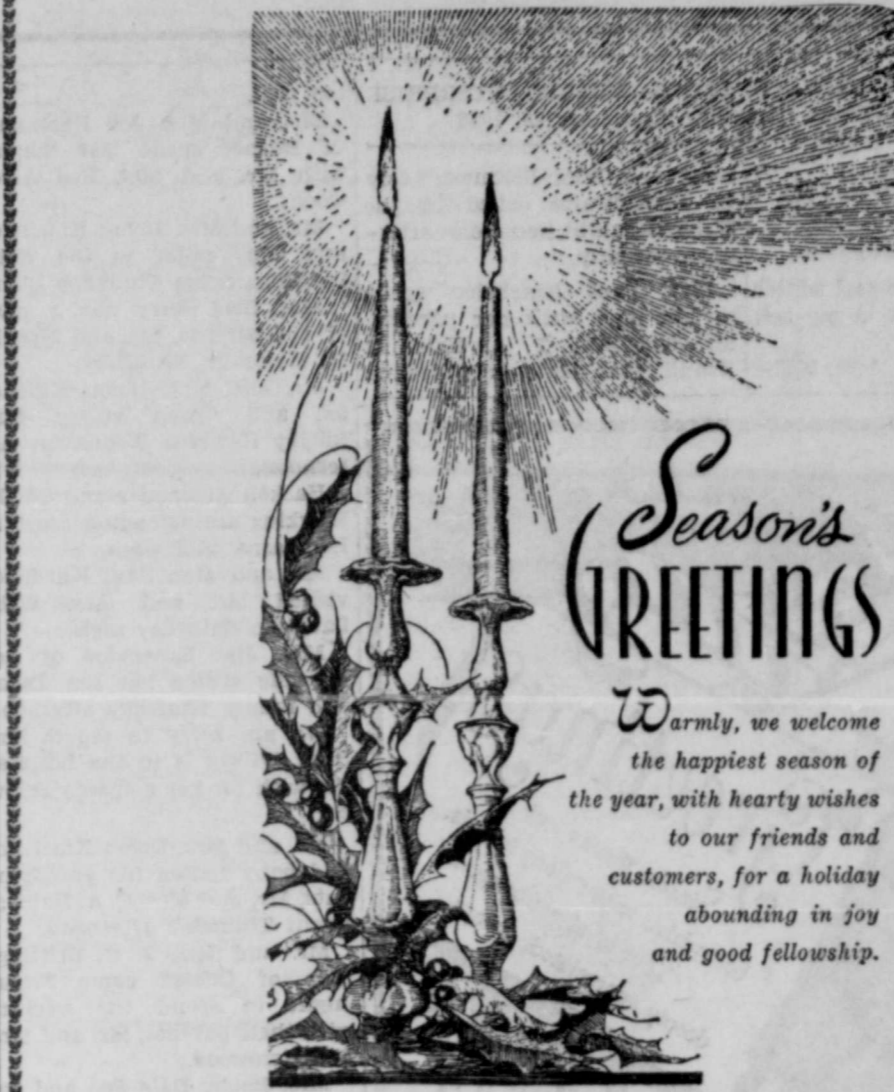
In 1848, Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman, sent Christmas cards which depicted at the festive board and which carried the message "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

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

## Personals

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Teague of Weatherford were business visitors in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Long and children, Terry Wayne, Charlotte and Sherrille of Harlingen are spending Christmas with Mrs. Long's mother, Mrs. Billie Lang. Tommy Jones, also of Harlingen, is a guest of his aunts, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Mary Winsor.



Season's GREETINGS

Warmly, we welcome the happiest season of the year, with hearty wishes to our friends and customers, for a holiday abounding in joy and good fellowship.

## HUDSON DRUG

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## Frieda Ann Gillis, Herman Johnson Marry In Silsbee Rites November 21

Miss Frieda Ann Gillis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis, Powell, Wyoming, became the bride of Herman Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson of Lometa, in a candlelight ceremony in the First Baptist Church at Silsbee, Texas, on November 21. Reverend R. E. Barclay, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Silsbee, performed the double ring ceremony.

Attendants were her sister, Miss Clara Gillis, student at

Sam Houston State Teachers College, maid of honor; and Bill Gerrard served as best man.

Miss Gillis was given in marriage by LeRoy Hanzel, cousin of the bride.

The bride wore a white princess style dress of net over taffeta and carried a white Bible centered with a white orchid and carnations.

The maid of honor wore a pastel pink taffeta gown and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The Church annex was the scene of the wedding reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson both teach in the Silsbee school. After a brief honeymoon, they will make their home at 1129 N. Railroad, Silsbee, Texas.

Those attending the wedding from this area were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson, Lometa, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hutcheson, Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Massey, Brownwood.

Miss Clara Karnes, who has been hospitalized in a Brownwood hospital with a broken bone in her foot, was brought to the home of her sister, Mrs. Oma Robertson, Friday. She is improving satisfactorily.

## News From Your COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT



Agricultural Extension Service-Texas A. & M. College System

By LUCY MAY BURRUS

Well, today is Christmas Eve. Is there some one you have forgotten and there isn't time to shop for them a gift? Why not give them a gift from your kitchen? It is sure to be appreciated very much.

Candies, cookies, cakes, pies, or nut breads are suitable gifts.

A loaf of cranberry bread, wrapped in sparkling foil or saran wrap and tied with a perky ribbon would make a beautiful, delicious gift.

**To Make Cranberry Bread**

1. Sift together: two cups sifted flour; 1 teaspoon soda; 1 teaspoon salt; 3/4 cup sugar;
2. Beat 1 egg;
3. Add: 1/3 cup orange juice; 3 tablespoons vinegar plus enough water to make 2/3 cup.

4. Mix well and then add liquid to dry mixture.

5. Add: 1 teaspoon grated orange rind; 1/4 cup melted shortening.

6. Stir until dry mixture is dampened.

7. Add 1 cup coarsely chopped cranberries; 1 cup chopped nuts.

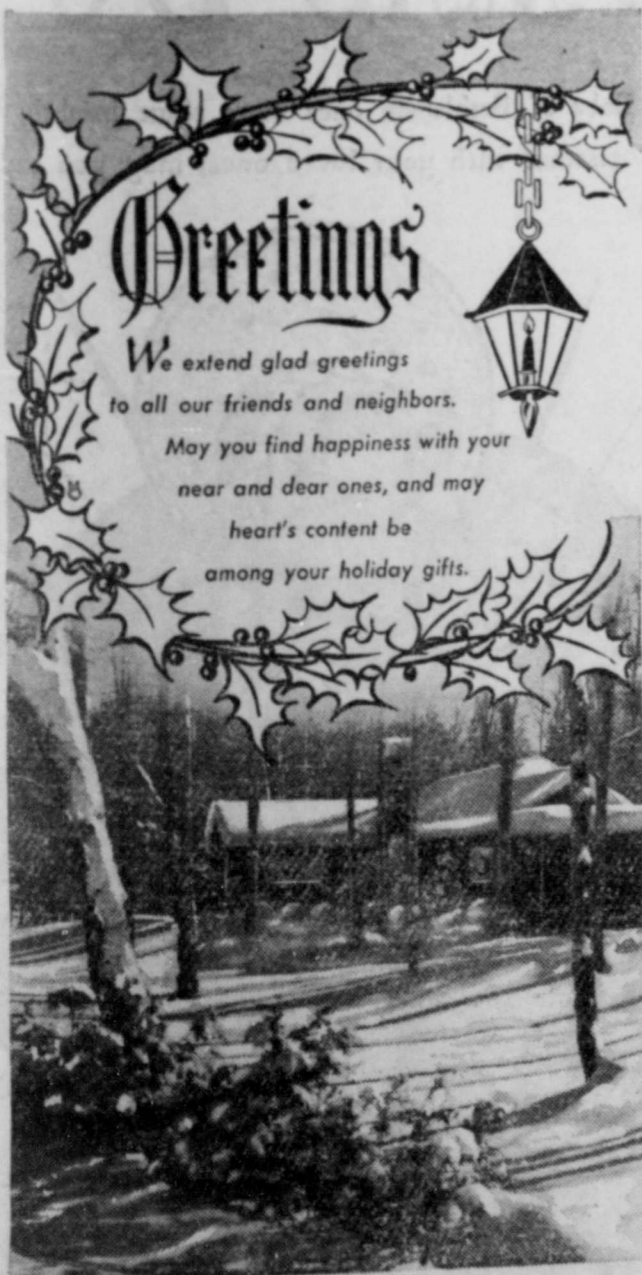
8. Mix well.

9. Turn into greased 8" x 4" x 2" loaf pan. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees F.

It should be cooled several hours or overnight before slicing.

For your own use, sandwiches made of cranberry bread spread with cream cheese filling are delicious.

May I wish you "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."



Season's Greetings

We extend glad greetings to all our friends and neighbors. May you find happiness with your near and dear ones, and may heart's content be among your holiday gifts.

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Season's Good Wishes

As the holiday season glides merrily in, we would like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to all the good people who have helped make this year such a wonderful one for us. Thank you . . . and best wishes for loads of Yuletide happiness!

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## Moline "Pick-Ups"

By LEMON SQUEEZER

We have had some real winter weather since I sent in my last scribbblings.

Mrs. Mary Winsor, Mrs. Willie

Lang and Mrs. Florence Lasly of Goldthwaite called in the Webb Laughlin home one afternoon recently.

Mrs. Paul Kincheloe spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hale, at Evant. Mrs. Hale isn't feeling

too well. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hammond of Burnet spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Red Arrowood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolon Kincheloe and baby called in the Webb Laughlin home Thursday night. Mrs. Brit Berry was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hairston, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolon Kincheloe and Faron visited Mrs. Shelby Hawkins Wednesday afternoon.

Haskell Alexander and Shelby Hawkins are attending court at Lampasas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kincheloe visited Mr. and Mrs. Webb Laughlin Saturday night.

Mrs. Jim Kincheloe of Adamsville visited her son, Dolon and family Thursday afternoon. We are sorry to report Mrs. Slick Wilkey is in the hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolon Kincheloe and baby visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hale, at Evant Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brittingham of Odessa came Friday night to spend the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Red Arrowood.

Mrs. Bobby Dale Poe and babies called in the Red Arrowood home Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cook had all their children and families as their guests during the weekend.

Wishing the Eagle Editor and family, Eagle Staff and each reader A Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Frances Grumbles and Mrs. Everitt Holland visited Mrs. Alva Dalton at Temple Saturday night.

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

By CLEMENTINE WILMETH BRILEY

Things are really Christmasy around here now. Every mail brings exciting letters and cards and we hear again from old friends. Warm little notes that gladden the heart. The LaRocks and the Daniels—my best baby-sitting customers—lived right next door to each other here and were the best of friends. Two years ago Capt. LaRock was sent to Virginia. Last summer Captain Daniel was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Before they left they found out that Capt. LaRock was being sent there too. I have letters from both families, and they are so happy to be near each other again. Mrs. Daniel says they are just fine there, except that it is very cold and they are not used to cold.

Brownie Reeves says she hears from Hazel Brooks, daughter of the late Mrs. Flora Reeves Hodges. Hazel and her husband live at Gruver. She also hears from Olive Ann Reeves, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Reeves. Olive Ann teaches in Berkeley, Calif.

El Paso goes all out for Christmas decorations. We can see the Christmas tree in the yard at the nearby fire station. Every shopping center and down town are beautifully decorated. I love to drive along the streets at night and see the

beautiful Christmas trees in all the picture windows. Then there's the cross on the gas building and the Star on the Mountain.

El Paso Schools dismissed for the holidays today (Friday, Dec. 20). All schools seemed to have had parties for the children. They came home with their hands full, and Billy and Johnny are jubilant that there will be no more school for two weeks.

Mrs. Mordant Grady called me this week. She is much better. She tells me that Mr. Grady's sister, Miss Maggie Grady of Brownwood, has been quite ill, but is much better. Miss Maggie cares for her mother, Mrs. Will Grady, who is past 90. They live with Miss Maggie's sister, Mrs. Eulalia Edgington, who teaches in the North Brownwood School.

I hear that Christmas promises to be very merry at the Reeves Ranch this year. The newly-weds—Joe and June of Lubbock and Nancy and Steve of Austin—are coming home for Christmas. Evelyn Hardin and her father, Albert Hardin, of Big Spring, will be guests at the Stanley Reeves home. All are invited to the Hubert Reeves home for Christmas dinner. During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Reeves will visit

## Big Valley Sittings

By SIFTER

Ira Wright of Levelland and Shortie Wilson of O'Donnell spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Page.

Brother Jerry Yarborough preached at the Big Valley Church of Christ Sunday and was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Martin and Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moreland visited Mr. and Mrs. Connie Knowles Saturday night.

Mr. Harvey Tomlinson and son, H. D., visited Mrs. E. N. Wells and Elvin Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Whitley and Mrs. Walter Covington shopped in Brownwood Monday.

Judy Long and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Joe Long are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Long and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Page spent Sunday in Sulphur Springs with Mrs. Lilly Attaway.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wolff and Iva Dee visited Mr. and Mrs. Connie Knowles after church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Louvell Sides and Mike visited Mr. and Mrs. Ulric Martin Friday night.

Mrs. E. N. Wells and Elvin visited their daughter and sister, Zola Beth, in Austin Fri-

day. Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. visited Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt G. rell Sunday night after which Joy Marrs spent Sunday with Judy Whitt. Rev. and Mrs. Kirby were dinner guests of Mr. Mrs. Johnny Wolff and Iva Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Letts and Mr. and Mrs. Mohler spent Sunday night with the Priddy family. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sum-

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## Jehovah's Witnesses Schedule Hillsboro Meeting Dec. 26-28

Hillsboro, Texas, is the site for the next semi-annual conference of Jehovah's Witnesses, Ben Schrank, president of the Priddy congregation, has announced.

Plans have been made for a conference to take place December 26-28. It is based on the theme of "Expanding Our Ministry."

Encouragement was given the Priddy congregation, Schrank to make arrangements now to attend.

The highlight of the conference will be the public lesson "The Watchtower Society—God's Purpose" by Kenneth Savoy, district supervisor.

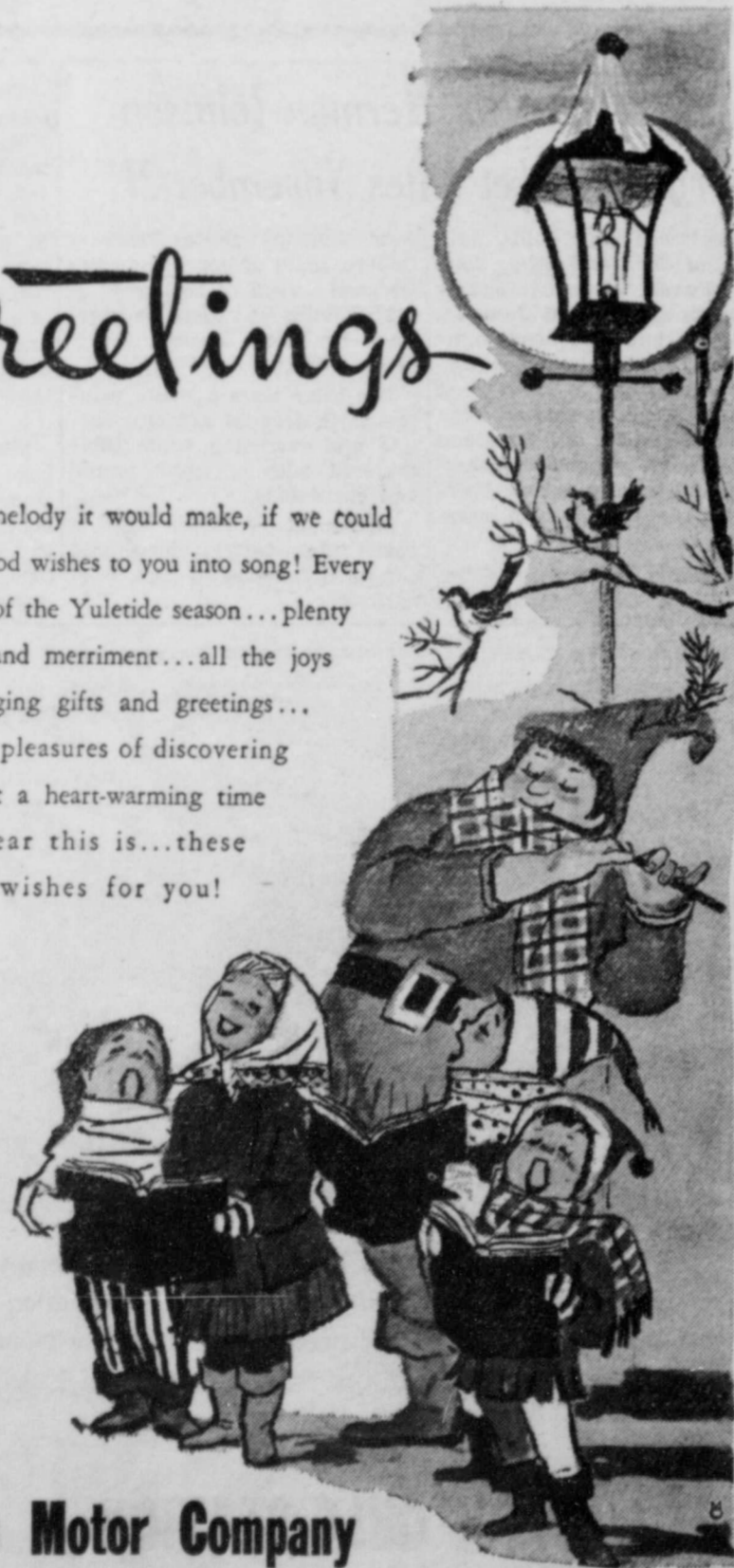
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## Greetings

What a melody it would make, if we could put our good wishes to you into song! Every happiness of the Yuletide season... plenty of mirth and merriment... all the joys of exchanging gifts and greetings... all of the pleasures of discovering anew what a heart-warming time of the year this is... these are our wishes for you!



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## CHRISTMAS JOY

May the joyous message of the Babe of Bethlehem once more shine brightly in your heart... and, as you celebrate Christmas with your loved ones, may you experience deeply and fully all the blessings of the Day. May its happiness abide with you and yours through all the years to come.



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# Mills County Stock Show Monday & Tuesday

## Large Number Of Entries Seen For Twenty-First Annual Event

The twenty-first annual Mills County Livestock Show will be held this year on Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30, at the show barns in Goldthwaite.

R. L. Steen, president of Mills County Livestock Association, has announced that final plans for the show have been completed and everything is in readiness for the opening Monday morning.

The show will open at 10:00 a. m., Monday morning and continue through Tuesday afternoon with the fat steer judging the final event. After the show several of the 4-H and FFA members plan to take their entries to the larger shows of the state.

All livestock must be in the stalls by 8:30 a. m., Monday morning and remain until 4:30 p. m., Tuesday afternoon.

Official program for the two day show is as follows:

### MONDAY

10:00 A. M.—Official opening and introductions.

10:00 A. M.—Goat Judging—Armer F. Earwood, Sonora.

1:00 P. M.—Hog Judging—C. H. Sargent, Bangs, Judge.

2:00 P. M.—Breeders' Sheep Judging, Jim Gray, Judge.

### TUESDAY

9:00 A. M.—Hereford Breeding Cattle—Heston McBride, Blanket, Judge.

9:30 A. M.—Fat Lambs—Jim Gray, Judge.

1:00 P. M.—Champion Fat Lamb.

1:30 P. M.—Fat Steers—Heston McBride, Blanket, Judge.

Officers of the show are: R. L. Steen, president; Norman Duren, vice-president; Glynn Collier, treasurer; and Carl Casbeer, secretary.

General arrangements committee of the show is as follows:

Arrangements—Charles Conrad.

Publicity—Vic E. Koleber.

Catalogue—Hubert Berry.

Membership—Everitt Holland.

Charles Conrad, Hawley Jernigan and Delton Barnett.

Ribbons—George Reese.

Sales Committee—S. D. Jernigan, Ray Duren and Charley McLean.

Superintendents of the show are as follows:

Jack Dickson, hog supt.; Glynn Sanders, sheep supt.; David Watters goat supt.; and W. V. Horton, cattle supt. Carl Casbeer will serve as show secretary and Malcolm Jernigan and Delton Barnett will be the auctioneers.

The public address system for announcing the results of the show this year will again be furnished by the Gulf Oil and Products Company.

4-H, FFA GIRLS TO SHOW FOOD AND CLOTHING

This year, as in previous years, the 4-H and FFA girls will have food and clothing exhibits on display at their newly remodeled and decorated exhibition rooms in connection with the Mills County Livestock Show.

Details of the exhibits have been worked out through the cooperation of the county H. D. agent, Miss Lucy May Burrus, and the homemaking teachers of the county schools. Mrs. Homer McCasland is president, and Mrs. Dale Reid, superintendent of clothing and, Mrs. Pattie Johnson, superintendent of foods.

The girls held a Dress Revue at the high school gym on Monday night, December 15, 1958. Dresses and other clothing modeled will be on display during the two days of the show and will be judged for construction.

There will again be a senior and junior division this year. Exhibits are to be brought to the show barn exhibition rooms before 10:00 a. m., Monday morning.

SALE AFTER SHOW

After the judging of the fat steers Tuesday afternoon, the usual sale will be held.

Miss Sarita Howard of Dallas spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Howard, and Butch, last week.

### Pastor's Column In Cooperation With the Mills County Ministerial Alliance



By Bryan Halliburton, Pastor  
Scallorn Baptist Church

THE MASTER GIVER  
Once again the Christmas Season brings us its warm and cheery feeling.

With this deep joy and affection we again find ourselves taking last minute caution to see if we have overlooked some dear friend or relative when we were buying our Christmas gifts. We know if it can be helped at all we must not fail to give everyone dear to us a gift. This would miss the whole purpose of our giving.

Each of us seeks to make some one else happy at Christmas. We desire simply their happiness. Isn't this what God felt in His heart some twenty centuries ago when He looked down upon the world and saw all mankind?

We can't imagine how deep His feeling, emotions, and affection must have been. Here God saw His opportunity as He looked down upon earth and saw a world in ruin. Man had rebelled against God and deserved to die. This race was exposed to the wrath of God and all men were in a hopeless condition.

But God who has a heart of love did not look only at man's wickedness but also at the potentiality of man, or what he could become if he were supplied with the right type of gift. God, with this supreme love

and great insight into man's personality, gave the greatest of gifts (Christ Jesus himself). It was a free and unmerited gift. Man had no claim; and when there was no eye to pity or arm to save, it pleased God to Give His Son into the hands of men to die in their stead. Ga. 1:4.

It was the mere movement of love; the expression of eternal compassion, and a desire that sinners should not perish forever. This is the highest expression of love which we can conceive.

A parent who should give up his only son to die for others who are guilty—if this could or might be done—would show higher love than could be manifested in any other way.

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### Christmas Projects Are Completed By Mullin FHA Chapter

The Mullin FHA has been busy this week making delicious Christmas candies and packing Christmas candy boxes for their elderly friends or shut-ins. This has been a local project for a number of years and the girls enjoy spreading a bit of Christmas joy this way.

Another project the girls did was to bring stamped Christmas cards to be sent to Texas State institutions for the patients' personal use. This year the cards were mailed to Abilene State School, Abilene, Texas.

The FHA Chapter also gave a Christmas Tea in the Home-making department for members, mothers and friends on December 11th.

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foremost among them is one for you...that  
you experience all of the infinite joys of  
the day, recapture all of its age-old wonder!

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## Miss Deborah Joan Ware And Charles Edward Engelman Wed

The marriage of Miss Deborah Joan Ware and Mr. Charles Edward Engelman took place at 7:00 p. m., Saturday, December 6, 1958, in the First Baptist Church of Goldthwaite, Texas.

Rev. Presnal H. Wood, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Goldthwaite, officiated for the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Bryan Franklin Ware of Crane, and the late Mr. Ware. The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. J.

Engelman, and the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Brumbalow of Wichita Falls.

Miss Janie Henderson of Houston, the bride's only attendant, was maid of honor. Mr. John Brannon of Wichita Falls was best man.

Candle-lighters were Miss Susan Shead of Abilene and Miss Sarah Jane Cockrum of Goldthwaite, both cousins of the bride.

Mrs. John Berry of Goldthwaite gave a short prelude of

organ music, in which she played "O Perfect Love" by Leo Sowerby. She also played the traditional wedding music from Wagner's "Lohengrin" and from Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" for the ceremony.

The bride wore a Lee Claire original, semi-formal gown of Heavenly blue, pure silk organza over taffeta. The fitted bodice featured an embroidered empire motif, with a scooped neckline and bracelet length sleeves. The street-length skirt was accented with a bouffant back drape. The gown was complemented with a matching blue satin head bandeaux and slippers. She carried a bouquet of gardenias surrounded by feathered blue and white split carnations and lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor wore a semi-formal gown of rose-lavender colored chiffon over taffeta, depicting a fitted basque bodice and softly gathered skirt, with a feathered head bandeaux and slippers of the same color. She carried a nosegay of feathered white and lavender carnations surrounded by lilies of the valley, tulle, and tied with white ribbon streamers.

A reception followed the ceremony at the home of Mrs. J. V. Cockrum, grandmother of the bride. House party members included Mrs. John Berry, Mrs. Raymond Cockrum, Mrs. Tommie Rankin, Misses Janie Henderson and Beth Wilcox.

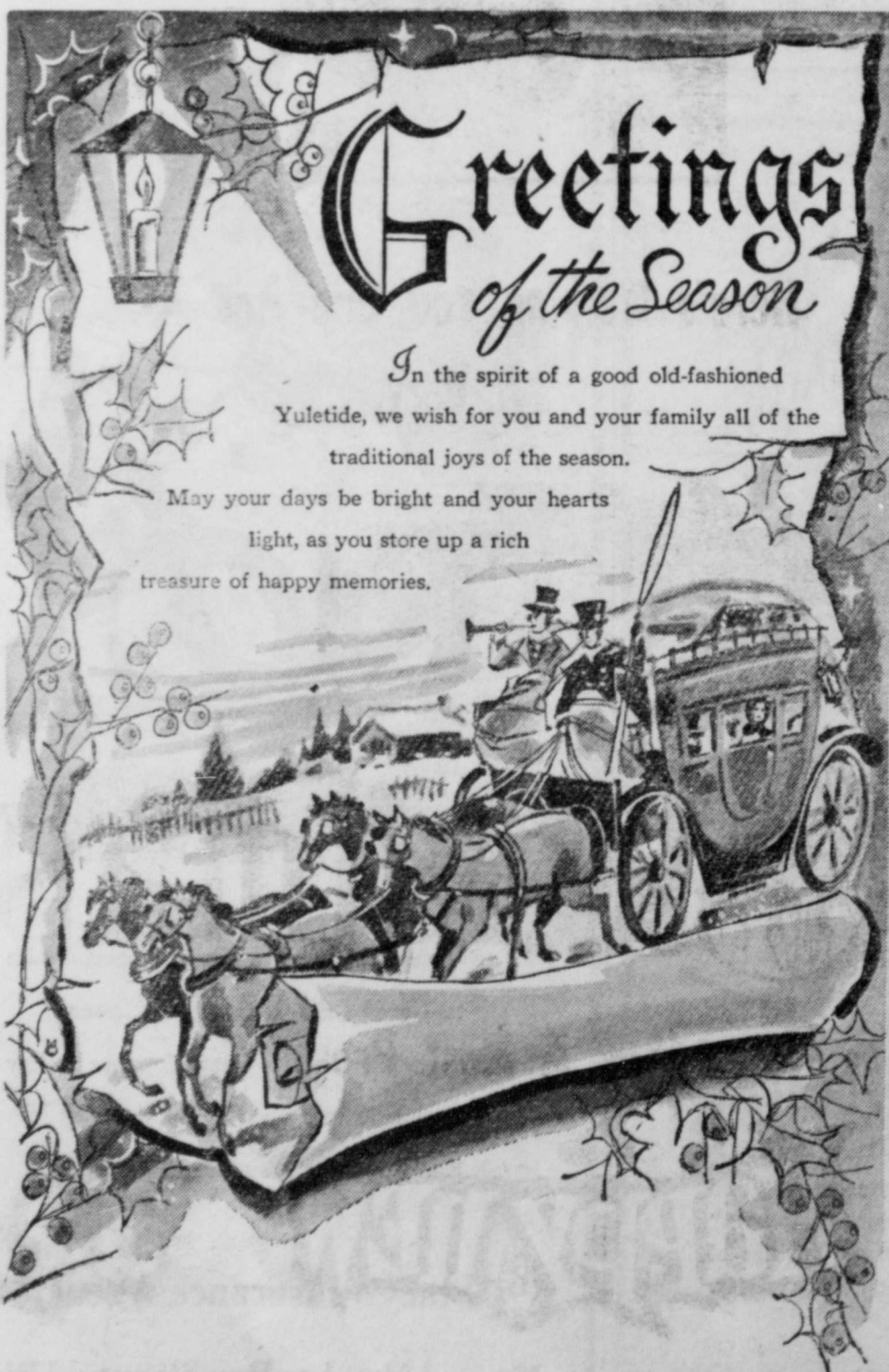
When the bridal couple left for a short wedding trip, the bride wore a mink-trimmed, brown wool suit with brown accessories, a gardenia corsage and a Longines wrist watch, a gift of the bridegroom.

The couple are 1958 graduates of the University of Texas. She received her B. A. degree in English, and is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Sorority and Phi Beta Kappa, Honor Fraternity. She was a 1956 Army ROTC Sweetheart and was Miss Petroleum Engineer in 1957 at the University. He received his B. S. degree in petroleum engineering, is a member of the Kappa Alpha social fraternity.



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## Art And Civic Club Presents Gifts To Local And State Organizations

The Art and Civic Club met in the lovely new home of Mrs. Lewis T. Hudson Thursday afternoon, December 18. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Norma Faye Duren, Shirley Humphries, Carolyn Breeding, Judinell Benningfield, Lucille Humphries, Elaine Taylor and Jeannie Breeding, members of the Girl Scout Troop, accompanied by Mrs. L. V. Benningfield and Mrs. D. Breeding, presented a very informative program about activities of their organization. The Girl Scouts

made doll clothes which were presented to the club to be sent to San Antonio State Tuberculosis Hospital. Each club member also brought a gift to be sent to the hospital.

Shortly after the program Mrs. LeeRoy Stacy presented a reflector oven to the Girl Scout Troop and their leaders. This oven is to be used by the Scouts and stored in the Scout house.

Mrs. M. T. Burnham will meet with the Library Board at their next meeting and present the book, "Living Faith," by Loyd C. Douglas, for the club.

Mrs. Allen Moreland, band director, expressed her appreciation for the fifty dollar (\$50.00) donation by the Art and Civic Club, to be used for the purchase of new band uniforms.

In the short business meeting Mrs. Dale Reid was appointed recording secretary to fill the vacancy left by Miss Burrus' resignation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wayne Featherston and family of Midkiff, arrived today to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Featherston and Linda, and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Whitley.

## Center Point News

By MRS. RUBY FRENCH

Miss Dorothy Manuel of Austin spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smokey Manuel and her sisters, Dorothy shared the seat on the bus from Austin with Mrs. Pearl Keating, a former pastor of the Nazarene Church at Goldthwaite. Mrs. Keating will be remembered here by many friends. She lives in Austin and was on her way to visit sick relatives in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Wesson, J. C. Wesson, Gene Shelton and Mr. Shaw played dominoes in the A. K. Shelton home Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Groth visited Ruth and Gregg in Austin last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Simpson Jr. have moved to the L. D. Spinks place. We welcome this family to our community.

Mrs. Floyd Manuel visited her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Featherston last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenville Calder and children visited and watched TV in the A. K. Shelton home Wednesday night.

Gorman Perry, Zona Roberson and Willie Curtis took their sister, Mrs. Beulah Wright and children to their home in Beeville Friday. Mrs. Wright had

been visiting her parents, and Mrs. G. T. Perry, the week.

Mrs. Marvin Spinks attended the Sunday School social at the Baptist Church Tuesday night. W. C. Jones of the Grove community visited John Waltons Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shelton Friday night.

Mrs. Travis Long Floyd Manuel visited Mrs. Sey Featherston last week. The ladies made Christmas candy.

Mr. Leonard Griffin is visiting his brother, Arthur Griffin and family. Leonard is returning to his home in Zuela, S. A., in a few days.

Mrs. Lizzie Shelton visited Mrs. A. K. Shelton and her grandmother, Mrs. O. M. Gowan, Saturday. She reported Mrs. McGowan not improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Smokey Manuel visited Mrs. Dorothy and Loretta, and supper in the Floyd Manuel home Saturday night.

Several from here attended the stock show at Mullin Saturday.

Mark Wheeler of Hamilton visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wheeler, Sr., last Thursday.

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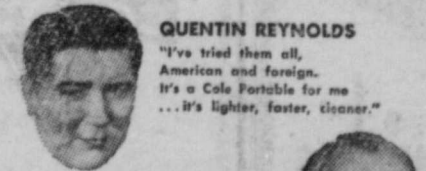
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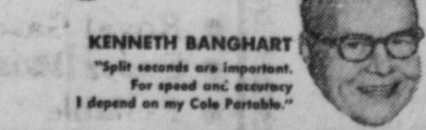
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# STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights

by Vern Sanford  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Texas — There's the curtain, the Bamboo Curtain, what might be called the "Oaken Curtain" during the next legislative session.

Three measures designed to prevent concealment of public information will be offered. Briefly, here's what the bills would do:

No. 1. Make open to the public at all times all official meetings of all city councils, commissioners courts, legislative committees and state boards, commissions and agencies. Any official found in violation would be liable to a \$100 to \$1,000 fine and removal from office, and the action taken in secret would be invalid.

No. 2. Make any official who prevents or refuses to permit inspection of a public record liable to a \$100 to \$500 fine and removal from office.

(Neither of the above measures would apply to any meeting or record not open to the public under present laws.)

No. 3. Make any person who takes and carries away a public "with intent to destroy, suppress, alter or conceal" liable to a three to seven-year prison sentence.

All three measures are being sponsored by the Associated Press Managing Editors Association, and have been endorsed by the Texas Association of Sigma Delta Chi, a professional newsmen's organization.

All the bills, said Ed Wishcamper of Abilene, APME's freedom of information chairman, are based on the premise "that the public is entitled to know what goes on in the government divisions which levy and spend taxes and whose decisions affect the lives of the people."

Or, from another viewpoint, if it's truly "government of the people, by the people and for the people," there's seldom need to hide it from the people.

**Who Meets Secretly**—Insofar as Austin is concerned, the most likely targets for freedom of information proposal No. 1 are the Legislative Budget Board and the State Board of Health.

The Budget Board, a joint panel of senators and house members, meets in advance of sessions to thrash out recommendations on how much money to appropriate where. Billions in public money are involved.

Shut-out Capitol pressmen contend the public ought to be in on these decisions.

But Budget Board members point out that it's terribly touchy business at this point

and that premature reporting would be like taking the lid off a box of bees. They can't speak frankly, they say, and come to an understanding with reporters present. And besides, the story goes, the Budget Board's report will be made public when it is submitted to the Legislature.

State Board of Health has excluded reporters from sessions in which it decides the allocation of millions in federal hospital-building funds. The Health Board, too, contends that it eventually makes its decisions public. Newsmen complain that the reports are slow in coming in and hard to get.

State Board of Insurance was petitioned by Sigma Delta Chi's Austin Chapter to keep its public records and meetings open. This Board promptly replied that it had not and would not attempt to conceal any official acts or hearings.

Some official activities are, by law, conducted in private. Senate meets in executive session when deciding whether to confirm appointments by the governor. Also the Senate committee on nominations. In these sessions discussion involves people—the appointees—in a very personal way. Newsmen recognize this problem.

Also, the deliberations of both grand juries and petit juries are conducted in legal privacy since the reputation of innocent, as well as guilty, persons are involved.

None of these legally confidential activities would be affected by the freedom of information measures.

**Going "First Class"**—Reconstruction was over, but fence-cutting was causing a lot of trouble in West Texas in 1883.

That was also the year the Legislature finally got around to acting under seven-year-old Constitutional instructions to "as soon as practicable, establish, organize and provide for the maintenance, support and direction of a university of the first class."

At the conclusion of its 75th anniversary celebration, a special committee of 75 made a report on its year-long study of progress. Its conclusion: the University "stands on the threshold of true greatness," but is not yet really "first class."

Committee labeled some departments and schools "superior," most just "satisfactory." It recommended more money for research, money to attract professors of world-wide renown, money to hold the talented young professors. It recommended eliminating the "dead weight" of inferior faculty members.

Texas is well able to support these advances, said the Committee. It called on the Legislature not to appropriate income from the University's Permanent Fund for current expense, but allow the regents to use it for steps toward "excellence."

Desired end product would be, by the 100th anniversary, a university ranking among the top five or six in the nation.

**Budget Blues**—Texas General Revenue Fund, like many a personal account, is going to be badly in arrears by the first of the year.

Deficit is expected to be about \$40,000,000 by the time the Legislature meets Jan. 13.

General Revenue began the fiscal year in September with about \$13,000,000 on hand. In the months since expenses have consumed this and put the state in the hole at the rate of about \$13,000,000 a month.

State employees have been able to continue cashing their checks only because banks agreed to hold them until the State Treasury gets money to make them good.

First headache facing the

## Personal

Tilmon Kirby, who is attending college at El Paso, arrived home Friday night to spend the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. Willie Belle Kirby and Nan and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Locklear enjoyed a three day visit with their grandchildren, Clyde Alan, Cecelia Ann and Curtis John Locklear of Brady, prior to the Christmas holidays.

Miss Lou Etta Jordan, a student at Tarleton State College, Stephenville, arrived home Saturday to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Jordan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kelly and children of Nederland are spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Kelly in the Pleasant Grove community and also visiting his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold K. Kelly and family. Mr. and Mrs. Olney Kelly and family of Fort Worth spent Monday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Kelly and stopped for a short visit with the Arnold Kellys on their return home.

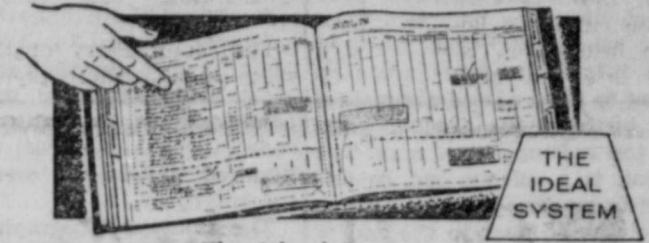
lawmakers will be finding money to pay their own salaries, secretaries, expenses, etc. Possibilities are deficit financing or borrowing from special funds.

Mrs. Maude Dennard had all her children home for the weekend. They were here to attend the wedding of their sister, Linda Dennard and Bill Lewallen Saturday night.

Mrs. Ellen Galloway had as guests last weekend her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Kemp, Mr. Kemp and children.

**Household Hint**  
If you've tried sewing jar rings to the corners of skiddy rugs without success, try again—using three jar rings wound together on each corner. One on each corner will not provide sufficient suction.  
For happy holidays, see that children get at least their usual amount of sleep.

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# Frontier News Flashes

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(State News)

### CHRISTMAS

Tomorrow is the day which marks an event in every year more generally observed than any other. Eighteen hundred and fifty eight years are supposed to have passed away since the birth of the Saviour gives for the redemption of man. The notion is a solemn one, calculated to awaken religious feeling.

Coming so near to the end of the year, the last week is very generally observed as a kind of holiday. To youth it is a most welcome return. We don't know that we are historically familiar with the notion that Saint Nicholas or Santa Claus is the fabricator of toys, and the distributor of presents among young children. The factory seems to have been happily employed the last year.

The Seguin Journal says: "A new Post Office bearing the euphonious name of Nockenut, has been established in Guadalupe county, and Mr. Wm. J. Cockrum, has been made Post Master."

D. Shropshire, Esq., has sold his interest in the True Issue,

and will henceforth attend entirely to his professional duties. Mr. J. J. Gossler will now have sole charge of the editorial and publishing department of that paper.

A certain J. W. Shavely, of Jefferson, claims to have invented a machine that will address 20,000 enveloped newspapers per hour. He wants somebody to lend him (\$1500) fifteen hundred dollars, to carry out the enterprise.

The Houston Telegraph complains of there not being a sufficient number of laborers in that city, and calls on all out of workers to go there. Diggers of earth and hewers of wood are in demand principally. One dollar and twenty-five cents will be given per day.

The Dallas Herald mentions a flock of a thousand sheep passing through Dallas for Ellis county.

The Democrat mentions the appearance of a mild type of scarlet fever in Columbia.

The Henderson Era reports good and substantial houses going up in that place.

There are now at Galveston five ships, three brigs, eight schooners, thirteen barks and one sloop.

The Jefferson Gazette reports business brisk in that place. The streets are continually filled with wagons and strangers. Also that there is a ready market there at this time for from seven to ten thousand beef cattle.

The Victoria Advocate is authorized to say that a citizen of that county is ready to back his horse and a thousand dollars against any other horse in the State to trot in a carriage.

We have heard of pork selling at from three and a half to five cents in other towns, but as yet none has been brought here for bacon purposes; and our people are really growing lean upon beef, out of season. Why do not our pork merchants make their appearance?—Austin Intelligencer.

We learn from a private letter from one of the Rangers, addressed to a gentleman in Austin, that the command are now stationed on the head wa-

## Area Accident Report Released

Sergeant G. E. Simmons, Jr., of the Llano Area, of the Texas Highway Patrol, released Blanco, Burnet, Lampasas, Llano, McCulloch, Mills and San Saba Counties' Rural Traffic Acci-

dent Summary for November 1958 recently. The Highway Patrol in this Area investigated a total of 27 accidents with the following breakdown: Property Damage 14, Personal Injury 11, and Fatal Accidents 2. Sgt. Simmons reported a total Property Damage of \$25,760.00 with 17 persons injured and 2 killed. This is an increase of 6 accidents and an increase of 2 deaths for the same period of October 1958. The records show that Mills County had one accident with property damage at \$265.00.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Lions To Entertain Stock Show Guests At Luncheon Tuesday

The Goldthwaite Lions Club will entertain a number of Stock Show officials and guests at a luncheon in the high school lunchroom on Tuesday, December 30, at 12:00 noon.

Club members and guests are reminded of the time change again this year. The regular first January meeting, which would have been January 6, has been moved up to December 30, it was announced at the last meeting. This move was made because of the Mills County

Stock Show which is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, December 29 and 30, this year.

The luncheon will be served promptly at 12:00 o'clock with the meeting following immediately in order for everyone to get back to the show barns in time for the afternoon judging which gets underway at 1:00 sharp.

## 1952, '53 GRADUATES TO HOLD REUNION, DEC. 25

The reunion of the GHS graduates of the classes of 1952 and 1953 will be held at the Mills County Youth Center, Christmas Day, from 3 until 5 o'clock. All the graduates are urged to

attend this reunion and make it the best get-together the classes have ever had.

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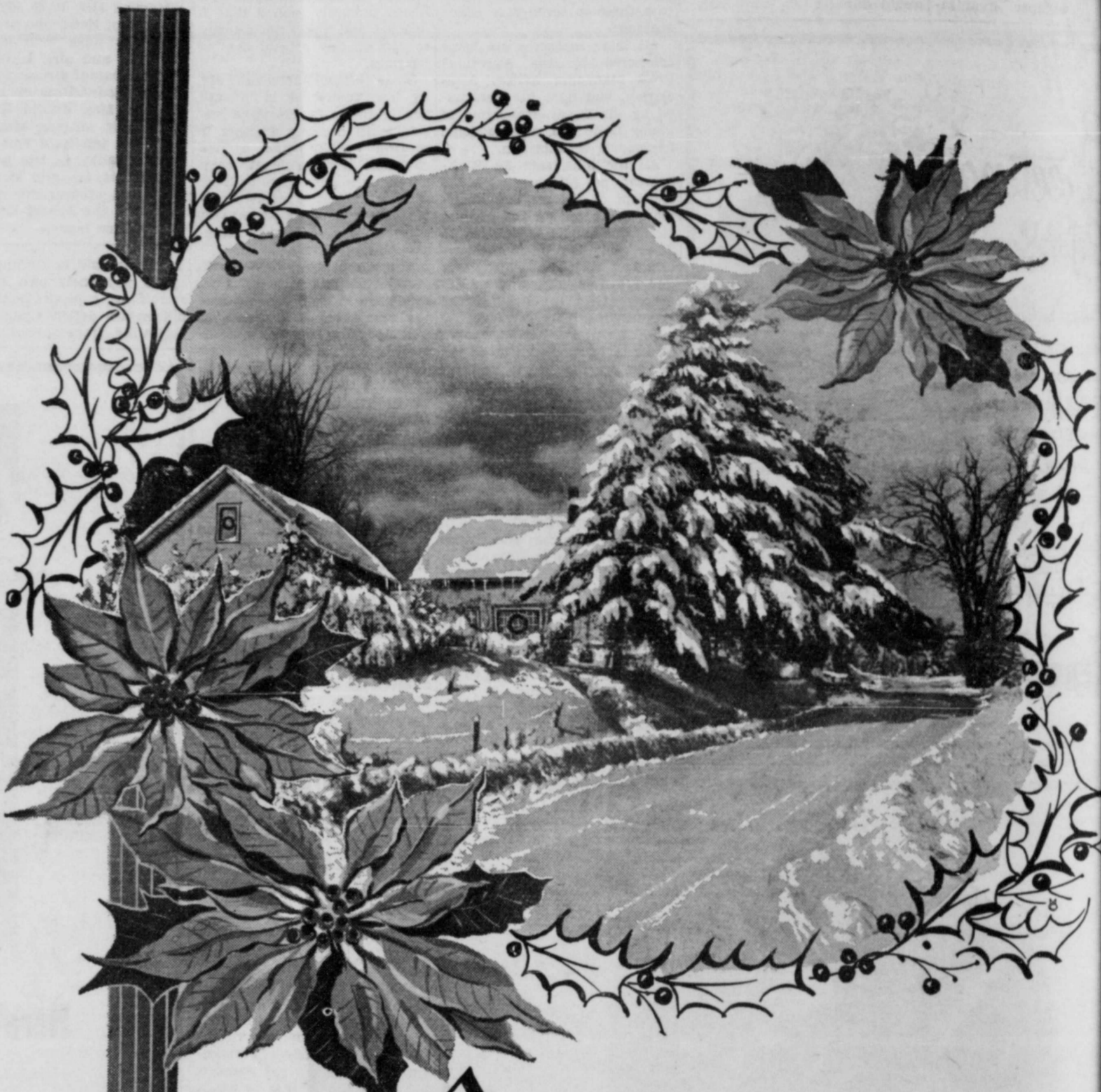


## Merry Christmas

We send you a bountiful load of good wishes, friends and neighbors. At this joyous season, may you know all the happiness and contentment of a good old-fashioned Christmas.

David Watters

Service Agent  
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# Greetings

In this season of joy and cheer, we welcome the opportunity to wish you, our friends and patrons, a very merry Yuletide. May you ever enjoy an abundance of life's best gifts... peace, health and happiness, and the blessings of love and friendship. We especially want to express our grateful appreciation for your loyalty and good will. We have greatly enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of serving you during the past year, and we hope that we may continue to do so for many a year to come.

## MILLS COUNTY STATE BANK

GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS



By MRS. JOHNNIE HOLLAND

is out for the Christmas holidays. The Elementary school all had their Christmas trees at the school last Friday afternoon before dismissal. The Senior Class had a party at the home of Mary Single after the party they went to Brownwood for a bowling. The Junior class had a Christmas party at the home of Jean-

nie Pafford. The sophomore class went to the show in Brownwood. Following the show, they went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Chesser where they were served refreshments. The freshman class went on a school bus to Brownwood where they had a period of bowling. Following the period of play, they went to the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Hollis Galloway,

where they exchanged Christmas gifts and were served all the doughnuts and cold drinks they wanted.

The annual Stock Show and barbecue dinner was held last Saturday at the High School. A nice crowd was present to enjoy the dinner and the stock show in the afternoon.

A Christmas program was presented in the basement of the Methodist Church last Monday night by the young people of the church. Following the program, and the exchanging of gifts, refreshments were served to the group by the adults of the church.

The annual Mullin Homecoming will be held in the High School auditorium on Saturday night after Christmas (Dec. 27). A program is in the making, and everyone who has lived in and around Mullin or attended school in Mullin has a special invitation to attend the Homecoming. "The More the Merrier."

Mr. Will Burlison is in a critical condition in a Fort Worth hospital after major surgery. Mr. and Mrs. Billie Black and Gary of Houston are here to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Black.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harper and Joe have moved back to their place near Mullin. They have been living in Hamilton.

Bobby McCormick of Fort Worth and his mother, Mrs. Vesta McCormick, left Mullin Sunday morning for Eola where they will spend part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Oran Coor.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith of Brownwood visited last Saturday in Mullin with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Seals and girls of California are here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Carlisle.

Mrs. Lena Belle Allyson has been here visiting her mother, Mrs. Sallie Chancellor, and she also visited with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Chancellor.

Thelma Casey of San Angelo visited here last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Carney and family of New Mexico, Mr. and

**Social Security Representative To Be Here January 9**

A representative of the Social Security Administration will be at the Goldthwaite Department of Public Welfare Friday morning, January 9, 16, and 30, at 8:30 o'clock. Also February 6, 13, and 27, and March 6, 13, and 27.

The representative will assist local residents in filing their applications for disability, retirement and survivors insurance payments.

Mrs. Marvin Bowden and Doug, of Comanche, and 2nd Lt. Weldon Bowden of Big Spring are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson of Dulce, N. M., and Andy Anderson from the Air Force Base at Big Spring stopped in for some of Mrs. Smith's cooking Saturday at noon. They were on their way to Dallas and Houston. Speaking of Mrs. Smith's cooking, "It is the best." I've tried it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith are spending the Christmas holidays in Houston with their son, Joe Paul, and wife.

Doc Hancock of Oklahoma passed away last Saturday at Stephenville. Funeral services were conducted for him at Stephenville Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hancock's wife was the former Daisey McNeil of Mullin.

**Bond Sales For November In Mills County**

During the month of November the citizens of Mills County purchased \$4,395 in Series E and H Savings Bonds.

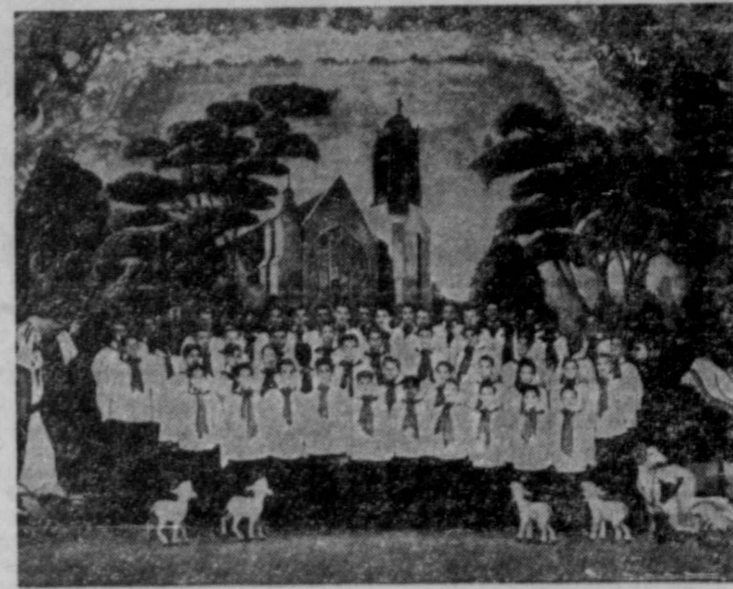
This announcement was made recently by W. P. Duren, Chairman of Mills County's Savings Bonds Committee.

"Sales for the first eleven months of this year totaled \$211,568," Chairman Duren reported. "We have now achieved 99.3% of our 1958 goal of \$213,000."

Sales in Texas during the first eleven months of 1958 were \$157,642,990 which represents 90% of the 1958 goal of \$175,000,000.

"For this Christmas, more than ever, people need to give the gift of peace—U. S. Savings Bonds. It's a present with a future; and for the New Year, to keep our country strong and free and at peace with the world; to build for all the tomorrows, a land of which we will be continually proud; to provide security for the generations to come in the manner such as we have known, and above all—to keep the precious liberties and freedoms that are a part of our heritage," Duren concluded.

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**Homecoming For Mullin School District, Dec. 27**

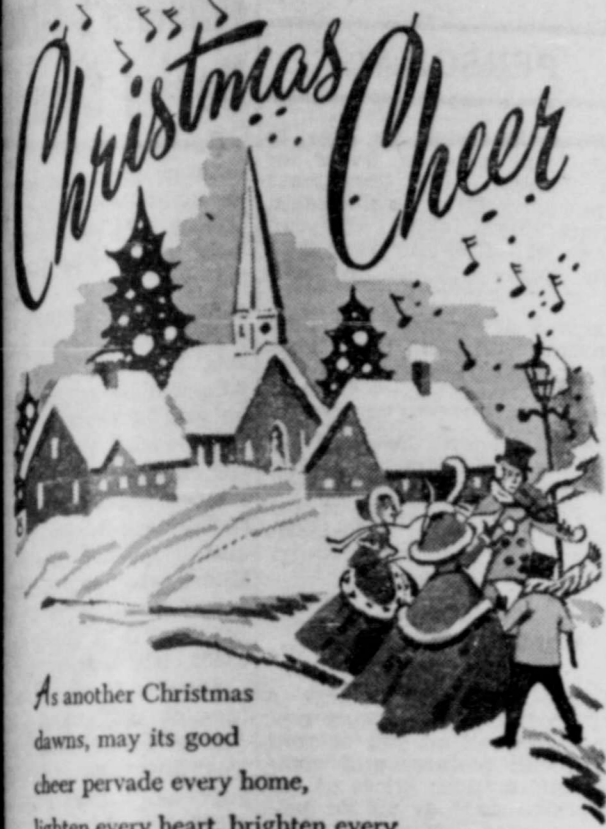
The annual Mullin Homecoming will be held in the Mullin School Gymnasium at 8 o'clock, Saturday night, December 27, according to announcement by Norman Duren, president.

Louis Crump of San Saba will be the guest speaker and refreshments will be served after the program. All ex-students, ex-teachers,

students, teachers and friends are urged to attend and help make this one of the best get-togethers the school has ever had.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Langford and children of Cleburne spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Truett Aldridge.



As another Christmas dawns, may its good cheer pervade every home, lighten every heart, brighten every life. Especially may you and yours partake in full measure of all the joys and blessings of the Day. Merry Christmas, all

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**Mullin Independent School District 902 Mills County - 167, Texas Financial Statement for the 1957-58 School Term**

District Valuation 1957-58	\$1,362,834.	Tax Rate	Local Maintenance	\$1.00
			Bonds	.50

**RECEIPTS:**

Local Maintenance	41,685.96
State & County	11,471.62
Transportation	15,865.28
Interest & Sinking	8,983.06
Total Receipts 8-31-58	\$78,005.92

**Receipts Uncollected 8-31-58**

Local Taxes	87.90
State & County	670.00
Vocational Reimbursement	386.95
Total Uncollected 8-31-58	\$ 1,144.85

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Local Maintenance	46,202.09
State & County	12,121.93
Transportation	15,443.27
Interest & Sinking	4,982.75
Total Disbursements 8-31-58	\$78,750.02

**BALANCES SEPTEMBER 1, 1958:**

Local Maintenance	\$-4,516.13
State & County	-650.31
Transportation	422.01
Interest & Sinking	4,000.31

Report Submitted by D. Cecil Stanley, Supt.  
Mullin Ind. School District



*Season's greetings*

May your name be right up at the top of Santa's list to receive a bountiful measure of all of the good things that make this joyous holiday season so richly rewarding . . . love and laughter; good fellowship and good cheer; friendships strengthened; cherished memories rekindled; and this above all: a sense of deep contentment. Yes, may your Christmas be a truly merry one!

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### AUTOMOTIVE

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### Card Of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I want to thank my friends for the cards and flowers sent me, while I was in the hospital. Your thoughtful kindnesses were sincerely appreciated. Clara Karnes. 12-25-11c

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to take this method of expressing our thanks to the Goldthwaite doctors, Roy Wilkins for taking us to the San Saba Hospital, the hospital doc-

tors, nurses and staff and the Doran ambulance staff for taking us to the San Angelo Clinic. Also to our pastor, Bro. Dycus, from Brownwood, the San Saba O. E. S., and the Goldthwaite O. E. S. All of the lovely cards, flowers, visits and phone calls were gratefully appreciated. Then after being gone for seven weeks we had a royal welcome home, the house warm and shining, delicious food prepared and we thank God for each of your kindnesses.

Our prayers are Good Luck, God bless you, those near and dear to you always. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Horner. 12-25-11p.

### Farm and Ranch

Save tax worries by keeping a good set of records. Farm and Ranch bookkeeping sets on sale at the Eagle office. 1-9-4t

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### LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE HELD FOR DIRECTORS OF THE MILLS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. ONE**  
TO THE QUALIFIED RESIDENT PROPERTY TAXPAYING VOTERS OF MILLS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. ONE  
On the 16th day of December, 1958 the Board of Directors of the Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. One, convened in called session with the following members present, to-wit:  
Jim Soules, President and presiding  
Arnold Head,  
Bertram Geeslin,  
Homer McCasland, and  
J. S. Owens, Secretary;  
and the following absent: None constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings had by said Board of Directors was the following:—  
Whereas, on the next ensuing second Tuesday in January, the same being the 13th day of January, 1959, there will be elected five (5) directors for the said Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. One; and

Whereas this Board of Directors by its order dated the 2nd day of December 1958 established the procedure for candidates who desire to file for said election, and also established the polling place for said Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. One;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the Board of Directors of the Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. One:—

That an election be held in said District on the second Tuesday in January 1959, the same being the 13th day of January 1959 for the purpose of electing five (5) directors to the board of Directors of said Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. One; That said election shall be held at the CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER of the

**METHODIST CHURCH** in CENTER CITY in Mills County, Texas, the following named persons are hereby appointed officers to hold said election:—  
Ercher McCasland, Presiding Judge  
Woodrow Boykin, assistant Judge  
Hardy Collier, clerk  
Rev. T. M. Mitchell, clerk

The polls at said election place shall open at 8 o'clock A. M. and shall not close before 7 o'clock P. M.

That the following named persons have duly filed as candidates for said election in accordance with the Order for Election Procedure in Directors Election, heretofore passed and adopted by this Board of Directors, and their names shall be placed on the ballot for said election in alphabetical order as follows:  
Bertram Geeslin  
Arnold Head  
Homer McCasland  
J. S. Owens  
Jim Soules  
W. M. Tubbs  
T. J. Watson

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county in which said district is located, or if none is published in the county, in the nearest county thereto, in the first publication shall be at least twenty one (21) days prior to the date of the election, and not more than thirty five (35) days prior thereto. Immediately after said election has been held, the officers holding the same shall make due return of the result thereof in triplicate, one being retained by the Presiding Judge, one delivered to the President of this Board, and one delivered to the Secretary of this Board. The ballot box and other election records shall be delivered to the Secretary of this Board at the office of the said District and be preserved as provided by law in said office except that the stub box shall be returned to the District Clerk for this, Mills County.

The above order was duly passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. One, December 16, 1958.

(Signed) **JIM SOULES**  
Jim Soules, President of the Board of Directors of the Mills County Water Control and Improvement District No. One.  
ATTEST:  
J. S. OWENS  
J. S. Owens, Secretary

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### Miscellaneous

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**THIS CHRISTMAS:** Give a year's subscription to the Eagle. A gift that will be enjoyed by members of the family, relatives or friends for a full year. Phone MI 8-2244 and place your orders now. Eagle Office. 10-23-9t.

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## Questions And Answers About Social Security

**Question:** I will not be eligible to draw my social security retirement benefit until March of 1959. Will my benefits be more than it would have been under the old law?

**Answer:** Yes, benefits payable for all beneficiaries, those getting payments now and those who will be getting them later on, will be about 7% more than they would have been under the old law.

**Question:** I'm told I can't get social security checks for a month I don't earn over \$1200. Under the annual earnings test, I can receive all monthly benefits if I don't earn over \$1200, which is correct?

**Answer:** If your annual earnings do not exceed \$1200, you can receive all monthly benefits. The \$100 rule applies only to your annual earnings exceeding \$1200. For example, if you earn \$3,000 in 1959, but in some months you earn only \$100 or less, you are entitled to benefits for those months.

### Chappell Hill

By PEARL CRAWFORD

A large crowd of relatives, friends and neighbors from near and gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. White Sunday to help them celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. We wish for them many more happy reunions with their loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Stone and daughter were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Chapman's farm Wednesday feeding livestock.

Mrs. Carl Evans and son, Mrs. Albert Evans were shopping and visiting in Goldthwaite Friday.

To the Eagle Staff and all friends we extend greetings for Christmas and throughout the New Year, and may you be blessed with every happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Wolf of Abilene visited his cousin, Mrs. H. P. Harris, Sunday morning while en route to Lampasas, Waco for a visit with relatives.

Captain and Mrs. Robert C. and daughter, Karen, of Tucson, Arizona are spending their Christmas holidays with their parents and grandmother, Mrs. and Mrs. P. L. Hancock and Mrs. Louretta Ingram.

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**L. D. Conner, USN,  
With Seventh Fleet**  
FAR EAST (FHTNC) — Lewis D. Conner, chief radioman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conner of Route 1, Goldthwaite, Texas, and husband of the former Miss Corene Dyess of National City, California, is serving aboard the attack cargo ship USS Seminole, operating with the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Far East.



Shooters this year have found something new. More than 3,000 Texans have drawn public hunts, on land under management of the Game & Fish Commission.

Some 1,500 of the lucky shooters went for deer. The others got their chance on the new wildlife refuge recently bought by the state near Port Arthur.

This year's free public hunts are not expected to set a pattern for all the years to come, so far as public hunts are concerned. That they are popular, however, is shown in the fact that more than 12,000 persons applied for these free deer hunts, scattered throughout Texas.

The free duck hunts came because there was no desire to shut off shooting on the new 8,400 acre McFaddin tract recently bought by the state. Perhaps next year, after a management program has been put into effect hunting may be eliminated, or curtailed. A lot will depend on what management does for the area.

These are bonus hunts. They are the payoff because of efficient wildlife management. They are the harvest of a good crop.

When other landowners realize the importance of such wildlife management, there will be much more good hunting area. The state can't afford to buy land on which everyone can hunt, but it can and does give assistance to other landowners who will consider wildlife as a marketable crop.

And speaking of shooting. This is the time of the year when most of us think in the terms of big game, or game birds. We overlook squirrels and rabbits, while they are at their best.

I have been quite surprised recently at the interest that is developing in some sections of the state over squirrel and rabbit shooting.

There was a time when both these little animals were quite popular among the hunters. We fought for them to kill them, and came back with a hunting jacket filled with furbearing meat loaves. In recent years, however, there has been some curtailment of shooting rabbits and squirrels.

Perhaps most of that has been brought about through the posting of much of the land over which they formerly roamed. Farmers have become tired of careless hunters tearing down fences or shooting their cows. As a result they have put up "Posted" signs on the river bottoms and in the thickets.

There is a tremendous squirrel crop this year. Some of our friends from the San Saba country say they've never seen more or fatter squirrels than are now

jumping from tree to tree in the pecan areas along Central Texas river banks.

In the hill country the rock squirrels also are plentiful. Every thicket seems to have a generous amount of rabbits.

Hunting squirrels and rabbits in Texas isn't really appreciated as it should be. There are many states where the season is closed most of the year. Some states even have bag limits of a half-dozen or less rabbits or squirrels for the entire season.

Just imagine what would happen if Texas lawmakers decided to close the season entirely on either. They'd soon overrun the land.

In most of the counties of Texas there are closed seasons during the breeding period. These closed seasons should be respected.

To me there always has been a challenge to squirrel shooting. There's nothing quite like a real squirrel hunter, especially if he has a small feisty dog. Some hunters use shotguns, mostly with whatever size shot is handy. There are some true hunters, however, who like to pick them out of the tops of pecan trees with a 22 rifle.

Squirrel shooting can be lazy, or you can work yourself down. You can chase through pecan bottoms all day, picking up a few of the little barkers. Or you can find a good comfortable fallen log, bury down behind it and spend a few hours just watching and waiting, and get just as many of the little fox tails.

Many who have shot squirrels across a half-century started with little single shot 22 rifles, with open sights. They shot mostly 22 short ammunition. Their aim was deadly. They still brag about how they shot their squirrel through the left ear, or in the right eye.

Now we have super accurate 22 rifles, shooting hi-speed long rifle ammunition. We equip the rifle with a scope, so we can place the shots exactly where we want. This requires some target practice, too. You need to know just where that little chunk of lead will hit.

Then when little bushy-tail trots out on a high limb in the tree you can level on him, squeeze the trigger and down he'll come, if you've aimed well. That is where the little feisty dog comes in handy. He can fetch the squirrel. Or, if you prefer kicking them up, the feist can tree them for you.

Rabbit shooting differs in many respects. Usually you pick them out and knock them over running, using your shotgun. This is a real art. Shotgun shooting, however, ruins lots of good meat.

There are many young shooters who still like to get their bunnies with a .22. There are some adept enough to kill a running cotton tail with a .22, but more often this is an accident. It isn't too much of a trick, however, to stalk a rabbit. You can slip up on them sitting quietly in a cactus patch, or at the root of a mesquite tree.

Of course, shooting jacks is something entirely different. Here again you can use a shotgun or rifle. Some hunters use varmint rifles, such as the .22, with terrific explosive effect when it hits the game.

Some hunters like to chase jacks in jeeps across the green oats patch. They gun them down with shotguns. Others like to catch them loping across the open prairie and begin a barrage with a .22 automatic.

No killing of rabbits or squirrels should be wanton. Cotton-tails and squirrels both are good eating. They should be cleaned carefully. Then they can be fried like chicken. They are really very delicious.

**A/2c FREDDY R. SPINKS IS STATIONED IN SAUDIA ARABIA**

A/2c Freddy R. Spinks has arrived at Sharon Air Base, Saudia Arabia and is attached to the 1949th A. A. C. S. Sqd. there.

He received basic training at Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, also Technical schooling at Chanute Field, Ratoool, Ill., before overseas duty.

Freddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Spinks of Mullin. His wife is the former Barbara Letbetter of Goldthwaite. Barbara and their baby will make their home in Goldthwaite with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Letbetter, while her husband is overseas.

**Hillside Mission**  
By LIDA BYRNE

With truly a repentant heart, have we ever tried this? The Bible says: "I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me." Psalm 77:1.

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**County Farmers Favor Cotton Quota**

Marketing quotas will be in effect for the 1959 cotton, according to a report on preliminary returns from the December 15 referendum of cotton farmers received at the Mills County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office, according to Lee W. Tabor, Office Manager.

The referendum showed that 46 of the farmers who voted in Mills County favored the quotas, and 14 farmers were opposed, with a total of 60 votes cast.

Texas cotton farmers voted 38,026 to 7,248 December 15 in favor of continuing federal marketing quotas.

With marketing quotas in effect for the 1959 crop, a farmer who complies with his cotton allotment will be eligible for a price-support based on a national average. A farmer who exceeds his allotment will not be eligible for price support. In addition, those who exceed their allotments will be subject to a marketing quota penalty on each pound of excess cotton.



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**J. E. PERKINSES  
ENTERTAIN GUESTS**

Mrs. W. A. Shotwell of Fort Worth visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perkins last Wednesday and Wednesday night. Also, Mrs. Frank Kilpatrick and children, Mike, Steve and Patti Sue of Killeen, and Mrs. Chas. L. Stephan of Star visited in the Perkins home December 22 and helped Mr. Perkins celebrate his 78th birthday.

**County Officials  
Will Take Office  
New Year's Day**

Newly elected county officials will take office on January 1, at 9 a. m. in special session of the Commissioners' Court in the Commissioners' courtroom in Mills County courthouse.

This will be a special session of the court when officials will be given the oath of office for their new term and routine business matters will be finished for the old year.

**Eagles To Host  
DeLeon Jan. 2**

Tuesday night of last week the Goldthwaite boys and girls journeyed to Gatesville for a double header game. The girls were defeated by Gatesville by a score of 63-59 and in this game Addie Jo Conradt was high point girl with 44 points. The Goldthwaite boys also lost to Gatesville by several points.

Friday night the Goldthwaite teams were hosts to Brooksmith on the local courts. The local girls won by a score of 50-41 with Addie Jo Conradt again being high point girl with 40 points. The Goldthwaite boys were winners in their game against Brooksmith.

**GOLDTHWAITE TO PLAY  
DeLEON HERE JAN. 2**

The next game for the Goldthwaite teams will be here on January 2, 1959 with DeLeon. Game time will be 7:00 p. m.

**District Court  
Meets Last Week**

District court met last week Wednesday with Judge D. B. Wood, Georgetown, presiding in the absence of District Judge Jas. K. Evetts.

The following matters were disposed of during the short session.

Arlie Daugherty waived jury trial and plead guilty to a charge of DWI, second offense, and was assessed a one year probated sentence.

One young man who was charged with burglary waived jury trial and entered a plea of guilty and was given a two year probated sentence.

Mrs. Carolyn Hurst was granted a divorce from Thomas Ed Hurst, awarded custody of minor child and the defendant was ordered to pay \$75 per month child support.

**RAY BLACKBURNS  
ENTERTAIN GUESTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blackburn had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Louis Covington, and Will Collier of Killeen; Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Collier and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Collier, all of Goldthwaite, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Virden of Indian Gap.

Guests Sunday afternoon in the Blackburn home were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Robertson, Betty and Joyce, Richard Collier and Aldora.

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



**Greathouse  
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DO YOU REMEMBER THIS POEM?

One ship drives east and another west,  
By the self-same winds that blow;  
It's the set of the sail and not of the gale,  
That tells them the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,  
As we journey along through life;  
It's the set of the soul that decides the goal,  
And not the calm or the strife.

It is with this thought that

*Little's*

Wishes You A  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Local Markets**

The sheep sale at the Mills County Commission Company showed a decided drop last Friday in the number of head selling, a total of 2,600 head passed through the auction ring. Goats also showed a decrease in the number of head with a total of 800 head selling. There will be no sale tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 26). Next sales day will be January 2, 1959.

In the sheep division, all classes showed a decrease with the exception of fat milk lambs, aged wethers and old bucks, which remained the same as last week. In the goat division, good mutton goats and kids showed a slight decrease in price with other classes remaining steady.

**SHEEP**

Fat milk lambs, 16c to 18c; stocker lambs, 14c to 20c; yearling muttons, 10c to 15c; yearling ewes, \$10 to \$17 per head; aged wethers, 10c to 12c; stocker ewes, \$9 to \$16 per head; old ewes, 8c to 8½c; old bucks, 8c to 10c; ewes and lambs, \$12 to \$20 per pair.

**GOATS**

Good mutton goats, \$7 to \$9 per head; weighing kind, 8c to 11c; good nannies, \$7 to \$9 per head; cull nannies, 8c to 9c; kids, \$4 to \$8 each.

**EGGS—PER DOZ.**

Large white eggs were listed at 35c; mixed eggs at 30c and pullet eggs at 25c this week. Butterfat, 45c per pound.

**CHICKENS—PER LB.**

Roosters, 5c; Hens, 8c.

**Assembly Of God  
Church In Revival**

The Assembly of God Church of Goldthwaite began their revival Monday night, December 21, and will continue through the week with services beginning nightly at 7:00 o'clock. Rev. B. F. Renfro, pastor, is conducting these services.

Everyone has a most cordial invitation to attend these services, according to announcement by Rev. Renfro.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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**Post Office Sets  
Holiday Schedule**

Postmaster Lucile Fairman has announced that the post office will be closed on Christmas Day. All regular mail dispatches will be taken care of and there will be a one hour window service after the mail is put up. There will be no rural route deliveries on Christmas Day but otherwise all regular holiday schedules will be observed.

The post office will also be closed on Friday, December 26, but rural routes will be delivered as usual. There will only be one hour window service that day after the mail is put up and all other dispatches will be taken care of, according to Mrs. Fairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Roberson and boys spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Denson and Mr. and Mrs. Erle D. Roberson.

**Wedding Bells**

County Clerk, Walter A. Bryant, has issued marriage licenses to the following since last report: Billy Clyde Lewallen and Linda Dennard; Randall Shelley Lewis and LaDonna Dorain Lewis.

**Personals**

Bill Armstrong, who is teaching in the public school system in New Mexico, came in Saturday to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays with his mother, Mrs. Annie Armstrong, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Locklear of Hot Springs, Arkansas and their niece, Miss Linda Jane Locklear of Grove City, Ohio, arrived Monday to spend the Christmas holidays in the C. Locklear home.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**4-H, FHA Entries  
Due At Show Barn  
Monday, Dec. 29**

Mrs. Homer McCasland, ident of girls' 4-H and FHA giving a final reminder to have their entries in Show Barns not later than a. m., Monday, December 29. It is hoped that all schools the county will have foot tries for the show.

The clothing garments judged for appearance and style show on December 29. They will be judged for construction and the final computed during the show according to Mrs. McCasland.

Parents of the girls are to meet at the Agri building at 6:30 p. m., December 26, to complete pair and painting and arrange the building for the on Monday and Tuesday.

**— IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE**

**SEASON'S**

We'd like to set the air ringing with our best wishes to you and your family for an abundance of love, friendship and good cheer all through the holidays.

**GREETINGS**

**YARBOROUGH & DUREN**

"The Friendly Store Where Your Money Buys More."

**Happy  
Holiday**

Flying high are our hopes for your happiness during the Holiday season. But deeply rooted is our appreciation of your patronage and good will in the past year. We shall look forward to the opportunity of continuing to serve you throughout the new year.

**WOODY DRUG STORE**  
Your REXALL Store

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## THE MOCKERY



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## Traffic Safety Crusade To Be Concluded With Drive To Reduce Holiday Death Toll

With some 238 lives already lost in Texas this year through December 5, Governor Daniel's statewide traffic safety crusade is being concluded with an all-out drive to

reduce the year-end holiday death toll on Texas streets and highways. The objective will be to hold this year's holiday toll below 103, the number of lives lost

during the 11-day "Operation Deathwatch" maintained by the Department of Public Safety during the 1957 Christmas-New Year's period.

The DPS Statistical Service reports that the 218 persons killed in December, 1957, was the smallest number for any December in nine years. The nine-year average for December is 255. If the present trend continues, the Governor points out, then the major improvement noted thus far this year can be maintained.

Several powerful forces will unite their efforts in the climaxing traffic safety project of 1958, a year which thus far has seen motortraffic drop 10 per cent from the 1957 toll. That 10 per cent reduction has been the Governor's year-long goal.

Governor Daniel proclaimed "Safety Sunday" for the December holidays this year at the request of Rev. Don Benton of Dallas, Chairman of Church Safety, for the Texas Safety Association. In his official proclamation, the Governor suggested that Texas clergymen include traffic safety in their pre-Christmas messages and urged citizens of the State to "join in this united religious campaign to awaken in the conscience and mind of every driver the realization that negligence at the wheel of an automobile is a transgression of God's Own Command, 'Thou Shalt Not Kill'."

A Christmas traffic safety reminder is also being carried to millions of Texas highway travelers through the cooperation of every billboard company in Texas. Officials of the Outdoor Advertising Association of Texas, Inc., announced that members of their organization had pledged 976 billboards — about one out of every 20 in the State — to carry the Governor's traffic safety Christmas reminder.

The big, 24-sheet billboards, signed by the Governor and carrying his full-color photo, feature a personal statement, reading: "Don't Let A Collision Spoil Your Holiday." Printing of the color posters and space on the billboards was provided without cost to the Texas Traffic Safety Council by members of the billboard association. Expressing his appreciation to

the companies for their cooperation, Governor Daniel said: "We are very grateful for the huge amounts of time and money devoted to the traffic safety crusade by the billboard companies and other mass communications media in Texas, daily and weekly newspapers, press associations, radio and TV stations and movie theatres. Without this vast array of help,

we could never have made so much progress this year. We now hope for major improvement in the annual December-New Year's death toll because

of this type of cooperation and because so many Texans this year are working to help save the lives of their fellow-citizens."

Joy to  
the World

As on that Holy Night of blessed memory, may the message of Christmas enter the hearts of mankind. May peace and good will be with you and yours.



Dr. and Mrs. R. Glynn Raley



In the true spirit of the glorious Holiday Season we extend our sincere wishes for the good health and happiness of all our devoted friends and neighbors.

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OLD-FASHIONED  
Christmas Wishes

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Shelton Bros. Motor Co.



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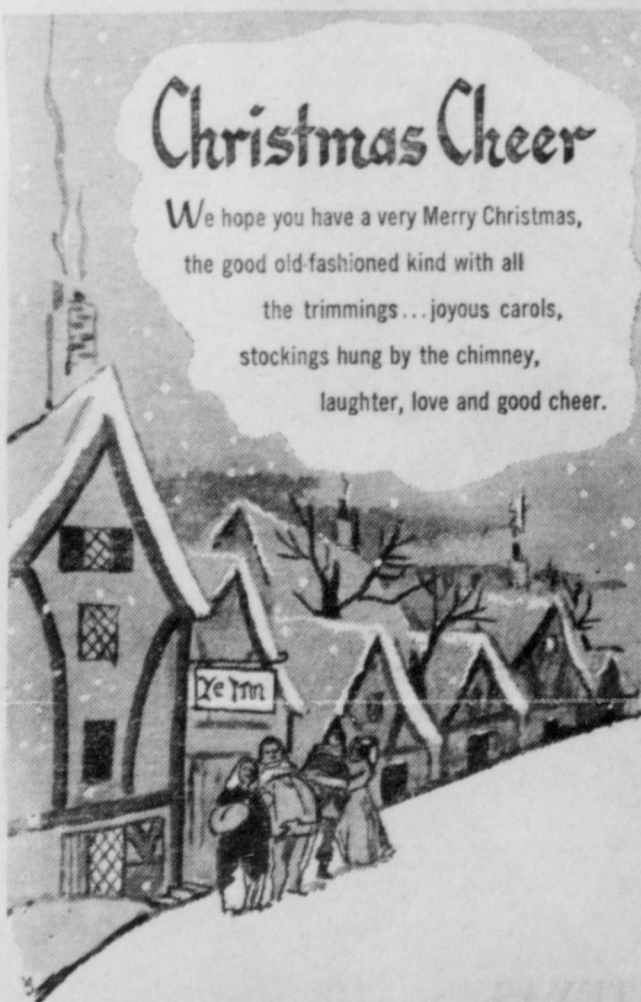
As happy families everywhere gather together to celebrate this most festive of seasons, we take pleasure in extending to you our hope that all the joys of Christmas fill your home.

**Rose Shoe Shop**



Greetings and best wishes to you for a happy holiday season. May your Christmas be the merriest!

**Reid & Walker Garage**



**Christmas Cheer**

We hope you have a very Merry Christmas, the good old-fashioned kind with all the trimmings... joyous carols, stockings hung by the chimney, laughter, love and good cheer.

**Hi-Way Garage & Implement Co.**  
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Priddy, Texas

**CHRISTMAS—**  
TIME OF JOY



Christmas—a time of joy and peace, tree lights, tinsel, and snow—and time for renewal of that perennial cry, "Christmas is too commercial."

It's been said for years, and to a certain extent it has always been true. Many are too concerned with today's commercial world to have time for the observance of Christmas. Others are so busy buying presents, selling presents, and generally making Christmas an ordeal, that they, too, are unable to place the emphasis where it rightly belongs—on the religious and spiritual level.

Yes, there is much about Christmas that is commercial, or rather, that has been commercialized. Yet Christmas itself, and the spirit that belongs to the holiday, is always the same. As individuals, we each "make" our own Christmas within our hearts. Our feelings, our motivations and our outward actions, weigh these well and you will know what Christmas means to you.

How often is it also said that Christmas belongs to the children. If this be true, then the observance of Christmas would have been forgotten long ago. Tinsel and glitter, presents under the tree, stockings by the fire, this is the meaning of Christmas to the young in heart; but all these are merely adjunct to the true and significant meaning of Christmas; that on this day a child was born in Bethlehem and because of this birth mankind may hopefully strive for eternal salvation.

The true Christmas is not commercial, nor does it belong only to the young. Through faith, good will and charity do we enter into the proper observance of this great holiday and only the truly hard-bodded, the cynical, the greedy, and the disbelievers; only these, through their own lack of virtue, are not a part of the true celebrations of Christmas.

**Ancients Believed Christmas Greenery Held Certain Powers**

The holly and mistletoe used today for Christmas decorations found their way into early festivities because of certain virtues attributed to them by the ancients.

The Druids were the first to use mistletoe, which they called "Heal-all." They believed the plant to have great curative powers and gradually assigned to it all manner of magic powers.

Each year, about the same time that we now celebrate Christmas, their priests would have high platforms built around the sacred oak trees, which, in a manner of speaking, were "hosts" to the mistletoe. Robed in ceremonial vestments, the priests ascended these platforms, and with golden sickles, cut away the mistletoe.

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

Eventually the plant became to be known as a symbol of peace. Opposing warriors who met near it would call a truce, and it was customary to hang it over entrance doors so that those who entered would be assured of friendship.

Today, in both England and America, holly and mistletoe are associated with Christmas as invariably as are the plum pudding and Christmas tree.



**TOYS FOR REAL . . .** Toys for 1958 are realistic as shown in this electric sports car and hobby-horse bike. Manufacturers this year are concentrating on toys that will appeal to the whole family.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Words of the Wise**

All our wants, beyond those which a very moderate income will supply, are purely imaginary.

—(Henry St. John)



**DEAR NOAH—** DOES A GUNMAN WEAR A HANDKERCHIEF OVER HIS NOSE IN CASE HE HAS TO BLOW IN A HURRY?  
MRS. CHAS. BITNER  
QUAKERTOWN, PA.

**DEAR NOAH—** CAN THE PANAMA CANAL LOCKS BE OPENED WITH THE FLORIDA KEYS?  
EUGENE J. BUIE  
DILLON, MONTANA

POSTCARD YOUR PINK TO NOAH—EAGLE or GAZETTE Distributed by King Features Syndicate PAPER

**Wife Preservers**



Prop up the insides of rubber boots with cardboard when the boots are not in use; they'll last much longer if you do.

**Joyous Noel**



This Christmas, we sincerely wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season. May abiding peace and happiness be yours.

**Durst Service Station**

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

Christmas caroling, so much a part of our present-day observance of Christmas, is said to have begun about the 16th century.

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

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

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

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

**AMERICAN CAROLS**

Three of our loveliest Christmas carols were written by Americans.

In 1849, Edmund H. Sears composed "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" and in 1859 Dr. John Henry Hopkins Jr., composed "We Three Kings of Orient Are." "O Little Town of Bethlehem" was written in 1868 by Phillips Brooks.



"You're lucky, darling. This is such a nice, cheerful hospital!"



With cheery wishes for a happy holiday season, we greet all our good friends and customers and extend our heartfelt thanks for the opportunity of serving such wonderful people. A very Merry Christmas to one and all!

**Ola Mae's Beauty Shop**



We'd like to thank all our good friends for their loyal patronage and wish them much joy throughout the holidays.

**Mauney's Courts**

**Best Wishes**



for the **Holiday Season**

With sincere gratitude for the warm friendships which we have enjoyed, we extend greetings of the season to all of you, whose good will and loyalty we count among our most cherished possessions. May the holidays find you in hearty good health, surrounded by devoted family and friends.

**CITY CLEANERS**

Mrs. Watson Miller

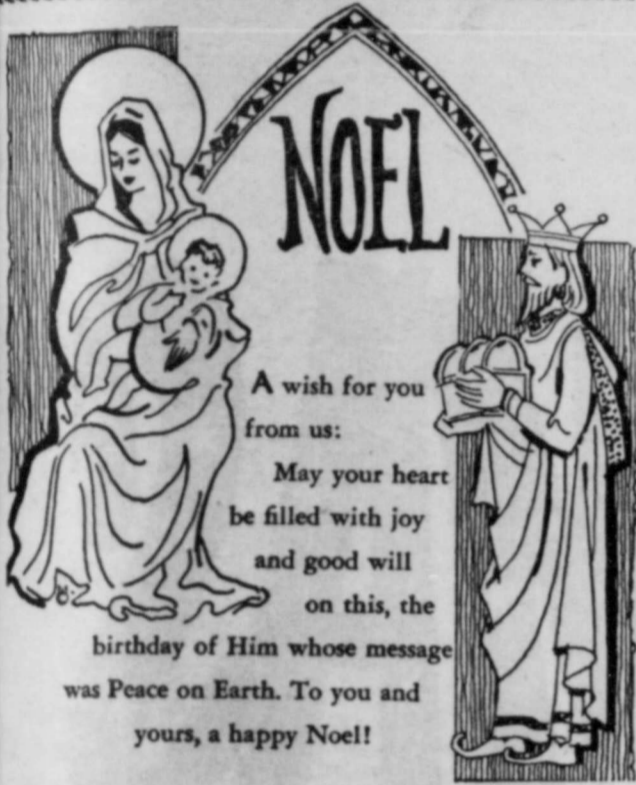
Mrs. Elizabeth Hamrick



# Greetings

To you and yours, we extend warmest wishes for a holiday season that finds you all wreathed in happy smiles.

**Williams Texaco Station**



A wish for you from us:  
May your heart be filled with joy and good will on this, the birthday of Him whose message was Peace on Earth. To you and yours, a happy Noel!

**Ripley's Paint & Body Shop**

## That Sloan Girl

BY FRAN PACHTER

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

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

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

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



He peered closely at her, saying, "Are you the Sloan girl that grew up here?"

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



SAY, NOW . . . From the looks of things, it appears this young gentleman has some serious doubts about the merit of the stocking hanging over his fireplace. Maybe he thinks it is much too small to hold all the things Santa will bring or perhaps he thinks Christmas has already arrived and the stocking appears much too empty.

drew his attention to her sma. . . tire.

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

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

### Things Changed

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

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

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

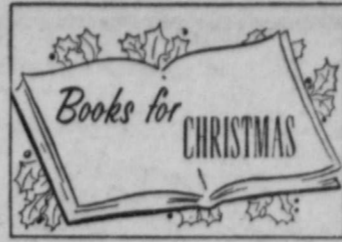
### A Good Gesture

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

Beatrice felt shame as she heard him speak, shame for the real reason she had returned. He was so right. Toughening never hurt anyone and perhaps if her background had been different she would not be a success now. Beatrice felt a cleansing of herself as bitterness fled from within her. Opening her wallet she stuffed bills in the old man's hand whispering as she did, "Happy New Year." She walked away rich in her newfound wisdom that one could only live a rich full life through application of the Golden Rule.

The year ahead would be a happy one.

To decorate a fruit cake, dip one side of candied fruit in syrup and press it into the top of the fruit cake.



When you start buying presents to fill the stockings belonging to younger children and relatives, don't overlook the versatility of books. Good books are a good buy, because they can be educational and appealing to children, and at the same time inexpensive to you.

In selecting children's books, be sure the subject matter is both accurate and interesting to the child and his particular age.

Story books for preschool children should be realistic, with colorful pictures and a simple narrative. Avoid fantastic stories and abstract pictures because preschoolers haven't yet separated the real from the unreal.

Color books are better for older children than for preschool youngsters. Preschoolers cannot keep in side the lines and may become discouraged. The lines hamper their creativity. Give them instead blank pieces of paper to color.

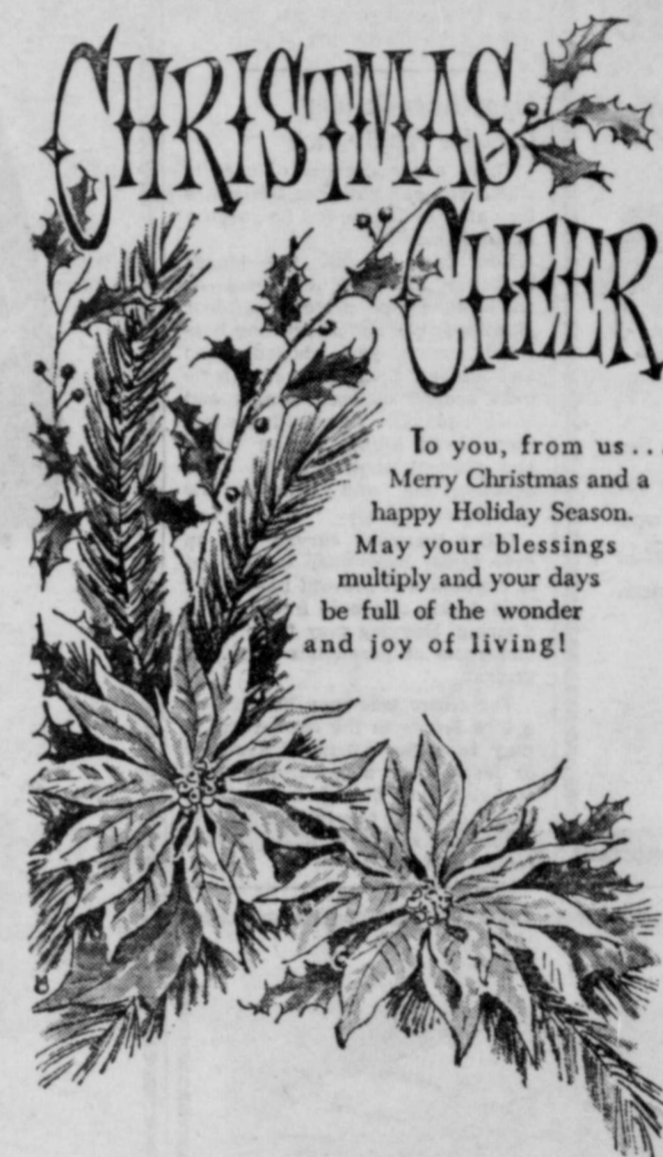
Information books having large pictures, with details about each picture, are good for preschoolers, often giving them ideas for play. Books are appropriate Christmas gifts, are helpful to children and are easy on the pocketbook.



Happy Holiday

Many, many good wishes to you and your family for a holiday season just singing with happiness and good cheer.

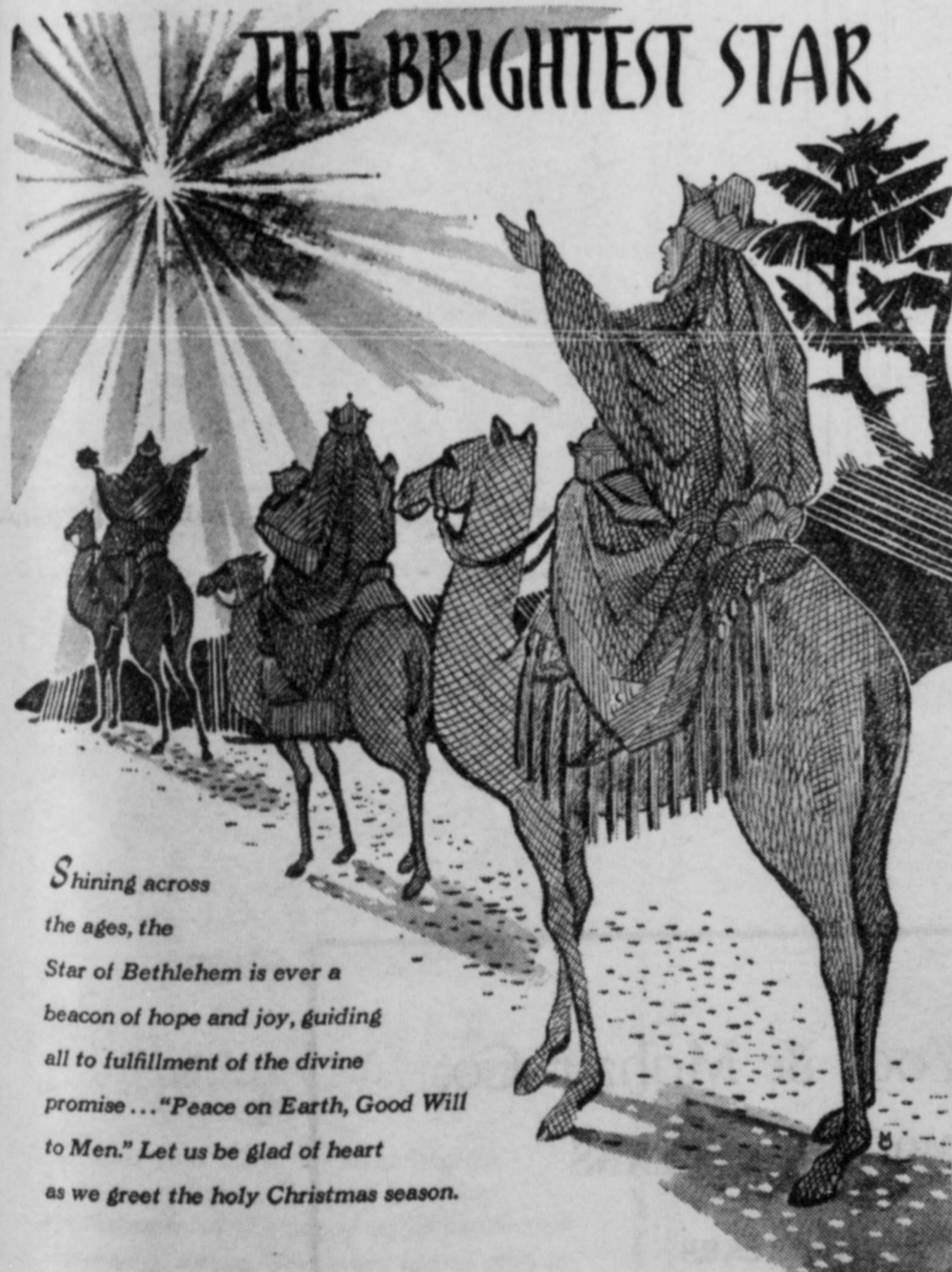
**Spradley's Upholstery Shop**



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To you, from us . . . Merry Christmas and a happy Holiday Season. May your blessings multiply and your days be full of the wonder and joy of living!

**SAM H. RAHL & CO.**  
Wool And Mohair



## THE BRIGHTEST STAR

Shining across the ages, the Star of Bethlehem is ever a beacon of hope and joy, guiding all to fulfillment of the divine promise . . . "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." Let us be glad of heart as we greet the holy Christmas season.

**Whitley's Gulf Service**

Second & Fisher Sts. Goldthwaite, Texas



# Merry Christmas

To all our friends we send the warmest greetings of the season and our sincere wishes that you will have a Christmas that you will long remember for its hearty cheer and outstanding joy.

**W. O. KEMP — GULF DISTRIBUTOR**

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

Tradition has it that Christmas trees were first used in Germany when Christian missionaries chopped down trees worshiped 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.

**Include Safety in Holiday Planning**

Homes, churches, schools and places of business planning holiday parties should make fire safety as much a part of those plans as the decorations or refreshments.

Holiday parties often center around a Christmas tree—and because trees are extremely combustible, these safety rules are suggested:

1. Don't set the tree up near any stairway or elevator shaft which would provide a draft.
  2. The tree should not block a door or any exits.
  3. Someone in authority should inspect the tree every day to determine whether it should be left up for a longer time.
  4. Be sure plenty of ashtrays are provided for smokers. Don't allow smoking near the tree.
  5. See that all decorations in the room have been flameproofed.
- An added fire hazard exists if dresses, costumes or children's clothes made of net or gauze-like fabrics are worn. If it is impossible to avoid wearing them, they should be made flame-resistant with the following solution. Mix 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric in this solution, wring by hand, then hang up to dry. Ironing does not affect the flame-resistance of the fabric, but the treatment must be repeated after each laundering.

**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.



'Tis the season for us to wish one and all a memorable and merry Christmas.

**Juanita's Shop**



During this merriest season of the year, we send our greetings and good wishes to all our cherished friends and neighbors. May your Holidays be bright with all the joys of Yuletide. May they find you in good health and leave you lighter in heart, happier in spirits — looking forward with confidence to the year ahead and all that it holds for you and yours.

**Mills County  
Locker Corporation**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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Goldthwaite, Texas



# Cagey's Christmas Break

BY D. I. ALEXANDER

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

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

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

Where men have little but future, they will occupy their minds with very insignificant occurrence because they are so momentous. Some of them used Cagey much speculation; and at the time the dormitory night guard had him stand before him for the purpose of memorizing his name and figure, an unusual proceeding.

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



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Christmas was approaching, but had little meaning for any of them. They sneered at the prom-

ised turkey dinner with an apple for dessert. It did not appeal to them when their thoughts and talk revolved about merrier Christmas's they had enjoyed outside the walls. It filled them with restlessness and resentment.

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

### Great Temptation

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

The attempted break came the day before Christmas. The conspirators seemed to be favored with good luck. It was foggy, and their movements went undetected at first. They reached the roof of the prison and made their way to an outside corner, where they fastened an improvised rope.

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

### Time for Gladness

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

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

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

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

# Christmas Hazards

Each year we read or hear of a family that has had their holiday season marred by a Christmas tragedy.

Little careless acts—that seem so unimportant at the time—are the cause of death or some accident which mars the spirit of joy that should accompany the holiday.

Tragedies—especially at Christmas—are needless, so take a moment to think about the dangers that may be present in your home.

Christmas trees cause many fires, so choose your tree wisely. Don't buy a larger tree than your family needs, and be sure it isn't dried out.

The many and varied assortment of lights now being used to decorate Christmas trees can, if not properly handled, cause an electrical fire.

Be sure you use only electric lighting sets that have been properly approved.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!



"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:

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|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Italian .....    | Buon Natale!         | Chinese .....   | Tin Hao Niar!           |
| Japanese .....   | Kinge Shinnen!       | Croatian .....  | Sretan Bozic!           |
| Norwegian .....  | Gledelig Jul!        | Czech .....     | Vesela Van-ek!          |
| Polish .....     | Wesolych Swiat!      | Danish .....    | Glaedelig Jul!          |
| Portuguese ..... | Feliz Natal!         | Dutch .....     | Frolijkje Kerstmis!     |
| Romanian .....   | Sarbatori Fericeite! | French .....    | Joyeux Noel!            |
| Russian .....    | Vesolye Rojdestvo!   | Gaelic .....    | Nodlag Sona Duil!       |
| Serbian .....    | Kristos Se Rodi!     | German .....    | Froehliche Weihnachten! |
| Slovak .....     | Vesele Vianoci!      | Greek .....     | Chrystofinal!           |
| Spanish .....    | Felices Pascuas!     | Hawaiian .....  | Mele Kalikimaka!        |
| Swedish .....    | Glad Julen!          | Hungarian ..... | Boldog Karacsony!       |
| Bohemian .....   | Vesele Vanoce!       | Unnesckel!      |                         |



**COZNETTE BEAUTY SHOP**  
Edna Hill — Ozella Jones — Frances Grumbles



# Best Wishes for CHRISTMAS



Glad Christmas greetings and good wishes, friends and neighbors! It is our sincere hope that the joyous spirit of this happiest of all holidays will light up your home and your heart with peace and good will. May you ever be blessed by the rich rewards of having friends and loved ones around you. As you observe Christmas with those near and dear to you, may you rejoice anew at the true meaning and eternal glory of this Holy time. May it bring you inspiration for every day of a more abundant life.

DR. M. A. CHILDRESS

Elva Moreland  
Floy Williams

Emily Shepherd  
Charles Childress



# A Merry Christmas

May your Christmas shine brightly with good cheer and good fellowship...abounding in all the happy sights and sounds of this festive season. That's our sincere wish to you and yours, as we sing out "Merry Christmas!"

McLean Cafe

C. D., CHARLENE AND EMPLOYEES



# ROCK

Christmas is giving... Christmas is receiving... Christmas is a spirit of abiding good will. May all these be yours in abundance at this holiday season.

Hamburger Inn

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS HOLLAND



Let the bells ring loud and clear to proclaim to one and all our best wishes for a holiday season filled with joy and good fellowship.

Solly's Auto Salvage



The same mistletoe which makes boys bold and girls blush at Christmastide had other meanings in other times.

Mistletoe, as one story goes, once was a full grown tree. Then its timber was cut for the cross on which Christ was crucified. Since then, it has retrogressed to its present state as a parasite, a plant which grows on other trees.

Ancient Druids worshipped mistletoe because it grew on their sacred oak. At the end of every year a Druid priest would cut down the mistletoe with a golden sickle, and not one twig was allowed to touch the earth. Later sprigs of mistletoe were often fastened over doorways to ward off evil spirits.

In Colonial days mistletoe was high and the lad who stole a kiss had to reach up and pull off one berry for every kiss. His kisses stopped when the berries were gone.

MINCE PIES, SO LONG A PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS TRADITION, ORIGINALLY HAD A DEEP, SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE. THE FIRST



MINCE PIES WERE PATTERNED IN OBLONG SHAPE, AFTER THE MANGER IN WHICH CHRIST WAS BORN. THE CRUST REPRESENTED THE GOLD BROUGHT BY THE THREE WISE MEN, THE MANY SPICES, THE FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## RIDICULOUS PRESENT

BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

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

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

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

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



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

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

I guess you know by now that we

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

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

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

No Laughing Matter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



TEST PILOT . . . This seven-year-old is wide-eyed with delight as he operates a remote control plane, pylon and airport shown at New York's Ninth Annual preview of toys. Helicopter is actually airborne by the propeller and responds only to the junior "test pilot" at the control panel.

## Simple Christmas Best for Children

Crowds of faces glowing with the Christmas spirit, Santa with his laughing eyes and hearty chuckle, gifts you can use and some you can't—that's a grownup's-eye-view of the holidays.

A forest of legs, a frustrating heap of things to touch and see and an endless journey of being pushed and pulled through a hot, noisy place—that's a child's-eye-view of the holidays.

If you give children a happier view of the holidays they'll give you a happier one too.

First of all, avoid crowds with your children. If they shop with you, it's best to take them immediately after a rest and not stay too long.

Preschool children often don't understand Santa Claus. Take them to see him if they want to go. Forcing them to sit on his lap often makes them cry and leaves unpleasant memories because they were frightened.

Children often receive so many gifts that they're confused and can't decide which one to play with first. After they open the gifts, put some away for a rainy day. See which they'd like to save for later.

The holiday season will be a pleasant time for your children if you keep it simple.



Shepherd Hatchery

MR. AND MRS. E. O. SHEPHERD AND MAX

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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# Greetings

Our wish for you is that your holiday will be just blooming with happiness. And to you, too, our sincere thanks for your loyal patronage and friendly good will.

WICKER STUDIO

MR. AND MRS. B. C. WICKER

North Parker Street

Goldthwaite, Texas

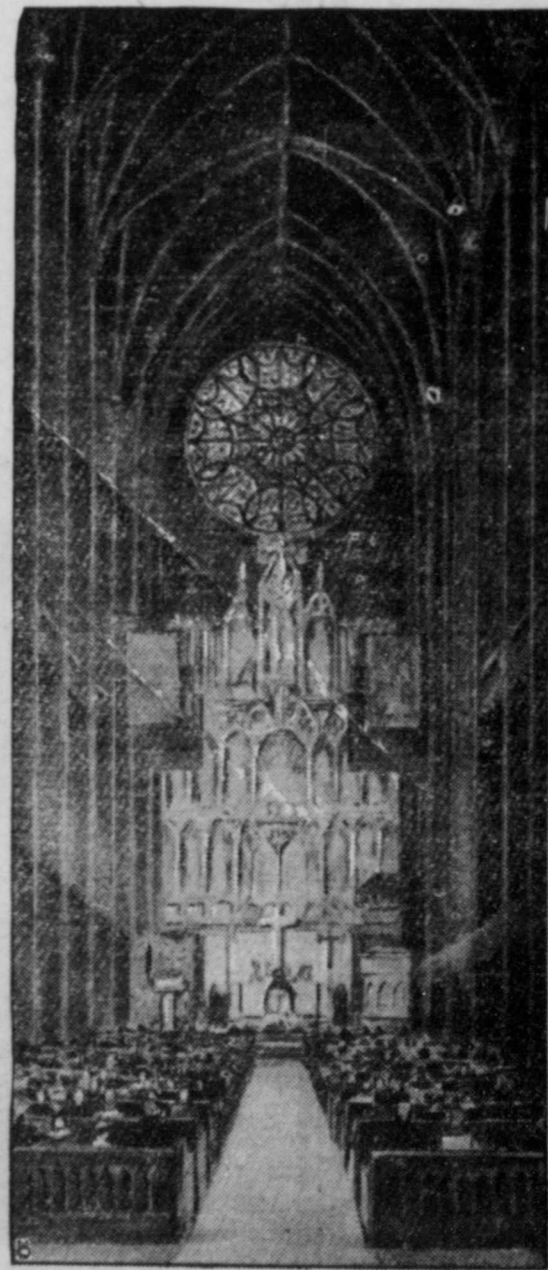


At Christmas time, we wish for you all the spiritual blessings of the season.

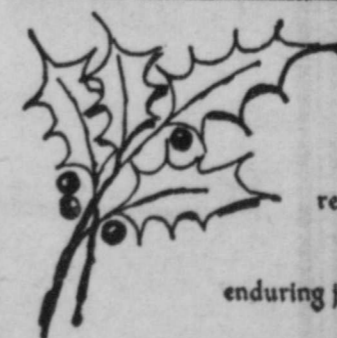
May your heart and home be filled with happiness supreme, and may the radiance and wonder of this holy time be with you and yours throughout the coming year.

YOUR MILLS COUNTY  
SWIFT'S FEED DEALER

SERVICE MILL  
PRIDDY, TEXAS



# Silent Night



"All is calm, all is bright." So beautifully expressed in the hymns and carols of blessed memory, the Christmas message strikes a responsive chord in every heart today. May you and your family partake in fullest measure of the deep and enduring joy that makes Christmas the happiest time of the year.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**ON THE TOWN**  
BY SHIRLEY SARGENT

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

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

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

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



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

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

She remembered how telephone calls had dwindled as the bachelors thinned out. Maybe she'd been too particular, but she wanted certain qualities in her man; thought may-

be she'd found them in Ralph Conke. But Ralph was a salesman—farm implements—and was gone for two weeks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**St. Francis Gave Much to Christmas**

Some 400 years before Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, performed the many acts of generosity and kindness which made his life a great legend and gave him the "Santa Claus" character we know today, another Saint—St. Francis of Assisi made other contributions to our celebration of Christmas.

St. Francis lived in the small Italian village of Garcia. In the year 1200 A.D., St. Francis arranged the first manger scene in a cave near the monastery where he lived. The scene was typical of that at Bethlehem. There was a manger filled with hay, an ox and an ass. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

Himself a lover of music, St. Francis believed that the early chants (written in Latin) were too theological to be popular. He felt that Christmas music should be religious, yet should be more in keeping with the festivity spirit. He is generally credited with being the influence behind the more modern Christmas carols, which spread from Italy to France, from there to Germany; then to England and elsewhere.

**Exercise Care in Outdoor Decorations**

If you light an outdoor tree, do it with care and caution.

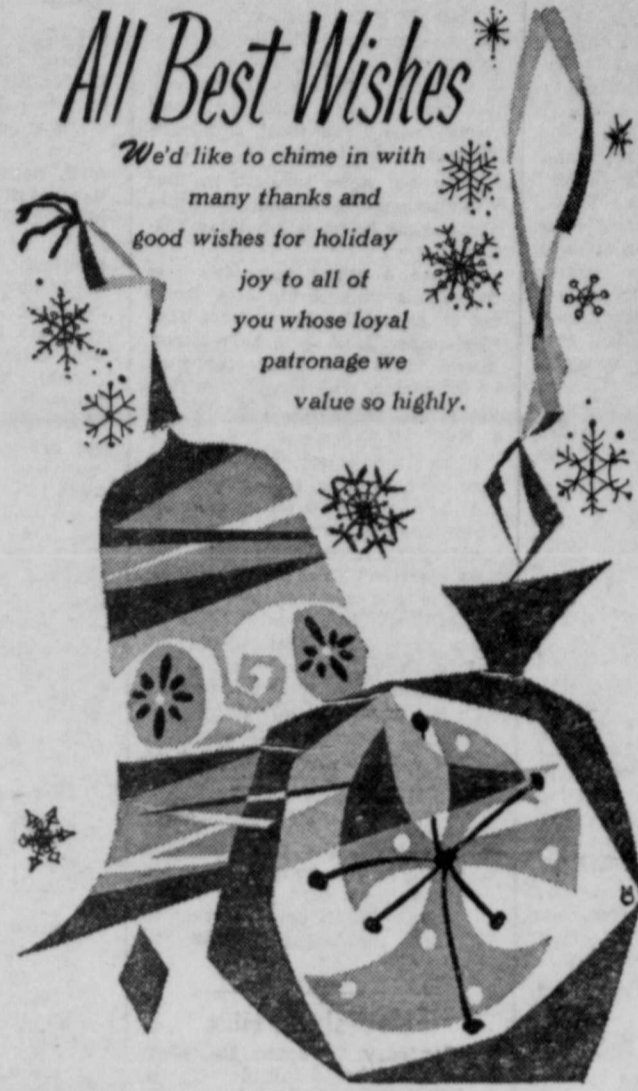
Spruce, fir and pines, when not too large, are ideal for outdoor Yuletide display, but hemlock, yew, boxwood and aborvitae are a little more sensitive to the heat of Christmas lights and their needles may be scorched if caution is not used.

Outdoor lights should always be placed so they do not touch needles. Bulbs of 15 wattage are sufficient. Use only weatherproof electrical fixtures designed for outdoor use. Check the position of the lights each day and turn them on only at eventide. Be sure to turn them out before retiring.

As you store holiday foods in your freezer, you'll save time if you put them in the pans in which you're going to heat them.

**All Best Wishes**

We'd like to chime in with many thanks and good wishes for holiday joy to all of you whose loyal patronage we value so highly.



CAROTHERS MOTOR COMPANY

G. J. Delapp

**Merry Christmas**

It is our sincere wish that the spiritual beauty and festive joy of the Christmas season light up your days with bright hope and happiness.



**Glamourette Beauty Shop**

Mrs. Floy Rowlett — Mrs. Charlene Benningfield

**Merry Christmas**



We extend our warmest greetings with the hope that this Holiday Season brings you and yours a full measure of good health and happiness. May all the joys of Christmas remain with you throughout the coming New Year.

**Welch Gulf Station**

A. D. And Danny Welch



**Holiday Greetings**

Warm and hearty good wishes to our friends and neighbors. As you deck the halls with boughs of holly...as you hark to joyful carols...may the season bring you much happiness.

**Letbetter Machine Shop**

**Season's Greetings**

Whatever else may be lost among the years, let us keep the spirit of Christmas...its wonderful meaning never ends. To our faithful old friends, to our cherished new friends and to those whose friendship we hope to earn, we extend the Greetings of the Season.

JOHNSON BROTHERS



**Christmas: Our Great  
Holiday Began As  
Strictly Religious Festival**

Although records indicate that the Christmas festival was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing, the exact age of the holiday is not known. Christmas actually began as a strictly religious observance and was officially recognized in the fourth century as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ. And it is quite significant to note that until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births, so Christ's birthday was appropriately the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

It was many years after the first observance of Christ's Mass before gift-giving became a part of the festival season. The church finally condoned the practice, in remembrance of the Three Kings who had traveled far to present their gifts to the new-born Christ.

In other centuries, too, the feast of Christmas was to be the subject of controversy. In England, during the Reformation, many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day to be sacrilegious. The English Parliament, on December 24, 1652, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

Naturally, the edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people, but it had its effect and it was many years before Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.

And England was not alone. The Puritans of Mass. bay colony had a law that imposed fines for observance of Christmas and Gov. Bradford once issued a statement publicly ridiculing certain young men who declined to work on Dec. 25. "ye day called Christmas."

**Christmas Tree,  
Though Beautiful,  
Potential Killer**

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

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

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

Stand it in water, or use a live tree planted in a tub. Never use cotton or paper for the decorations on or around the tree. Do not put electric lights under the tree. Use only electric lights, never candles, and see that wires are not frayed.

Be sure that wiring sets for lights show they have been tested for safety. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off. Don't plug or unplug them beneath the tree. Throw away all gift wrappings as soon as the presents have been opened. Don't let them pile up near the tree.

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

**Household Hint**

Contrary to some thinking, silk can be hand-laundered well. Wash it carefully in lukewarm suds, rinse and blot with a towel, then press with an iron that is barely warm. Laundered this way, silk should last for years.

**A CHRISTMAS REPARATION**  
BY D. I. ALEXANDER

"FOLKS, as you all know, we are gathered together here in the Mistletoe school house this evening to hold our annual Christmas celebration."

Don Baker, master of ceremonies, paused, motioning someone to quiet down from the talking and playing children.

"We have prepared a delightful program of singing, reading and recitations which I hope you will all enjoy. After the program presents will be distributed. This has been a hard year on all of us, and presents have been hard to obtain. However, through the generosity of various ones in the community we are able to make each and every one a small gift of some kind."

He stopped and looked toward the door. Two hundred heads turned and eyes opened with astonishment at seeing the tall, spare figure of Aaron Thorndyke in the doorway. He advanced a step, and with a slight apologetic smile said:

"I hope I'm not intruding."

"I—ah—you are welcome, Mr. Thorndyke," Don Baker invited after a few moments of silence.

"If I may, I'd like very much to



"Folks," he began, as he faced them, "I have come here tonight to explain my past attitude toward you."

He cast a wistful glance around.

"Come right up front," Baker suggested. "The program is about to begin, and," he hesitated, "we are glad to have you with us."

Stares of wonderment, a few of thinly veiled hostility, followed the figure of Mr. Thorndyke as he made his way calmly down the

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CELEBRATION OF THE  
NATIVITY.**

aisle. To the children he had been classed as a "boogy man" who would visit dire punishment on them for misbehaving; to the older ones he was a recluse repulsing any efforts of friendship, and an enigma to those who tried vainly to affix his character.

**Double Reasons**

"Folks," he began, as he faced them, "I have come here tonight to explain my past attitude toward you. I moved into your community a year ago, and have not been very sociable with you. That is because my only son was killed in Korea and my wife died as a result of the shock."

"I've felt plenty of grief and sorrow, and in my distress felt as if set apart from others in the world. I became moody and irritable, and didn't want to say or do anything that might cause anger, so I kept to myself as much as possible."

"My grief and sorrow has become dimmed by time. I value friendship above all else, and recently began to realize that by my aloofness I was missing what our Savior commanded of me: To meet my neighbors with brotherly love."

I have come among you tonight to make reparations for my behavior, and I hope you will consider me as a friend in the future. My home is open to all of you, and you will be received there with all cordiality. The decision rests with you."

**Gifts to Come**

He paused and whispered a few words to Baker, and then announced: "There will be a truck load of Christmas presents brought out from town before this meeting is over, and Santa Claus will deliver them to each and every one of you when the proper time comes. My son left a handsome insurance, which I don't need, and which I wish to spend in building up our community to make it the best in the country."

He nodded slightly and smiled. Bill Baker looked over the audience swiftly and noticed the change that had come over the faces of the people. He felt confident he was expressing everyone's sentiment when he said:

"I'll admit, Mr. Thorndyke, your attitude toward us has been a puzzle. We are happy to have you with us, and since you have explained things we are willing to accept you as one of us. There are others here who have lost loved ones, and I know your distress is like theirs and excusable. May I shake your hand in friendship?"

His example was followed by most of the grown-ups, after which, on the suggestions of members of the choir, Mr. Thorndyke and the entire audience broke into the song, "Will the circle be unbroken."

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**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.

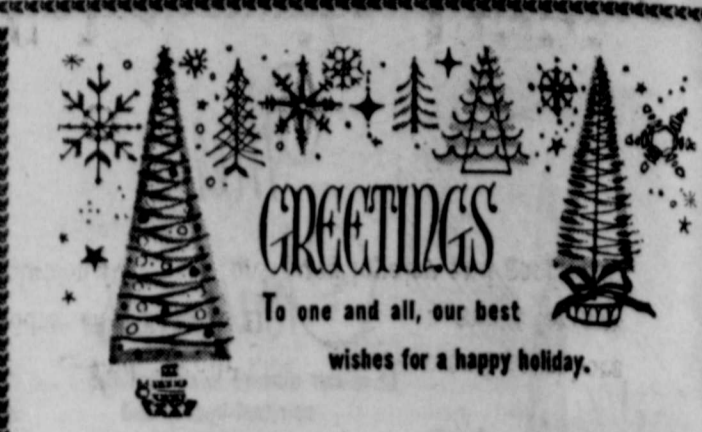
Many homemakers with a German heritage have treasured family recipes for beautiful marzipan candy or lebkuchen, pfeffernusse, and springerle cookies, for instance, that are perfect for sharing with friends at holiday time. Or, perhaps, your family has its own special recipe for famous English plum pudding. 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.*



**Hello  
and best  
wishes for  
Christmas**  
**Ted Vance  
Garage**



**To one and all, our best  
wishes for a happy holiday.**  
**Shaw's Barber Shop**



**Greetings**  
*Here's to you, our good  
friends and patrons... our sincere  
appreciation for the privilege of serving  
you and best wishes for a happy holiday season.*

**Moreland Feed Store**



**Tots - to - Teens Shop**  
MISS BESSIE CREWS



**W. H. BARSH - CONTRACTOR**  
Builder of the New  
Childress Hospital And Clinic



*All aboard for the merriest Yuletide ever  
... bright with good cheer, light with laughter and filled  
with the warmth of close friendships and family reunions.*  
*And to our host of friends and neighbors  
we send good wishes for the Holiday Season and offer our  
deep appreciation for their continued loyalty and good will.*

**City of Goldthwaite Utilities**