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Basketball News

After being behind all of the game the Lions forged ahead in the last five minutes of play and defeated the Modern Market team of Wellington last Thursday night by the score of 46 to 37. The Lions have games here next week with the Clarendon College team and the Fred Thompson Appliance team of Wellington. Watch for the dates and see some good games. The Wellington boys gave the Lions their only defeat of the season at Wellington, winning 46 to 45.

To Our Customers

We wish to thank our customers for their business, and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Biffle

For Sale—Delco battery, 18 month guarantee, used 6 weeks, battery 15T type. W. W. Richards 73p

For Sale—nice smooth mixed Spotted Poland China weaner pigs. See W. P. Doherty. 73p

For Sale or Trade—Coolerator refrigerator 8 months old. Country Store

For Sale—one dining table and other items. Country Store

For Sale—about 7000 kaffir corn bundles, also a few cane bundles. 62p G. L. Leeper

Ask The Man Who Knows

About feed. Feed fortified Chicko-Line. Hedley Milling Co., headquarters.

See J. C. Hickerson for all your jewelry needs. J. C. Hickerson, Jeweler, phone 667, Memphis, Texas.

Flowers for all occasions. Call or see Mrs. Henry Gunn or Dolores, phone 94.

Nationally advertised "Mighty Midget" swing purses for girls, and "Gang Busters" bill folds for boys at City Drug Store.

Let Bill Jones do your plumbing and pipe fitting. 44p

Lots of new phonograph records at Moffitt Hardware Co.

Thank you notes for all occasions. City Drug Store

You Heard Right!

You get S. & H. Green Stamps at Gulf Service Station. 2tf

Glamorize your hair, use new NOREEN Super Color Hair Rinse, at City Drug Store.

Hedley Trading Post

Lists, buys or sells anything of value. Phone 75.

Biffle's E-Z Way

Laundry
PLENTY OF STEAM
SOFT WATER
Fluff Drying
Pick Up and Deliver
PHONE 47
We give Green Stamps

Hedley Laundry

SOFT WATER
Phone 83
We Pick Up and Deliver
WET WASH & DRYING
FLUFF DRYING while you wait
WE DO FINISH WORK
Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Plunk

School to Dismiss

The Hedley Schools will dismiss for the Christmas holidays December 23, 1944 and will resume class work January 2, 1950.

The Hedley Schools wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School Says Thanks

The Hedley Schools would like to take this opportunity to thank those who gave so generously and worked during the Carnival and basketball tournament.

The basketball tournament gate was \$278.09. Officials were paid \$50.00 and the cost of trophies was \$39.00. The net proceeds of \$189.09 was paid on the new warm-ups the school purchased for the high school boys and girls this year.

Xmas Meeting

In the home of Mrs. J. W. Noel Monday night the W. S. C. S. and the Wesley Guild held a joint Christmas meeting, and everyone brought a gift for the sick and shut-ins of the community.

All the group brought covered dishes, which were served buffet style from a beautifully decorated dining table with an unusually lovely center-piece carrying out the holiday motif.

A short Christmas program was given, opening with singing of Christmas carols by the group, followed by a Scripture reading by Mrs. Mike Thornberry. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Oscar Patterson, and Marjorie Kent gave a Christmas story, "The Littlest Angel."

The president, Mrs. Henry Moore, was given a W. S. C. S. membership pin by Mrs. Frank Kendall, who then closed the meeting with prayer.

About 30 members and guests attended.

Cotton Vote

In the cotton vote last week, 13 votes were cast in Community "G." Of this total, 68 were favorable and 5 against. There are about 7 contracts in this community.

Gilbreth Pledged

Stephenville, Dec. 20—Richard Gilbreth, of Hedley, is one of 5 students to accept a bid to a social club recently at Tarleton State College in Stephenville.

Richard, who is majoring in agriculture, is one of 12 men pledged to the Silver Keys social club.

Perry Seago has moved to Lorena, near Waco. Perry ordered the Informer sent to him at Lorena, and requested a news item about Carl Reid. Well, Carl and W. L. Stewart had a barber chair torn up Monday and were happily playing with the pieces in the barber shop floor. Aside from that, Carl may have played a game of dominoes this week, but we don't know for sure.

Adell Myers, who was painfully injured in a car wreck last Thursday night, is up and about, and about, and feeling very lucky to have escaped broken bones or other more serious injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Deahl attended the wedding of their niece, Elaine Deahl, at La Junta, Colo. this week end. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Deahl of Amarillo.

Greetings
1949



OUR SINCEREST WISHES
FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY
CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO
ALL OF YOU.

Santa Claus To Be Here

According to announcement by Mayor Alva Simmons, Santa Claus will be in Hedley on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 5:00 o'clock. Santa will be on the Main Street, and will visit with the kiddies and have treats for all of them.

All children of the community are urged to be on hand to welcome old Saint Nick and get a share of the treats.

The merchants of the town are entitled to credit, making it

possible for Santa Claus to pay a visit to Hedley.

Boy Scout News

The boy scouts had their annual Christmas party at the home of Clifford Johnson, Scoutmaster, Monday night. Some dozen or so scouts enjoyed Christmas tree, fireworks and games.

Claud Nash who has been seriously ill is reported much better as of this press.



OF BETHLEHEM
GLORIOUS SCENE
CARDS



THE ANGEL ANNOUNCING
"TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY" TO
SHEPHERDS

Security Bank Has Successful Year

The board of directors of the Security State Bank at its regular meeting last week declared their regular 5% semi-annual dividend and also a 5% additional dividend making 15% for the year. They also voted a 10% bonus to all employees.

The bank had a very successful year and besides the dividend were able to add to their undivided profits account. The bank has capital of \$35,000.00, surplus of \$35,000.00, and hope to get the undivided profits to \$35,000.00 in the next few years.

Notice

Don't forget that bargain rates on your favorite daily paper will end on Dec. 31. Bring in your order to the Informer office.

Among the college students at home for the holidays are Chas. N. Johnson, Corky Hunsucker, Connie DeBord and Doyle Messer from Lubbock, Wanda Shaw from Canyon, Johnnie Ray Everett from Austin, and Edward Todd from Denton.

American Legion

In 1950 members of the local Legion Post stands number 18 in the district with only 51% of its quota. This is the lowest standing of the post in many years. All ex-service members are urged to pay their 1950 dues immediately and get the post up to a better district standing. Remember, \$50 will be here in a few days. If you are delinquent in your dues, contact the Membership Chairman.

Xmas Party

The beautifully decorated hall in the basement of the Baptist Church was the scene Friday night, Dec. 16th from 7 to 9 p. m. of a Christmas party given to the Dorcas Club by the T. E. L. class.

The hall was decorated through the efforts of Christy Evergreen with red and white decorations. In instances where lines were not in place, interested persons are requested to arrive, there will be a charge of \$1.00 for each line that is not in place by the 15th of the month.

Lions Roar

Next week is ladies night. Let's bring the ladies out for a good meal at a good time. The program committee promises a good program which will probably be from out of town. The meeting time is 7:30 p. m. There will be favors and other things to make this a good New Year's party.

Don't forget the Melvin Jones membership drive to begin soon. If you have a prospective member invite him and his lady out for the ladies night meeting. Some nice awards are offered to Lions who get a new or reinstated member during the month of January.

To The Community

We wish to take this means of conveying to the entire community our heartiest good wishes for the holiday season. May each and every one of you enjoy a happy and appropriate observance of Christ's birth, and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Lisenbee

Mrs. Patsy Spier of Amarillo and Mary Ruth Sargent underwent operations this week in a Memphis hospital.

Theo Swinney and family, Mrs. O. S. Lyons and Mrs. Betty Black of Hartley visited here last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Moffitt visited in Pampa Sunday.

Bobby Gibson is at home for Christmas from Kansas City.

Martha Sue Noel is at home from Roswell for Christmas.

Mrs. Gertrude Todd of Boys Ranch is spending the holidays here.

Mary Sue Scales is at home from Abilene for the holidays.

Carl Pool of San Angelo was a Hedley visitor Tuesday.

School Bus For Sale

The Hedley Independent School District will offer for sale a 1947 Ford one ton panel 16 passenger school bus, motor No. 723 License No. XD8567. Our sealed bid to the Superintendent, B. J. Jones, is not later than 10, 1950.

The Hedley School District will reserve the right to reject all bids and all bids by the Hedley Education January 1, 1950.

This bus is no longer in the district as the district is to operate on a different basis.

COOKIES ANDIES & CHRISTMAS

LIKE Santa's pack, your stock of holiday goodies should be plentiful and interesting. Since callers will be as much present as holly and gifts during the holidays, do your baking of cakes and cookies, so your cupboard will be ready for any who might drop in.

Home-made delicacies served during Christmas and New Year's are as heart-warming as the sound of the yule log crackling on the hearth. If you have a fruit cake, a variety of cookies and perhaps a few candied, and if you serve these with a festive beverage, you will have gone a long way in spelling holiday cheer to those who come to say "Merry Christmas" at your home.

Here is a simple type fruit cake which does not need the aging that a traditional cake requires. The recipe makes two 9x4x3 inch loaves and is the perfect answer as to what should be served during the holidays:

- Raisin Fruit Cake**
(Makes 2 loaves)
- 4 cups seeded raisins
 - 2 tablespoons grated lemon rind
 - 1 tablespoon cinnamon
 - 1 tablespoon allspice
 - 2 1/2 cups liquid
 - 2 1/2 cups chopped nutmeats
 - 4 cups sifted cake flour
 - 5 teaspoons double acting baking powder
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter or shortening
 - 2 eggs, well beaten
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla

Combine raisins, lemon rind, spices and water in a saucepan. Cover and simmer gently for eight minutes. Drain, pressing out as much liquid as possible. Measure liquid and add water or coffee to make one and one-half cups, and reserve. Grind raisins with nutmeats.

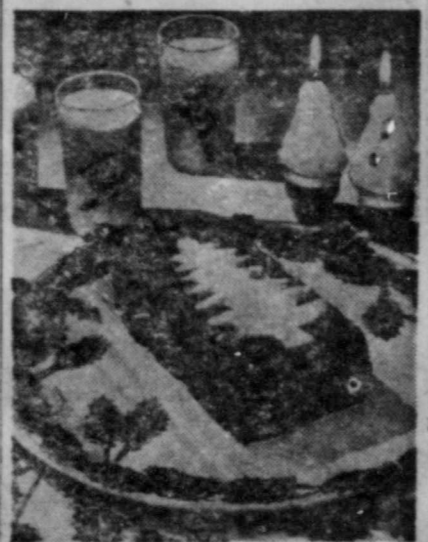
Sift flour once, measure and add baking powder, salt and sugar; sift three times. Cream butter thoroughly, and add flour mixture, eggs, vanilla and reserved liquid. Stir until all flour is dampened. Beat vigorously for two minutes. Add raisin-nut mixture and mix thoroughly. Turn into two 9x4x3 inch loaf pans which have been greased, lined with brown paper and then lined with paper. Bake in a moderate (325°) oven for one hour and 15

minutes, or until done. Let stand five minutes on cake rack, then remove from pan, leaving paper attached until ready to serve. Cool. Wrap in a clean cloth and store in tin container to keep moist.

*The liquid may be water or leftover coffee.

Kris Kringle cookies are a tasty concoction of dates and nuts. If stored in a tightly covered container, they will keep moist for several days:

- Kris Kringle Cookies**
(Makes 30 balls)
- 1 cup butter cookie crumbs
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup finely chopped, pitted dates
 - 1 cup black walnuts, chopped
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- Combine cookie crumbs, salt, baking powder and flour. Add dates and nuts. Add sugar gradually to



RAISIN FRUIT CAKE for a spicy holiday

beaten eggs. Blend in cookie crumb mixture and vanilla. Bake in greased and floured nine-inch square pan and bake in a (325°) oven for 30 minutes. While still warm, cut into 30 squares. Roll each square into a ball as you roll. Place confectioners' sugar in a bag. Shake the balls in the sugar to coat evenly.



HERALD ANGELS . . . Rehearsing for the annual Christmas candlelight service, the children choristers of the Crawford Methodist Memorial church in the Bronx, New York, make an impressive picture when viewed through a Christmas wreath in the foreground.

Church of Christ

Bible School 10:00 A. M.
Worship Service 10:45 A. M.
Sunday Evening Service
Bible Study Wed. Night 7:30

Methodist Church

Frank Story, Pastor
Church School 10:00 A. M.
Henry Moore, Supt.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship 8:00 P. M.

Hedley Lions Club

Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday night of each month. All Lions urged to be present
Clifford Johnson, President

Hedley Lodge No. 413

Hedley Chapter No. 413, O. E. S., meets the first Friday of each month at 8:00 p. m.

Members are requested to attend.
Visitors welcome
Pauline Moore, Sec.
Verda Hall, Sec.

Adamson-Larson

287, American
Meets on the 2nd of each month. All Lions are requested to attend
Carroll Deahl, Con.

First Methodist Church

Christmas of 1804 Was Chicago's Best

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

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

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

The punch was "dizzy" and there were fiddles to play for the dancing.

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

That Nagging Backache

May Warn of Disordered Kidney Action

Modern life with its hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking—its risk of exposure and infection—throws heavy strain on the work of the kidneys. They are apt to become over-taxed and fail to filter excess acid and other impurities from the life-giving blood.

You may suffer nagging backache, headache, dizziness, getting up nights, leg pains, swelling—feel constantly tired, nervous, all worn out. Other signs of kidney or bladder disorder are sometimes burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

Try Doan's Pills. Doan's help the kidneys to pass off harmful excess body waste. They have had more than half a century of public approval. Are recommended by grateful users everywhere. Ask your neighbor!

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Special Bargains at Kendall's

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Call 680 Memphis for prompt Mattress Service. If no one answers at 680 call 364R, my residence, and we will pick up your Mattresses and get them back the day we get them. We make the Best Innersprings we know of and solicit your work. Call Me Collect any time you want your Mattresses Renovated.

One Day Service. Closed every Saturday.

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At our new location 303 North 5th St., the old Hawthorne Mattress building, last owned by Perkins Mattress Factory, Earl Miller Owner. 49tf

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Do Your "Gums" Spoil Your Looks?

One look at some "GUMS" is enough to upset anyone.—Drug-gists refund money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy. WILSON DRUG CO.

Let our flowers carry your message of love and sympathy. Mrs. Willie Johnson PHONE 58 Agent for Memphis Floral Co.

That's Right!

I will move dead horses or cows free of charge. Just call me, line 32, 4 rings; fast service, usually from one to two hours.
Thanks,
W. P. (Red) Doherty

Church of the Brethren

W. E. Bond, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Teaching Service 11:00 A. M.
Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
W.M.S. 2nd Wednesday.
Mid-week Prayer Service Wednesday 8:00 P. M.



The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost.

And for what it's worth, we offer our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
To the Parents of This Community

Hedley School Board
Hedley School Faculty

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DONLEY COUNTY NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

RAYBURN L. SMITH, Sec'y-Treas.

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PHONE 166

CLARENDON, TEXAS

Merry Christmas

May
the blessings of
Christmas
descend
upon your homes
in
abundance



MOFFITT HARDWARE CO.



The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.

C. L. TAYLOR GARAGE

New York Claims Santa Claus to Be Its Private Property

While the claim may cause the rest of America to bristle, New Yorkers insist that Santa Claus is peculiarly New York's own. Not only did he land in Manhattan with the Dutch settlers, they point out, but for almost two hundred years he never took his activities or presents out of New York state.

The New Yorkers advance some interesting points to bolster their contentions. They declare that in the genial company of Washington Irving, James Kirke Paulding and Clement Clarke Moore, Santa Claus gradually lost the grim, stern aspect he wore when he arrived with the Dutch settlers to the bulging, benevolent mien he now offers.

It was in New York, too, they assert, that Santa acquired his reindeer sleigh and his habit of arriving on Christmas instead of on the Dutch St. Nicholas eve (December 5). And thus, in his New York panoply, he finally found his way to all parts of the United States, England and even Australia and India.

Indeed, as the New Yorkers will tell you, New York, as messengers in the beginning, was the only city named Santa Claus, or Sinterklaas, by its Dutch founders. Santa Claus—or Sinterklaas—is sometimes written in the Netherlands, and it is said that the ship which brought the first Dutch children to Manhattan island bore his face as figurehead.

From the first, too, his special day of December 6, was set aside with Christmas, New Year's, Easter and Whitsuntide, as one of the five chief holidays of the new colony, just as it had been in Holland.

So, year after year, as regularly as St. Nicholas eve came around in New Amsterdam, in Breuckelen (Brooklyn), in Fort Orange (Albany) and many other points above the icy Hudson, the children in every good Dutch family gathered in expectant circle. For weeks beforehand they had learned their lessons and helped with the baking and churning in an agony of good behavior. And now, all ready, they sang their song to Santa Claus.

In the midst of the song would come a knocking at the door and in would stride Santa Claus, himself—not round and jolly, but solemn and majestic in trailing robes. In one hand he might have a basket of presents or a purse, but in the other was sure to be a birch rod—an awful warning to a naughty boy.

Santa questioned each child in turn about his behavior in the year just past and gave him a pat of approval or a warning shake of the head, as the record indicated. Then, bidding them all look for presents in the morning, the good saint suddenly flung a handful of whippops into the room and, in the ensuing scramble, vanished into the night.

Then the children put out their sabots, or later the great big yarn stockings made for the purpose. However he did it—and the tale varies in many lands—Santa Claus got about, for in his pipe over the hearth steaming with waffles, sausages and other good Dutch fare, were the blue stockings bulging with apples, balls, dolls and

Adamson-Lane Post 287, American Legion

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All Legionnaires are requested to attend. Carroll Deahl, Commander.

Let C. E. Johnson, manager of the Hedley Telephone Co., write your fire and hail insurance.



Let's do it up right this year and join our efforts to give each other the finest holiday season ever.

J. F. Stiles
Blacksmithing & Welding

First Baptist Church

Cecil W. Lisenbee, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Lionel Blankenship, Supt.
Preaching 11:00 A. M.
B. T. U. 6:45
Evening Service 7:30
W.M.U. Each Monday 2:30 P.M.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:00
Mrs. Moffitt, Church Clerk
Frank Murray, Treasurer



MAY EVERY HOUR BE PLEASANT AND CHEERFUL

Hedley Garage
O. G. Anderson

Church of the Nazarene

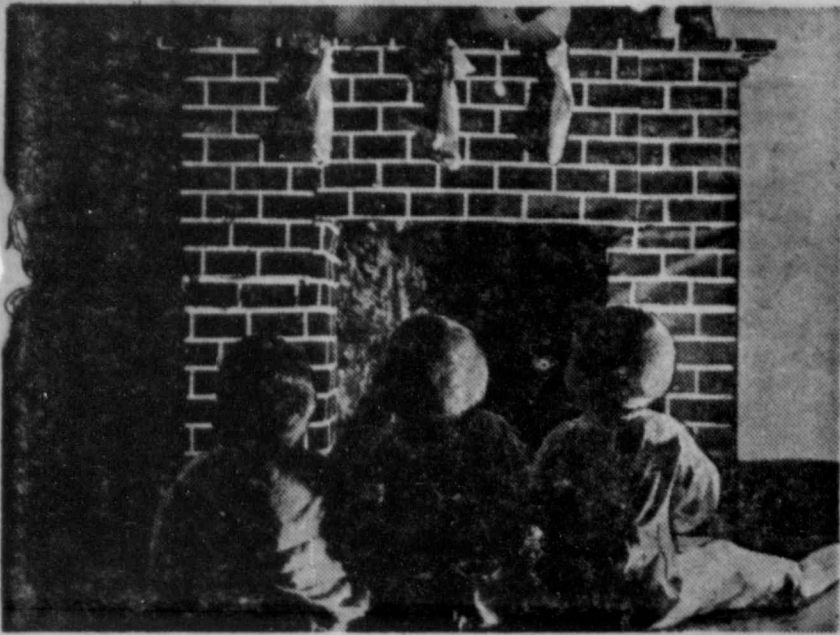
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Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
W.M.S. each 2nd Wednesday.
Mid-week Prayer Service Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

Willie Johnson for flowers, phone 58.



May Your Christmas be Merry and Bright!

Companionship of the Holiday is gay. Let your service in keeping the Christmas bright.



HOPE THAT SUSTAINS THE WORLD . . . If there is anything more touching and inspiring than the sight of a little boy or girl waiting patiently for the arrival of his beloved Santa Claus, the world has yet to produce it. With boundless hope, after hanging up his stocking, he finally goes to bed, knowing as surely as he knows his own mother and father, that the Giftbringer will have been there when he awakens.

Pilgrims Deplored "Ye Christmas Day"

Puritan disapproval of Christmas celebrations disembarked from the Mayflower with the Pilgrims in 1621 and, accordingly, Governor Bradford issued a statement publicly rebuking certain young men who declined to work on December 25, "ye day called Christmas."

This first New England Christmas — or non-observance thereof — should not be credited as the first Christmas on American soil, since Leif Eriksen spent a winter or two on the North American continent around the turn of the 11th century.

Leif was a Christian, and it is likely that members of his crew were Christians, too; although it is quite possible that some had accepted the faith without remodeling their pagan natures, since King Olaf's methods were ruthless and his command "Be baptized, or else!" left them little choice.

Undoubtedly, flagons of crude, raw wine fermented from the grapes of Leif's vinland were passed around, and the celebration may have been rather boisterous, but in all fairness to Leif—who, according to excellent testimony, was a sincere convert—it is reasonable to assume there was a trace of religious observance.

Perhaps Leif remembered a few words of Latin prayer learned at the time of his conversion and recited them in honor of the birthday of the Redeemer—he had accepted. . . . Thus, the first Christmas in America was observed.

The first Christmas card was designed in 1845.

Poinsettias which have come to be a "must" for Christmas decorations owe their name and popularity to an early American diplomat, botanist and scholar—Joel Roberts Poinsett.

Hedley Lodge No. 991

A. F. and M. meets on the 2nd Tuesday night of each month. All members are urged to attend. Visitors are welcome.

F. A. Watt, W. M.
C. E. Johnson, Secretary.

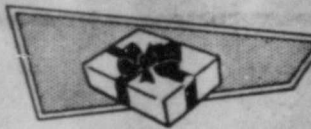
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For a smile on every face
and a carol in every heart
we commend you to the spirit
of Christmas
Happy holiday



MAY ALL
THE SEASON'S BEST
BE YOURS
THIS CHRISTMASTIME.



HEDLEY LUMBER CO.



Simple unadorned thoughts are best at Christmas. So we would only wish you a joyful and happy holiday season when every step you take increases your desire to be a friend to man. And a Merry Christmas to you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

aphis Compress Co.

Hedley, Texas, Plant

Joyful Yuletide..
 On Christmas 1949 we re-live the joy that comes to us across the centuries. May this season bring you nothing but happiness.

KENDALL'S SHOP

Seasons Greetings 49

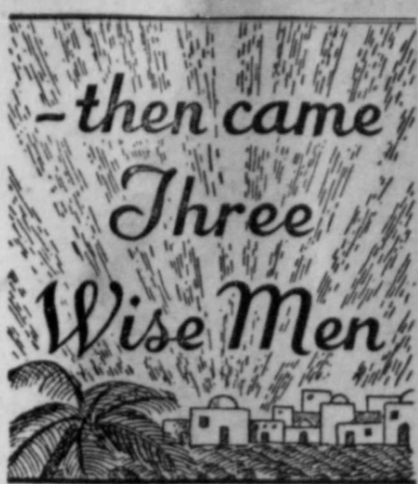
God willing, there will be no pain of sadness to mar the tender happiness that Christmas ought to bring to all of you

HEDLEY THEATRE
The Duvalls

for 1949
Much Joy



Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Cox
Don and Susan



Legend not only has identified the Wise Men as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, it has crowned them and given them the kingdoms of Tarsus, Arabia and Ethiopia. It has symbolized their gifts as symbolic of what Jesus was to become—gold for a king, frankincense for a high priest and myrrh for a great physician.

The Gospel text's specific wise men from the east logically identifies them with Zoroastrianism—an ancient monotheistic religion of Persia. Zoroastrian priests were called Magi; they were powerful in public and private life since they, and they alone, possessed the priestly mysteries involved in the worship of Mazda—worshiped the Zoroastrian god.

The Magi may or may not have been fabulously wealthy. St. Matthew does not elaborate their treasures nor the amount of gold, frankincense and myrrh which they presented to the Christ Child. The gifts may have been mere tokens of their treasures, or the sum and substance thereof.

And if they were soothsayers, mystics and possibly clairvoyants they were also truly wise—in as much as they did not return to Herod, but departed into their own country by a different route.

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Gay spirits are more commonplace during the Yule season than at any other time of the year. We hope you're fitting in.



May you prosper in the wealth with which Christmas abounds...

Peace, love of life, kindness and the brotherhood of all people.



"The House of Service"
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Just give way to the spirit of the season and your share of joy will come.

1949

Yuletide Greetings

Naturally, the Santa Claus be naturally as the kind children. No company that doubts that any Christmas Eve snowfall.

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May the stars
in the heavens shine
as never before on
your Christmas
happiness this year.

HEDLEY VARIETY STORE

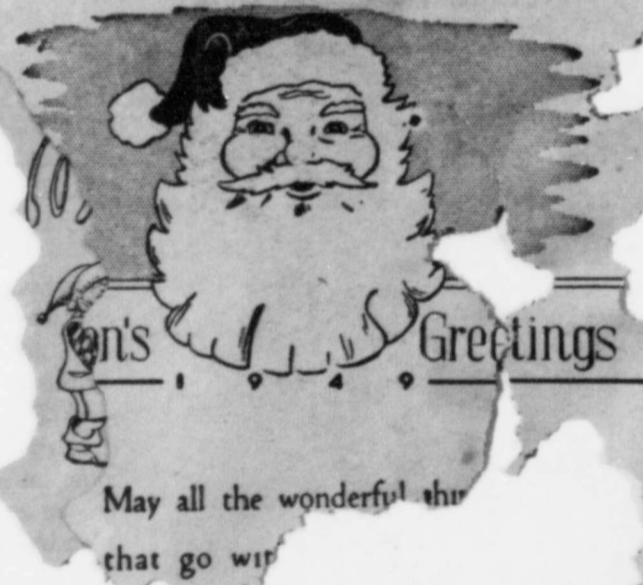


HAPPY HOLIDAY

to all of you.
May no cloud
appear to disturb
its serenity.

**BEST WISHES
1949**

PICKETT GROCERY



A Joy No Earthly Wealth Can Give

There is an old tale which becomes apropos chiefly at the Christmas time.

An agnostic—a disbeliever in God—made this offer to a nine-year old:

"I will give you an orange if you will tell me where God is." The youngster was equal to the challenge. "I will give you two oranges," he said, "if you will tell me where He is not."

Many great men have always felt the spirituality of Christmas, and some have managed to put it into words. For instance, when Woodrow Wilson was asked to prove the greatness of Christianity, whose founder was the Christ-child, he said simply, "Try it."

Cardinal Spellman had a Christmas gift for the mind when he said:

"The joy of Christmas is a joy that war cannot kill, for it is a joy of the soul, and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is a union with Him who has overcome the world."

The late Franklin D. Roosevelt once illustrated the spirit of Christmas with this story:

"A thief broke into the home of a priest and stole his purse. That night the priest wrote in his diary: 'Let me be thankful. First because I was never robbed before. Second because although he took my purse, he never took my life. Third because although he took all I had it was not much. And fourth because it was he who stole, and not I.'"

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Mrs. Moffitt, Church Clerk

Frank Murray, Treasurer



UNIVERSAL FRIEND . . . Santa, the universal friend of little folks, has managed to gather together a group of kiddies from all over the world. Represented here are the small fry of Paraguay, Greece, Poland, Austria and Italy.



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BACKED UP . . . What would Christmas be without bright new dollies for little girls to cherish? Giving promise of a goodly crop of dolls for this Christmas are these finished heads on racks in a toy factory, ready to be given bodies and limbs.



How did you choose the toys for your youngsters this Christmas?

A New York toy manufacturer declares that only a few parents will select the proper playthings for their children each Christmas.

Most, he said, buy toys that please themselves, rather than the children.

The man, who owns a company that makes creative playthings, warns that "gadgets" toys may be harmful and frustrating. And, he adds, children quickly tire of them.

"The best toy a parent can buy," he said, "is a set of plain unpainted, wooden unit blocks. Children will use and enjoy them from age 18 months to nine years."

He said that girls between age 3 and 7 should have a "doll corner." He said the corner should be supplied first with a large wooden stove, bed and cupboard.

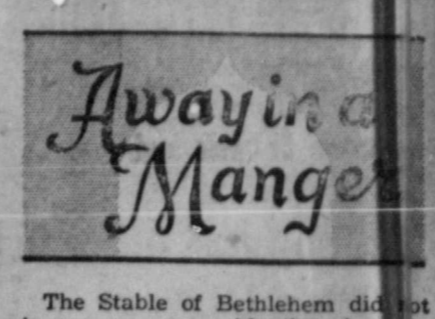
"The doll corner will become the most treasured play place in the little girl's life," he said.

He contends boys from ages 2 to 7 mostly enjoy "transportation" play—trucks, cars and boats.

There was no statement as to what parents should choose for Christmas for the young-teen-age boy or girl—in the 13-16 year-old group, whose interests already are deeply grained in social activities, and who prefer parties and dances to play-at-home activities.

Perhaps by next year, this manufacturer, or some child psychologist will have solved this problem.

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The Stable of Bethlehem did not in any way resemble the airy parlor of Paris animals and adoring shepherds — so dear to the heart of modern Christendom.

With comfort increasing throughout the western world, the poverty of the Nativity scene simultaneously startles and fascinates us — as perhaps Matthew, the publican, was impressed by the story of the Wise Men; and St. Luke, who had been a ship's doctor and probably knew very little about shepherds, was charmed by the shepherds abiding in the field.

There was no room in the inn that night, so Jesus was born in a stable, a place of shelter for a rocky ledge of the Judean countryside. It was cold and dark and damp, and Judean travelers — frequently "put up" in such caves — welcomed rather than disdained joint tenancy with beasts because the breath of the cattle and the heat of their bodies provided a warmth, while the guests of the inn had no heat at all.

The cave, which was the birthplace of the Saviour, is now a grotto beneath Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity; and though fascinated by the simplicity of the original Nativity scene, Christianity has been unwilling to maintain its poverty and has covered the entire surface with costly ornamentation.

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